

CLUB BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT DOUGLAS WRITES...

Well here we are 2 months into the Rotary year. Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself?

I think we have had a good start to the year with some very good speakers to whet the appetite. I know it is not an easy task producing speakers week in, week out but in John Chambers now into his 3rd year we have an excellent speakers secretary. However John does need help and I would appeal to you all to think of possible prospective speaker and give their names to John

In the 2 months I have detected an increase in enthusiasm amongst our members (something which has been lacking recently) and the various committees seem to be working well even at this early stage in the year. At long last things are moving towards an introduction of possible new members and hopefully before very much longer we will be inducting someone in to the body of our club

Our fund raising potential for the year appears to be on track with our dinner at Craigiellaw in November and the golf at Long-

niddy in June. Our concert with The Alexander Brothers is now back on stream and this will take place sometime in April

All in all things are moving well and I thank you all for your effort and support

Keep it up gentlemen I have only 10 more months to go

Your President,
Douglas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *October 27th-29th—District Conference, Aviemore*
- *December 5th (tbc) Christmas Lights outing*
- *December 13th-Christmas Concert*
- *January 25th—Burns Night*
- *April 13th—15th 2007—RIBI Conference, Bournemouth*
- *June 17-20 2007—RI Convention, Salt Lake City, USA*

MEMBERSHIP

On August 3rd, no less than four potential Rotary club members were invited along by some of our current membership.

What a great start to our 2006/07 membership campaign.

The club's membership sub-

committee have a list of around a dozen names of other potential candidates.

Please make any of these guests welcome if/when they visit our club.

We owe it to both ourselves and past members but mainly to the community we serve

to ensure that this club remains a vibrant and relevant community organization well into the 21st century.

Names of potential members to the membership sub-committee of IPP David, PP Andrew and PP Ronnie.

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REPORT ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING—27TH AUGUST

Over 10% of club members made the delightful journey down to Peebles Hydro for the district Council meeting on August 27th.

Over 100 Rotarians from over 50 clubs also joined us for a brief but informative meeting.

DG Bob expressed his desire to see more clubs involve themselves in Youth Activities and he specially mentioned

the District 1020 Young golfer Competition.

Items to report include the news that—after the Council's approval -DGN Alasdair will host his 2008 District Conference in Inverness. Our President for 2008/09, Peter Wood will hastily be planning his reception in the capital of the North.

District Quiz

Well done to our quiz team who defeated Dunbar in the first round of the quiz.

Trailing through every round and seeing the Dunbar lads gain 100% from the Rotary round didn't deter our boys who left it to the last question to win by 22 points to 21.

Remember—the quiz is a not a sprint and Longniddry Rotarians never give in or give up.

DOUGLAS ALLAN—OBITUARY

Extract from the District's 'Around 1020' magazine.

Douglas joined the new club at a relatively late stage in life but gave over a quarter century of service to Rotary. He was the club's third President and also served for many years as club secretary. But in his role as weekly club correspondent and public relations officer,

Douglas gave us over two decades of dedicated and selfless service. There was hardly ever a week when Douglas' report on the latest weekly meeting did not appear. Everyone in the local community including Rotarians in other East Lothian clubs knew exactly what the Longniddry club was up to.

Douglas was our club's first Paul Harris Fellow – named on September 23rd 1993 for services to both Rotary and the community.

Douglas served as local councillor on East Lothian District Council, representing Prestonpans, for many years. He was also a Justice of the Peace.

INTRODUCING..CLEM ENT WHISKEY SAMSON MALIRO

Ambassadorial scholar Clement arrived for a brief visit to District 1020 on Saturday, 26th August.

Clement is a 47 year old head teacher—and perhaps some may think Clement is not an appropriate scholar—not so!

Clement is funded by district 1550 in the Netherlands who wished to sponsor someone who could learn skills in teaching special needs. You see, Clem is

sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blantyre—one of only 4 clubs in **Malawi**.



