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### Message from President Jim

Hi everyone,

I hope the Times is out before the 7<sup>th</sup> of April because I would dearly love to attain 100 per cent attendance for one week. I remember way back when we had lunch time meetings, and Peter Emslie phoning The Burnett from the States to say that he had attended a breakfast meeting, so we made the 100% - let's do it again!

I am also delighted to announce that we will have more new members into the club soon. It does frustrate me the amount of time it takes to process new members!

The next few months will be a busy time, ending with the rally at the end of May. In April we will have our scatter month which to me has been good fun in the past, so I hope it continues. One bit of a disappointment is David M moving away. The club will miss him but he will leave with the knowledge that he has put into place some very good systems. So let's keep up the good work as we hurtle towards the finishing line.

yours JT

## Rotary Friendship Exchange to Louisiana

**Two Club members, Colin Sutherland and John Thornton are amongst a party of 9 Rotarians and partners from District 1010 (North Scotland) who set off on their journey to Louisiana (USA) on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 for a three week tour, as part of the International Friendship Exchange Programme. A return group will visit Scotland from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

The outgoing group, led by former Assistant governor, Peter Tong, of Westhill Rotary Club, comprises Colin & Margery Sutherland (Banchory), Douglas & Kathleen Simpson (Shetland), John & Eileen Thornton (Banchory) and Nicol & Beverley Manson (Inverness Loch Ness Rotary Club). A PowerPoint presentation highlighting the charity work of Rotary in Scotland along with a professional series of pictures depicting the beauty of this country has been prepared and will be shown to various groups in Louisiana during the visit.

The group will be welcomed to Louisiana by New Orleans Rotarians before moving for 3 days each at Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and finally Houma. The group are being received at the State Capital in Baton Rouge during the visit. At all Clubs home hosting is provided. The 1010 travellers are scheduled to return home on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Colin has kindly offered to keep a diary of interesting events during the Exchange, which TT will publish in the June issue.



**Members of the District 1010 Exchange Group (left to right) Nicol Manson, Beverley Manson, John Thornton, Eileen Thornton, Colin Sutherland, Margery Sutherland, Peter Tong, Kathleen Simpson and Douglas Simpson**

## Past Times in our Club

### 25 Years Ago

Thoughts for the Day

*Fools learn from experience - I prefer to learn by the experience of others.*

*We read that we ought to forgive our enemies, but we do not read that we ought to forgive our friends.*

*Trust, like virginity, can only be lost once!*

*Finally, panic now and avoid the rush!*

In 1985 the Club was given the opportunity of running the charity sponsored golf at Banchory Golf Club. A forerunner of what we now do very successfully every year at Inchmarlo Golf Club.

### 10 Years Ago

The President for 1999/2000 was Jim Turnbull and in his message for the first (and only) edition of 2000 he wrote:

*Since the Club was formed in 1971, it has been active in many fields and has achieved many successes. Club membership throughout this period has remained at a fairly constant level.*

*Since the first Rotary meeting in 1905 of Paul Harris and three friends, technology has moved ahead at a tremendous rate but Rotary has accepted the challenge and kept apace.*

*It is quite frightening to think what life will be like in another 100 years but I would like to think our Club will still be active and consistently doing the things we are good at.*

*It is important that we retain our credibility in the Banchory district and in the wider world by taking up new challenges and projects while maintaining continuity with on-going projects whilst maintaining a healthy membership of active and enthusiastic Rotarians.*

The first Young Musician of the Year competition organised by the Rotary Clubs of Banchory-Ternan, Portlethen and Stonehaven was held at Portlethen Academy on 29 March 2000.

Another edition of the popular Banchory Directory and Street Plan masterminded by Past President Phil Taylor was ready for distribution. We read:

*Advertising sales have reached a record £3600 and the Directory will be printed and ready for delivery to every household in Banchory bang on schedule on 13 March. The Directory is a major project for the Club and provides a valuable guide to Banchory which is much appreciated by both residents and visitors.*

Club Supports Homeless in India.

*The Club will be making a major contribution, writes Club Foundation Convener Colin Sutherland, towards the cost of building eight new houses for the homeless in India. The Club has already set aside £1000 from last year's charity fund for the project and a further £1000 has been earmarked by Council. This, coupled with a similar amount being raised by the local Rotary Club of Quilon West at the southern tip of India and matching grants from District Rotary International, should result in a total contribution of US\$16,000.*

Stewart W

## Young Musicians Excel at Woodend Barn Concert

An appreciative audience of Rotarians, friends and parents enjoyed a range of high quality performances at the Banchory Young Musician competition held in Woodend Barn in March.

Eleven contestants from Banchory Academy vied for the honours and offered an exciting and ambitious programme of musical entertainment.



(from left) second Suzanne Eakin, first Zoe Yuile, third Emily Hughes pictured with President Jim

Judges, Mrs. Nicky Bradford, Mrs. Rita Maclean and Ms Rhonda Pirie had an un-enviable task, but after lengthy deliberations they reached their decision that the Banchory Young Musician Award for 2010 would go to violinist Zoe Yuile, for her superb performance of 'from The Native Country' by the Czech composer Smetana.

Zoe goes forward to the Rotary North of Scotland District Young Musician of the Year competition in Perth on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. As one of the judges commented on Zoë's playing, "She really made her violin sing." The second prize went to pianist Suzanne Eaken, who played Mazurka in A minor by Chopin and in third place was vocalist Emily Hughes who sang the Circle of Life by Elton John.

The awards were presented to the winners by President Jim who praised the very high standard of performance achieved by all the Young Musicians. Jim also gave Zoe the best wishes of Rotary and the audience for her next round performance in Perth. She then played an encore and was given a standing ovation by her fellow contestants which was really nice to witness.

