

CLUB BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT DOUGLAS WRITES...

Our year continues to improve, attendance at meetings on a Thursday night is increasing and I have the feeling that enthusiasm is on the up and up.

Since my last report we have 2 new most welcome members in John McPhee and Iain Stewart. So we are well on our way to my aim of 6 new members before the end of the rotary year

During the past 2 months we again have had excellent speakers including a visit by the District Governor, Bob Christie and our first fellowship evening of the year was a big success with 'What's my line' by the Club Service Committee

7 members and wives at-

tended the District Conference in Aviemore during the last weekend in October where we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. My thanks to all those who supported me in Aviemore. Gentlemen it would be nice to see more of you attending the Conference in future- they are good fun and the fellowship is superb

On 5th October our meeting was held in The Gothenburg in Prestonpans because of a large function being held at Craigiellaw. We were made most welcome at the Goth and I am sure that everyone of the large number who attended will be quite happy to return there some other time.

Last Friday we had a most successful Charity Dinner although the amount raised has still to be finalised. My thanks to the Committee for making all the arrangements and obtaining the services of Duncan McKenzie as our speaker

This will be the last news bulletin of 2006 and although there are still 7 weeks to go Janet and myself wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. I look forward with all your help to 2007 with renewed energy

Your President,
Douglas

MEMBERSHIP

On October 26th, we welcomed new members Ian Stewart and John McPhee into our club. Both new members were immediately assigned to various committees by President Douglas.

John shall join Peter Wood's community service team while Ian shall become a

member of Tom Shearer's Youth Activities Committee.

Both members have strong links to the local community having served on their local community councils.

This brings are club back into the 40's—as we have been for many, many years.

It's no consolation to see other clubs in our district suffer as during 2005/06 over 60 members were lost in District 1020.

At least one club has begun to reverse this trend. Please talk to your membership committee when they come to talk to you soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- December 5th (tbc) Christmas Lights outing
- December 13th-Christmas Concert
- December 21st—Christmas Party
- 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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Macdonald and Beki –two of the incoming GSE team from D-9210 having a ball at Aviemore.

NIAL DARRANT WRITES ON HIS GSE VISION

I have only worked in the industry for just under two years now, and I am currently working towards achieving my chartered engineer status with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. In doing so I have worked in a variety of offices and departments within my company, Scottish Water Solutions, to help gain significant experience and knowledge during my initial training years.

As a young engineer in the water industry, this is a chance in a lifetime experience to help make a difference in some of the poorest developing countries in the world. First and foremost, it is an opportunity to help supply communities with clean and wholesome water. However this is also a chance for me to share the skills and experience which I have gained, to help benefit and improve the

knowledge of others less fortunate.

Since I am in the early stages of my career, I believe that an opportunity like this could provide a number of significant benefits to my initial professional development. Having the opportunity to work on a 'hands on' project, in a country completely unknown to me, and with a possible language barrier, would allow me to further develop my communication skills, to a degree impossible to achieve through normal work activities. However I also feel that this would be an opportunity to increase my people management skills and team building expertise. Having participated in a number of people skills based training courses I feel that this would be an excellent platform to put these skills to the test! However I do strongly feel that for an exchange

opportunity like this, it is important that a balance is struck, whereby the benefits of the exchange are experienced on both sides.

The water industry offers a wide range of opportunities to a young engineer, and after achieving professional registration there are further opportunities to continue my development. I am therefore very much committed to advancing my career in the water industry.

Furthermore, I would also hope that my company would provide further support for similar programmes/projects in the future, to help improve water supplies and sanitation for communities in the developing countries. As a result I would hope to take on an active role to ensure that this is achieved.

GSE SUCCESS

As you have read above, 25 year old Niall is really motivated towards this special GSE excursion to District 9210 next May.

It was funny hearing Niall introduced to the district conference as the guy from Dumfries sponsored by Longniddry Rotary Club. A few surprises for the delegates there.

It was ESSENTIAL that we (as a district) found a water engineer for this humanitarian adventure as clubs all over district 1020 are actively seeking to work on water projects in that part of the world.

