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# The Rotary Club of Longniddry & District Club Bulletin

MAY/JUNE 2007

PRESIDENT DOUGLAS WRITES...

Well here we are almost at the end of another Rotary year. It has been a quick year and an enjoyable one from my point of view. It took me 27 years to become president of the club and even then it was because I ran out of excuses for refusing. Now I wish that I had done it earlier.

However enough about me.

There is still a lot to do before I remit office and a final big push is required to finish the year in a blaze of glory.

We have the final leg of the tri-am and we need to triumph at the golf on 9th May to retain the huge beautiful trophy

On the 13th May we are involved in the finals of the District quiz at Peebles Hydro. This is a trophy we

have won twice before. A third time would be tremendous. A good support from club members and wives on the day would be much appreciated

Last year our club won the charity golf tournament organised by the Haddington Club. We hope to retain this award on Thursday 17th May

There is the Jim MacLean Trophy on Monday 28th May and a good turnout would be appreciated

To round off the golf on Friday 8th June there is our annual charity golf tournament when hopefully we will raise a lot of money for charity. This does however need the help of club members to make it a success

Our Youth Opportunities Committee has been busy

organising the photographic competition in the primary schools in our area and this will culminate during the month of June. The subject this year is on the environment.

During the month of June there are the gala days in Longniddry and Port Seton and we will be participating in both.

This year we have decided to award a Service Recognition Certificate to Irene Blair for outstanding services to badminton. She has graciously agreed to accept the award at a date still to be set

As you can see we have a busy end to the year but with the help of you all I am sure that all will be achieved successfully

Thank you all .

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 13th District Quiz—Peebles Hydro
- May 16th—visit to Portobello Rotary Club
- May 27th -District Assembly
- June 8th- Charity Golf tournament
- June 17-20 2007—RI Convention, Salt Lake City, USA
- September 7th—Longniddry Church Choir Concert
- November 30th—St Andrews Night Charity Dinner

President—

Douglas Farquhar

Secretary—

Kenny Thomson

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## DISTRICT QUIZ

The semi finals and final of the Quiz will take place on Sunday, May 13th at Peebles Hydro.

The semi-finals begin with the local derby match between 2 West Lothian clubs,

Bathgate and Linlithgow Grange at 2pm.

Longniddry and their opponents Dalbeattie will battle it out for the other spot in the final at around 2.30pm.

Coffee and Biscuits will be served to all the teams and supporters at the conclusion of the semi-finals.

The Final will begin at around 3.30pm.

## JUST JOKING!

A pregnant woman gets into a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly six months, she wakes up and sees that she is no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby.

The woman thinks to herself, "Oh no, not my brother -- he's an idiot!" Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise," the doctor says.

The new mother thinks, "Wow, that's not a bad name! Guess I was wrong about my brother. I like Denise!"

The doctor replies, "Ma'am, you had twins! A boy and a girl. The babies are fine. Your brother came in and named them."



Then she asks the doctor, "What's the boy's name?"

The doctor replies, "DeNephew."



## ALEXANDER BROTHERS CONCERT – 27TH APRIL 2007

An audience of over 250 packed into the Port Seton Centre to hear Tom and Jack perform their famous musical show on a sunny evening in April. The two hour set included songs from the past along with some new arrangements. The lads interacted beautifully with the audience who loved every minute of it

(even Rotarians were rumoured to have said it was 'not bad')- praise indeed!!

At the end of the evening, the club has raised about £1,500 for its charity account but had the welcome bonus of a grateful local community. ( which included a couple from Canberra, Australia!)

Thanks go to everyone who helped with the event—from donating prizes to selling tickets to helping out on the night:

In particular- PP Jack and his team that ran the bar; Bob and Moira Johnson for the raffle; Jim Strachan for the professional lighting; Charles Simpson for the Ice Cream.

David Paton (convenor)

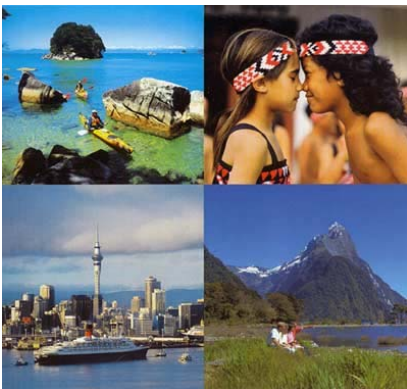


## CHALMERS CONCERT—24TH MARCH 2007



## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE—NEW ZEALAND 2007/08

The club's Rotary Foundation committee have been busy trying to attract potential candidates for the Group Study Exchange to District 9330, New Zealand next year.



