

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

October 2018

DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report

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Hello and welcome to a new Rotary year. It is an honour to take over the role as President of the club from Immediate Past President Lindsay, and I look forward to working alongside Ewen Macdonald in his role as President Elect and Jack Dempsey who will continue as secretary over the next year but also as President Nominee. Together with committee chairs and the ongoing support of members I'm sure we can build on our success of previous years. We have lost a number of members since the beginning of the year and tragically two of these members died over the summer months. Gerald Cameron a very long serving and well respected member of our club died after a short illness and a more recent member Paul Harris who was so enthusiastic and ready to get more involved in our activities passed away suddenly. Our thoughts are with both families. We also lost a few other members due to other commitments, so trying to attract new members is high on our agenda. If you have friends or work colleagues who you think would be interested in joining Rotary, please ask them to come along to one of our meetings or events. Also at the end of November we will be hosting a membership evening so this would be an ideal time to bring someone along to find out more about our club.

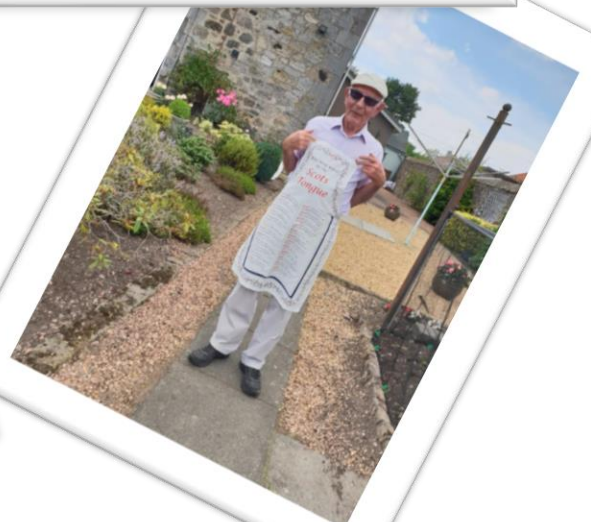


As we get into Autumn we are approaching our busiest time of the year for the club we start off in November with the Young Chef competition being held at Auchmuty High School. A full list of events and dates are available on our web site but will also be displayed on our weekly

presentation starting from 11th October and on our Facebook page. This year we will continue to work with our key partners, the local High Schools and Auchmuty Learning Centre. We will continue youth competitions with the High Schools and be involved in a new intergenerational mentoring project in conjunction with Auchmuty High School. We will also learn more about the Malawi project partnership with Inverness and Culloden Rotary Club when Duncan McDonald from Inverness comes to talk to us on the 18th of October. So let's look forward to a year of fellowship, making a difference in our community and beyond and "being an Inspiration"

Our Summer Hiatus

This summer council decided to take a short break from our weekly meetings, however after discussion with members it became clear some did not want a complete break so the decision was made to have 3 informal meetings. The first of these took place at Blacketyside farm shop at Lundin Links, the second was a beautiful afternoon BBQ at Rotarian Walters home and the third was a lunch and walk (climb really) at Vane Farm nature reserve. I think this small change was very successful and next year we may try to bring more friends along to these informal fellowship get togethers.



Visit to Poppy factory



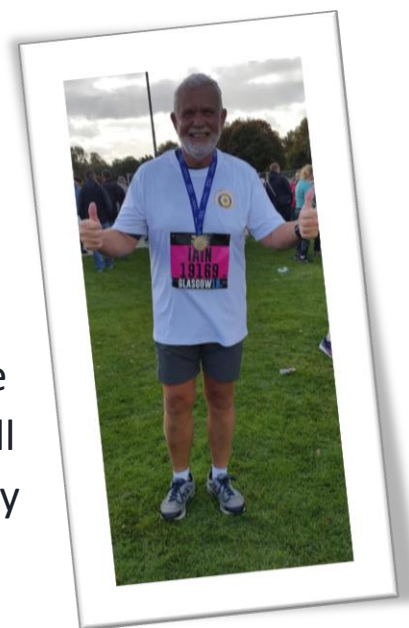
At the end of September a group of Rotarians and partners visited Lady Haig's poppy factory in Edinburgh. The Poppy Factory employs ex-Servicemen to hand-assemble some five million poppies and 12,000 wreaths every year for the Scottish Poppy Appeal. Founded by Lady Haig, wife of the Field Marshal, in 1926, the first poppies were made by two ex-Servicemen and a pair of scissors.



