

# The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

January 2018

DISTRICT 1010

## Presidents Report

2017 was a very special year for the Rotary Club of Glenrothes as it marked our 60th Anniversary- a milestone well worthy of celebration. Over that period of time, Rotarians have fulfilled our abiding quest - “to invest in people, making a real difference to people’s lives both at home and abroad! “. Testimony to that continuing commitment came directly from our founding member, Ian Chalmers, who had the honour of cutting the anniversary cake. (Sadly, Ian passed away on 4th January 2018)



On reaching this significant anniversary, the club was invited by Rotary International to compile an archive, setting out the background to the club’s formation and key moments/events in its history and development. We are indebted to PP Archie Lawrie who has taken up this challenge, liaising with club members, to produce an archive which will be finalised soon.

2017 brought well deserved recognition to SVP Anne Sampson for her outstanding work in publishing this ‘Rotary Rag’ on a regular basis throughout the year. Through this publication, the weekly column in the local press, the website and facebook, we are able to recognise the wide range of activities through which Rotary is making a difference. In this edition, Anne has selected some highlights over the course of the year to give a flavour of our achievements, including the success of our now regular evening meetings.

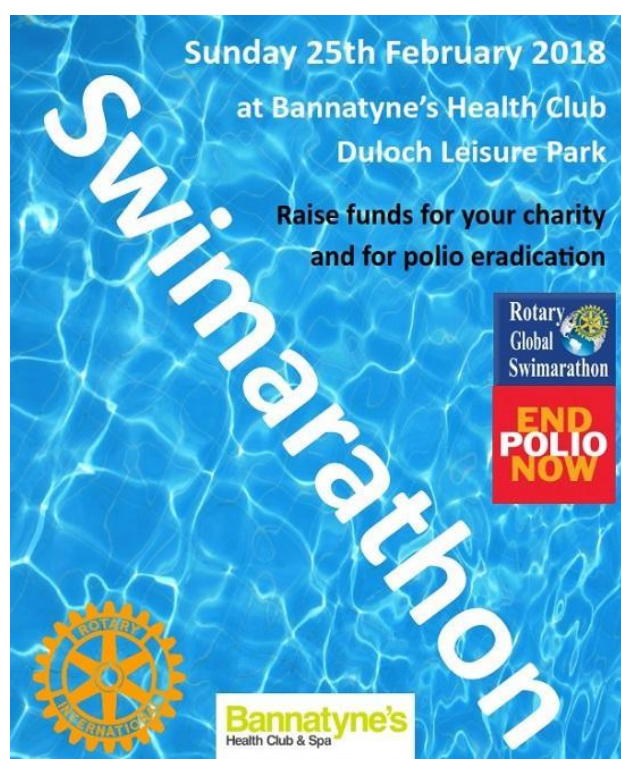
It is always helpful to have an independent evaluation of our club’s progress. District Governor Graeme Archibald’s visit confirmed that the club is “punching above its weight” in the quality and range of its work. The club’s

resources, both financial and human, really do make that vital difference, in partnership with others, in our local community and beyond.

Finally, a recurring theme amongst Rotarians is that they find participation in the range of activities immensely rewarding. It is a privilege to “give something back” in terms of time, experience and expertise, for the benefit of others and to know that our efforts are appreciated.

Lindsay Roy President

## Upcoming Events



Teams of up to 6. Each team swims for 25 minutes.

Individual swimmers welcome

Information and entry forms from [swimarathon@rotarydc.org.uk](mailto:swimarathon@rotarydc.org.uk)  
or Bannatyne's Health Club Reception

Contact Rotarian Brian Johnson

Young Musician  
Auchmuty High School  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Young Artist  
Glenwood High School  
Wednesday 21st February

Primary School Quiz  
Auchmuty High School  
Thursday 22nd February

Young Photographer  
Entries to Gilvenbank Hotel  
By  
Wednesday 21st March

## Ian Chalmers (Founder Member)

It was with deep sadness we heard over the Christmas break of the death of Founder member Ian Chalmers. Ian had attended our Christmas lunch on 21st December and was in good spirits. He had been attending our weekly meetings every week and never missed a week. Ian had fallen in his house on Xmas day and was taken to Victoria Hospital for assessment, but due to the time of year it was a very slow process. It took hours to make sure he was eating and ok. On Wednesday afternoon 27th December he took a turn and after X-rays it was discovered he had fluid on his lungs. He was put on 24-48 hr anti biotics, morphine and sedative. By this time



it was too late, but fortunately quick. He passed away peacefully on Thursday at 2 pm. Ian was a founder member of the club in 1957 and was the 4th President of the club in 1960-61. Ian was a local Dentist having practised in Kennoway before moving to Glenrothes. The club celebrated its 60th year on the 28th April this year with a meal in the Balbirnie Golf Club where Ian was tasked to cut the 60th Anniversary cake. At our first meeting of the New year Rotarians paid tribute to Ian and Rotarian Hamish recalled memories over the years of his good friend. We were delighted to welcome Two of Ians daughters to the meeting. **He will be sadly missed by us all.**



## 2017 – Our Year in Review

Many people ask – What is Rotary and what do Rotarians do. Well for this edition I have decided to show a selection of what our club has done in the past year, by month. I think everyone will agree that we have been a busy club!

