

# CLUB BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT DOUGLAS WRITES...

After attending the seminar for Presidents Elect in Birmingham and then the District Assembly at Heriot-Watt it became clear that changes in the club set-up were to be implemented and advised by the Rotary Hierarchy. This was to be called the new **Club Leadership Plan**.

The main changes are that three committees should take the place of Club Service – namely Club Administration, Public Relations and Membership. However these are only recommendations and Calum and myself have decided to keep the Club Service Committee but create two sub committees to look after Public Relations and Membership.

This arrangement is in keeping with District.

I propose to integrate the Community and Vocational Committees to line with District arrangements. Peter Wood will chair this committee.

However to compensate for the loss of Vocational I propose to set up a Youth Activities Committee concentrating obviously on promoting Rotary to the Youth of the community by forming a good relationship with all the schools in the area.

Tom Shearer has agreed to become convenor of this committee .

Business meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of

each month to coincide with Inner Wheel meetings and so prevent any clashes of functions, which have happened in the past .

Gentlemen these are some of my proposals for the coming year but to make them a success and raise the name of Longniddry & District Rotary Club back to its former glory can only be achieved with the **full cooperation and help of club members**.

I therefore hope that with your help I will be a successful president of this proud and well-known club .

Your President,  
Douglas

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- August 27<sup>th</sup>—District Council, Peebles
- October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>—District Conference, Aviemore
- June 17-20 2007—RI Convention, Salt Lake City, USA

**TAKE YOUR CLUB TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Implement the Club Leadership Plan

- + Develop a long-range plan
- + Simplify the committee structure
- + Involve all club members

Rotary International

## MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

It was disappointing that only 12 members completed the survey. Can we assume those who did not complete it are content or do not have views?

Based on the limited response any conclusions must be tentative but responses to a few questions are worthy of note:-

From questions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 members generally enjoy member-

ship and are satisfied with their participation in the club's activities. Spouses/families largely feel positive about membership.

Question 3 provided very mixed reactions to views on the club's involvement in a range of activities. The most decisive was the almost totally negative views on membership development - 5 wanted the gender issue addressed.

Question 6 indicated 10 are satisfied with membership costs while 2 are not.

The number of guests invited by members has been very disappointing yet 7 of the 12 respondents said there is no aspect of the club which discouraged them from inviting guests. Three however were discouraged by petty bickering and 'washing dirty linen in public'.

IPP David Bruce

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**In Memory of  
Past President  
Douglas Allan  
1915-2006**



STRANGER: "CATCH ANY FISH?"  
 FISHERMAN: "DID I! I TOOK 30 OUT OF THIS STREAM THIS MORNING!"  
 STRANGER: "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'M THE GAMEKEEPER."  
 FISHERMAN: "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'M THE BIGGEST LIAR IN THE COUNTRY."

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

£4,000 was raised at our Charity Open Golf Tournament played over Longniddry Golf Course on the afternoon of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

The Tournament, which was played in perfect weather took the form of a Stableford Competition played by 15 Teams of 3 players. The Result of the Competition was as follows :

1<sup>st</sup>  
 Singer & Friedlander Com-

mercial Finance with 88 Stableford points

2<sup>nd</sup> British Energy  
 Torness – 84 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Craigneen Maritime Ltd 81 points (BIH)

4<sup>th</sup> North British Distillery Ltd 81 points.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Tournament held by the Rotary Club in Association with Longniddry Golf Club which have now raised in excess of

£21,000 for Charity. These have included : The Children’s Hospice Association Scotland – The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Scotland – Projects in India and Africa to recover the sight of people blinded by Cataracts and blighted by disease due to the lack of healthy drinking water; and ongoing Local projects in support of Youth and the Elderly.

Jack Cunnison

## 2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

At the District Council on April 30<sup>th</sup> both President Douglas and President-elect Calum voted along with a significant majority of the district council to support the following proposals to the COL.

**Motion 1** “To request the Rotary International Board to allow clubs to use certain Rotary marks without payment of royalties/

*licence fees when the marks are used for fundraising projects where all profits from proceeds after expenses go to The Rotary Foundation”.*

**Motion 2** “To request the Rotary International Board to rescind RI Code of Policies 34.050.13 which states that RI does not license alcoholic beverages.”

