

By George

newsletter **AUGUST 2009**



join the club. I would encourage you all to think of one person who might be interested in joining the club and just open up a conversation with them about it. Just see where it goes!!

President Ian

President Ian's Blog...

Being in the new harness at PRIs hoist certainly did wonders for my waist line, albeit only briefly! This is the hoist that our Club bought for the PRI



Stroke Rehabilitation Unit. Maureen Young and I went up to PRI recently to see the hoist in situ. It was a very impressive piece of equipment which is clearly a huge asset to the staff in the unit and to all the patients over the coming years who will benefit from using it on their journey of recovery following a stroke. The staff were genuinely appreciative of the gift which allowed them to purchase this piece of equipment and listening to them talk about the difference it makes was really quite humbling. I was very struck by the tangible difference that our support

had made to this unit. We told them a bit about Rotary in general and what all our members do for the community.

As I was walking down the road afterwards I was reflecting on the fact that we do make a real contribution to our community and it occurred to me to wonder what else we could do. We could undoubtedly do more if we had more active members which made me think about encouraging new folk to

PERTH SHOW REPORT

The Perth Show this year was truly a memorable occasion for Rotary Club of Perth St. Johns. Over a gloriously sunny two days, more than 300 people enjoyed the fun of trying to find the blue-tipped nail in the haystack, as you can see from the photos!! Historically, this challenge organised by Stuart Cameron, has been enormously successful and this year its drawing power was evident yet again. With over 500 nails in place there were still over 50 winners, at times placing a bit of pressure on reserves!! However eventually £225 net was recorded to be donated to various Rotary charities. Additionally, Rotary St. Johns benefited from members

being able to discuss its charitable work with interested participants. Members also had great fun on the one hand keeping a tight hold of the lollipop jar while surrounded by eager children and at the same time making sure that some very observant children were not able to consistently note where exactly the blue-tipped nails were being replaced in the bale!!



The whole event was admirably supported by Rob, Neil, Mark, John Watson, George, Jim, Sally, Gail, Fergus, Susan and anchored by Stuart.

Jim Urquhart

Weekly Duty Rota: 26 August to 07 October - 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty 1:</u>	<u>Door Duty 2:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host & VOT:</u>
August 26	Alison Crook	Paul Kyle	Michael Archibald	Bill Smith
September 2	David Cuthbert	John Macintyre	George Beaton	Alexander Stewart
September 9	Albert Donaldson	Sally McCartney	Mike Buckley-Jones	Heather Stewart
September 16	tba	James Moyes	Robert Burke	BUSINESS MEETING
September 23	Louis Flood	Ian Mutch	Mark Cairns	Bruce Thomson
September 30	John Fox	Gail MacKay	Stuart Cameron	John Watson
October 7	Enrico Frattaroli	Susan Scott	tba	Neil Townend

Summary of the Meeting of Council held on 3rd August 2009

Matters arising :

BLESMA contribution – John Molisons attempt to row the Atlantic has to be abandoned but our contribution of £250 had gone to BLESMA direct via the Perth Club. Given that the three clubs had contributed to BLESMA it was felt that we should seek to publicise this. Ian Marr to contact the Perth Club for them to initiate publicity.

Chernobyl – it was felt that this project had drifted away from any real hands on involvement from the club and Mike Buckley-Jones and Michael Archibald are to conduct a review of the Clubs involvement with this project.

Attendance & House: John Watson will be looking after this

Presidents Items:

Council noted with regret the resignation from the club of Graham Fleming. Perth 800 – discussions are ongoing on this matter but it is hoped matters can be finalised soon as there is a need to form teams to organise and deliver the event.

Black Watch Honorary Membership – Maureen reported that Mike Riddle-Webster would be delighted to accept honorary membership on behalf of the serving ranks of the regiment. The regiment is due back by the end of October after which they have leave. Subject to the approval of the club we will give the honorary membership to Mike around mid November, date to be confirmed. As the club requires 14 days notice to discuss this at a Business Meeting the secretary will write to members accordingly for discussion at the September Business Meeting. In terms of the induction as an honorary member we will invite 6 soldiers from across the ranks to lunch and make up a framed parchment or similar to mark the occasion.

