

By George

newsletter

February 2013 Issue

From the Office of The Vice President

I am delighted to announce that I have found a member who is prepared to take on the role of Vice President during my year and then take on the Presidency in 2014/2015. A formal notification will be sent out over the next few weeks by Secretary David.

Plans are under way to sit down and start to put the diary of events together for my year. We already have a number of events that are penciled in like the visit from the Rotarians from our twin City in Germany, Aschaffenburg, in October 2013 and a number of exciting speakers for the first few weeks of the year.

As you know I am planning an evening meeting handover with a guest speaker to kick start my year on the 26th of June. I will be speaking to members over the next few weeks to get any ideas of what they may wish to include in the year and any roles that they may wish to take on.

I would also like to try and get a few new members during the year to join the club so if you have anyone in mind please bring them along to a lunchtime or evening meeting or one of our social gathering to introduce them. I will be happy to follow up any enquires and try to encourage them to join. We must remember that the membership of the club is the life blood of the group and you all know the benefits that new members bring to the club.

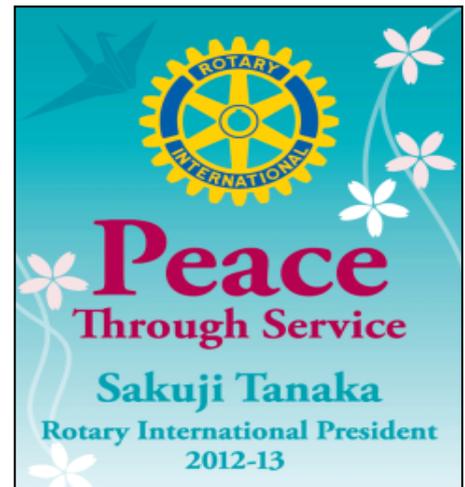
Vice President, Alexander

A dram, a sang and a richt guid blether....

.....all combined for an evening in praise of Rabbie Burns.



It was lovely to welcome back former member David Cuthbert and his wife Morag - David taking charge of proceedings and guiding us through the evening with style and humour.



And our own members and spouses proved to be a talented line-up with songs and tunes from Alexander, Fraser and Ian; a dirk-waving address to the haggis and a wee moose's tale from Stuart; a very knowledgeable Immortal Memory from Bruce; a tittyfilarious Toast to the Lasses from Alan and a suitably "hysterical" response from Pam.

Great fun as always - who needs to pay professionals! Thanks to all who performed and supported our annual parade of talent. Rabbie would be proud of you all!

Fellowship Convenor Maureen

FROM RIBI - about Shelter Box

UK teams had a busy Christmas as many Cornish towns flooded, including ShelterBox's home town of Helston. Worldwide we are currently helping families displaced by, among other crises, civil war in Syria, typhoon in the Philippines, a cyclone in Fiji, bush fires in Australia and flooding in Nigeria.

Disaster relief charity, ShelterBox, is Rotary International's first and only official Project Partner. Each distinctive green ShelterBox is tailored to a particular disaster, but typically contains a tent for an extended family, blankets, water storage and filtration equipment, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other vital items.

Rotary clubs worldwide raise £millions each year to support the charity's work, and many of members join ShelterBox Response Teams who go out to disaster areas to assess need and provide hands-on assistance.

The Rotary connection also provides unique local knowledge and problem-solving, and is one of ShelterBox's greatest operational assets. Often the first point of contact in a disaster zone, local Rotary members can provide the response teams with logistical support, translators, even a bed to sleep in. Full details of our current deployments, and how to volunteer, donate or sponsor are on the [ShelterBox website](#).

THE ABOVE ARTICLE IS COURTESY OF THE RIBI FEBRUARY 2013 EMAIL NEWSLETTER.

Weekly Duty Rota from March 06 to March 27 2013 - All 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated

Members are asked to arrange a sub when they are unable to do their Weekly Duty. This includes members on Leave of Absence.

ALSO IF YOU ARE ON BOTTLE DRAW DUTY YOU MUST ALSO FIND A SUB - OR PROVIDE THE BOTTLE!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty 1:</u>	<u>Door Duty 2:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host & VOT:</u>
March 06	Michael Jamieson	John MacIntyre	Bill Smith	BUSINESS MEETING
March 13 (eve mtg)	Helen MacKinnon	Anne Jones	Alexander Stewart	James Alexander
March 20	Brian Kitching	Jim Moyes	Heather Stewart	Michael Archibald
March 27	Alan Livingstone	Ian Mutch	Bruce Thomson	Rob Burke

Summary of the Meeting of Council Held on Monday 4th February 2013

President's Items (In The Chair - Rob Burke):

President Louis has received an email from Helen Macdonald, President of the RC of Perth Kinnoull suggesting a further 3 Clubs' Presidents and Convenor's meeting. This was welcomed but Council recommended the focus should be on conveners meeting in separate groups with a plenary session summarising conclusions at the end. This was referred back to President Louis.

Given the President's business commitments and our Council it was not possible to send a delegate to the Area meeting held this evening in Alloa.

