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The Rotary Club of Renfrew

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President's Message

Much as I enjoy the duties as President it was great to have what I thought was a "well earned rest" on holiday in the Algarve, in October. I visited the Rotary Club of Almancil, a true International Rotary club with 11 different nationalities represented! On my return I enjoyed the great performances at the Robert Service tribute night - well done everybody. Mid October was the beginning of our big push on PoppyScotland fund-raising.

This month's speakers were both very passionate about their subjects Alec Braceland from Army Recruitment Scotland and Robert Kent an Ambassadorial Scholar from Texas gave us plenty to think about and generated many questions from the members.

President John

Annual Dinner

Have you got your tickets?

Diary Dates:

Saturday 27 November 2010
Annual Dinner Dance @ the Glynhill Hotel

Tuesday 21 December 2010
Special General Meeting

Saturday 29 January 2011
M&S Bagpack Braehead

Sat 29 Jan 11	Bagpack M&S Braehead
Tue 25 Jan 11	Meeting
Tue 18 Jan 11	Council Meeting
Tue 11 Jan 11	Meeting
Tue 04 Jan 11	Meeting
Tue 28 Dec 10	NO MEETING
Tue 21 Dec 10	Special General Meeting
Tue 14 Dec 10	Council Meeting
Tue 07 Dec 10	Meeting
Tue 30 Nov 10	SPEAKER: Jim Duffy Ex police, drugs squad.
Sat 27 Nov 10	Annual Dinner Dance

PoppyScotland 2010

£9,000+ approximate to date

While various cans are still being collected and money counted, the Rotary Club of Renfrew seemed on target for another bumper year with a 3 day collection at the Braehead Shopping Centre, a day at St Mirren's ground, Mirren Park and another day at Ibrox. Other locations included various points throughout Renfrew town centre. We would like to thank all the helpers and Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians from Renfrew and Johnstone that gave up their time, but all of this wouldn't be possible without the generosity of the Scottish public. A final total will be available shortly.

Malcolm Adams

I am 49 years old , married to Fiona for 29 years. We have 1 son Christopher 23 and 2 daughters, Siobhan 21 and Zoe 18 and a 5 month old grandson Leon. Born in Paisley, I qualified as an electrician in 1981 and have been trading as Ace Electrics since 1990. My interests include spending quality time with my family, playing snooker and have recently taken up golf.

I felt it was the right time for me to join Rotary and I'm looking forward to making many friends, joining in the many social and sporting events while helping the local community.

A few get well messages

We would like to send 'get well wishes', we're thinking of you to: June Williams, Iglio Paganelli, Campbell Forrest and Peter Shea. Our thoughts are with you and we hope to see you at Rotary and future events in the coming months, from all at Renfrew Rotary.

The Sky's the limit

Rotarian Ron Graham's dog 'Sky' is in training to pull his carriage at various local fetes, care homes and shelters for the homeless. Sky's an 8 year old Burmese Mountain Dog.

Planned Events

We have several events in the pipeline, dates to be confirmed, if you have any ideas or would like to know more please ask the relevant chairmen.
A special foundation night on Tuesday 8 February, a Ceilidh on Friday 18 February and a Race Night on Friday 4 March. Also trips to Prestwick Air Traffic Control, Royal Yacht Britannia and a local Recycling Plant. A Boxing Day Clay Pigeon Shoot, plus a Quiz Night at Wallace's Bar...

Around the world in how many days...

On 14th September 2010 whilst on a cruise, the Club's Foundation Chair, Derek Louttit, presented the Rotary Club of Gibraltar with two pennants, one being a normal Club pennant. The Rotary Club of Gibraltar also presented Derek with one of theirs which was handed over to our own President John Stuart on Derek's return.

The other pennant was made to send around the world to raise money towards Foundation. Each Club involved has been asked to provide a picture of the pennant with Club members and have their President sign the back of the pennant. President Julian Risso & Secretary Penny Pilley of the Rotary Club of Gibraltar have now sent the pennant on to the Rotary Club of Sydney Australia. After there, it will make its way via Vancouver in Canada, New York City in USA, and Dublin in Ireland, before returning to Scotland.

Derek is pictured top with President Julian, and above with Secretary Penny and fellow Rotarians in Gibraltar. The Club even organised a tour of Gibraltar for Derek, his wife Chris and American friends Tom and Kathy, which was very much appreciated.

Youth & Young People

We are about to do a Photography competition with the 2 local high schools following on from the successful local schools quiz with the winners, Kirklandneuk Primary, going onto the area finals. We now have a chosen Euroscola candidate in Ainsley Lynch of Trinity High School, who has been chosen by District to form the team going to Strasbourg in 2011.

Interact

The club members have chosen to do a project for Mary's Meals this year involving an attempt to fill a minimum of 50 bagpacks with vital school equipment to Malawi while also raising funds for the charity's feeding programme. We are also continuing to do presentations to other Rotary Clubs in the District to try to get more Interact Clubs started.

Rotaract

In aid of their planned school building trip to Ghana in August 2011, the Rotaract Race Night on Saturday 13 November raised £800.00+. They are also beginning to receive donations from Rotary Clubs for 'capturing' the District Governor! Activities over the next month include speaking to the Rotary Club of Charing Cross about the Ghana trip and having a fundraising baking stall at some events and fairs.