

# By George

## newsletter July 2013 Issue

### Presidents Blog

I feel very honoured to be taking on the role of President for the club and I would like to pay tribute to Louis for his work over the last 12 months. As a club we punch well above our weight and I am looking forward to the many challenges and opportunities the role will offer me. I consider myself very fortunate to have such a hardworking team to support me and I know that Helen as Vice President will be a real asset to the club as we move forward.

At the Club Handover Dinner we introduced a new member, Jennifer McOmish, who I know will play her part and hit the ground running as she is a very committed individual to the community.

Over the next month we have an extremely varied amount of guest speakers attending the club, from a wide number of organisations, and I would encourage all members to try to attend. During the holiday months of July and August we would be delighted to welcome family members to our lunch time meeting if they have the time to attend their support would be greatly appreciated. I know that the time will fly by but I am looking forward to every minute. I thank you all for your commitment to date and thank you for all you will do over the next few months and year.

Best wishes, *President Alexander*

### And, From the Office of the Vice President

Well, I'll be honest, when I joined Rotary two years ago, I did not expect to be walking out of The Royal George in 2013 sporting a yellow and blue Vice President's chain! I am most grateful to the



Club for welcoming me into office - a challenge and opportunity I will relish as I work alongside and learn from President Alexander and our fellow Office Bearers. In my time with Rotary I have been struck by the infrastructure, nationally and internationally, behind what one sees week-to-week at meetings. It has created a powerful sense of belonging to something really quite special and I look forward to contributing my all while in office.

It was a pleasure to speak to members about my charity PKAVS at the hand-over Dinner and I hope it demonstrated the life-changing impact that Rotarians have made to our Young Carers Project.

I look forward to helping the Club connect with a variety of other vital causes needing support and helping us further our charitable giving aims as a Club.

*Vice President Helen*

### News from Bruce Thomson

The conductor of the ABC Brass Ensemble from Christ Kirk, in Aschaffenburg is a member of our twin club in Aschaffenburg.

They performed in May at St Paul's Church Dunning,

helping raise £200 for the Perth Food Bank. *Bruce Thomson*



### Weekly Duty Rota from 03 July to 31 July 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 &amp; VOT:</u>
03 July	Rob Burke	Graham Harding	Neil Townend	Gail Mackay
10 July	Mark Cairns	Susan Hellier	John Watson	BUSINESS MTG
17 July	Stuart Cameron	Michael Jamieson	Maureen Young	John MacIntyre
24 July	Pam Dickson	Anne Jones	James Alexander	Helen MacKinnon
31 July	Louis Flood	Brian Kitching	Michael Archibald	Ian Mutch

## Summary of the Meeting of Council Held on Monday 03 June 2013

### **Matters Arising:**

No member of the Club has responded to President Louis' request for recommendations regarding the distribution of charity account funds. Informally from Council; a musical exchange/choir development in the Republic of Georgia ( more information asked for ); purchase another Shelter Box.

### **President's Items (Louis Flood):**

President Louis thanked those members of the Presidential team who had covered for him throughout the year and also Council members for their support and work.

*President Louis, Anne Jones and Stuart Cameron visited Viewlands PS to present the PSQ trophy. A Shelter Box presentation was given to the School who appeared very impressed with the concept and may adopt this as their charity project for next year.*

### **Secretary's Items (David Grant):**

2<sup>nd</sup> approach for financial assistance received from a social worker on the PKC staff on behalf of young people with whom he is working. Council agreed with Councillor colleagues that this was an unsatisfactory method of approach and funding will only be considered where the application comes from a recognised charity and/or the family of those concerned.

*A membership application has been received and the standard 7 day letter will be issued later this week*

### **Treasurer's Report (Rob Burke):**

Charity Account: £52 received from the Money Spinner – total to date £343 against an outlay of £321; and the first Museum concert ticket sales - £310. The corporate donation of £400 reported at the last meeting has been paid to Polio Plus. The balance on the charity account now stands at £10,910.74; Rob's provisional recommendation is for donations totalling up to £4,000.

*After paying routine expenses the balance on the Club account is £4,629.53 of which £2,207.57 is in the hospitality reserve. As it is likely the balance on the account (excluding the hospitality figure) will exceed 2 years fixed costs (circa £2,000) Rob estimates there will be around £500 available (subject to adjustment when the final figures are available) for distribution to a charity nominated by the President at the end of this Rotary year – this is in line with a Club decision of many years standing.*

### **New Generation Service (Anne Jones):**

Viewlands PS, has won through from the Zone Final to the District final of the PSQ which is to be held at Perth Racecourse on 16 June. Gail and Vice President Alexander will attend on behalf of the Club. *The presentation by Tim Baker of the RC of Dundee on 29 May on how to set up an Interact Club at Perth Academy was well received and the teacher concerned was enthused with the concept.*

### **Fellowship (Maureen Young):**

Maureen is working on dates for the visit to Tunnock's factory in Udingston and a 'bake-off' style event at Perth College. These will inevitably fall into the next Rotary year.

Pam Dickson volunteered to host this year's Club BBQ – to be held on Sunday 25 August

### **Club Service/MPRC:**

President Louis undertook to investigate a new run of new style Club badges.

### **Ways and Means (Alexander Stewart):**

Both musical events are progressing well and the provisional figures for numbers attending are very encouraging. The first event is being held in conjunction with the Perth Young Orchestra; funds

will be split equally between PYO and the Club. Alexander recommended that the Club's share be donated to the newly formed Perth Autism Support group – agreed.

### **AOCB:**

Vice President Alexander chaired an informal meeting of the incoming Council when ideas for 2013/14 were discussed.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 12 August at 6.15pm

Message to President Louis from  
Cath Chorley District Governor 2012/2013

*Dear Louis*

As the Rotary year draws to a close I want to thank you for your excellent leadership of the club. I think that you can count your year as President as very successful and you have achieved a great deal.

In particular I would like to comment on the support that you have given to The Rotary Foundation by way of contributions. As at today's date I see that not only have you supported the Foundation to the tune of \$992 but that you have also supported End Polio Now by contributing \$1074. The End Polio Now contribution has been doubled by a contribution from our District Designated Fund and RI will give 50% of the overall contribution to be added so you can see how much your contribution has given overall.

You've certainly had a musical month in June and it's great that your fundraising went so well.

On youth service I am pleased that a team sponsored by you reached the final of the Primary Schools Quiz. This was a hotly fought contest and to be one of the final 16 schools out of around 500 competing was really excellent.

Again, well done to all for an excellent year of service in Rotary.

*Best Wishes, Cath*

Perth Autism  
Support Group

The Club was delighted to present the Perth Autism Group with a cheque for £358. Perth Autism Support project co-ordinator Nicola Acford will be visiting the club in July to tell us about the work of the group.

*President Alexander*



Forthcoming Events for your Diary  
Full diary details as always are also on the Club Website

10 July	Club Business Mtg
12 August	Council Meeting at 1815hrs
25 August	Club BBQ - Details to follow
07 September	The Big Picnic (Provisional Date)
09 September	Council Meeting at 1815hrs
17-20 October	Aschaffenburg Visit (in Perth)

Please send news items and contributions for the August ISSUE to Ian Mutch or [bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk](mailto:bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk) by 20 July 2013

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