

By George

newsletter

July 2008

Assembly 2008

At our Assembly this year, President Neil thanked the club for the honour and after commenting on the revised committee structure asked members to give his team their full support. He said that his aim was for us all to enjoy Rotary because in his belief the more we enjoyed it the more we would be ready to put into it.

Service Projects

JVP Paul proposed that the club should continue:

- Christmas Goodwill Parcels Delivery – perhaps with more participation in preparing parcels.
- Carol Singing – we do get asked back to Ochil nursing home!
- Senior Citizens Ceilidh – perhaps with a November date to help to balance our programme.
- Mock Interviews – considered a valuable service by St Columba's.
- Young Carers – to support a day out at RAF Leuchars in Summer 2009.
- Primary School Quiz – a “must do” event.

- Shoeboxes, Aquaboxes, Shelter Boxes, Plan International and Chernobyl Children.

We will drop some of our previous projects:

- CATH Kitchen – Rotary involvement has been limited in recent times.
- RYLA – it has been difficult to encourage young people to take part.
- Book Aid – this had only limited success last year.
- International Evening – the value of this event has been questioned.

The committee is looking for some new projects and in particular at joining with the other Perth clubs to produce a Rotary involvement in the Perth 800th Anniversary in 2010.

Paul's committee will also look into some form of Charity Team Challenge as part of the committee's fund raising role and discuss this with Ways & Means

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For Your Diary

Catrina Cochrane-Mills	27 Aug	door
Albert Donaldson	23 Jul	door
Graham Fleming	6 Aug	door
Louis Flood	30 Jul	door
John Fox	13 Aug	door
Enrico Frattaroli	20 Aug	door
Graham Harding	23 July	door
Fergus Harris	30 Jul	door
Alex Hay	6 Aug	door
Richard Higgs	20 Aug	door
Tom Howie	27 Aug	door

Michael Jamieson	13 Aug	door
Ian Mutch	23 Jul	speaker
George Pollock	30 Jul	speaker
David Ramsay	23 Jul	bottle
David Ramsay	6 Aug	speaker
Euna Scott	30 Jul	bottle
Euna Scott	20 Aug	speaker
Susan Scott	6 Aug	bottle
Susan Scott	27 Aug	speaker
Bill Smith	13 Aug	bottle
Alexander Stewart	20 Aug	bottle
Heather Stewart	27 Aug	bottle

Club Administration

In Ian Marr's unavoidable absence Ian Mutch presented the committee's proposals. Continuing events will include:

- Links with Aschaffenburg (hosting in 2009).
- The Three Club Ceilidh on December 5.
- The Barbecue (to be on August 17 at Gask).
- Hosting evenings and other social events.

Responsibilities within the committee will be:

- Attendance and House - Brian Kitching.
- By George - Ian Mutch.
- Fellowship - Sally McCartney.
- Publicity - Ian Marr.
- Speakers - Richard Higgs.
- Sports - Gail MacKay.

Foundation

Michael Archibald will continue his successful term in charge of Foundation matters – he has achieved the notable triumph of two District Foundation grants and is already preparing an application for a third – this time for a YMCA project.

Membership

Stuart Cameron advised the Assembly that he proposed to concentrate on two aspects of Membership – retaining and encouraging the newer members in the club and attempting to recruit new members through individual recommendation from existing members. President Neil supported this approach and asked members to consider if they could introduce a prospective new Rotarian during the coming year.

Ways & Means

Mike Jamieson reported that arrangements were well in hand for next year's Sportsmen's Dinner, to be on February 27 at the Lovat Hotel.

ADG

Assistant District Governor Robin Rippin particularly asked that we should support the attempt of RI to fund, with the help of the matching grant from Bill Gates, the steps necessary to eliminate polio worldwide over the next three years. Neil was able to inform him that he would be seeking the club's support to provide the contribution from Perth St Johns out of the profits of next year's Sportsmen's Dinner.

July Council Meeting

Two committee convenors have appointed deputies: Ian Mutch for Club Administration and Graham Fleming for Service projects. To facilitate this, President Neil wishes to appoint Graham to the vacancy on Council; this was unanimously endorsed by Council.

Bill Montgomery of Perth Club is keen to see improvements to the Rotary Centenary Clock. George Beaton was asked to work with Bill, the Kinnoull Club, and PKC to find out the current position, and see what can be done.

Balances on the Club's accounts are as follows:

- 1) Club service account £2,199.02
- 2) Hospitality account £2,252.80
- 3) Charity account £25,191.56

Net proceeds of Full Length and Fabulous to date are £9188.90, and the estimated surplus is £12,000. From this, £10,000 will be paid to Young Carers and the balance to the club's Charity account.

We paid £550 to Street Pastors and £400 to Perth and Kinross Sports Council for the Mini Olympics.

Graham Fleming is working with PKAVS to set up a day out next year at RAF Leuchars for the Young Carers.

Glasses Collection

The Perth Kinnoull club are collecting spectacles. If you can help them, please hand-in unwanted pairs of glasses to Hine Opticians in George Street. (Nick Hine is a member of the Perth Kinnoull club.)

Events

30 Aug	Club general meeting
1-2 Aug	Perth Show
4 Aug 19:30	Council meeting
17 Aug	Barbecue, Findo Gask Hall
17 Sep	District Governor's Visit

The Editor

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