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newsletter

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News of the Boxes

Shoe Boxes

Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) in Romania received 7465 Rotary Shoe Boxes last year. They went to several different groups of children:

Children in programmes opened by HHC in Maramures and Alba counties, such as Small Family Homes and Emergency Reception Centres. Some of the educational materials were used to make Christmas cards or offered to the children as school supplies.

Children from institutions who were reintegrated with their birth families. The boxes were used, alongside other forms of support, as a means of helping families overcome crisis situations, and also as presents.

Children in foster care, attending a show organised by the local child protection services.

Children attending Baia Mare Special School No. 1 and Baia Mare Elementary School No. 5, from disadvantaged families.

Children in vulnerable families in Baia Sprie City (near Baia Mare) following a request from the Mayor's Office.

Children in programmes run by YMCA Baia Mare, for the social inclusion of Roma children in the community.

Children in the institutions targeted for closure by HHC. These children received two Rotary shoeboxes, one when the boxes first arrived and the second given as Christmas presents.

HHC Romania also received six large Rotary Boxes, containing clothes, for children in institutions targeted for closure. These provided a first set of new clothes, when children moved into their new homes.

Boxes with hygiene materials and household items will be offered to children leaving institutions, to support their transition to independent living.

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For Your Diary

George Beaton	25 Jun	door	Fergus Harris	30 Jul	door
Stuart Cameron	2 Jul	door	Michael Jamieson	2 Jul	speaker
Alison Crook	9 Jul	door	Paul Kyle	25 Jun	bottle
David Cuthbert	16 Jul	door	Jim Moyes	2 Jul	bottle
Albert Donaldson	23 Jul	door	Jim Moyes	9 Jul	speaker
Louis Flood	30 Jul	door	Ian Mutch	9 Jul	bottle
John Fox	25 Jun	door	Ian Mutch	23 Jul	speaker
Enrico Frattaroli	2 Jul	door	George Pollock	16 Jul	bottle
John Fyfe	9 Jul	door	George Pollock	30 Jul	speaker
John Galbraith	16 Jul	door	David Ramsay	23 Jul	bottle
Graham Harding	23 July	door	Euna Scott	30 Jul	bottle

Aquabox

120 Aquabox 30's and 180 Standard Aquaboxes were delivered to Myanmar. These arrived in Yangon on 3 June, and were assigned to government personnel for distribution. A further 100 boxes are being flown to Myanmar and will be distributed by the aid agency Humanity First.

200 Standard Aquaboxes were flown to China. Further shipments are likely to go by sea. A container load of boxes is also being sent to a Palestinian Refugee Camp in the Lebanon.

ShelterBox

1,800 boxes have been shipped to Myanmar. The ShelterBox Response Team delivered them and confirmed their use; they were distributed under really extreme conditions. ShelterBox are standing by to assist further when the timing is right.

800 Boxes were delivered to China, and are now in use. An additional 2000+ tents have been shipped and work is ongoing to deliver these to the affected areas. The first ShelterBox Response Team was on the ground within 72 hours post earthquake, and is now back into the UK. A second team is now 'in country' and distributing boxes in the affected areas.

June Council Meeting

Ian Brown the past Chairman of Perth & Kinross Sports Council and a member of Perth Kinnoull wrote to ask whether the Club will once again support the Mini Olympics involving teams from Perth and 2 of its twin towns; to be held this year in Aschaffenburg on 4/8 August. Four years ago we donated £350. Council decided to give £400 towards the event.

Letters of thanks were received from Safe-Tay and Canine Partners for our small donations.

Balances on the Club's accounts at 31 May are as follows:

- 1) Club service account £2,225.19
- 2) Hospitality account £2,129.30
- 3) Charity account £18,000.07

On the club account, hosting income of £125 was received. Our £850 Foundation contribution was paid, and a warm letter of thanks was received.

On the hospitality account, £53.93 was paid out for CD gifts to the Aschaffenburg Club.

On the charity account, Full Length and Fabulous income to date is £2,410, and expenses £848.42 (including £500 deposit paid last year). Also, 2 months income from the Great Weather Lottery of £48.19. We paid out £500 for Aqua and shelter boxes and £50 each to Safe-Tay and Canine Partners.

A district simplified grant of £400 was received, in respect of Perth Street Pastors. Council noted that the Club's donation had been £250 and proposed that £150 should be added to match the District grant. Michael Archibald is pleased with the success of the DSG application and delighted with the club's further support for Street Pastors; a project which is proving very worthwhile.

All arrangements are in hand for the Young Carers' day out on 30 June. The day will be fully organised by PKVAS staff, and they will attend to health and safety issues. President Rob and possibly 2 Rotarians will join the young people for a barbecue lunch.

Ian Mutch recommended that RAF Leuchars be booked as soon as possible if the new committee intended to repeat this event.

Susan Scott has the RYLA project in hand, in liaison with the Perth Club.

The usual arrangements to support the young people visiting from Chernobyl are in hand: a lunchtime visit to the club on 18 June, jumpers ordered, fruit distribution, and a lunch on day one in Scone.

The final quantity of Book Aid books should be uplifted by BAI in the first week of June.

The average attendance to date is 74%. 5 members are below 50%. 5 members are currently on leave of absence.

Events

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| 18 Jun | 13:00 | Belarus Childrens Visit |
| 20 Jun | | Full Length and Fabulous Ball |
| 25 Jun | 18:30 | Club Assembly |
| 30 Jun | | Young Carers Day Out |

The Editor

Please send news items and contributions to ByGeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 14 July.