

# The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

March 2019

DISTRICT 1010

## Presidents Report

### March 2019

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2019. So far it has been a very busy year with lots of changes happening within the club and its operation. At the start of the Rotary year we lost quite a few members due to different circumstances and this led to us having to seriously think how we could attract new and active members to our club. We organised some membership meetings where we could meet and chat with potential new members and tell them about Rotary what we do as a club and find out if they would be interested and what they would like to get out of Rotary. As a result we have already inducted 3 new members with a few more “in the wings”. However a huge barrier to many potential members was our lunchtime meetings as these were not feasible for many people in employment. This has now led us to trial some new meeting times. On the 2nd Thursday of every month we will hold a casual meeting at 5:30 in the Gilvenbank lounge. Coffee and tea will be available. Our end of month evening meetings at 6:30 in the Gilvenbank Hotel will continue and the 1st and 3rd Thursday we will hold our normal lunchtime meetings at 1pm in the Gilvenbank Hotel. Please try to support as many of these meetings as you can as it is for the benefit of the the future of the club.



So what else have we been up to? As mentioned earlier it has been a busy time and we are now approaching the end of our many competitions. Highlights of all of these can be found in this publication

Anne Sampson President

## Past Presidents Dinner

Our Past Presidents dinner in honour of Lindsay Roy was held at Balgeddie Hotel in October turned out to be a wonderful evening for Rotarians and guests. Lindsay is a very respected member of the community, a former MSP and has an MBE for services to Education and he was President of our Club! What a great night, great fellowship, with a wonderful meal and great service by Balgeddie Hotel staff



## Foodbank Collection

A display of the food collected by Rotarians and friends for the Glenrothes Foodbank





## Annual Peace Walk

Our 5th annual Peace Walk took place on Thursday 8th November. Another great night bringing together local high schools, churches politicians, Rotarian's and friends and families in the quest for peace. White wreaths were laid by the Rotary Club and the 3 local High Schools



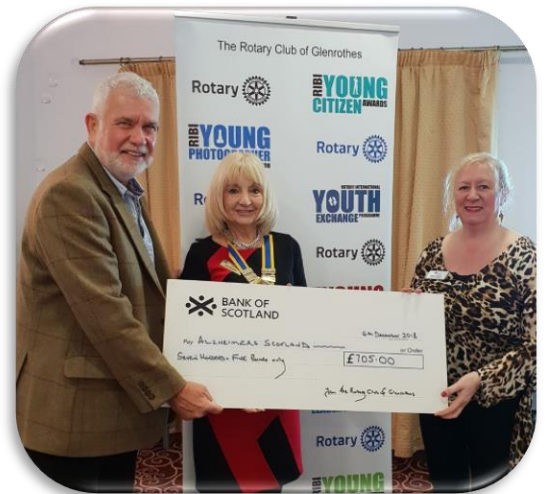
## Young Chef Competition

Our Young Chef competition was held in Auchmuty High School on Thursday 22nd November. Unfortunately due to circumstances we only had entrants from Auchmuty this year but with 3 entrants we had a very good competition. The winner of the competition was Alisha Aitken with Cameron Morris and Jorja Grieve in close pursuit. The judges this year were Lars Christiansen a former Rotarian and Jennifer Watt from John Fergus School. Jaan Yilmaz ex pupil and Young Chef winner in 2016 presented the trophy to the winner. Thanks to Rotarians Archie Lawrie and Wilna Roger for organising the event and congratulations to Alisha our winner who went on to the District final in January. Unfortunately Alisha was not a winner but received excellent feedback on her menu and said it was a great experience.



## Iain's Run

Following the success of Iain's run in Glasgow we were able to hand over a cheque for £705 to Yvonne Georgeson of Alzheimer Scotland. Well done Iain!



## Shoebox appeal

Like many Rotary Clubs the Glenrothes club is very much involved in the Shoebox charity. Rotarian Tracy gives the boxes out to local schools who fill them and they are sent out to eastern Europe. The picture (right) shows Rotary shoeboxes being loaded into a trailer bound for Kiev



The picture on the left shows pupils from the Rights Respecting Pupil Voice Group from Pitcoudie Primary School with their filled shoeboxes





## 2018 Santa Collection

The Santa Collection at ASDA's on Saturday 15th December raised a fantastic sum of £754 .40 with the proceeds going to the Luke Veelenturf appeal. Thanks to everyone who helped and special thanks to two students from Glenwood High School Kerrie Walker and Hannah Walker, who braved the cold to come and help

