

By George

newsletter October 2013

Presidents Blog

As we prepare for our visitors from Aschaffenburg I would like to say a big thank you to Neil Townend for all the work and preparation he has put in to date in organising and coordinating their stay. This is the largest delegation we had had from our Twin Rotary in Germany and we are the smallest Perth club. I would encourage all members to participate in at least one event over their weekend stay. Provost Liz Grant as kindly offered to host a Civic Reception with a sandwich lunch on the Friday 18 Oct at 12.00 noon in the Civic Lounge at 2 High Street and I would hope that members and their partners would be able to support this event as it is quite an opportunity for the Club.



Due to a Political Conference taking place that weekend the Royal George Hotel is booked out and Neil has worked closely with Dewars Rink, who can accommodate us for our meeting and meal on the Friday evening. There will be no Wednesday meeting that week as we plan to make the Friday night our regular meeting and it is anticipated that we will welcome another new member that night to the Club. To all who are assisting by hosting our guests, providing transport or a meal I thank you in advance for your assistance. For those who have visited Germany in the past you know how well we are treated by our German hosts when we visit Aschaffenburg and I know that the programme of events will give our visitors the opportunity to enjoyed Perth and Perthshire at its best supported and assisted by Rotarians.

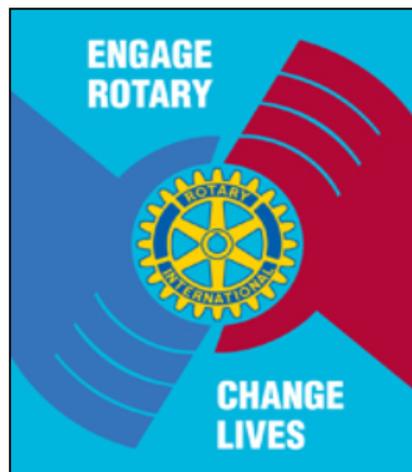
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Christmas Lights ! read on

Christmas Lights - Ladies Charity Lunch. Sunday 24 November, 1200-1630, The Royal George Hotel

After the success of last year's inaugural Ladies Lunch, the ladies of **Perth St Johns** are donning their heels and preparing for another afternoon of glamour, shopping and fashion galore.



Tickets include a 3-course dinner with drink on arrival, a Fashion Show by Phase Eight boutique, entertainment and a live Slave Auction. The event will also include an indoor Christmas Crafts and Gifts Market, showcasing stalls and preparing guests for the festive season.

Tickets are £40 and available from Helen. We are also needing some of our Rotarian gents to assist with the fundraising tombola stall throughout the day. Please speak to Heather if you can assist.

Vice President Heather

I do love their biscuits..... [the Ed]

Surely it has to be the tastiest outing of the year!

VISIT TO TUNNOCKS FACTORY on TUESDAY, 12 NOV 13

Leave at 6pm sharp (all travelling by bus) - £17 each

ONLY 20 PLACES AVAILABLE - SO BOOK NOW

(NOT OPEN TO PARTNERS AT THIS STAGE - MEMBERS FIRST)

* PLEASE LET MAUREEN KNOW ASAP IF YOU WANT TO GO *

Already booked are:

Maureen Young, David Grant, Heather Stewart, Helen MacKinnon, Stuart Cameron, Pam Dickson, Michael Archibald, Rob Burke, Michael Jamieson, Alexander Stewart, Ian Mutch, John Watson, Gail Mackay, Jennifer McOmish and Neil Townend



Weekly Duty Rota from 09 October to 06 November 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>
09 October	John Watson	Alexander Stewart	Anne Jones
18 October (Eve at Dewars)	Maureen Young	Heather Stewart	Aschaffenburg Meeting
23 October	James Alexander	Bruce Thomson	Brian Kitching
30 October	Michael Archibald	Neil Townend	TBC
06 November	Rob Burke	John Watson	Gail MacKay

Minute of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013

Matters Arising:

Publicity to be organised re the recent purchase of 2 shelter boxes from concert proceeds, linking the Syrian human emergency.

