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newsletter

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RIBI View on Global Warming

There was a thought-provoking presentation on global warming by Rtn. Iain MacDonald at the last District Council. I know that in our club there are differing opinions, from sceptical to growing concern.

Rotary is starting to take up the issue; here is an abridged version of an article on the District web site.

The challenge facing the world through global warming has recently been summarized in a UN report. This report was discussed by Rotary International leaders in Great Britain and Ireland in February and it was agreed that Rotarians should take a lead on this important issue.

President Peter Offer said "We can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue - rather, it is the biggest moral challenge facing our global civilization. As the leading international humanitarian organisation it is essential that we implement a policy to address the challenge."

RIBI members are being encouraged to:

- Examine all ways of saving energy at home and in the office. For example by buying cars with reduced CO2 emissions; reducing meetings and increasing the use of technology to reduce travelling.
- Showing leadership in the local community, such as by raising awareness through meetings and leaflets; initiating relevant community projects; and providing educational programmes to schools, local community groups and the elderly.
- Showing leadership internationally by initiating relevant international projects; assisting with funds for solar panels, mini wind farms, mini hydro plants; and encouraging and assisting with reforestation in critical areas.

Clubs are encouraged to appoint an Environment Officer, and enter for the RIBI Environment Award.

For Your Diary

Mark Cairns	23 Apr	door	Brian Kitching	30 Apr	speaker
Stuart Cameron	30 Apr	door	Brian Kitching	7 May	bottle
Elaine Cant	7 May	door	Paul Kyle	7 May	speaker
Catrina Cochrane-Mills	14 May	bottle	John MacIntyre	28 May	speakaer
Alison Crook	21 May	door	Ian Marr	28 May	bottle
David Cuthbert	28 May	door	Bill Smith	23 May	door
Graham Harding	23 Apr	bottle	Alexander Stewart	7 May	door
Alex Hay	30 Apr	bottle	Heather Stewart	14 May	door
Richard Higgs	14 May	bottle	Bruce Thomson	21 May	door
Tom Howie	21 May	bottle	Neil Townend	30 Apr	door
			Maureen Young	28 May	door

April Council Meeting

For the Aschaffenburg visit, as a gift from our club, President Rob will prepare a CD of Perth photographs and music. Ian Marr and Michael Jamieson will help.

President Rob and SVP Neil attended the District Council on 4th April. SVP Neil reported briefly that District is reviewing its website. Alistair West is no longer the webmaster. Also, they attended an interesting presentation on the issue of global warming.

Council approved leave of absence for Euna Scott (to 16th April) and Elaine Cant (to 24 September).

David Grant, Michael Jamieson and Ian Mutch will attend the District Assembly at Glenrothes on 27th April.

Balances on the Club's accounts at 25th March are:

- 1) Club service account £3,066.33
- 2) Hospitality account £1,961.18
- 3) Charity account £15,542.52

Payments from the charity account were £574 for the Primary Schools Quiz and £499 for the Senior Citizens Ceilidh. £2125 has been paid from the Club account for the Christmas Ceilidh.

The final surplus from this year's charity dinner is £9,474.

The Senior Citizens Ceilidh was a great success, entertaining close on 100 senior citizens at the Salutation Hotel. Thanks to Heather Stewart for making all the arrangements.

Mock Interviews for St Columba's High School were held on 27th March. 9 Rotarians interviewed 80 young persons, and were impressed by the very high quality of attendees. Thanks to John Galbraith for organising.

For the Young Carers Day Out, we are developing the idea of visiting RAF Leuchars. PKVS will provide transport. Our day will be during week commencing 30th June, possibly on the Tuesday (1/07) or Thursday (03/07).

All arrangements for the party visiting Germany are in place and hosts allocated. The Aschaffenburg club have promised an excellent weekend, and would like additional guests even at this late stage.

The WaterAid collection on 22 March at Perth Leisure Pool raised £134.

The next Chernobyl Childrens trip starts on 11th June, with club support as before. The children will visit the club for lunch on 18th June.

Average attendance is 72%. 8 members are below 50% and 5 members are on leave of absence. We are probably under-reporting attendance - members are reminded to enter make-ups.

The speakers programme is in hand to the end of July, with one gap on 28th May.

We have agreed to make donations of £50 each to the speakers' charities SafeTay and Canine Partners.

A board is circulating for hosting evenings. No other outings are proposed meantime.

'Full Length and Fabulous' is proceeding well; 1 table has been set aside for Rotarians and their partners.

We finished 3rd in the Rotary Curling League. This is a very good result, as we played a number of beginners in our teams this season.

The PRI Stroke team are still investigating an alternative location for the hoist we have funded.

Directory

There are no changes to the directory this month.

Events

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| 23 Apr | 18:30 | Club AGM |
| 25 - 27 Apr | | Aschaffenburg visit |
| 27 Apr | | District AGM |
| 5 May | 19:30 | Council meeting |
| 21 May | 13:00 | Club affairs meeting |
| 2 Jun | 19:30 | Council Meeting |
| 18 Jun | 13:00 | Belarus Childrens Visit |
| 20 Jun | | Charity Ball |
| 25 Jun | 18:30 | Club Assembly |

The Editor

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