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President's message

February and March were very busy months for Renfrew Rotary. We welcome a new member Allan Donaldson while Eddie and Jack have been instrumental in pushing forward the new Rotaract Club of Renfrew and the Charter Dinner takes place on Thursday 16 April 2009 at the Glynhill Hotel. Let's have a good turn out from Renfrew Rotarian's to show our loyal support, it will be a great evening of live music and entertainment.

Remember to check the website (www.renfrew-rotary.org.uk) weekly, for diary updates, speakers, events and all the current news.

President Martin Moir

You've got Blonde

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blonde neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back into the house. A little later she came out of her house again, went to the mailbox and again opened it, and slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went. As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, she came out again, marched to the mailbox, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever.

Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?"

To which she replied, "There certainly is!"

My stupid computer keeps saying, "You've got mail!"

Important Dates:

Ceillidh, 25 April 08

at the Moorpark Masonic Hall,
£10 per ticket inc. buffet

Falkirk Wheel
Spring/Summer - tbc

Youth & Young People Eddie Williams

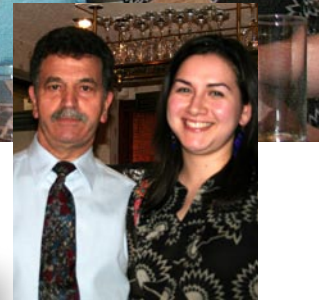
Quiz Night at the Wallace Bar

Monday 9 March 2008


Organised by Eddie Williams and the Renfrew Rotaractors, around £80.00 was raised for the Rotaract Club. The women of Erskine Rotary Club were the clear winners, Mariela Gaitan, Valery Willis, Jill Morgan, Roberta Gaitan and Susan Andrews.



Thank you to Mario for his hospitality



The Rotaract Club of Renfrew



Charter Dinner Dance

The Glynhill Hotel
169 Paisley Rd, Renfrew PA4 8XB

Thursday 16 April 2009 - 6.30pm for 7.30pm

Dress: Lounge Suit

The biggest event to hit Renfrew Rotary for decades. It's important that, if possible, all Renfrew Rotarians come out to support our new Rotaract Club at the Glynhill Hotel on Thursday 16 April - it promises to be an historic night full of fun and entertainment - see you there!

Stroke Awareness Day 18 April 2009

Rotary Stroke and Health Awareness Day is 18 April 2009. Further information is available at www.ribi.org or www.stroke.org.uk *John Stuart*

President Elect - Gary Louttit

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands



On the PETS thing (President Elect Training Seminar!): Ingoing DG Andy Slater led many of the discussions.

- Met many of the ingoing Ps for year.
- This year's RI Theme is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"
- Discussion about various topics inc Rotary Foundation, Community & Vocational, Presidential Citations, Rotaract etc.
- Our Club was complimented on its creation of our Rotaract Club.
- Bruce Drummond, the Assistant Governor

responsible for Area 4 within the district also praised Renfrew for its consistent levels of activity and fundraising,

- Future opportunities for more joint ventures, on larger projects, with neighbouring clubs.



Eddie and June in Paphos January 2009

There are two Rotary Clubs in Paphos, and both are held in the Aquamare Hotel. The first club is the Paphos Club and they meet on a Monday evening at 7.00pm and the is carried out in English. The second club is on a Thursday evening at 8.00pm which is carried out in the Cypriot language, however the President will translate the business if there are any English-speaking people attending.

The business part of the meeting is carried out firstly and the dinner is later. The Club District is huge and takes in Egypt, Libya and all of the Greek Islands. I would thoroughly recommend a visit. **Eddie Williams and a little input from Jack Winch!**

New Member 10 February 2009

President Martin Moir welcomes Allan Donaldson to the Rotary Club of Renfrew. Allan is delighted to have been accepted into the Rotary Club of Renfrew, and looks forward to being part of the Club's future. He lives in Deanfield, Renfrew and is married to Elspeth who is a Secretary at Strathclyde University. Read more about Allan next month.



Member Profile: Ron Graham



At home with Zeta...

I spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with Ron, learning more about his colourful life - this time it was my turn to fall asleep. Among his many careers he lists a qualified electrician, technician, and draftsman working throughout the UK with 3 years in London through the swinging 60's.

He was married for 35 years with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Ahead of his time, Ron bought the house that he still lives in (with his dog Zeta), at Bishopton, over 40 years ago. He did 'Home Improvements' before it became fashionable, with the design and build his own kitchen one of his many projects - people thought he was mad - (nothing new there then!).

2 years national service saw Ron recently acknowledged as a Service Veteran, with a medal to prove it.

For over 30 years he run his own 'Driving School' in Renfrew along with his 'Wedding Video' business, now retired he enjoys driving his caravan around the country - so if you're ever stuck behind a caravan in the borders or up north look for Ron and Zeta at the helm!

David Atkinson

Next issue...

- More about Allan Donaldson
- Photos from the Rotaract Charter Dinner
- Confirmation of the AGM date
- And much more....