The Secretary advised he will circulate the Club re the District data base.

President's Items:

The President received a communication from AG John Anderson encouraging our attendance at the forthcoming District Council meeting, Conference and training events. A reorganised zone meeting will be held in either October or November.

The President advised Alan Livingstone has resigned.

Secretary's Items:

District Foundation Grants report circulated; this seems to give support to the prospect of making an application for 'Face Facts'; this needs to be done later this Rotary year for consideration in the following year.

District is holding a training event in Perth on 9 October on H&S The Secretary will speak with Jennifer McOmish to see whether she can attend.

The next District Council meeting is to be held in Inverness on 22 Sept; no member of Council available. An invite will be extended to the Club; failing that Michael Jamieson will be attending in his capacity as an AG and can represent the Club.

Roger Ward has intimated he and Marela will return permanently to Perthshire in October.

A letter has been received from Rona Archibald in her capacity as Treasurer of Perth Food Bank; while volunteers and support in kind may be sought later, the initial pressing need is for funding. PP Louis viewed this as an excellent use of the Club Account's surplus funds earmarked for a Presidential project; Council warmly welcome this decision.

Attendance in August was 53% and 55% for July and August combined.

Treasurer's report:

Charity Account: received a further £73.70 from the MoneySpinner; paid Face Facts £1,500, ShelterBox Trust £1,180 (2 boxes), taxi for visually handicapped bowlers £120. This leaves a balance of £8,776.78 on the account.

Council confirmed that stock may be removed from the annual accounts.

Club Account: only 2 subscriptions are outstanding. Paid Ramshead entry fee £20 and a coach hire deposit £75 for the Aschaffenburg visit. This leaves a balance of £5,776.30 including £2,558.57 in the hospitality reserve.

Youth Service:

The President reported that Gail Mackay has had a number of meetings with Perth Academy and the Interact Club project is beginning to take shape.

International and Foundation:

In a written report Neil provided an outline of the Aschaffenburg visit programme. Final details will be firmed up on his return and a detailed programme circulated to all members.

Fellowship and Sport: *continued in next column*

President Alexander warmly thanked Pam and husband Paul for all they did to produce an excellent Club BBQ at their home.

James Alexander is working a hosting event which should launch very shortly.

Stuart Cameron has made a booking for 20 people at Pitlochry Theatre for the eve of Thurs 12 Dec for the musical "It's a Wonderful Life".

Club Service/MPRC:

A membership application is expected shortly. Further ideas being pursued; The President confirmed that he was also pursuing new members.

VP Helen proposed a special Club lunchtime event on membership development and the wider issue of how we portray ourselves to the community at large. Agreed this would be held on 4 Dec and 'advertised' in 'By George' to achieve a good attendance.

Ways and Means:

Work on coffee morning in St Matthews' on 28 Sept is proceeding. *Ladies' Lunch; to be held on 24 Nov in a similar format to last year.* Pam has written to M&S is seeking a 'bag pack' date.

Sportsman's Dinner (Heather Stewart):

The first meeting of the committee will be held on 18 September.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 October at 6.15pm

Shelter Box Donations

The Rotary Club of Perth St Johns held a musical evening at Perth



Museum in June this year. It raised money to purchase two Shelter Boxes which are now on standby for the Syrian refugee crisis.

In such desperate circumstances having a space to call your home is invaluable and each large, green ShelterBox contains a

custom-made disaster relief tent for an extended family.

It is designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall. Also in the Box are blankets, water storage and filtration equipment, a stove, a basic tool kit, and a children's activity pack, along with many other vital items.

Pictured above are President Alexander Stewart and Stuart Cameron with some of the contents

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Fuller diary details as always are also on the Club Website

14 October	Council Meeting at 1815
16 October	NO LUNCH MEETING
17-10 October	Aschaffenburg Visit
18 October	Eve Mtg Aschaffenburg Visitors at Dewars
11 November	Council Meeting at 1815
12 November	Visit to Tunnocks Factory

Please send news items and contributions for the October ISSUE to Ian Mutch or bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 30 October 2013

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