

CLUB BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT DOUGLAS WRITES...

Half way through the year and going well

I have to admit that so far I have enjoyed my time as your President. Of course that has been made possible by having such a fine bunch of enthusiastic members such as yourselves.

Since publication of our last bulletin we have had another very successful concert by the Newtongrange Silver Band and from the retiring collection we were able to present £250 to the Vine Trust

On Sunday 10th December a few of us with our wives visited West Fenton home to Riding for the Disabled. This was to mark the publication of the booklet, which outlines advice to helpers when dealing with the disabled on horseback. A cheque for £1000 to cover the cost of the publication was presented to Susan Law the organiser of RDA

The afternoon was a humbling experience for those of us who

attended especially when very disabled riders become so self-confident when sat on the back of a horse

We have also had the customary lights outing to Edinburgh and my thanks go to the doctors of Cockenzie Health Centre for allowing us to entertain our elderly guests after the outing to tea, sandwiches and cake

My thanks to you all for distributing Christmas gifts to the elderly and disabled in our area. These gifts are much appreciated

However there are still 6 months to go of the Rotary year and this will probably be the busier half

We have a concert in Port Seton Community Centre by The Alexander Brothers and our annual charity golf day on 8th June to name but 2 events

The various committees are all working towards supporting local

and international projects, most of which should come to fruition over the next few months.

The membership committee are also working hard towards the introduction of further new members and require your help in bringing along prospective new members

Well done everyone. There is a new wave of enthusiasm in the club. Keep it up so that we can let the public see the good work that Rotary is doing within the community

Your President,
Douglas

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership committee continues to visit our service committee meetings in order to engage with the entire membership on future possible recruits.

Having met with both the Comm/Voc and International Committees, we now have an active list of 13 possi-

ble members.

Who knows how many will be on the list after the membership trio visit both Youth Activities and the Foundation committees?

There will be a District organized Membership Seminar on Saturday 17th February at

49 Melville Street, Edinburgh led by Past RIBI President John Hockin who is well known for pulling no punches and inviting controversy—should be interesting!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *January 25th—Burns Night*
- *April 13th–15th 2007—RIBI Conference, Bournemouth*
- *June 17-20 2007—RI Convention, Salt Lake City, USA*

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After the disappointment of last year's cancelled event (and the cancellation of their Hogmanay performance in Princes Street Gardens) we welcome Tom and Jack to Port Seton Community Centre in April.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

On Sunday December 10th, a group of Rotarians led by President Douglas visited the West Fenton home of our local RDA as guests of the charity. It was our pleasure to be there for the launch of the information booklet funded by Longniddry and District Rotary Club and The Rotary Foundation.

As guests, we were treated to a display of all facilities available to disabled riders and got the chance to see for our-

selves, how much horse riding means to those with mobility restrictions.

There was a big turnout of riders, volunteers and general well wishers who perhaps now know a bit more about rotary and its work both at home and abroad.

The finale saw our young riders entertain the company with a rendition of "The

Twelve Days of Christmas" followed by a snowball fight!



District Quiz
The quarter-finals beckon for our victorious quiz team after disposing of Esk Valley on December 14th. Our team—featuring our two newest members—performed heroically to inspire a convincing victory.



SPEAKERS PROGRAMME—LOOK AHEAD TO MARCH/APRIL

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| Mar-01 Niall Darrant Rotary GSE excursion to District 9210 (Mawali, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique) | Mar-22 There is a talk on the <i>Moebius Research Trust</i> by Colin & Dianne Read | held by the International Committee |
| Mar-08 Frank Prior talking on <i>Making Inventions Work</i> | Mar-29 is a Fellowship Evening with the Foundation Committee | Apr-19 Business Night |
| Mar-15 Business Night | Apr-05 (tbc) | Apr-26 (tbc) |
| | Apr-12 is a proposed Theme Dinner (and Ladies Night) | The Youth Activities Committee Fellowship Evening is scheduled for 24 May. |

INDIAN WATER PROJECT

This project should be completed by the end of February. Our partner club in India are trying desperately to finish by February 23rd as this is rotary's "World Peace and Understanding' Day. Working on such service projects with international partners fully promotes the Rotary ideal of world peace and understanding.

The water bottles supplied by RYLA boys sponsored walk (valued at over£2,500 or

\$5,000 US will be embellished with the following label on every bottle. There is a warning in the local Gajarati language for the children to only fill their bottles with clean water as supplied by the Rotary clubs in East Lothian.

Our partner club wishes in ask the British High Commission to send representatives along to their official inauguration ceremony in order to represent us—though all Rotary Clubs in East Lothian are

also invited along to the ceremony.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We are committed to sending two candidates to both RYLA and Challenge Enterprise this year and are seeking applicants from Preston Lodge High School.

Keith Forrester confirmed that he had been in contact with Chris Bishop at Preston Lodge High School and that arrangements are being made to once again participate in

the 2007 Young Musician event. Past experience has produced something in the region of 16 candidates from the school and arrangements are in place to hold the Local School Competition, likely to take place on Friday 26 January 2007. From the local competition, two preferred candidates will be identified, a vocalist and an instrumentalist, who will then proceed

to the Zone Finals.

The committee are also working on the Primary Schools Photographic Competition and the newly-installed young Golfer Tournament.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2007

After several years of organizing the (now) annual Golf tournament, Past President Jack Cunnison has handed over the organizing duties to BOTH PP John Chambers and PP Laurence Air. Both John and Laurence are at this minute putting together a committee of experienced and interested members in order to continue this successful fund raising venture.

OUR RECENT FUND RAISING AND BENEFICIARIES

The 2006 Christmas concert raised an excellent £682 from the sell-out audience who also donated almost £250 in our charity collection which will again be directed to the Vine Trust.

We have also donated another Shelterbox (costing £490) for use throughout the world for whenever disaster strikes.

In the local community we again treated a group of elderly residents to the Christmas Lights tour and distributed gifts to the elderly in our community.

Many thanks to all who gave their time at the Holiday period.





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The Rotary Club of Longniddry and District was founded in May 1980 and is made up of 40 members representing various businesses and professions in the local community of Aberlady, Cockenzie & Port Seton, Longniddry and Prestonpans.



Rotarians are professional men and women dedicated to improving the community and environment both at home and abroad. Rotary is a non-political and non-religious organisation open to all.

The Four Way Test sums up our ethical standards. Of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to All concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and better friendships?
4. Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

Value- Rotary gives me something of real value in my life.

Good triumphs over evil.

Club: Bulawayo, District: 9210

Zimbabwe

Stability- that Rotary will always be there.

And the Family of Rotary-

Hope- for our country that is in such 'dire straits' as there are so many committed Rotarians serving our community trying to make life better for the needy, hungry and dying amongst us.

"Tiri Tose" (African Shona tribe saying) means 'We are one'

I am a Rotarian and belong to one big Rotary family

Maureen Bond

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