Unfortunately some professionals in our local community

showed an interest but were just over the upper age limit of 40.

The club have a possible candidate in Ms Mellony Betram, a teacher at Longniddry Primary School, who is at this moment completing her application form.

David Paton (convenor)

### International Service 2006/07

\$26,000 for—Indian Water Project

\$27,000—Philippines Hunger Project

\$16,500—Indian Literacy Project

TOTAL—\$68,500 or £34,000 GBP that we and our partners have funded!

## ANGELES CITY STREET CHILDREN PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Feeding residents of the Bahay Bata Street Children Center and malnourished children from two of the poorest Barangay adjacent to the Center who attend the Center's Learning Center. Feeding these children daily nutritional meals is an on-going concern of the Rotary Club of Clark Centennial. From its own funds and from donations abroad, the club is able to sustain 6 months to one school year of daily supplemental feeding to the Center resi-

dents and the children from outside. However, the volume of undernourished children and associated cost increase every year as the school accepts new students and the Center accepts new residents. The clamor for supplemental feeding besets every Rotary Club in the district, year after year. The Rotary Club of Clark Centennial will undertake the daily feeding of about 65 resident and non-resident children, for one school year or 10 months. The RC Clark Centen-

nial members, Center faculty and teachers will be involved and will take part in the program, not only for the feeding but for education purposes.

The project partner, Longniddry and District Rotary Club, will be invited to visit the project and participate in the feeding whenever they can. Host and international partners communicate directly by means of email. Progress reports and pictures will be shared regularly with the international partners.



...just Some of the street children our project will help

## CHARITY DINNER—30TH NOVEMBER

Our annual Charity Dinner is booked for St Andrews Night at Craigielaw Golf Club.

This year we shall have two principal speakers and like other years, they are ultimate professionals at after-dinner speaking.

**John McKelvie** spent most of his working life in Govan, a quaint little fishing village

on the banks of the Clyde, he informs me. An ex-police superintendent and amateur football referee, John is familiar with having his parentage called into question on a regular basis. His huge array of interesting and witty anecdotes is well worth hearing.

**Eric Davidson**, from Pathhead, is an award winning after dinner speaker who,

like John, tells some wonderful stories.

Eric is the 2006 winner of the WAGS Dinner and 2005 Wits Dinner. Some members may remember Eric from his performance at the Musselburgh Rotary Club Sportsman's Dinner 2 or 3 years back.

We are in for a treat this St. Andrews Day!



Eric Davidson



Johh McKelvie



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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—MARY GARRISON

Little do we know when we are leaving a lasting impression on a young person! Years later that same child, turned busy adult, parent, career person, and volunteer, was asked to join Rotary. Without hesitation the answer was "Yes"! Who was that original Rotarian who made such an impression? It was my dear friend's father, Joe (Mr. G to me then). Rotary was, oh, so important to him! Even as an elementary student where my world seemed to revolve around recess, piano practice, spelling sit-downs, and riding my bicycle within the allowed perimeters of our neighborhood, I was unknowingly impressed. When Joe couldn't pick us up at noon from school and take my friend and I home for lunch, it was

because "this is Rotary Day".

I soon learned Rotary must be something very important in his life. Joe was a busy business owner but everything seemed to step aside that special hour each week. He was a man of great character. Move ahead 40 years: I was proud and honored to be asked to be among the first wave of women Rotarians. What an impact this wonderful organization has had on my life! Service Above Self! Service acts that I cannot do alone can be accomplished because I am a part of this powerful, caring, successful, and highly respected organization. I can hold my head high and say...

*"I helped to" ...*

*eliminate Polio, educate thousands of*

*students, build numerous houses, schools, medical clinics, I am helping promote peace and global understanding. I am doing all of this because I am a Rotarian!*

Rotary cares for others. Rotary is a leader in our community and worldwide. Rotary allowed me to develop new leadership skills and responsibilities. Rotary broadened my circle of friends. Rotary doesn't just talk about doing good work...Rotary does the work! Rotary Shares! Rotary Leads The Way! I am proud of this organization and my membership.

This is why I am a Rotarian!

Charity Golf tournament

June 8th 2007

The committee are desperately looking for hole sponsors for this event. If you can't sponsor a hole yourself, please ask someone who can within the local business community or through work contacts.

There are still team places to be confirmed but the target of 18 teams remains within reach.

