

By George

newsletter

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Aschaffenburg 2008



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For Your Diary

Ian Agnew	4 Jun	door
Michael Archibald	11 Jun	door
George Beaton	25 Jun	door
Mark Cairns	18 Jun	door
David Cuthbert	28 May	door
Albert Donaldson	4 Jun	door
Graham Fleming	18 Jun	door
Louis Flood	11 Jun	door

John Fox	25 Jun	door
Paul Kyle	25 Jun	bottle
Bert Macdonald	4 Jun	bottle
John MacIntyre	28 May	speaker
John MacIntyre	11 Jun	bottle
Gail MacKay	4 Jun	speaker
Gail MacKay	18 Jun	bottle
Ian Marr	28 May	bottle
Maureen Young	28 May	door

Committees 2008/9

The Committees for 2008/9 are shown below. Changes to the structure are in line with RI proposals for implementation over the next two years.

Perhaps the most important change is the grouping of all service projects under one committee and all internal club activities in another enlarged committee. This gets rid of the previous overlap of responsibilities and the problem of small committees having difficulty in functioning effectively when one or more members are unable to play their full role due to other pressures. It is intended that each member of these

committees takes direct responsibility for one or more projects and enlists the support of other members not only of the committee but of the whole club to see the project through. By this means it is hoped that members can feel more involved in a wider range of Club activities and get more from their time in Rotary.

More detail will be available at the Club Affairs meeting in May and the Club Assembly in June.

Neil Townend

President	Neil Townend
Senior Vice President	Ian Marr
Junior Vice President	Paul Kyle
Secretary	David Grant
Treasurer & IPP	Rob Burke

Council

Heather Stewart	George Beaton
Ian Mutch	Michael Jamieson
David Ramsay	

Club Administration

Ian Marr (Convenor)	
Catrina Cochrane-Mills	Sally McCartney
David Cuthbert	Gail McKay
John Fyfe	Ian Mutch
Fergus Harris	Bill Smith
Richard Higgs	Heather Stewart
Brian Kitching	Roger Ward

Service Projects

Paul Kyle (Convenor)	
Mike Buckley-Jones	Alex Hay
Mark Cairns	Tom Howie
Elaine Cant	Bert Macdonald
Alison Crook	John McIntyre
Albert Donaldson	Jim Moyes
Graham Fleming	George Pollock
Louis Flood	Euna Scott
Enrico Frattaroli	Susan Scott
John Fox	Alexander Stewart
John Galbraith	Bruce Thomson
Graham Harding	

Membership

Stuart Cameron (Convenor)	
George Beaton	Maureen Young

Foundation

Michael Archibald (Convenor)	
Ian Agnew	

Ways & Means

Michael Jamieson (Convenor)	
David Ramsay	Senior Office Bearers

R.I.B.I. Conference

Blackpool Winter Gardens

10 - 13 April 2008

On Thursday 10th April Eileen and I set out about 1 p.m., having intended to leave by 11 a.m., for the drive to Blackpool. Eileen managed to sleep most of the way but did a little driving so we arrived about 5.30 p.m. We had arranged to stay at the Elgin Hotel when I had heard that the Perth area Inner Wheel ladies were staying there and my faith in their good judgment was well justified.

The pre-conference entertainment was the Blackpool Tower Circus, a special performance for Rotarians. The acts were of international standard and absolutely outstanding and varied. None involved animals. We had each paid a bargain price of £10 and, at the end, it was announced that the management of the tower were donating the proceeds to Rotary, which meant that around £7500 was to go to Sight Savers.

The next morning, although the hotel normally served breakfast at 8.30 a.m., those attending the conference were served breakfast from 7.30 a.m., to much consternation from the resident coach party!

On arriving at the Wintergardens, we picked up our conference pack and I registered as a voting delegate. (By the end of the Business Session on the Saturday afternoon, I had the feeling that most delegates had given up the will to live, due to several of those assembled enjoying the sound of their own voices!) Before lunch we toured the Rotary Showcase (House of Friendship) which was extremely well laid out. For obvious reasons, we spent a long time talking to the representative on the Breast Cancer Research stand.