### On Other matters

The Rotary Club of Bellshill sadly will no longer exist on July 1<sup>st</sup> as the club members who remain feel they cannot continue with so few members—TAKE NOTE!

Gretna FC owner Brookes Mileson has matched District 1020 club’s financial support of the Disabled Games.

## GALA DAY 2006

In January 2005, the club, along with many other Rotary clubs around the UK, held a street collection for the victims of the Tsunami.



What happened to the money we collected from kind people in Longniddry, Port Seton and Prestonpans?

At Longniddry Gala Day, we

proudly showed the local community what we did with their generous contributions.

Rotary’s Shelterbox costs



£550 and provides up to ten people with basic shelter in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster.

Was it money well spent?

The club raised £130 through donations and a putting competition at this year’s gala.

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The **District Quiz** takes on some changes this year with all clubs having to actively opt in to the competition. You can be assured that we will enter the quiz! The first rounds will be contested between local teams (as has been the case in the past) but there will also be fixed dates for all rounds of the quiz along with the final so the club speaker secretary can accommodate quiz nights with some certainty.

On the **sports** field, we shall be endeavouring to retain the Tri-am cup successfully won last year. Our head coach will once again be PP Robin.



There will be planned **social**

**events** for both club members and partners/guests including some exciting new ideas!



Please note that this year, business meetings will revert to the traditional 3rd Thursday in the month.



### Youth Activities

This year's camps take place during the last week of July for the girls and the first week in August for the boys.

Both Calum McCombs and Jill Bonthron attended the Trialler on June 6th at Tynecastle School.

Good luck to our candidates who will on doubt benefit from the week.

## CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, November 3rd is the date for our Charity Dinner which will be held at Craigielaw Golf Club.

Our guest speaker will be the well-known former footballer Duncan Mackenzie.

Tickets will once again be priced at £35 and a sell-out is a distinct possibility.



### Forthcoming Speakers

On 20th July, Leven Brown will tell us about "*Rowing the Atlantic*" while on August 10th, Jim Conlin will talk on "*From the hills to the sea.*"

On August 24th we welcome Mural artist Andrew Crummy while Angus Self will speak about *Meteorites* on the 31st.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S SIMPLE AIM IS WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

RI President Bill Boyd has initiated four taskforces this year. They are —

1. Water Management
2. Literacy
3. Hunger
4. Family of Rotary

However there is a clear connection between the need for clean water and literacy.

Where there is a fresh, clean supply of water, children do not have to go out and source drinking water for themselves and thus can attend school. Children who catch diseases from dirty water cannot attend school no matter how well we equip these schools with books, desks, computers etc. Water is life; it is fundamental to a child's educational well-being.

That is why we embarked on a \$20,000 joint project with other East Lothian Clubs in our Indian Water Project to provide clean water to approximately 25 schools in India.

The Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown are at this very minute filling in their part of the matching grant application.



Clean water for Indian schools project



## District 1020

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The Rotary Club of Longniddry and District was founded in May 1980 and is made up of 38 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?

[WWW.LONGNIDDRYROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.LONGNIDDRYROTARY.ORG)

## THIS MONTH'S MOAN -RIBI MARKETING STRATEGY

£2.45 of each members's subscription dues to RIBI have been used to finance a new RIBI marketing strategy to attract future (younger) members for the organization.

The RIBI logo (see image to the right) contains the phrase **'humanity in motion'** which shall be our new corporate motto.

The ordinary member may well be even more confused by the mixed messages we receive from our Rotary leaders.

"Service Above Self"; "Lead

the Way"; "humanity in motion" - all are current slogans for the Rotary Club.

Well all that is clear isn't it? Our new corporate identity branding has been installed



and we are supposed to adopt the new image.

That is, of course, until the NEXT re-branding which should occur in about 9 months time!

Money well spent?

What have you got to moan about? Please reply to

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with suitable submissions for next Bulletin.



Treasurer Bob Johnson was named as the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow at the recent handover dinner.

Congratulations Bob!