

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

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Presidents Report

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Well I can't believe I'm saying this already! This will be my last newsletter as President. It's been an eventful year with lots of changes! As we come to the end of this presidential year I am happy and proud to say we have inducted 6 new Rotarians into our club over the past few months and hope they all benefit from the fellowship and sense of fulfillment that being a Rotarian brings. We have also made changes to our meeting times and format to be more inclusive and more flexible to new and potential members to come along and join us. We have also completed our application to OSCR to give us a Charity Trust status which will be beneficial for future community events. We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of this.



I have felt privileged and honoured to be president of this longstanding club and wish to thank all members for the support and help I have received during this year. As a wee Lassie from Methil I wish my mum had been around to witness it all. Very soon I will be handing over to incoming President Ewen who will continue to take our club forward with new ideas for promoting and making us a club which will be attractive to new members and I am sure you will all continue to support him. I would like to wish Ewen a successful year as President of the Rotary Club of Glenrothes. I will be continuing as a member of council both in the role of Immediate Past President and also as club Secretary so you will still be hearing from me - a lot!!!!

Anne Sampson President

Top of the Form

On Thursday 14th of March we held our annual Top of the Form Quiz at Auchmuty High School. 5 local high schools took part – Auchmuty, Glenrothes, Glenwood, Waid Academy and Levenmouth Academy. A great night of fun and some really difficult questions! The winners of the Quiz were Levenmouth with an impressive score of 39 points. Second was Waid followed by Glenwood . Well done to the winners and to all who took part in the evening. Linda Ballingall was quizmaster for the evening and Mark Russell from Levenmouth Academy presented the trophy. A reserve team made up of pupils and parents also did very well! Thanks also to all the Rotarians who helped with marking, collecting papers, photographs and general support



Interact Club - Glenrothes High School

The Glenrothes High School Interactors along with teacher Miss Darmudas completed a 15 mile walk from Leven to Anstruther and raised £1301.92 for the Malawi Water Project our club is sponsoring in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Inverness and Culloden - Well done everyone - What an Achievement and Thank You. Picture shows Rotarian Brian Johnson receiving cheque for interactors



Grace's Fundraising Success



Grace is a P7 pupil at Dysart Primary School, where Rotarian Tracy Thomson works, Tracy was asked to speak to P7 about Shelterbox as they were studying 'natural disasters' Grace had already shared the news that she had seen a Shelterbox in the Kingdom centre and the class was interested to find out more information about where they are sent, there content, how they are funded and how Rotary was involved.

Following the presentation to the class, Grace and her class organised a cake sale for the whole school and raised an amazing £ 201.09. The money was given to The Rotary Club of Glenrothes to send to the Shelterbox appeal.

Well done Grace, a job well done indeed. We at The Rotary Club of Glenrothes wish you every success as you begin high school in August.

Awards Evening

What a brilliant evening for our annual awards. Thanks to all our helpers but special thanks to Rotarian Wilna Roger and President Anne Sampson for organising the night. Thanks also to Rotarian Derek Noble for taking the photographs and to Rotarian Tracy Thomson for doing the raffle and VOT, and Rotarian Brian Johnson for talking about End Polio also soon to be Rotarian's Marilyn and Eoin Robertson for their help and support. Special thanks to Jenny Gilruth MSP for presenting the prizes again this year. and the Gilvenbank Hotel for their great food and service. The Interactors of Glenrothes High had organised a 15 mile sponsored walk to support the Rotary Clubs Joint Malawi project and were proud to present a cheque for £1301.92 to Brian Johnson Foundation chair. President Anne Sampson had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for £400 to Jennifer and Andy Gill for their Love Oliver charity. We also had great entertainment from the winners of our Young Musician competition Kirsten Fraser from Glenwood HS winner of the vocalist section, Lily Mentiplay from Auchmuty HS and Lauchlan Graham from Glenrothes HS (2nd and 3rd) such immense talent from these young pupils Well done and thank you so much. We also highlighted where our club helps in the community and beyond and the charities and causes we have contributed throughout the year

- Luuk Veelenturf for wheelchair smartdrive - £700
- Love Oliver £400
- Taekwondo Independant Schools £1000
- Alzheimers Scotland £700
- Malawi water Project £1800 (including interactors cheque)
- Shelter box disaster fund £828
- Glenrothes Foodbank food contributions and £50
- Thanks to all who supported us throughout the year



Our winners

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Thrift Shop

Our club ran our first thrift shop in many years in May. This was done in partnership with LoveOliver Charity. It was such a pleasure to meet Jennifer and her mum Marie and hear all about Oliver and their charity to help families with children living with cancer and also to fund research into this dreadful disease. The thrift shop was situated in the Kingdom Centre and was open for only one day. Thanks to all our volunteers who made this a very successful day and friends and neighbours who donated goods for the shop. Fellowship and fun ensued along with a great team spirit and we were delighted to have raised £657. Many thanks to the Kingdom Centre Management for all their assistance leading up to and on the day. A great big thank you to the general public who were just fantastic, many of whom just left donations.



REYA Fundraiser

We had a very successful fundraising night at the REYA Indian Restaurant in Leslie. We made a total of £315! Thanks to all who came along!

Upcoming Event
Thursday 26th September – Don't
miss our annual Desert Island
Discs Evening – details to follow
on our Facebook page

Kids out

What a brilliant day - Kids Out - at the Scottish Deer Centre. Thanks again to Rotarian Will Wishart for organising the event and to all the Rotarians who came along to support the event. We had 94 children from the local schools, Rimbleton, John



Fergus, Auchmuty HS, Glenwood HS and Glenrothes HS along with Teachers and carers. A great place to visit with brown bears, cougars, wild cats and so many different species of deer, then to finish off the falcon and birds of prey display. Thanks to the park rangers who yet again were brilliant in guiding everyone round the park. A great day BUT definitely not

June weather!!!



Sandy Clark

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our longest serving member. Sandy was a member of our club for 57 years and sadly passed away a few weeks ago. A true gentleman who will be greatly missed by us all.



Summer Break

For the second year, we will be having a summer break with no formal meetings for 3 weeks. We will however have other activities

- 18th July – Bar-B-Q Walters home Windygates
- 25th July – Honey pot café – South Queensferry
- 1st August – TBA
- Details soon from the secretary along with meeting times for next Rotary Year

Remember!

All our events – photos and news can be found on our Face Book page search for “The Rotary Club of Glenrothes”

You can also follow us on Twitter or on our web site



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