Secretary's Items (David Grant):

The next District Council meeting will be in Pitlochry on Monday 4 March; Rob Burke will represent the Club.

PKC social worker has made an appeal on behalf of profoundly deaf youngster to help fund specialised hearing aids; provisionally agreed to make a top-up payment – Heather Stewart to look into further.

RC of Pitlochry 60th Charter dinner to be held on Friday 7 June; this clashes with one of our events – no further action.

Appeal for financial assistance from Eleanor Figures, a Perth High School student, to enable her to take up a place with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland; agreed a contribution of £150, but here again Alexander Stewart and Anne Jones will look into further before an offer made.

RC of Thurso 50th Charter dinner and fellowship weekend to be held 10/12 May.

Treasurer's Report (Rob Burke):

Charity account; one auction item from Ladies' Lunch is outstanding, otherwise this event's finances have been finalised. A further collection has been made from the 'Money Spinner' - £58.60. The balance on the account is £10,565.89

Club account; £96 received from Christmas party. 2 payments made – website hosting £40.78 and RIBI subscription (part 2) £726.19. The balance on the account is £5,243.91 which includes £1,964.95 on the hospitality reserve.

Community Service (James Alexander):

The Music event (formerly known as the Old Folks' Ceilidh) to be held on either Tuesday 16 April or Thursday 18 April; possibly in St John's Episcopal Church (subject to a review visit) on a similar but enhanced format from 2012.

It was agreed to book a stall at the Perth Show on 2nd & 3rd August.

The 'Big Picnic' –Tentsmuir on either 7 or 14 September

New Generation Service (Gail Mackay & Anne Jones):

Primary Schools' quiz; questions have been set (to be printed with help of James Alexander). The Shelter Box will be on display on the night of the quiz as an example of the other work Rotary does.

A good link has been established with Perth Academy and we have been invited to take part in a mock interview event on the afternoon of Friday 15 March. There is also interest from the school in forming an Interact Club; more preliminary work needs to be done on this, possibly involving the District Interact Officer.

International and Foundation:

In a written report Neil confirmed our last Shelter Box had been sent to Nigeria.

RC of Aschaffenburg Schonbusch has confirmed members will visit Perth from October 17th to 20th.

Fellowship:

VP Alexander thanking Maureen and all those involved with the Burns supper – an excellent and very entertaining evening.

A social evening with a 'Wicked Chocolate' demo (a Ladies' Lunch supporter) plus wine tasting has been organised by Anne Jones for Wednesday 13 March, 6.30 for 7pm. Pam Dickson agreed to look after this project given Anne's involvement with the PSQ

Club Service/MPRC (Pam Dickson):

Speakers' programme is advancing well

Ways and Means (Alexander Stewart):

A musical event for the Order of St John later this month will give Alexander valuable experience prior to our 2 planned fund raising musical evenings. *The Museum booking for 14 June has been confirmed at a cost of £80/90; members' will be asked to supply suitable food to go along with wine at the interval*

AOCB:

An SGM will be called for Wednesday 6 March (business meeting) to elect a Vice President for 2013/2014.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th March at 7.30pm

News from the ice.....

Perth St Johns Curling team have again been in action in the Rotary League. We played Perth 2 and had an unexpected comfortable victory 20-1. This win has placed the Perth St Johns team top of the league on shots difference and joint top with Inverkeithing/Dalgety Bay on points so its all to play for. There is only one game in the Rotary League left, so its down to your team to hold its nerve - no pressure there then - and bring home the result we all hope for.

Sports Convenor Stuart

Fancy being 'Wicked' for a night.....

Then sign up for our Wicked Chocolate and Wine Evening on Wednesday, March 13 (6.30 pm for 7pm) at The Royal George Hotel.

This will be in place of a lunchtime meeting that day and take the form of our usual meal with Wicked Chocolate as our guest after dinner speakers.

Come and enjoy the story of chocolate, sample a few tasty offerings and learn how this local company is thriving on the back of Perth's sweet tooth! And wash it all down with a sample of some excellent wines.

Usual price, usual format - just bring along your spouse and some guests.

RSVP with numbers to Maureen on fraser.mareen@virgin.net

Fellowship Convenor Maureen

Mock Interviews - HELP NEEDED

Club members will recall a week or so ago I indicated that Perth Academy were very interested in having some of our members to help with some mock interviews at the end of their Apprenticeship week - which is due to start on Monday 11 March.

So, what I am looking for now is 4 - 5 Rotarians who would be able to do this on the afternoon of **Friday 15 March** at Perth Academy - from about 1.00 pm until about 3.30 pm.

Please get back to me as soon as possible so that I can let the school know and get things organised!

New Generation Joint Convenor Gail

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Full diary details as always are also on the Club Website

March 05	Primary School Quiz
March 06	Lunch 1300 - Business Meeting
March 13	Wicked Chocolate Night - Evening Meeting
March 15	Mock Interviews - Perth Academy
April 04	Curling - 3 Club Bonspiel
April 24	Club AGM
April 28	District Assembly

Please send news items and contributions for the Mar/Apr ISSUE to Ian Mutch or bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 15 March 2013

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