Clem is a head teacher of the Education Centre for the deaf and was visiting Scot-

land to ask for help in some possible projects in Malawi, gain vocational experience with Edinburgh Deaf Action and to visit the birth place of David Livingstone—Blantyre!

What a remarkable person Clement is. His year at Birmingham University will be of benefit to his pupils present and future. Thanks to the Rotary Foundation.

DUBLIN 2007—MARCH 2007

With 14 names affirming their interest in this proposed visit and with 9 others who have not seen the sheet, we can begin planning this possible visit.

Brewery while others may like the idea of visiting The Curragh racecourse.



The biggest attraction to some may be the Guinness



Or perhaps the Dublin Writers museum?



Whatever your reason for wanting to visit Dublin, we will cater for everyone with nothing being compulsory—except having a good time!

“As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been... We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will solve it. We are the ones who ask, 'Why not us?' ... And we are the ones who must 'Lead the Way'.”

RI President

-Bill Boyd

RYLA 2006

The activities are intense and varied from Rock climbing, kayaking and canoeing to gorge and hillwalking .

has on our young people.

Perhaps you’ve heard it all before as the club has sent RYLA candidates for many years now.

We all could see the difference in the boys after the RYLA week—more confident and willing to work within the team.

Let me give you a counselor’s perspective for it is here that we really do see the life-changing impact that RYLA

On the final day, after the Milk Tray exercise, the boys were rewarded with drinks and cake at a local café in Killin. As there were so many boys and so few seats avail-

able , some of the lads sat next to some ladies enjoying their tea.

The ladies complimented the boys afterwards—they could not believe the politeness and good manners of these youngsters. What an impression they had made—that’s what RYLA is all about.

Calum Thomson, RYLA counselor 2006



THE LAST NIGHT CAMPFIRE AT RYLA CAMP 2006



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Defining the problem of Street Children in Angeles City, The Philippines.

As in most Asian Cities, and some Western cities, the problem of street children is a continual battle. Angeles City, located in the farming heartland of Central Luzon, right next to the former USA Clark Air Base, is not immune to the problem.

has more than 1500 children registered in the city as street children. In reality, the number is much higher.

A street child is defined as a child who has no meaning in their life, lives in poverty, is often the subject of family abuse or may have no family and is most often forced to work in the streets as child labor or beggars to support their meager existence.

onto the street by parents eager to generate extra income and it is not unknown for a young child to bring home more than 9,000.00 pesos per month where the basic salary is around 5,000 pesos per month. This generates an enormous pressure to keep the children out of school and on the streets as significant revenue generators for syndicates or families.

More info at www.angelesstreetkids.org

The DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development)

In many cases, the child is forced



RYLA boys learn more about our 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.

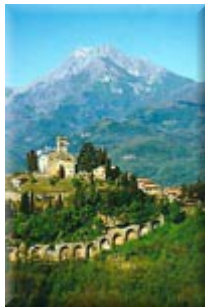
The Four Way Test sums up our ethical standards. Of the things we think, say or do.

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

OTHER NEWS FROM THE AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

Barga



Following a suggestion from the floor, the members agreed to the Treasurer establishing a reserve fund into which surplus monies would be assigned to assist alleviate any additional or extraordinary expenditure that might arise should the proposals for

a twinning arrangement come to fruition.

GSE

Members agreed to the Club playing host for one day to the incoming GSE Team who will be visiting in October, 2006. If this is acceptable to District a programme will be devised, but it is hoped to include a visit to Preston Lodge High School and a presentation by the Team to senior pupils.

Burns Night 2007

Suggested by International

and endorsed by PP Alan Marchbank. Members were prepared to lend their support to the event in terms of their active participation and agreed wholeheartedly with the proposal, which will take place on Thursday 25th January, 2007.

Ambassadorial Scholars

The Longniddry club's incoming scholar for 2006/07 is Samuel Wu from California who will be studying for a Masters in International Politics at Edinburgh University. His counsellor is President-elect Calum.