### Luke's Story

Due to a combination of physical disability and sensory difficulties, Luuk uses a wheelchair for distance. He fatigues easily and can only propel himself for a short time before tiring and having to stop. That could all change with the addition of a Smartdrive MX2 to Luuk's wheelchair. This little, but very expensive, piece of equipment simply clips onto the rear of his chair and turns it into a powered wheelchair, which Luuk will be able to operate himself. Lukes mum said "This will allow us to get out and about even when Dad is working. Ultimately though, it will bring a new level of independence to Luke. Unfortunately it costs £4900





## Gavel Competition

Although the gavel competition is always a fun evening of games and fellowship it is also very difficult to get dates for the individual matches with other clubs so with this in mind Rotarian Geoff Sampson decided to combine games and have a 3 way Game format. What a great night it turned out to be. Our Club, Dunfermline Carnegie and Anstruther Rotary clubs came together on one evening. The complicated format worked a treat

with Anstruther coming out as the overall winners of the evening and they went forward to the next round. Many thanks to those who were involved



in organising, especially Rotarian Geoff who coordinated the format of the games and to everyone who participated in the 3 team Gavel event





## Annual outing to the SNO Viennese Concert



A group of Rotarians enjoying a meal before the concert



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## Taekwondo Cheque

Our Club presented a cheque for £1000 to Ross Fisher Coach of ITS (Independent Taekwondo Schools ) Scotland at the Judo Centre in Alburne Park Glenrothes.

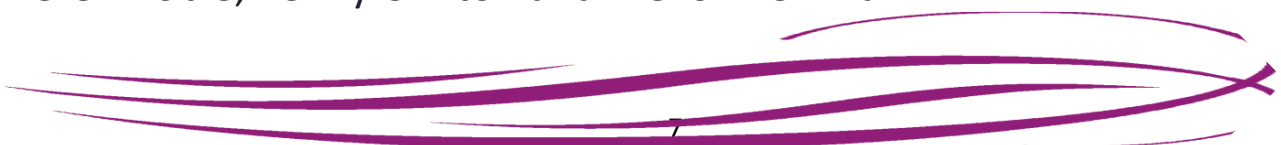


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## New Members

A huge welcome to our 3 new members We hope you all feel proud to be part of the Rotary Family

Derek Noble, Kenny Crihton and Trevor Newman





## Scottish Evening

On January 26<sup>th</sup> we hosted a Scottish Evening in the Gilvenbank Hotel attended by 60 Rotarians and guests from The Rotary Club of Leven including their President Scott Dryburgh, Parents, Pupils and teachers from each of the three High Schools. We were entertained by very talented pupils. Well done to all including the Gilvenbank Hotel who served up an excellent Scottish meal. SVP's wife Lesley MacDonald won the guess the weight of the cake (made by Wilna Roger)





## Competitions

### Young Musician

The Young Musician of the Year competition judged by Jennifer and Erik Knussen took place at Auchmuty High School on Thursday 7th February with 9 pupils (2 Instrumentalists and 7 Vocalists) The winner of

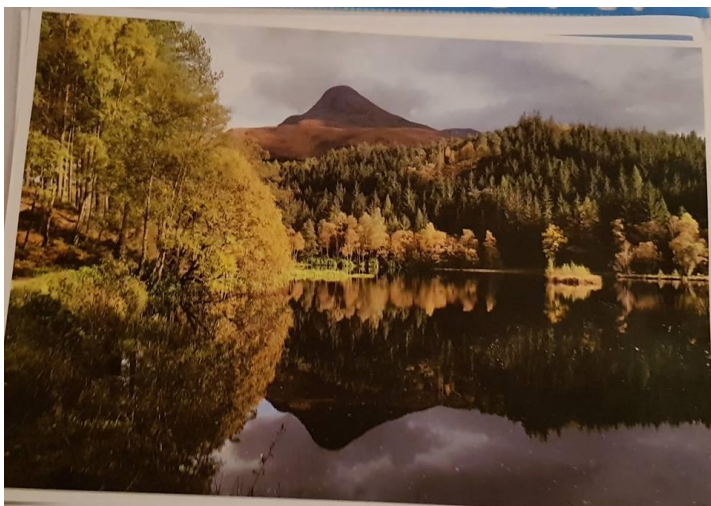


the Instrumentalist section being Sam Duzinkewycz from Auchmuty High School and the vocalist winner Kirsten Fraser from Glenwood High School. A fantastic evening and show case for some great talent. Picture shows all the entrants and the judges.

