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### **New Year's Message from President Jim**



Dear All

I hope you have all had a good break, full of good cheer and recharged the batteries for the downhill run to the end of my year, ( with all the snow outside). We have a charity picked for the rally, which is our next big campaign, so let's hope the sun can shine on us for that weekend.

George and the team have the Burns bash sorted and it looks like we are in for another splendid night. We will have Ian into Rotary shortly and the next hopefully will be Robin, who seems to be a willing addition. **WE STILL NEED TO GET SOME MORE LADIES ON BOARD....** and my challenge to you all is to bring along some lady candidates. Finally, let's make this next few months full of fun and friendship. There is plenty doom and gloom out there without us adding to it, so as Brucie says KEEP SMILING.

Yours Jim

## The Best of Deeside 2010 Calendar – Prize Winning Photographs

The prize winning photographs for January, February and March in the The Best of Deeside Calendar, were very appropriate, as each one features aspects of winter, which we are currently very familiar with.



***A gate above Ardlair overlooking Feughside*** is January's calendar photograph, by **Nigel Corby**.

The overcast sky contrasting with the white of the landscape captures the full majesty of a winter's day on Deeside

February's photograph ***Sunshine on the Snow*** is by Primary pupil **Hayleigh Mathers**.

The weak February sun brings the prospect of longer and eventually warmer days - although this may be some way ahead.



***Frozen*** by Primary pupil **Oliver Kinghorn** is the seasonal photograph for March.

In this close up composition, one can almost feel the depth of the icy cold scene portrayed.

## Christmas Party Highlights

A company of over 65 Rotarians, partners, guests and friends met in the Burnett Arms on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the annual Banchory Rotary Christmas Party. After an excellent Christmas dinner, there was a welcome visit by Santa, who true to tradition made the most of the opportunity (with the ladies) whilst emptying the contents of his Christmas sack.

Following Santa's visit there is usually a planned entertainment for the company, however party organiser Rotarian George Sinclair found himself with a problem on the afternoon of the party, when he had a cancellation due to illness of the singing group booked to entertain. Within a couple of hours a replacement programme had been put in place.

First the company heard from Claire Wilkinson, daughter of club member Geoff Wilkinson who gave a short but extremely interesting talk on her work with Lawyers for Hope in Rwanda. Claire is on a three year career break from her usual post as a Procurator Fiscal. Claire was followed by Rotarian Gordon Rattray and his wife Aileen who provided a most enjoyable selection of well known and much loved songs from the fifties and sixties. It was then the turn of the audience to sing for their supper by rounding off the evening by singing a selection of Christmas Carols and Songs accompanied on piano by Margaret Smith. One of the best and most spontaneous aspects of the Carol Singing was the participation of the two Burnett barmaids, Erin Strachan and Phillipa Bramley, whose enthusiastic participation was most welcome.

President Jim Thomson closed the evening with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to a first class evening and wished all Rotarians, their partners and guests a Happy Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in 2009.



Janette displays a sense of anticipation mixed with apprehension



Santa whispering sweet nothings in Joan's ear



Santa is a real chancer – but who is the lucky lady?



Erin and Phillipa joined in the Carol singing with great gusto

## Past Times in our Club

### 25 Years Ago

*Our Club Bulletin belongs to all of us - and all of us can do our share to help keep it interesting and informative. The next time a fast breaking news story comes your way, or you hear of something that would fit nicely into our bulletin - pass it along, or write up the story yourself.*

Written by the editor of the Club Bulletin in January 1985 and as true today as it was then!

### 20 Years Ago

Bob Davidson the Club President for 1989 / 90 in his message in Club Banter wrote as follows:-

*You may have noticed that I invariably start each meeting with the sincere wish that you have had a good week. This is my way of trying to foster Fellowship because so much can happen before we meet each other on a Thursday (remember the Club at that time was a lunchtime Club meeting on Thursdays). This was forcibly brought home to me the other week when a member of the Club informed me rather unexpectedly that indeed it had not been a good week for him. Yet he bravely came to the Club luncheon looking for Fellowship. I sincerely hope he found it.*

Do we make all Rotarians, including visitors, feel welcome at our meetings? This is a challenge for all of us and as true as it was in 1990.

### 10 Years Ago

We welcomed our latest international youth exchangee.

*Sixteen-year old Paula das Neves Fernandez left a temperature of 35° C behind her when she flew out from the Brazilian town of Sao Paulo on 24 January 2000 and arrived in a shivering Scotland the following day to be met by her first host family, Frank and Betty Garden.*

*"Apart from the cold, I am enjoying myself very much in Banchory," says Paula. "Everyone is very friendly and Banchory is a very nice town."*

*She saw snow for the first time in her life during a visit to Glenshee and immediately e-mailed a photograph of herself in the snow back to her family in Sao Paulo.*

Stewart W

## And just for a laugh.....

From his extensive collection, entitled Lingerie Past and Present, the Club's Eco Warrior, PP Leonard McIntosh, has taken the photograph below to illustrate, irrefutably, that the evidence supporting the case for global warming is clear for all to see – and at different stages in the context of history, for all to wear.

