

The Rothes Rotary Rag

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DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report

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As we approach the end of the Rotary year, I want to emphasise what an honour and privilege it has been to be President of this great club. Last June at our Club Assembly, we set out clearly our commitment “to invest in people, making a real difference to people’s lives both at home and abroad “. We identified an ambitious number of core activities and events and working together as a Rotary team, together with key partners, we have more than achieved our goals. Nowhere was that more evident than at our Awards Ceremony, where we recognised achievements and celebrated successes. The photos and text throughout this magazine give a flavour of the activities, but cannot reflect the full picture of a highly successful year.

Rotarians genuinely contribute well above and beyond the call of duty and I express my heartfelt gratitude to all concerned. Working closely with partners, we certainly make things happen, both through human resource and financial support. While a positive evaluation of last year’s programme gives a strong steer for our priorities for 2018-19, it is important to remember that “ a constant in life is change”! President elect Anne has already brought recommendations for change to Council which were strongly supported at our most recent Business Meeting. Innovations include a Creative Technologies project and an Intergenerational Mentoring Project with secondary schools. Change has also been proposed to club meetings, particularly over the summer - and we plan to build on the programme of evening meetings which have been so warmly appreciated, attracting numbers well in excess of our traditional lunchtime meetings. Indeed, an evening meeting in the autumn



might well be a focus for a wider 'membership drive'. To conclude, I wish to thank senior office bearers, committee chairs and members for your advice, help, encouragement and support throughout my Presidential year - a year not without its challenges with new knee and hip within six months! Finally, I extend best wishes to Anne as she takes on the mantle as President and have every confidence that she will lead the club exceptionally well into 2018-19. Her vision and commitment to build on past successes will be clear at our Club Assembly - and as she leads us forward throughout the year.

Lindsay Roy

Vice Presidents Report

Anne Sampson



It is a great honour and privilege to have been elected as your President for the forthcoming year and I congratulate Ewen Macdonald on his election to the role of Vice President also Jack Dempsey in his role as JVP. Together with committee chairs and the ongoing

support of members, we look forward to another challenging year, building on the successes of recent years. We should be proud of our achievements and continue to make a difference in our community and by supporting international such as the Malawi project where we will team up with The Rotary Club of Inverness and Culloden to help build wells, toilet blocks and a vegetable garden for school children

Just a few reminders

June 21st– Lunchtime meeting – Pinkertons – Paul Harris Vocational

June 28th – Gilvenbank – Archie Lawrie

July 5th - Gilvenbank – Presidential Handover

July 12th, 19th, 26th – No Formal Meetings – social meetings – venues TBA

August 2nd Gilvenbank - Fellowship meeting

Past President Brian Johnson's visit to India –

January 2018 – National Immunisation Day – Delhi India

The Rotary organisation has been working hard to eradicate polio for well over 30 years. When they first started the campaign, there were 125 countries where polio was endemic and 1,000 children were getting paralysed every single day. In 2018 there have only been 8 cases of wild polio virus worldwide – 7 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan (up to 15 May)

Even when a country has had no cases of polio, it is still essential to maintain vaccination to prevent the recurrence. In India where there have been no cases for 7 years they have a National Immunisation Day when they immunise all children under 5. Rotarians from the UK are invited to go along to India to find out how things work and take part in the immunisations.



Here I am giving two drops on the tongue to a small boy. Please note the purple mark put on the child's small finger on their left hand. This makes it easy to know who has had their drops, because the next day we will be going house to house on Mop Up Day. Each house is checked for children and each child had their left hand inspected to see if they have a purple pinkie, if not, then they receive their drops at this stage.

It was a great privilege to be able to be able to go to Delhi to take part in this wonderful event, as it makes the whole polio eradication effort that much more real. The cost of drops to give protection is a few

pennies, but the personal suffering caused by contracting the disease is immense, especially in countries with poor welfare provision.

The Mop Up operation was also a fascinating event. We were taken into the slums in small teams with a local Health Visitor and went door to door looking for children. Some had purple pinkies and some did not, so they then received their drops.

The slums were not quite what I was expecting. They were built from bricks and blocks, so in that sense they were quite substantial. However, they were very closely packed in together with small passageways between them about 3 feet wide. Each passageway had a channel down the centre which was the drain for the waste water. The homes were about 12ft square and had no running water. This had to be collected from a hosepipe. The homes were 2 storey affairs and access to the upstairs was usually by a homemade ladder.