Today, around 40 ex-Servicemen continue to make poppies for the whole of Scotland. Between them, they have seen service from Korea to the first Gulf War. They make two varieties of poppies – a plastic-stemmed and a stick-on – which are produced by hand, although a machine now cuts out the poppy shape! What an interesting day and a very informative tour. At the end of November, we are having a meeting where Gordon Michie from Poppy Scotland will talk to the club

Iains Run

Rotarian Iain Oates took part in the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow at the end of September. Iain joined our club last year and has always said he wanted to give something back. Well Iain has certainly done that! He completed the 10K run in 1 hour 15 minutes - well done Iain. He set up a "Go fund me" page and ran on behalf of our Rotary Club and chose Alzheimer Scotland as the beneficiary. The fund has reached over £700! We are all delighted and the money will be presented to the charity at our meeting on 6th December.



Desert Island Discs

We hosted our 3rd Desert Desert Discs evening on the 27th September. What a brilliant night – again. Thanks to the 55 people who attended a



great evening with Rotarian Malcolm Robertson in great form as he compered the evening and to President Anne Sampson for pulling the evening together and playing the music. Great to see Rotarians representing their clubs from Buckhaven and Methil. Leven, Kirkcaldy, Howe of Fife, Burntisland and Kinghorn

and Kinross Rotary clubs coming along to support us as well as all the other guests, A great variety of music and interesting luxury items and choice of books from all the castaways, Jim Houston past District Governor and Rotarian from the Leven Club, Sean Bolton President of Kinross, Sharon Munro President Elect of Kirkcaldy and our very own Bill Wooton. Thanks to Tracy Thomson and Wilna Roger for their support and for selling the lucky tickets with all the proceeds going towards Alzheimer's Scotland in view of the winner returning his prize money to the charity for which Rotarian Iain Oates ran in the 10k Glasgow run.



RYLA Students

Well done to this years RYLA students - Kerrie Walker from Glenwood HS and Callum Kilpatrick from Auchmuty HS who came along to talk to the club about their leadership week. Full details and photos on our FB page

The Castaways

Bill Wooton

Sean Bolton



Sharon Munro

Jim Houston



Halloween

Our end of October meeting will be a halloween evening with some spooky stories from Rotarian Archie Lawrie and also some fun and halloween games. A 2 course buffet will also be on offer so please come along - bring partners and friends for a fun spooky evening!



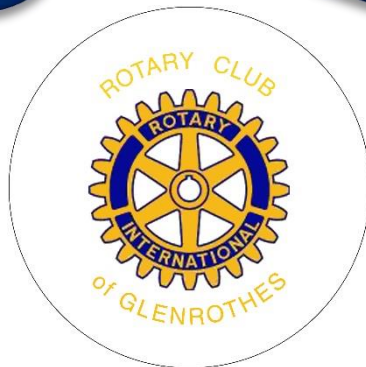
Future Events

Malawi Project

On Thursday 18th October
Duncan Macdonald from
the Rotary club of
Inverness and Culloden
will talk to the club about
the Malawi water project
of which we will be joint
partners

Club Health Check

On Thursday 1st November
Gary Macalister District
Club Visioning Officer will
be giving a health check
presentation to the club.
Please attend this
important presentation to
see how we can
successfully take our club
forward



Rotary Membership

- Do you want to know more about Rotary –
- do you have a friend who you think would like to join us?

Then come along to a
social membership
evening on the 29th of
November

Past Presidents Dinner Balgeddie House Hotel

October 26th

7:30pm



A Trip Doon the Water

Or was it messing about on the river? Rotarians took to the Forth for a sail under the 3 bridges in August followed by a lovely meal at the Railbridge Bistro



Gavel Competitions

The gavel season is with us again and to date we have played 2 games. The first of these was at Howe of Fife, sadly we came away with our tails between our legs as we were soundly beaten. Great night of fun and fellowship. Many thanks to organiser Duncan Pickard and club President John Bonnington and their team. Excellent meal and great talk and tasting of the Never-25 gin from the Tayport distillery. Our second game took place at home against the Perth Kinoull team. This time we were triumphant in victory! A home win!



Reception and Speaker List

Date	Name	Speaker	Vote of thanks	Reception
18.10.2018	Ewen Macdonald	Duncan McDonald The Rotary Club of inverness/Culloden Malawi Project	Brian Johnson	Peter May Will Wishart Bill Wooton
25.10.2018	Tracy Thomson	Halloween Evening Archie Lawrie Spooky Stories	Arlene Kidd	Peter May Jim Boyd Jack Dempsey
01.11.2018	Bill Wooton	Gary Macallister Club Health Check	Bill Wooton	Peter May Walter Fletcher May Ford
08.11.2018		SGM Council Reports	N/A	Peter May Roy Francey Chris Grist
15.11.2018		External Visit Mossmorran 10:00am – 1pm	N/A	Murray Grubb
22.11.2018	Walter Fletcher		Walter Fletcher	Peter May Brian Johnson Wilna Roger
29.11.2018	Tracy Thomson	Gordon Michie Poppy Scotland Membership Evening	Tracy Thomson	Peter May Archie Lawrie Ewen Macdonald