Aschaffenburg Youth Exchange – Ian Marr updated the council on discussions with Perth and Kinross Council who will be considering the matter in August/September.

Club events – following limited participation in the Perth Show stand there was a discussion around ensuring that the club only commits to projects we are confident that a broad cross section of the club membership will actively support. It was felt that it may be worth reviewing projects with a view to ceasing some and starting one or two new ones which may catch the interest of members afresh. This will be discussed at the September Council with a view to Council having a few ideas. We will then arrange an informal open club evening over pizza or similar for members to chat about old and new projects. This would be intended to bring a new enthusiasm to participation in projects.

Group Study Exchange: Information about the Rotary Group Study Exchange which will be placed on the noticeboard. There was a feeling that it would be worth considering although the timing is very tight in terms of enabling people to participate.

Lunch provision – Council discussed the possibility of changing the nature of lunch. It was decided to stay with the current structure.

Secretary's Report :

RI database. Club entries are now fully updated. Individual RI numbers are included on the membership cards.

Scottish Membership Seminar – this will be held in Stirling on 5th September 10.15 – 13.30. This is a gathering across District to encourage people to think creatively about introducing new members to the club. David Grant indicated that in the absence of anyone else being able to attend he would be willing to represent the club.

Treasurers Report :

Michael Archibald has almost completed the inspection of last year's accounts. Awaiting for the final bank statements.

Charity Account: Received: Estimated net income from Perth Show is £225. The haven't invoice for stand awaited. Paid: £332.60 for Chernobyl Children, £72.33 for Young Carers Day Out, £250 to BLESMA (John Millison), £1361.19 to Polio Plus. (Approx. \$2200). Balance £8,620.91.

Stephen Chorley (District Foundation Chair) advised that the Polio Plus target is being extended to \$1000/year for five years, to match funding from the Bill & Melissa Gates Foundation.

Club Account: : Received: Most of the subscriptions, but 7 are outstanding. Council agreed to pay RIBI and District dues on time tomorrow.

Paid: Membership cards, etc. - £8.00, Treasurer's expenses - £8.28, 1 hosting dinners and 1 payment is outstanding. Balance £6,391.72, including £1921 in the hospitality reserve.

Club Singboards. It was decided to replace the current signboard with Pop-up display units. Paul Kyle to coordinate this.

Service Committee:

No report

Club Administration:

The Barbeque will be on 30th August. Jim Moyes and Alison Crook are organising this and there will be activities for children to encourage people to attend as a family.

Sport – John Galbraith is administering the Gavel and Ian Mutch is dealing with Curling

Aschaffenburg – Paul is looking to appoint a club member to oversee our visit to Aschaffenburg in May 2010.

P.R. – Paul is looking for a volunteer to oversee this at present.

Christmas Ceilidh – it was felt that this should not be pursued this year.

Hosting – the intention is to get this started in the Autumn

Attendance and House – the attendance to date in the Rotary year was 68%

AOCB: Toasting Clubs each month:

The club will choose a different club globally each month to be toasted at the business meeting. This is following the example of a club in Australia which contacted us recently. Maureen is to organise this.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September at 6.00 pm.

The Club's Summer BBQ is on SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2009 from 2pm at Findo Gask Hall. All welcome including friends and family. Jim is the organizer of the children's games this year so bring the kids! Tickets only £10 per adult.

Contact Alison Crook or Jim Moyes for tickets.

Message from Roger.....

After a happy week in Perth we only spent a week in North Carolina because at this time of year it's hot and humid and has mosquitoes, then we hopped in to the motorhome and are now safely in Ontario with Stephen and Carla, Mareli's other son, who moved here last year as a winemaker. It's hot, has rain, is fairly humid and has a few mosquitoes, but the people are wonderful and it's great to be back. We're on line daily and return to NC in early October and to Cape Town, via Perth briefly, on 28th October. So now you know!

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary:

26 August	District Governor Visit to Club Lunch
30 August	Club BBQ at Findo Gask
07 September	Club Council Meeting @ 1800
16 September	Club Business Meeting
18-20 Sept	District Conference - Aviemore
05 October	Club Council Meeting @ 1800
14 October	Club Business Meeting

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