Here we are in the slums doing the mop up. Often small children are brought along by their siblings. Often the children are left unsupervised during the day when their parents are at work. The children we saw were all full of life and seemed very healthy, and certainly as we put drops into their mouths we could see that their teeth were in good condition.

The people who lived in the slums were friendly and seemed to have a sense of dignity about them. Their clothes were clean and so were the people who lived there. We saw several people washing whilst we were there.

The slums were adjacent to a very industrialised area of the city, and there was a thick smoke over the area coming from the factories. A lot of goods were being moved around on handcarts pushed by several labourers, so it seemed that everyone had their own place in things. After the mop-up we were taken to a hospital where there was a couple of wards devoted to treating people who are crippled by polio. Most of the patients were young adults because of

course no one is getting polio now. We met the surgeon there called Dr Matthew Varghese who has devoted his life to remodelling twisted limbs.



I finish with this poignant photo of a UK Rotarian who had polio as a child and has a left arm which is permanently limp. She is giving a word of encouragement to a young man who is waiting for his surgery. Please continue to support the

End Polio campaign – we will still need to vaccinate 450 million children for three years after the last case is reported.



2018 Awards Evening



What a fantastic Awards night as the evening once again showcased and described the events which took place during the course of the year as President Lindsay Roy's Presidential year draws to a close. The event organised and coordinated by Senior Vice President Anne Sampson and Community Chair / schools Liaison Wilna Roger saw students from the Primary and High Schools awarded and presented with certificates, trophies and wallet of notes. With 117 people attending the evening Young Musician Instrumentalist Sam Duzinkewycz and vocalist Holly Clunie entertained the guests as did Collydean Primary school pupils with their Scots recitals. Jenny Gilruth MSP and friend of Rotary presented the awards, PP John Goodall of Glenrothes Rugby Club speaking about the difference the financial support had made to the Under 14's of Glenrothes Rugby Club as they were the main beneficiary of the recently held Sportsman's dinner. Auchmuty Learning Centre – Happy Monday Club's James Galloway also spoke of the support and great help that the Rotary Club had made to them over the past year with their financial assistance.



Collydean Primary school pupils were presented with the Ian Chalmers Quaich being winners of the Inaugural Scots Poetry competition in memory of our Founder member. The 4 pupils also received a special individual trophy to commemorate Ian as this is the first year of the competition. Special mention also to Derek Thomson of the Rotary Club of Burntisland and Kinghorn for speaking about the Fife Association of Rotary Clubs and the role they have been playing locally, IPP Brian Johnson for his talk on his visit to India for the end Polio immunisation day and Tracy Thomson for organising and running the raffle. To all others including the Gilvenbank Staff for providing excellent service and serving an excellent meal and High School rectors and staff, parents and Rotarians along with Markinch Primary School Pupils who also who won the Primary school Quiz competition who attended thanks for making this a special event in the clubs Calendar



Cantamus Concert

Almost 100 people gathered at St Columbas Church in Glenrothes for a great night of music and drama by Cantamus. Proceeds of the evening went to Churches Together and other Rotary Charities. The 10 strong choir with musical director Linda Green sung a selection of songs from the musicals in the first half of the show with some drama and comedy thrown in. Songs from Les Miserables was the theme of part two of the evening. Rotarians and friends served refreshments at the interval. A very successful and entertaining evening. Thanks to St Columbas Church for the use of the church and facilities and to all the Rotarian and friends who helped on the night.



Tonight.....

The **WALT DISNEY** Studio Selection The Chorus

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK The Chorus

Lullaby of Broadway Linda

Someone to Watch Over Me The Chorus

We're in the Money The Chorus

Favourites from the Musicals

I Won't Send Roses Robin

I Got Rhythm The Chorus

Singing in the Rain John W.

You're Just in Love The Chorus

True Love Ladies

My Defences Are Down Bob

The Hills Are Alive The Chorus

Something Good Anne

Sound of Music Duet Lyn and John A.

