

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

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DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report

Brian Johnson



As President, I have the opportunity to go to meet other clubs and attend district events. There we chat about how our clubs are going and it is remarkable how so many of us share the same issues. Our membership is 31 plus our honorary members, and of course we will be trying to convert a few new members over the next month or two. Many clubs have tried different meeting formats including breakfast meetings twice a month, changing venues etc. We feel that our arrangements of one evening a month suits us well, although sometimes the events are more popular than others.

At the end of this month we will have our own Archie Lawrie giving us a talk and we hope to use this opportunity to invite a wider audience. Further details will be given. I attended the 40th charter dinner at Kinross club last week with my wife and Jim Boyd. Kinross of course is a daughter club of ours, and it was nice to see so many original founder members there. They sent their greetings and thanks to Glenrothes. I was sad that we had to cancel our Ladies Day event due to slow ticket sales. Other clubs are having similar problems with fundraisers as people are short of money. We are looking at the opportunities of partnering with other clubs to put events on, so we will see how that develops.

Our contact with local schools is tremendous and the club is greatly appreciated for our input. The busy season is almost upon us for all the competitions etc. that we run. Thanks to everyone who helps with this work.

Finally, I am busy working with the youngsters at BRAG in Crosshill with their new kit car. They have been invited to take the team and the car to Huntsville in Alabama to race there. I will be going with them on the trip which runs from 8th to 15th November. Still a lot of preparation to do on the new car though.

Looking forward to the Past Presidents dinner.



Friends of Rotary

The Rotary club is acutely conscious, that due to work pressures and other commitments, a considerable number of our supporters are unable to become club members - but they want to help us achieve our goals in the local community and beyond. Such supporters can become 'Friends of Rotary', as a more formal grouping, thereby contributing to our ambitious programme of events and activities throughout the year, as time and circumstances permit.



Hence, we have established 'Friends of the Rotary Club of Glenrothes' and to date we have nearly 40 'Friends'. They have already been invited to evening meetings and will be invited to support projects and events over the coming months.

In the near future, we will arrange a meeting of 'Friends' to discuss possible plans and future participation. Before we do that, we will be finding out if other Rotary clubs in the district have similar aspirations or experience - at a meeting on Sunday 16th October in Perth. Evidence from that meeting will no doubt help us structure our approach.

Supporters who would like to become 'Friends of Rotary', or would like more information, should contact Lindsay Roy on 07852 509615 or by email - yasdnilyor@yahoo.com

Easy Fundraising



Remember with the Festive season fast approaching many of you will be shopping online. Did you know you can donate to our club whilst buying on line. Retailers give 1% of your spend to your registered charity. Register with Easyfundraising, most retailers take part – it's so easy. If you don't know how to register, please speak to Anne Sampson for help to set it up. At present we have 26 supporters and to date we have raised **£849 41**!!!! Not bad for no effort. So get registered and add to the pot!

Some of the popular retailers registered with Easy Fundraising so you can donate as you buy online !!!

Popular retailers

amazon.co.uk

ebay

John Lewis
johnlewis.com

DEBENHAMS

Argos

Booking.com

Interact News

This term we have 12 members in our Interact Club at Glenrothes HS. 7 of the group are new and come from S4 and S5 which gives us a very positive base for future years. The 5 girls from S6 did a

brilliant job of recruiting in June! This past term the members have collected an amazing number of items for Food Bank and are planning a delivery and photo shoot shortly after the October break.

Next term there will be a Lip Sync competition following on from last year's hilarious event which involved both staff--brave souls --and pupils. The proceeds from this and the Christmas Jumper day are intended for Social bite, a sandwich shop and cafe which donates all its profits to the homeless and needy. The girls are also investigating the possibility of collecting toys and books either for a local children's' home or to support the international charity Hope and Homes for Children.

During the term the group will be involved in the Rotary Shoe Box campaign, our club's Santa collection and will continue their link with the elderly in the community.

It promises to be a very busy run up to Christmas!

DG Visit

District 1010 Governor Roddy Duncan and his wife Charlotte from the Rotary Club of Kintore Kemnay and District visited the club recently and gave an inspirational talk, talking about Polio Plus, RYLA camps, Foundation Rotary's own charity, membership which included gender and diversity.. He spoke about the Rotary themes "Service above self" and this year Rotary serving humanity.



Gavel

It's that time of year again!

