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Monthly Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

30 September - 2 October 2011

2011 Conference - District 1230

Venue - Pitlochry - at the Atholl Palace Hotel - which will provide both the Conference venue and accommodation for those who wish to stay there. Accommodation in surrounding hotels will also be available. Further details from the District website.

24 October - World Polio Day

5 November - Rotary UN Day

18 November - BBC Children in Need Day with Rotary Participation

October is Rotary Vocational Service month. This is an opportunity to start year-long vocational service activities and to assess the vocational needs of the local community.



Visit by District Governor

The recent visit to Eastwood Rotary planned by the District Governor Roberta Gaitan had to be postponed as Roberta and her car unfortunately sustained some injury when she was "pranged" from behind leaving a Rotary meeting at Troon two evenings earlier. It appears she is now on the mend and we send her the good wishes of the Club for a full recovery and the hope that she will manage to visit in the near future!

Something to Get Your Teeth Into !



On Thursday 11 August, Dr Chris Stafford (David and Shelia Stafford's son) visited the Club.

Chris gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the history of dentistry from early medieval years up to the present.

Included in his talk were the original rough methods of teeth extraction up to and including the use of modern technology.

Using detailed photographs in his presentation, he showed a range of devices to help straighten teeth and also how false teeth may be held firmly in the mouth. Bridges, tooth inserts, teeth whitening were all discussed and as a result led to many questions being raised at the end of his presentation.

Barrhead Rotary Ladies Lunch

A table of Eastwood Rotarians and friends enjoyed the recent fellowship at the Barrhead Rotary Ladies lunch on Sunday 11 September at the Glynhill Hotel when the guest speaker was the Queen's Sculptor in Scotland Alexander (Sandy) Stoddart whose address on the significance of national monuments was both humorous and informative.



Musical entertainment was supplied by the Neilston Pipe Band

RYLA Report

On Thursday 18th August, the two RYLA participants attended the Club and gave short presentations regarding their recent RYLA experiences.

Chris Lyon said it was a rare experience from which he had gained much confidence and other skills - importance of communication and team work, respect for others, learning to be non-judgmental and to listen to what others had to say, learning to weigh up situations and also making friends. He was physically fitter after his experience through all the physical activities he undertook - canoing, Munro climbing, overnight outside camping, blindfold assault courses etc.



Chris and Skye receive their certificates from Ian Carroll, PP of Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club and currently District Councillor for RYLA

Skye Woolcoot also reported on her stay in the girls' camp - where she spent the "best week of her life so far" with 28 other girls, gorge walking, mountain climbing, map reading, busking in Killin and raising as a team £170 for the Killin Mountain Rescue Team. She too stressed how much she had learned about the value of communication, leadership, listening to others, working as a team and she too made new friends. Skye also showed a short video of her week at RYLA. Well done to both!

RYLA Report cont'd

Richard Phelan, member of staff at Woodfarm High also attended the meeting and gave a vote of thanks to Rotary for offering these two young people such a life-changing opportunity.

The Club were pleased to also welcome some Rotary visitors that evening - Jimmy Burwood, from Garnock Valley Rotary and Ian Carroll, PP of Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club and currently District Councillor for RYLA who presented certificates and group photos to Chris and Skye. Rob Wilkinson also presented an Eastwood Rotary certificate of participation to the two young people. Lorraine Nelson of East Renfrewshire Carers also visited that evening. Rob Wilkinson presented Jimmy and Ian with Eastwood Rotary Club pennants.

New Generation Opportunities

President Rob has received a list of all dates for this year's youth activities program. (now referred to as New Generation Programme)

District 1230 Gathering Bikes 4 Africa

The Club will participate in this worthy cause gathering pre-loved bikes suitable for teenagers/adults (20" - 26") to be distributed to the Gambia in Africa.

Every bike delivered not only gets a child to school, but affects the lives of as many as nine others including school peers and family members. The challenge to collect as many bikes as possible will run during October and November 2011.

For further details see - www.jolerider.org

Club welcomes Brazilian Rotarians

Dr Roberto Junqueira and his wife Roseasa visited the Club on Thursday 1 September. Dr Junqueira was in Glasgow from Brazil attending a medical conference and chose Eastwood Rotary as his club of choice to enjoy Scottish Rotary fellowship. Dr Junqueira, a urologist from Joinville, Santa Catarina in the southern part of Brazil, brought warm greetings from their club and banners were exchanged.



East Renfrewshire Rotaract Club

Maureen will visit Barrhead Rotary Club at the Dalmeny Park Hotel on Tuesday 20th September to discuss the setting up of the joint sponsorship of a local Rotaract Club.

For further details, contact Maureen on 07505 117426
email: errotaract@gmail.com



Some Rotaract publicity material (courtesy of Glasgow Rotaract Club)

Mearns Community Week

Once again the Club had a stand at this annual event held at The Avenue at the launch of the week's activities on Saturday 10 September. A selection of photos of recent Club events were displayed, along with some publicity material to promote the proposed new Rotaract Club.

A follow-up "meet the members"

evening was held on Wednesday 15th September at the Primavera Cafe at The Avenue as part of the normal weekly Club meeting.

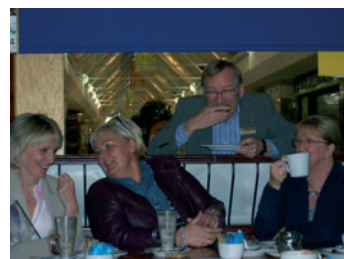


The Rotaract stand at MCW

Dr Ali Follad, a PP and ADG from the Rotary Club of Adliya in the Gulf State of Bahrain and Camile Nehme, a Lebanese currently living and working in Scotland were both welcomed to the meeting at PrimaVera.



President Rob with Ali and Camile



Jolly banter was enjoyed by all!



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