### January 2017

In January Rotarians had their annual outing to the Carnegie hall in Dunfermline to see the Scottish National orchestra for their New Year Viennese concert. A good social start to the year.

### Young chef district competition

The District 1010 Young Chef of the year competition took place at the Dundee College Campus on Saturday 28th January 2017. Our club representative Jaan Yilmaz from Auchmuty High School carried the flag for Glenrothes after winning the local heat.



### Young Artist Photo Gallery



The winners from our annual Young Artist competition had some of their artwork displayed in the hallways of Rothes Halls during January and February curtesy of ON FIFE. A great showcase for their work

### Scots Night

Moving away from a traditional Burns Supper, on Thursday 26th January we hosted a Scottish night in the Gilvenbank hotel. What a marvellous evening of entertainment from highly gifted students from our three high schools



## February 2017

February is one of the busiest months in our Rotary calendar. Most of the school and youth competitions are run in this month

### Young Artist

This competition is for pupils from the 3 High Schools who are sitting higher or advanced higher in Art. Their portfolios are examined and judged by professionals and they are given advice about future careers. Last year our overall winner of the Young Artist trophy was Rayanna Downie from Glenwood High School



### Young Musician



Rotary Young musician of the year competition was held at Glenrothes High school. With the judges Bruce Fraser, Jennifer Drysdale and George Gordon selecting Winner of the instrumental section Conner Pratt from Auchmuty High School on the bagpipes and vocal Michael McLean from Glenwood High School.

### Primary School Quiz

The annual Primary School Quiz took place at Auchmuty High School on Thursday evening 23rd February 2017 with 7 schools participating. Caskieberran, Collydean, Kinglassie, Leslie, Markinch, Southwood and Warout which was eventually won by Collydean Primary School after a hotly contested 10 rounds each 6 questions.



## Top of the Form



The "Top of the Form" High School Quiz took place at Auchmuty High School tonight with 10 school teams from all over Fife participating. The eventual winners were Waid Academy with St Leonards runners up and only 4 points separating the top three teams with Dunfermline third. The Trophy was presented to the Waid team by Deputy Lord Provost for Fife Kay Morrison.

## March 2017

### Sportsmans Dinner

Our annual Sportsman's Dinner and main fundraiser of the year was held in the Gilvenbank Hotel, the main recipient of the evening the Gilvenbank Community sports hub. The speakers for the evening Compere Willie Allan, ex Scottish Rugby internationalist Doddie Weir and Sandy Strang were in brilliant form and highly entertaining. A wonderful night which raised £5575



### Young Photographer



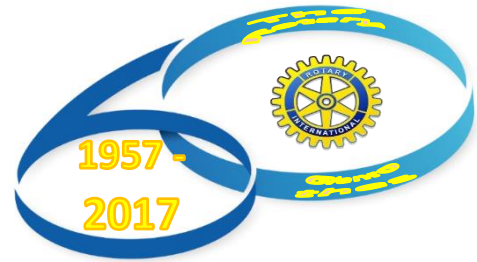
As in previous years, our young Photographer competition proved extremely popular with our local high school pupils with 41 entries in total!. The theme this year was Reflection and was well interpreted by all the entrants. The winner of the **Senior Section**, was Grady Ireland – Glenrothes High School, Intermediate Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Kassy Watt – Auchmuty high School. Following on from her success Kassy Watt has also won the intermediate category of the District competition



April 2017

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, at Balbirnie Golf Club the club celebrated it's 60th anniversary, a fantastic night of fun and entertainment with pupils and former pupils of the local High Schools singing songs from the 50's and musicals. A fun quiz on 1957 with the prize of a book on what happened in the year 1957 was won by Iain and Kate Haywood - no coincidence that Iain turned 60 born the same year as the club was founded. President Brian Johnson's wife Kay won the raffle which was 2 bottles of champagne with a specially designed 60th Anniversary label. Special guest Kay Morrison deputy Lord Provost for Fife gave an excellent talk on 60 years of the club and the value the club have brought to the community and internationally over those years. Hamish Rothnie reminisced about the club since it's formation and Founder member Ian Chalmers cut the anniversary cake. Local politicians Fiona and Peter Grant and Lindsay Clark Friends of Rotary gave their support. It was also great to see Past President Ian Hastie and his wife Fran former President of the Inner Wheel, also Former Rotary member the Rev Alex Forsyth. Ann and Harry Mitchell from the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Bill McLennan and Margaret Netherby from the Rotary Club of Dunfermline



Other initiatives include  
Mock interviews at Auchmuty  
Learning Centre  
Mock interviews for High  
School pupils  
Interact group at Glenrothes  
High School helping with  
events and fundraising

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, we went to Glenrothes Foodbank and had our soup, sandwich and cake lunch there, but handed our £10 lunch fees to the Foodbank. This came to £250. It was a great opportunity for us to see at first hand just what a sterling job the staff there are doing. It was a novel way of holding our meeting, but it may be worth doing similar events in the future.

