

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

May 2017

DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report



We are having a flurry of activity as we approach the time of my handover to Lindsay Roy at the end of June. Our 60th Anniversary Dinner was held at Balbirnie Golf Club on Friday 28th April. Kay Morrison was our guest speaker, and she gave a lovely encouraging address to us. The evening was a fantastic success and we were well entertained by Connor Pratt playing the bagpipes, and before the meal started we were serenaded by Michael

McLean. Hamish gave us some insights into the life of Rotary in the early days, and Ian Chalmers cut a beautiful celebration cake which Sheila had organised. Sandy said grace before we enjoyed a lovely meal. During the meal, a presentation about life in the 50's was projected onto a screen and we diligently completed quiz sheets. After the meal, we presented Ian Chalmers with a bottle of Glenrothes whisky, Kay Morrison gave her address and the evening was completed with a sensational musical extravaganza put together by Brandon Low with Nicola Brown, Callum Stott, Fraser Morrison, and Alan Campbell all accompanied by Alan Gibson. It was a wonderful evening thoroughly enjoyed by all our club members, their partners and our many guests. Plans are in place to prepare for our next Rotary year as Lindsay and his team get ready for the take-over. There is an opportunity for club members to let us know what committee they would like to help on. If you wish to change committees, then this is the time to say so. Looking forward to the next Chapter of Glenrothes Rotary Club ...Brian Johnson

Presidents Elect Report

It is a great honour and privilege to have been elected as your President for the forthcoming year and I congratulate Anne Sampson on her election to the role of Vice President. Together with committee chairs and the ongoing support of members, we look forward to another challenging year, building on

the successes over recent years. Our achievements are built firmly on the commitment and experience of our members who invest their time, expertise and



Vice President

Lindsay Roy

resources for the benefit of others. We trust that such passion 'to make a difference' will continue as we focus on 'things that really matter', both locally and beyond. To that end, we need to prepare what is often grandiosely called a 'strategic plan' for 2017-18 - in essence an action plan setting out our priorities for the year ahead. It is vital that all members can have a formative input to that plan - so that it is realistic and achievable within the human and financial resources available. In particular, we need to clarify which of the many club initiatives we will continue - and there have been lots of successes - and what if anything we might do differently or additionally. Members will have opportunities to provide that invaluable input through committee participation discussing with Council members and taking part in an open forum at our scheduled meeting on Thursday 8th June - a week before our Club Assembly on 15th June. At that time, in the presence of our Assistant Governor, we will have a consolidated action plan. In the meantime, I await details of District priorities and I will share these with members as soon as they become available.

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes punches well above its weight and I have every confidence that with your unstinting support that will continue, with the help of friends and supporters too.

Barumbika Health Centre, Uganda



New health centre - financed to the tune of £8500 by six Fife Rotary clubs and the movement's charity, Rotary Foundation - is completed in the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda.

[Full details on FB The Rotary Club of Dunfermline](#)

BARUMBIKA HEALTH CENTRE

Contributed to by

Ibimbo, Buyagha, Kusokero parishes

Implemented by Rwenzori Organisation for Children living under Difficult circumstances (ROCDIC)

FINANCED BY

Rotary clubs of FIFE SCOTLAND

Dunfermline Carnegie, Inverkeithing & Dalgety Bay, Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath

COMPLETED 25TH MAY 2017

Kassy wins District Young Photographer Competition



Kassy, a pupil from Auchmuty High School has given us details below of the camera she used and her camera settings to produce her winning entry. Kassy will receive her district prize and certificate at our Awards Evening - Well done Kassy

Following on from her success of our winning the intermediate category of our Young Photographer

Competition, Kassy Watt has also won the intermediate category of the District competition. This takes in competitors from the Rotary 1010 District.

Geographically, the District stretches from the Northern shores of the Firth of Forth, to the Shetland Isles in the North, a consisting of 88 clubs. The theme for the competition this year was "Reflection" and as you will see from Kassy's photographs her interpretation of the theme resulted in three stunning and unusual photographs.