Our first outing in the competitions was Wednesday 5th October, where we travelled to Kirkcaldy bowling club to meet the team from Kirkcaldy Rotary Club. It was a night of fun fellowship and getting well beaten!! 22-10!!! I thought we played well but obviously not well enough on this particular night. Games included a giant Connect 4. I think the other team had been practicing, Jenga – always a favourite, tense moments as the tower rose to 32 levels! There was also a putting game and table football. To sweeten the taste of defeat, a mouth-watering buffet was provided by Rotarian Sharon Munro. Thanks to Kirkcaldy Rotary Club for a great evening. Next competition 19th October in the Gilvenbank Hotel



Community Committee



RIBI **YOUNG**
CHEF **COMPETITION**

We are fast approaching the start of a busy period for our club. The first event of the year is the Young Chef Competition. This will be held on Thursday 24th November in Glenwood High School. We are hoping to have competitors from the three local High Schools. Each will produce a three course meal within set time limits. They will then be judged on cleanliness, hygiene and presentation as well as cooking skills. The winner of the local competition will then go forward to the District competition in the New Year.

Shoe Box Collection



The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares. If you would like to take part, we would love to hear from you.

For more info go to:

<http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>

Our scheme caters for schools, colleges, companies, individuals and of course Rotary Clubs. You will need some of our special shoeboxes that identify you as a supporter of the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. Boxes will be available at rotary meetings - or contact Tracy Thomson if you would like boxes for your work/school.



An Evening with our very own Archie Lawrie

On Thursday 27th October at our evening meeting, Rotarian Archie Lawrie will talk about Britain's longest missing person's case. Archie works alongside a psychic medium and has assisted in many strange events and happenings.

Come along and listen to Archie and a fascinating talk at Gilvenbank Hotel at 6:30pm a buffet will also be served.

RENEE MACRAE An illustrated Lecture

Her Disappearance and Murder on 12th November 1976

(Britain's longest Missing Person case.)

Around midnight on the above date, and in atrocious weather, a passing bus driver reported seeing a car burning fiercely in lay-by 162 just 14 miles south of Inverness.

The car had earlier contained Mrs Renee MacRae and her son, Andrew.

Neither has been seen since in spite of extensive searches and theories, and all police work has come to nothing. Because of lack of progress in the case, in the Spring of 2006 Mr Archie Lawrie in conjunction with the world-class psychic medium, Frances, began a concerted effort to see what information could be gained by using on-site psychical methods. A considerable amount of amazing information came forth, all of which was immediately forwarded to the Chief Constable of the area. There is good reason to believe that none of it was ever seriously considered!

Peace Walk

This year the peace walk will take place on 10th November. Rotarians taking part will meet at Glenwood High School for a special assembly before walking to the war memorial and meeting with the other Schools for the laying of the wreaths and an outdoor ceremony. All welcome. Processions will leave from the 3 High Schools to walk to the memorial site



last year's peace walk

Cheque for Home Start

'Home Start is a charity based in Glenrothes that provides support for families to help them with everyday problems. They provide a space for parents to meet and talk and create their own local support group, and they provide information on local services.

Rotarian Chris Grist presented them with a cheque for £200 from the Club to pay for a couple of boards to advertise their Community House. As you can see, the Rotary logo is proudly displayed - showing our support for this extremely worthwhile charity'



<https://www.home-start.org.uk/>



Reception Rota to end of year.

Please note that only 1 person required for duty along with Attendance Officer Peter May

(Arrive 12:35 for lunchtime meeting, 18:10 for evening meeting please.)

13th October	Christine Grist
20th October	Andy Strachan
27th October	Iain Haywood (evening meeting)
3rd November	Archie Lawrie
10th November	Wilna Roger
17th November	Gerald Cameron

24th November	Ewen Macdonald (evening meeting)
1st December	Lindsay Roy
8th December	Geoff Sampson
15th December	Anne Sampson
22nd December	Andy Strachan
29th December	Holiday

Calendar of Events (2016)

Date	Events 2016
OCTOBER	
3	Peace Walk planning meeting
7	RYLA presentation – Glenwood High School
10	
25,27,28	RYLA presentations
NOVEMBER	
4	RYLA applications due - then interviews
10	Peace Walk
24	Young Chef - Glenwood High School
24	Evening meeting - entertainment - pupils
	Shoebox collections October November
DECEMBER	
16	Senior Citizens Tea Dance – Auchmuty High School
8-15	Club members donate items for Xmas hampers to be delivered to Glenwood and Glenrothes High Schools by Dec 19 th to be distributed to elderly in their catchment area
TBA	Santa Sleigh Collection at ASDA – pupils to support

Arrived safely... !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mr. Johnson, a businessman from Wisconsin, went on a business trip to Louisiana. He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer to let her know he had arrived safely.

Unfortunately, he mis typed a letter and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. Joan Johnson, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away.

The preacher's wife took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted. When she was finally revived, she nervously pointed to the message, which read: "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.