May 2017

## Awards Evening

In May we hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual awards evening. This is a celebrations of the achievements of the winners of all our youth competitions. It is a chance to bring them all together along with their teachers and parents. Winners are presented with a certificate and trophy or monetary prize. They can where possible bring along samples of their work – photography, artwork, menus etc. Winners of the young musicians contest entertained us. MSP Jenny Gilruth presented the prizes. Jenny later lodged the following parliamentary motion

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*“That the Parliament congratulates all of the young people who were winners at the 2017 Rotary Club of Glenrothes Awards, which were presented on 25 May; notes that they include pupils from Glenrothes, Glenwood and Auchmuty high school and Collydean Primary School; congratulates the Glenrothes branch of the club on its 60th anniversary year, and applauds it for the excellent and valuable work that it does to support young people in Glenrothes and the surrounding areas”*



Jenny also presented Gilvenbank Community Sports Hub Chair Kenny Crichton with a cheque for £2000 being the main beneficiary of the recently held Sportsman's dinner





## June 2017

In June we hosted our annual Rotary Kids Out day and for the 4th year running we visited the Deer Centre in Cupar. Ninety-five children attended with carers from John Fergus school, Rimbleton Primary, Glenrothes and Auchmuty High Schools. The park rangers were brilliant. They took the



kids in groups

talking about the different types of deer and also took them into a safe enclosed area where they were able to pat the deer and leisurely walk round the park to view the brown bears, the wolves and the wild

cats. After lunch the kids were treated to a show of birds of Prey.



Heather Stuart Assistant District Governor from the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy Raith visited the club for our Assembly on June 16th and outlined the District priorities for the coming year. President-elect Lindsay Roy detailed the plans for the club for the year ahead and explained how they met with the district priorities.

## July 2017

In July we have the presidential handover where our new president Lindsay Roy was presented with the chain of office from outgoing president Brian Johnson. Anne Sampson then received the Vice presidents chain from Lindsay Roy. July also starts a quieter time in the Rotary calendar as all the 2017 youth competitions are complete for the year





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July is also the month where our RYLA students go to Nethy Bridge near Aviemore for a week for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Normally we select 2 students from the Local High Schools to attend this course—Ally Kinnear from Glenrothes High School. came to the club later in the year to talk of her wonderful experience Ali's covering

statement for the week ***"I learnt so much this week, including my confidence, encouragement, communication and leadership skills as well as our long lasting friendships"*** Activities for the week included canoeing, kayaking, archery, sports day, swimming gala climbing a munro, gorge walking and biking. Ali said a huge thanks you to the Rotary club for this fantastic opportunity.

## August 2017

In August we held our second Desert Island Discs evening. A social and fun evening where the castaways chose their music, book and luxury item they would take with them onto the desert Island. Rotarian Malcolm Robertson 'interviewed' the castaways about their choices and played their music – what a great evening. Around 50 people attended the event – Rotarians from other clubs and friends and families



## October 2017

The Past presidents dinner was held in October in Meldrums in Ceres. This is an evening to celebrate and thank the past president for his year in office

## November 2017

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Walk organised between the Rotary Club of Glenrothes and the Local High Schools took place the Thursday before Remembrance

Sunday. The 3 schools have a peace related assembly then walk with lights from each school to the war memorial where white wreaths are laid and a service is held. The evening ends with everyone singing John Lennon's Give Peace a Chance.

On Remembrance Sunday President Lindsay Roy laid a wreath at a service at the war memorial.

## December 2017

In December we had our first inhouse photography competition organised by Rotarian Jim Boyd. The theme for the competition was Autumn trees and was won by Rotarian Geoff Sampson, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes going to Rotarians Wilna Roger and Anne Sampson

A group of Rotarians also supported the annual Senior citizens Tea Dance at Auchmuty High School.

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## Initiatives in 2017

Rotary



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

The motto for the year 2017/2018 is Rotary  
Making a Difference and we have certainly tried!

## Where our fundraising went in 2017

The "Happy Monday " club at Auchmuty Learning Centre

The Napier Care home high-quality garden bench

u/14 Glenrothes Rugby team - new tops

Aberlour Childcare Trust

Malawi Fruits -

Hurricane Irma for a shelter box

Disability Sports Fife

Fife Festival of Music

Burumbika Health Centre Uganda

Young Musician Brandon Lowe

Glenrothes Pipe Band

Given Bank Sports Hub

Natural Connections

Support in Mind Scotland



## Upcoming Events



### **The Rotary Club of Glenrothes**

### **Sportsman's Dinner 2018**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**2018**

**7pm**

**Gilvenbank Hotel**  
**Glenrothes**

**Speakers:**

**Phil Differ - Comedian**

**Ian Milne – The Bear**

**Comperer:**

**Willie Allan**

**Auction and Raffle**

**Supporting:**

**Charity–Glenrothes Rugby U-14s**  
**and other local charities**

**Mixed Audience**

**£30 per person**

Contact Rotarian Iain Haywood or Tracy Thomson for tickets