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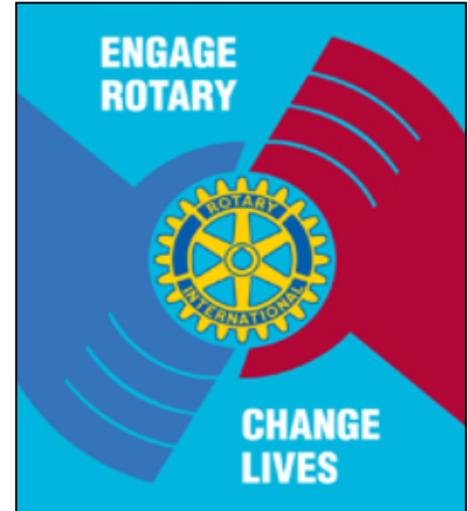
Presidents Blog

Over the last few weeks the mercury levels has been rising rapidly and we have seen the best weather condition for years. Many members have been on their summer holidays but we have still enjoyed between 40 to 60% attending the weekly meeting. I would like to say thank you for your support to date. Over the next few months we are all going to be very busy with our first event being the BBQ planned for Sunday the 25 August at Pam's home, our Twin Club from Aschaffenburg visiting, our visit to the Tunnock's factory, the Ladies lunch and the Christmas parcels delivery all taking place before the end of the year.



I received a letter from Nicola Acford the Project Coordinator for Perth Autism Support thanking us for our generous donation of £358.00 indicating that this will be used to directly fund the October holiday programme for their children. Nicola was also a guest speaker on the 17th of July and she remarked that she was delighted to attend and was very complimentary regarding the friendly atmosphere of the members and how well she was looked after on the day.

My first Council meeting will take place on Monday 12 August and we will have the opportunity to hear from "Face Facts" an international project coordinated by a local Doctor which we are considering supporting with funds from our Sportsman's dinner.



I hope the weather continues to be kind over the next few weeks and thank s to you all for your support and assistance to date.

Best wishes, *President Alexander*

Our New Team for 2013 | 2014



President Alexander Stewart &
Vice President Helen MacKinnon

Weekly Duty Rota from 07 August to 04 September 2013 - All at 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 :</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speaker Host / VOT:</u>
07 August	Gail Mackay	Michael Jamieson	Stuart Cameron
14 August	John MacIntyre	Anne Jones	BUSINESS MEETING
21 August	Helen MacKinnon	Brian Kitching	Pam Dickson
28 August	Jennifer McOmish	Alan Livingstone	Louis Flood
04 September	Ian Mutch	Gail Mackay	David Grant

District 1010 ROTARY first e-bulletin July Edition

The fifth edition of the District 1010 ROTARY first e-bulletin is out. You may view it online or download and print it.

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=264685&DistrictNo=1010>

RIBI Projects - Polio Eradication

Since making the pledge in 1985 to eradicate polio - its most ambitious programme to date - Rotary International in partnership with health agencies has brought the number of cases of polio down by 99 percent.

Where there were 350,000 new cases of the disease every year, there were just over one thousand by the end of 2010. This last one percent must be wiped out to make sure no child falls prey to this paralysing and sometimes fatal illness.

Polio is the shortened name of poliomyelitis, the crippling disease caused by the polio virus. One in 200 cases results in paralysis, which leads to the limbs of the victim becoming limp and disfigured. The paralysis is almost always irreversible. Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

The world has progressed from having 125 polio endemic countries to having three; Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Regular immunisation activities in these countries, supported by Rotary members from Great Britain and Ireland and across the world, are having a positive impact, particularly in India where the last recorded new case was recorded in January 2011. If no further new cases are recorded, India could be declared officially polio free in January 2014.

During national immunisation days (NID) in India, as many as 65-million children can be immunised. Volunteers hold these days every six weeks and will visit remote villages and the slum areas to deliver the life-saving vaccine. Booths are set up in major cities, attracting school children and families, who will travel for miles to protect their children.

Polio can strike at any age but currently affects mainly children under five years of age in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. It is passed through person-to-person contact and is most prevalent in overcrowded conditions where standards of hygiene are poor. The virus enters the body through the mouth and multiplies in the intestine. Initial symptoms are fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck and pain in the limbs.

Because there is no cure, the best protection against polio is prevention. For as little as 25p worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

We have not had polio in Great Britain and Ireland for a long time now, yet many people aged 60 and over will remember fears about the use of swimming pools or swimming in the sea during hot summers and have vivid memories of victims in iron lungs. Polio knows no borders and carriers frequently move from one country to another. The virus can therefore reappear in previously polio free countries. In 2007 there were cases of polio in nine African countries, although polio is only endemic in one of them.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children could be paralysed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalise on its US\$4 billion global investment in eradication.

Polio continues to be an issue which is of great concern across the world and has not escaped the notice of world leaders. At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, held in Australia, October 2011, millions of dollars were pledged to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In total, \$100m is being donated by three Commonwealth countries with \$40m from Bill Gates.

This article is courtesy of RIBI July 2013 Service News, linking us to news, resources and information from all of RIBI's Service Committees. It is emailed, monthly, to all 35,000+ members whose email addresses are on the RI database. Speak to David Grant if you would like to join the mailing database.

Welcome to new member Jennifer McOmish

Jennifer was born in Perth and has lived in Crieff for a number of years. She works for PKC and has had several roles within her time,

starting off as a Housing Management trainee, and was then given the opportunity to study Housing Studies. Over the years she has carried a number of roles within Housing including Community engagement, Housing officer and Area Housing Manager. She has now progressed into Community Safety where she line manages 20 staff who cover a wide range of Community Safety issues, she also has a lead role in the Community Safety Partnership etc etc.



Jennifer has been involved in a number of committees in Perth & Kinross, she was previously President of PAOS etc.

Jennifer is looking to study her MBA in Public Services later this year. *President Alexander*

Changes to Door Duty Rota System

Club Members should note that only one person will on be on Door Duty each week. It is therefore important, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, you organise a substitute.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Full diary details as always are also on the Club Website

07 August	Lunch - Job Talk
12 August	Council Meeting at 1815hrs
14 August	Lunch - BUSINESS MEETING
21 August	Lunch - Jennifer Kinnear, Fergusson Gallery
25 August	Club BBQ - at Pam Dickson's
28 August	Lunch - Job Talk
04 September	Lunch - Alexander on Access Cars

Please send news items and contributions for the September ISSUE to Ian Mutch or bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 25 August 2013

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