RIBI **YOUNG**
PHOTOGRAPHER
COMPETITION

Kassy's Winning Entries



Photo 1 - Light reflected through coloured beakers

Aperture - F/7.1 Shutter speed - 1/160 ISO - 100

Focal length - 55mm No flash



Photo 2 - Wrapping paper reflected on spoons

Aperture - F/5 Shutter speed - 1/60

ISO – 200 Focal length - 42mm No flash

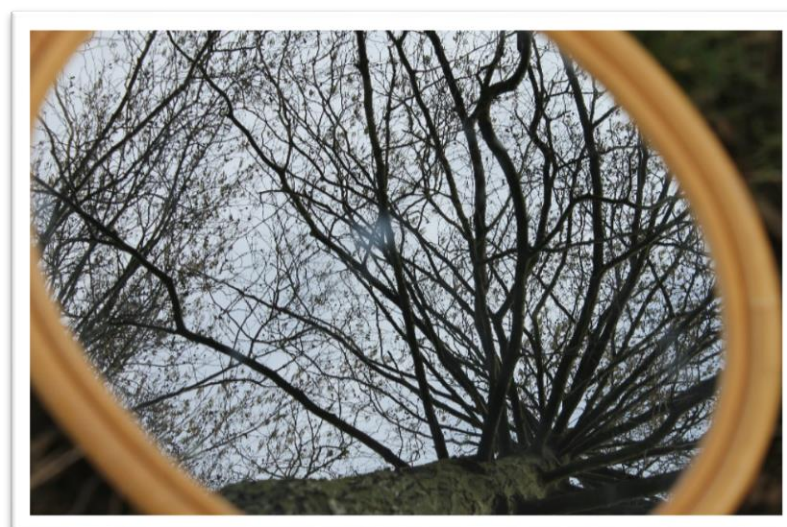


Photo 3 - Reflection in a mirror of an interesting perspective looking up a tree

Aperture - F/7.1 Shutter speed - 1/160

ISO – 100 Focal length - 55mm No flash

60th Anniversary Dinner



On Friday 28th April, at Balbirnie Golf Club the club celebrated its 60th anniversary. Wilna Roger and Anne Sampson supported by others pulled together a fantastic night of fun and entertainment with pupils and former pupils of the local High Schools singing songs from the 50's and musicals. A fun quiz on 1957 with the prize of a book on what happened in the year 1957 was won by Iain and Kate Haywood - no coincidence that Iain turned 60 born the same year as the club was founded. President Brian Johnson's wife Kay won the raffle



which was 2 bottles of champagne with a specially designed 60th Anniversary label. Special guest Kay Morrison deputy Lord Provost for Fife gave an excellent talk on 60 years of the club and the value the club have brought to the community and internationally over those years. Hamish Rothnie reminisced about the club since its formation and Founder member Ian Chalmers now in his 90's cut the anniversary cake. Local politicians Fiona and Peter Grant

and Lindsay Clark Friends of Rotary gave their support. It was also great to see Past President Ian Hastie and his wife Fran former President of the Inner Wheel and also Former Rotary member the Rev Alex Forsyth along with Ann and Harry Mitchell from the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Bill McLennan and Margaret Netherby from the Rotary Club of Dunfermline



and Colin Bruce assistant rector of Glenwood High School amongst the 53 guests attending a wonderful evening. Here's to another 60 years, but only possible if new members come and join us If you are interested in supporting the community and international projects, get in touch by Private message on Facebook. You will be made most welcome



Guests and entertainers
at the 60th Anniversary



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Awards Evening

Our awards ceremony will be held by Gilvenbank Hotel on Thursday evening 25th May. It is a great showcase and celebrates the success of our competition winners. The awards will be presented by Jenny Gilruth MSP. Watch out for our next issue with a full report and photos

On June 14th it is our Kids Out day and we are taking nearly 100 of our local children with disabilities and their Carers to the Deer Centre near Cupar. This is such a rewarding day to be involved in. The staff at the Deer Centre do such a good job at looking after everyone. We need as many Rotarians as possible to attend and support this event

On Thursday 27th April, we went to Glenrothes Foodbank and had our soup, sandwich and cake lunch there, but handed our £10 lunch fees to the Foodbank. This came to £250. It was a great opportunity for us to see at first hand just what a sterling job the staff there are doing. It was a novel way of holding our meeting, but it may be worth doing similar events in the future.