We attended two lunches, Foundation on Friday where the speaker could bore for America and the Presidents' on Saturday a much better occasion but the Chief Sergeant at Arms did ensure that no voting delegate drank their coffee and a few did not get their dessert! On Friday evening we attended the District 1010 Fellowship Dinner, the I.P.D.G., the D.G. and D.G.E. all opting to attend instead of going to the R.I. dinner in the Hilton Hotel brownie points gained there! From all accounts, they did the right thing regarding the quality of the food. At every meal we enjoyed good fellowship, seated beside a variety of fellow Scots.

Over the three days we enjoyed entertainment of the highest quality. Allan Stewart and ventriloquist Paul Zerdin were billed as a Northern Variety Show on Friday evening and The Leyland Brass Band were on Saturday evening with the option of a 70s theme dance for the more energetic delegates and their partners.

The theme of this year's Conference was 'Ordinary Rotarians doing Extraordinary Things' and each plenary session highlighted this, not only by making the awards, but by showing brief videos which are now available on the R.I.B.I. website and are well worth a look.

On Saturday morning BBC News 24 broadcast live from the Conference, highlighting the Rotary Young Citizen Awards, again available on the R.I.B.I. website.

To summarise, compared to last year's R.I. President, who was both inspired and inspirational, this year's was an anticlimax, but next year's, D.K. Lee, who spoke no English 18 months ago, is now fully fluent and looks to be an exciting prospect. While some of the speakers were a bit tedious, most were very interesting and all were passionate about their subject. All in all, we had a most enjoyable Conference with convivial company, although it was disappointing that, while some clubs made a social event of Conference, we were the only delegates from any of the Perth clubs.

Next year's Conference is in Edinburgh, only down the road on the Megabus! The R.I. Convention is in Birmingham (England!) six weeks later. If you never attend another Conference or Convention, surely 2009 could be looked on as a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity.

I.P.P. Michael Jamieson

May Council Meeting

The Treasurer was asked to make payments of £50 to 2 organisations which had recently spoken to the Club – Safe Tay and Canine Partners.

Council approved leave of absence for Catrina Cochrane-Mills for 2 months from 19 May.

IPP Michael and the Secretary attended the District Assembly at Glenrothes on 27 April; papers collected will be passed to incoming President Neil for his team.

Balances on the Club's accounts at 30 April are as follows:

- 1) Club service account £2,987.19
- 2) Hospitality account £2,014.18
- 3) Charity account £14,976.49

RAF Kinloss are unable to accommodate a Young Carers' visit this year (an application will be lodged for next year). In consultation with PKVAS it is proposed to hold an activity day for 15 young people at Dunolly Outward Bound Centre in Aberfeldy on Monday 30 June. The estimated cost is £675. PKVAS will provide transport and staff to accompany the young people; they will also be responsible for a risk assessment and appropriate insurance cover. It is hoped 2 or 3 Rotarians will meet up with the young people over lunch. Council approved the proposal.

Collace PS managed a creditable 4th place at the Zone final; Euna Scott and John MacIntyre represented the Club at the event.

The usual arrangements to support the young people visiting from Chernobyl are in hand; albeit some more volunteer drivers would be welcomed.

The average attendance after 17 meetings is 74%. 5 members are below 50%; Council decided no action is required at this time. 4 members are currently on leave of absence.

'Full Length and Fabulous' is proceeding well; 1 table has been set aside for Rotarians and their partners – Friday 20 June.

Details of the annual competition for visually handicapped bowlers have been received via the District email system, and are with Stuart Cameron.

The Lovat Hotel has been booked for next year's Sportsmans Dinner on 27 February 2009. 2 speakers have also been booked.

It is proposed that the nominated recipients from this year's charity dinner should receive £6,000 allocated as follows:

- Cancer Care in Perth £3,000
- Nairobi Children's home £2,000
- Young Carers £1,000.

(This was to be proposed to the club at the next business meeting. However it has been held over to the June business meeting - Ed.)

President Rob extended the customary invitation to next year's Council to attend the final meeting of this year's team.

Directory

New Member

<See printed copy.>

Events

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

Please send news items and contributions to ByGeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 9 June.