Academy Depute Rector, Graham Bett who was the compere for the evening, gave a vote of thanks in which he paid tribute to the hard work of all the performers, their Music teacher accompanists and also to the Rotary Club for its sponsorship. During the evening there was a raffle and donations from the audience were received in aid of the Rotary ShelterBox appeal, which was the designated charity for the evening. Jim Thomson rounded off the evening by thanking everyone for their generous support, which had resulted in enough being raised to sponsor a ShelterBox for those made homeless by the earthquake in Chile.

## Burns Supper Supports Haiti



President Jim welcomed a company of ninety-seven Rotarians and guests to the Club's annual Burns Supper in the Burnett Arms on 20<sup>th</sup> January. The event, masterminded by Entertainers Convener, George Sinclair and his team, once more provided a well run and most enjoyable evening's programme for the audience.

In her Vote of Thanks, President-Elect Edwina Keown paid tribute to the organising committee, the Hotel and the Speakers for what had been a superb evening of fellowship celebrating the National Bard in true traditional fashion. Following the Final Toast, President Jim then also thanked the audience for their generous support in the Raffle and Auction, which raised £680. This was duly rounded up and sent off to the Haiti Appeal. Harry Shepherd, one of the stars of the evening is pictured here in full flow, in his inimitable Holy Willie's Prayer.

## Update on Muriel's Chennai Project

### Hello Members of Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan

I have just returned from my annual visit to the St. Joseph's Centre in India. It was lovely to be back with all the children again and spend time with them in their happy home. Each year it gets harder for me to leave and I feel very blessed that I have the opportunity to go out each year to visit them.

During my visit I held a 'sponsors afternoon' when all the children were given their letters and cards from their sponsors and a book as a gift. Both Vijay and Paul were delighted to receive the cards from the members. We ensured that any children who did not receive communication from a sponsor were given a written card so that they didn't feel left out. I have attached a few updated photos of Vijay and Paul (Paul by separate e-mail) which I know you will enjoy. They are studying hard for their exams which take place during the month of March. Both boys are happy at the school and doing well in their studies. Vijay's younger brother and sister are well and his mother who works in the Centre is also well. Paul's older sister Surdeshanar is studying hard for her 12th standard exams. The results of these exams will determine what sort of training she is able to take when she finishes school in the summer.

You will receive my Newsletter, a drawing and a card from William in the post in due course. Once again I thank you very much for your support as Sponsors of Vijay & Paul's Hostel Care. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Muriel



A smiling Vijay is never far from his books



Paul enjoys some of the cards from supporters

## Former Youth Exchange Student's Wedding Day



As reported in January's Ternan Times one of the club's former Youth Exchange students was married in New Zealand in January this year.

The picture opposite shows Chris and his lovely bride Praneeta taken on their wedding day by Mrs Catherine Fiddes from Banchory, who along with her husband Harry were guests at the wedding.

PP Ian Paterson and Barbara were also guests at the wedding celebrations, which as Ian reported, 'held a real Scottish type reception after the ceremony, with the usual hooly to finish.'

Chris enjoyed his exchange year in 1994. He attended Banchory Academy during his year with the club and made many friends during his stay with whom he has kept in touch over the years.

He was hosted by former Rotarians Keith Allan and Alan Howat, club members Ian Hendry and Stewart Wilson and Harry & Catherine Fiddes, whose daughter Angela was the outgoing YE student.

Back in the Nineties Youth Exchange was embraced enthusiastically by club members. Exchanges took place with clubs in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand and the United States.

Chris is a Manager at the Dunedin Casino, while Praneeta teaches in a Secondary School.

## Curling Report

### Rotary Curling Report for the second half of the season.

Similar to last year the Club's curling team sadly started the second half of the season at the bottom of the league, however we did manage to qualify for the final stages of the Inter-league Competition when we came second in our section of the round robin. Unfortunately progress in that came to an abrupt end when we got knocked out in the semi finals. The skip as usual took a lot of flack from the rest of the team but the truth is that none of us had played consistently well all season.

At the end of January the team spirit rallied and we enjoyed a couple of good wins. Then in a game against St Machar, Banchory scored a six (a long time since we last achieved that!) to sit comfortably midway through the game with the score at 8-2. However the opposition then rallied, taking two 3s to bring the score back to 8-8 at the second last end, but with last rock advantage in the final end our skip secured a magnificent 2 shots to win the game 10-8.

A couple of exciting games followed, again with last stone winning the game for us by just the one shot on both occasions. Talk about nail biting!

St Fittick has already won the Rotary league and Banchory are sitting mid-position in the league table with only shot difference separating us from the two teams above us. With 2 games still to play, and most of the other teams having completed their fixtures, if we win the last two games we should finish up in fourth position.

There is no doubt that because of the recent very tight games the second half of the season has been most exciting but next year, Team, we must come out fighting from the start of the season and not, as we have done over the past two years, leave it too late.

Ian P

### Bon Accord arrives safely at Milton of Crathes

Members will remember a talk a few weeks ago by a representative of The Deeside Railway Company Ltd, on the ongoing and future developments of the project. The aim to re-open a section of the former Deeside Line was reported to be well under way and also mentioned was the fact that The Bon Accord, a steam locomotive loaned by Grampian Transport Museum Trust was to arrive at the Milton of Crathes station this spring. One of the RDRPS volunteers, John Lucas of Torphins, took a number of photos of the arrival of the Victorian steam engine on 27<sup>th</sup> March and passed them on to be shared by Ternan Times readers.



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