We can all feel proud that we did what others couldn't—deliver a young, dedicated and talented candidate for interview.

The interviewing panel were well impressed with Niall who joins with a local doctor, nurse and paramedic who leave for Africa in May 2007—best of luck to them all.

Is this the most impressive GSE team district 1020 have ever assembled?

District Quiz

Round 3 of the District Quiz sees Longniddry up against R/C of Esk Valley.

The tie should be played before December 18th.

UPDATE—INDIAN WATER PROJECT

After the matching grant was approved in October, all cheques from our partner clubs have been processed by RIBI and funds should be transferred from Evanston to the project account by mid-November.

Our partner club in India expect to finish this project by mid-February and will invite

all clubs in East Lothian to attend the official ceremony in India!

There shall be an abundance of photographs for every member to enjoy.



Musselburgh Rotary Club President-elect Matt Jones (pictured above) heads the international club project committee

CONFERENCE 2006

Beautiful Aviemore—the weather held out for an excellent conference on October 27-29.

DG Bob and his Dalkeith Club pulled out all the stops to produce a wonderful weekend blessed with lovely Autumn weather.

President Douglas led a decent group from Longniddry and entertained us all in his Presidential room on the Saturday evening as tradition

demands.

It was a bit worrying to hear on the Sunday morning that a Longniddry Past President's medal had been found on the floor from the night before—who could that have been?

Anyway the food was good and District 1020 were blessed to have Rotary's greatest living Past President in Cliff Dochterman who managed to move delegates to tears with humour and emo-

tive, inspiring stories.



CHARITY DINNER 2006

The charity dinner on Friday November 3rd has raised in excess of £2,500 for our various good causes.

Over 100 members and guests (and ladies!!) crammed into the upstairs hall for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Our guest speaker, Duncan McKenzie—an experienced performer at Rotary events—didn't disappoint. His stories, his ability to deliver a response to

the audience was a delight—with no expletives!

Our Chairman Bob 'Turtle' Dickson, again held things together well—a great friend to our club.

President Douglas gave a professional and slick welcome and VOT—everything that was required.

The auction bagged more than £1,000 and was led by our dili-

gent PP Alan Marchbank who prepared meticulously for this part of the night.

Another big thank you to all members and others who donated prizes for our auction. Most prizes were sourced by PP Laurence who also handled our wine sales for the evening.

The organizing committee want to thank those members who gave something to the event even though they could not be there

Let me mention two examples.

New member John McPhee, for example, gave us a wonderful bottle of Whisky —days after joining our club and Jim Bowsher donated his meal money for the Thursday night to the event.

It was great to fill a room in Craigielaw (for once). We believe the golf club appreciate this and we also believe they were delighted with the success of the

evening. Many guests and members complimented John Cleary and his staff on the meal.

Thanks also to Rod Russell for printing the programmes . It is the organizing committee who is to blame for not spotting the error on the front—we don't think anyone actually turned up at Port Seton Community Centre.

We hope everyone who came

along enjoyed themselves, we hope those who didn't regret not coming along.

Such evenings are full of fellowship, laughs and fun and are unforgettable nights in anyone's Rotary career.

Now we start thinking about 2007.

Special AGM 2006

This meeting will elect some lucky person as President nominee to become our President in 2009/10.

The SAGM also elects Secretary and Treasurer for 2007/08.

Congratulations to all who will be elected.



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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

...I am a Rotarian because I love people. By the Grace of my Maker, I have received so much from society that I feel constantly obligated to give something back to it in return.

Through Rotary, I have discovered the avenue to discharge this obligation on a continuous and satisfying way. I have discovered a goal, which is worth more than life itself. That goal is to contribute significantly to the creation of something good and permanently useful to people; that something should be a beacon of inspi-

ration for those travelers who will come after me on my life's travel-road.

Life for me, therefore, has become only an instrument for attaining that goal. I am a Rotarian because I enjoy Rotary and through Rotary I am using my life to work towards the attainment of a worthy goal...

Ben U.C. Aghazu

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