Former American politician turned ecologist, Al E Gory said, when he saw this picture, 'Leonard's research demonstrates beyond all doubt, incontrovertible proof that global warming is a reality. It is concerning to ponder on what comes next!'

Ed: Thanks to PP Len for a great pic



### Curling Report

In past seasons, our Club's curlers have proved to be slow starters in the Aberdeen & District Rotary League's autumn season from September to December, and so it proved to be again in this curling year. The good news is that from being near the bottom of the League in mid November, the team started to improve and win more games. Skip Len thinks that one reason for the improvement has been our ability to play our drawing game more often and not being forced into a take-out game by the opposition.

Ryan Bond has become a regular player for the team, and it is good to see his game coming on. Len says "He has a good weight for a lead, and is improving all the time".

The second of the three Rotary Curling competitions is the Interleague where our Club did exceptionally well last year. The first phase of this competition is a "Round Robin" against four other teams with the winners going through to the knockout rounds. We were drawn against some of the strongest teams in all of the Rotary League. Once again we put up some fine performances, winning two games, peeling (drawing) one and losing the other. We are now waiting to hear if we have done enough to get into the knockout phase of the quarter finals.

The third curling competition of the year and which starts in early January is the DKO (Direct Knock Out). We're keeping our fingers crossed.

The profile of curling is becoming higher with the general public. As you will know, Aberdeen was very successful in hosting the European Curling Championships in early December, for the first time. And now, with the continuing cold spell there is growing excitement across the curling world of the possibility of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club being able to call a Grand Match to be played on a Scottish Loch. This is reckoned to be the ultimate curling experience for most curlers with up to 5,000 curlers flying in from across the world to take part in a massive Bonspiel. Mainly because of long term global warming the interval between the Grand Matches has been becoming longer each time. The last Grand Match was held on the Lake of Mentieth in 1979.

Colin Sutherland

Ed: Unfortunately, owing to a rapid thaw the Grand Match was not played. Maybe next year.

## ***Club News in brief***

This message was forwarded to Secretary John from the organisers of the Car Raffle and is circulated to all club members who helped out at either Braemar or Bon Accord.

- Hello All,

The 2009 Rotary-CLAN Car raffle was even more successful than in previous years. The Lord Provost of Aberdeen drew the winning ticket at 2pm on Christmas Eve in the Aberdeen Bon Accord Centre – and Mrs Wood, of Aberdeen, won a smart new Mini (although she doesn't drive!). She bought her ticket on 15th December in the Bon Accord Centre. Provisionally, the total ticket sales exceed £69,000 – A new record! After paying for the car, for printing the tickets, for incidentals and the lottery licence, we expect that there will be ~£55,000 to be shared between CLAN and the 21 participating Rotary Clubs.

We want to thank all Rotarians and others who sold tickets and helped in various other ways to achieve this magnificent result.

Best wishes,  
Ewen & Mike

- PP Ian Paterson and Barbara are enjoying a holiday in New Zealand and on January 6 they attended the wedding of Chris Ramsay to his fiancée Praneeta. Chris was a Youth Exchange Student hosted by the Club in 1994. Banchory couple Catherine and Harry Fiddes also attended the wedding. They also hosted Chris for a time, as their daughter Angela was the outgoing Youth Exchangee to New Zealand. Messages received from both couples indicate that it was a great wedding. PP Ian reports "Chris's wedding went very well. Very Scottish with several kilts, a brilliant young piper and a real Scottish type reception after, with the usual hooly to finish. I did get a few photos but unfortunately do not have the facility to download them onto this computer. Glad we are missing all the snow, I gather it is pretty grim at home but no doubt everyone is coping in the north east. We are back, hopefully for the Burns Supper so will see you then."

A photograph of the happy couple will be included in Spring issue of TT.

### **Honorary Member's New Interest – Is He a Mod or a Rocker?**

No, not that Hon. Member, but our own Phil Taylor. Phil is currently in New Zealand visiting his son John and no doubt enjoying the Auckland summer. Before he left Phil was telling Ternan Times that he had treated himself to a new toy – a small two wheeled vehicle.

Phil also told me that the location of the photograph beside the Raemoir Hotel was where a photograph of his Dad was taken with his new bike some seventy years ago. It is hoped that the next issue of TT will carry a photograph of the other motor bike.



***Many thanks to all our contributors keep the material coming***