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### Young Photographer

Our annual photography competition was judged at the Gilvenbank Hotel by - Mike Ward, Mark Alexander and Ken Wilkie. The theme this year was "The beauty of Nature" - what an array of talent! 28 entries from the 3 local high schools After much deliberation the winners were announced as - Senior category winner Christopher Stevens Glenrothes High School and intermediate category winner - Kendal Page - Glenwood High School- winners pictures shown



## Young Artist

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes annual Young Artist competition was held at Auchmuty High School. A very high standard of entries from the 3 local High Schools were judged by Dorothy Wyllie and Pat Beveridge. The results were. Overall winner and young artist of the year- Mia Syme - Auchmuty High School

- Advanced Higher Design -winner Ian Manners Auchmuty
- Higher Expressive - winner Emma Thomson Glenrothes HS
- Higher Design winner Willow Duncan - Glenwood HS





## Shelterbox Display

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides temporary shelter and life saving supplies to displaced families. The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives. In November we had a 3 day display in the Kingdom Centre in Glenrothes to raise awareness of the Shelterbox charity. We had a Shelterbox with all contents. Thanks to all who came along to support us with special thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Leven, Dunfermline Carnegie, Buckhaven and Methil and all the support from Ross Fisher's Taekwondo club.



## Primary School Quiz

This year 13 local primary schools took part in the annual quiz at Auchmuty High School. What a great competition with St Paul's Primary (Brooke Mcalonie, Jorja Newlands, Andrew Dryburgh and Charlie Pullar) leading the way from the start with 100 scored from a possible 120. Well done to all who participated and helped organise the night



## Swimarathon



Well done to Brian Johnson Foundation Chair along with The Rotary Club of Dunfermline Carnegie for promoting and supporting the Annual Swimarathon at the Carnegie Leisure Centre in Dunfermline, 22 teams with approx 60 participants from differing organisations raising funds for various causes as well as Rotary's own charities. Picture shows Brian and Rotarian Janet Lowe being presented with a cheque for £165 for the End Polio Now campaign from Glenwood High School pupils.



## Forthcoming Events

### Sportsmans' Dinner

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please come along and join us or even come along and help out on the evening



The Rotary Club of Glenrothes  
Sportsman's Dinner  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Gilvenbank Hotel, Glenrothes  
7pm for 7.30pm start

Jimmy Nichol  
compere  
Willie Allan  
Scott Gibson

Tickets -£30 pp  
includes 3 Course Meal  
Supporting Scottish Taekwondo & other local charities.  
Please contact Iain Haywood for ticket reservations  
iainhaywood@rollos.co.uk

### Fund Raising Event

**REYA RESTAURANT LESLIE**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**6:30pm**

**£12 PP**

## Events cont.

### Thrift Shop

We will be running a  
thrift shop in the  
Kingdom Centre on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
beside Argos

We need brick a brac,  
toys children's books and  
**HELPERS!!**

10am – 4pm

### Annual Awards Evening

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Gilvenbank Hotel

Come and join us for an  
evening of celebration of  
achievement of our  
competition winners

Jenny Gilruth will be  
presenting the awards



Remember you can see stories and pictures of all our events  
on Facebook

Just search for "The Rotary Club of Glenrothes " and like our  
page

Stories and information can also be found on our Web page

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=33>



### **Kids Out**

**Our Annual Kids out day will again be at Fife Deer Centre in Cupar following the success of previous years. We are always looking for Rotarians support for this very rewarding day**

**Watch out for date and more details**

**Rotary Contact**

**Will Wishart**

### **Top of the Form**

**Our annual Top Of The Form quiz will take place in Auchmuty High School on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 6 Local High School will be taking part**

**Watch out for results and photos on Facebook**



The Rotary Theme for 2019/2020– Rotary Connects with the world.

Do you think you would be interested in becoming a Rotarian? Do you like being actively involved, and like to help in your community? Why don't you get in touch see what we do and enjoy some fellowship at the same time. You can contact us through our FB page or any Rotarian you may know

## Reception and Speaker List

Date	Name	Speaker	Vote of thanks	Reception
14.03.2019 5:30pm	Ewen Macdonald	Informal meeting and council reports feedback Gilvenbank Lounge	N/A	
21.03.2019 12:30 for 1pm	Ewen Macdonald	Rebekah Haldane Sailors Society + council reports feedback	Ewen Macdonald	Geoff Sampson Ron Page Brian Johnson
28.03.2019 6 for 6:30pm	Evening Meeting	Stuart Donaldson Guide Dogs for the Blind Gilvenbank Hotel	Geoff Sampson	Geoff Sampson Chris Grist Alistair McLeod
04.04.2019 12:30 for 1pm		TBA	N/A	Geoff Sampson Roy Francey Chris Grist
11.04.2019 5:30pm	Anne Sampson	Informal meeting and council reports feedback Gilvenbank Lounge	N/A	N/A
18.04.2019 12:15 for 12:45	Anne Sampson Ewen Macdonald	Club AGM		Geoff Sampson Lindsay Roy Murray Grubb
25.04.2019	Anne Sampson	Kecia – Tay Spirits Talk and Tasting	Anne Sampson	Geoff Sampson Alistair Mcleod Iain Oates