Climb Every Mountain The Chorus

Fred Astaire Medley The Chorus

It's a Lovely Day Today

Cheek to Cheek Top Hat

Old Favourites

Long Ago and Far Away Douglas

Tipsy Song Robin

Cry Me a River Anna

RAGS TO RITZ

.....and new to
revolutionary France. We
present excerpts
from.....

Les Misérables

Jean Valjean – Douglas Javert – Robin

Fantine – Anne Marius – Bob, John W.

Cosette – Linda Éponine – Anna

Thénardier – John A. Gavroche – Anna

Students, beggars, convicts, soldiers – Chorus



Quiz Night

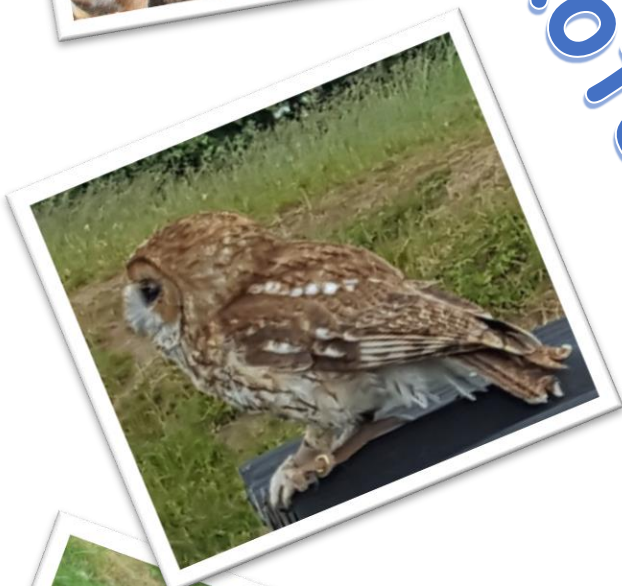
Our first quiz night was a real success with 11 teams competing. Organisers Anne Sampson and Wilna Roger was supported superbly by question master Linda Ballingall. The winning team was **The Railwaymen** consisting of Glenrothes Rotarians, Murray Grubb, Paul Harris and Peter May and Rotarian Claire Robb from the Rotary Club of Buckhaven and Methil. The winners were only announced after a 5 question tie break with Glenrothes Rotarian Iain Oates' team - **Quiz team Aguelera**. Congratulations to the winners and also to Claire Robb who also won the raffle! Teams were 2 - Buckhaven and Methil Rotary Club, 1-Dunfermline Carnegie Rotary Club, 1-Leven Rotary Club, 2 - Glenwood School and 1 from Fife Council and 4 from our own club. The Rotary Club of Leven have volunteered to host a quiz next year



Kids out

Our last event of the Rotary year - Kids Out was held at the Deer Centre in Cupar on June 13th. Ninety children with carers were taken from local schools in buses provided by Hamish Gordon from Leslie and also John Fergus School's own bus. This is the 4th year we have visited the Deer park and as in previous years the weather was very kind to us and the Park Rangers were brilliant as usual putting the children and carers into groups to ensure no-one was left out. The children were escorted round the park by the Rangers who explained about the types of deer and were also allowed to feed the deer and touch a set of antlers!. The 2 brown bears were frolicking in their pool enjoying the warm sunshine while the otters were playing by the waterside providing great entertainment for all. Before the end of the day there was a spectacular Birds of Prey display. Thanks to organiser Rotarian Will Wishart and to all the Rotarians who were there to support the event. Also a massive thanks to the park Rangers led by Yvonne who again made this a successful and very enjoyable day





Rotary Kids Out

Reception and Speaker List

Date	Name	Speaker	Vote of thanks	Reception
09.08.2018	Ewen Macdonald		Archie Lawrie	Peter May Jim Boyd Jack Dempsey
16.08.2018	Peter May		Arlene Kidd	Peter May Walter Fletcher May Ford
23.08.2018	Alistair McLeod		Brian Johnston	Peter May Roy Francey Chris Grist
30.08.2018	Anne Sampson		Ewen Macdonald	Peter May Murray Grubb Paul Harris
06.09.2018	Iain Oates		Iain Haywood	Peter May Iain Haywood Brian Johnston
13.09.2018	Ronald Page		Paul Harris	Peter May Arlene Kidd Archie Lawrie
20.09.2018	Malcolm Robertson		Murray Grubb	Peter May Ewen Macdonald Alistair McLeod