



The Rotary Club of Renfrew

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President's Message

My first month has seen the completion of the Vital Spark marathon voyage. Allan Donaldson has raised around £2800 for Alzheimers Scotland, rounding off the last project from last year.

I am excited that this month the chairmen and the committees have met and formed some plans for this years projects. I began my presidency with the high of surprising past President Gary with a Paul Harris Award at the handover dinner. In addition, I welcomed this year's first new member, Paul Maiolani. All I can hope for this year is more of the same from the club.

President John

Club of the year 2010/11

4 July 2010



On Sunday 4 July at the Glynhill Hotel, at a formal Luncheon for the officials of Rotary International and Rotary District 1230, the Rotary Club of Renfrew were awarded the coveted 'Club of the Year' Trophy by District Governor Andy Slater in recognition of their efforts and hectic programme of events in raising funds and awareness for a number of important charities both locally and internationally.

In the last year the Club raised a record amount of over £17,000 for Poppy Scotland, over £10,000 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal and over £7,000 for the CHAS Hospice Robin House. Sums of money were also raised for local schools, Alzheimer Scotland, Prostate Cancer, Accord Hospice, Enable Renfrew and Erskine Hospital.

In addition, with assistance from Gryffe Valley Rotary Club and the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, the Club raised enough money to open a new specially adapted Garden at Capability Scotland's Corseford School and also started a new Interact Youth Club for the pupils of Renfrew and Trinity High Schools. The new Club, with the help and co-operation of the staff of both schools has already made its mark by sending 2 Shelter Boxes to Haiti and contributing time and effort to a number of voluntary projects.

Rotofest @ 75

This years Rotofest will be held on Sunday 19 September 2010.

Check the website for news about the Jazz Night held on Friday 30 July 10.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 24 August 2010

District Governor visit: Ian Mills

Sunday 19 September 2010

Rotofest @ 75

1st - 3rd October 2010

District 1230 Conference

Saturday 27 November 2010

Annual Dinner Dance @ the Glynhill Hotel

Tue 21 Sep 10	Free
Tue 14 Sep 10	Council Meeting
Fri 07 Sep 10	Free
Tue 24 Aug 10	Ian Mills, DG District 1230
Tue 17 Aug 10	Council Meeting
Tue 10 Aug 10	Free
Tue 03 Aug 10	Free

A 'Paul Harris Fellowship' for Gary...



The award of a Paul Harris seemed only fitting for Gary. The formation of an Interact Club, was his personal success, in a year which saw the club scoop the District Best club award. His drive, leadership, infectious enthusiasm and professionalism inspired the membership to one of our best years ever.

I to r: Gary Louttit receives his 'Paul Harris Award' from club president John Stuart.

£2,814 'Vital' CHARITY SAIL for Alzheimer Scotland 3 July 2010



The total raised will be over £2800 including match funding from Santander. The model made the distance in just over 8.25hrs. The conditions were such that the model sailed on the limit at times. Baling out was frequent due to the waves. However the wee boat ploughed on regardless. A big thanks goes to all people who sponsored the sail, Alzheimer Scotland for helping with PR and the

members of the Clyde Cruising Club, Dinghy section for hosting the event and helping on the day. Also the Paisley Model Centre for collecting donations. Allan would like to thank the Rotarians who turned up to support the event on the day, and for supplying the burgers and refreshments. The day was a huge success, and all proceeds raised will go to Alzheimer Scotland.

New Member:

Paul Maiolani



I am 52, married to Elizabeth for 27 years, two children Clare 24 and Stephen 22, have worked in NHS Dentistry for 28 years, initially in the Borders but mostly in the East End of Glasgow and Renfrew. I enjoy motorbikes (when I get the chance) bridge & chess. Both sets of grandparents originate from the Garfagnana region in Tuscany and emigrated to Scotland just before and after the Great War. The name was supposedly made up by an orphanage several generations ago and therefore most Maiolani's are related in some way, even to this day.

The official 'Handover' for 2010 - 2011 29 June 2010



On Tuesday 29 June the Club welcomed a total of 80 guests to our first 'Triple' Handover Dinner, to recognise the handovers from Presidents to President's Elect for the Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs of Renfrew.

District Governor Andy Slater and his wife Eileen also attended the dinner, in addition to many invited guests from some of the charities we've supported throughout the year.

Firstly, outgoing President Adam Louttit handed over the presidency of the Interact Club to new President Erin O'Neill, then Shona Stewart handed over to new Rotaract President Louise Winch

and finally Rotary Club President Gary Louttit handed over the chain to new President John Stuart.

Certificates were awarded to various Club members for their efforts in the past year to include Mac de Souza, Jim Naismith, Jack Winch, Eddie Williams and John Stuart, while an Award was also made to Peter Beagley of Braehead Shopping Centre to recognise the level of support given to the Club by Braehead.

Also on the evening, a number of cheques were presented including cheques for £750 to Prostate Cancer and Alzheimer Scotland, £250 to Enable, and £500 to each of the 4 local primary schools.