



PRESIDENT IAN'S REPORT

It has been another busy period for the Club particularly with regard to our preparations for this year's Cyclathon. The Cyclathon Team have had further meetings and the Marketing Committee have spent considerable time and effort drawing up lists of businesses, youth groups, schools and other organisations that we can approach regarding sponsorship, participation and help on the day. We are close to completing our marketing material as well as a new dedicated website where people can find out about the Cyclathon, enter for the event and pay their entry fees.

We have adopted a new slogan 'Pedaffing for Charity' (thanks to Brian Cairns for that) and will start approaching our target groups by late May/early June. I have already been in contact with the presidents of the other clubs in the area asking for marshals as we have identified that we require around sixty people to adequately cover the route. We also plan to introduce a new 'Mini Cyclathon' which will take place within the confines of Camperdown Park and which will be aimed at younger participants as well as those who might not feel able to undertake the main route.

Vice President Bob and I have held meetings with most of the newer members of club and it seems that some of us are still reluctant to make that extra effort to make new members and visitors feel welcome. Please make sure that you go the extra mile to welcome these individuals.

On 19 March we had our Partners' Evening at D&A College. Numbers were down slightly but a good night was had by all with excellent

food and entertainment arranged by David Reid and his team. Some of us attended the Broughty Ferry Club Quiz Night at the Fort Hotel. Thanks mainly to David Morrison, we were in first equal position at half time but sadly we drifted in the second period against strong competition.

I am pleased to report that Kaylee Ross, our Global Grant Scholar sponsored by RC of Colorado Springs, has been accepted for her course at University of Dundee and we now await further details regarding her arrival. We had a visit from Kate Patton the other week. Kate is a member of the Central Texas E Club and this was the first time that she had attended an actual Rotary Club meeting. Kate is employed by Insight and has been working in Dundee for a few weeks. Hopefully she will make it to another of our meetings before she return to the States.

We had a visit from David Dorward on 5 March when he gave us a fuller talk on the Dundee Bairns charity. It gave us the opportunity



to present him with our cheque from the successful Claverhouse Showtime. It was appropriate that Liz Crawford, who gave us so much help in organising the Showtime, was also able to attend.

On Wednesday 24 April we held our popular outing for some of the elderly in Dundee. They were entertained by a talk from our own John Irvine and by the Dee Ukes. A great time was had by all!

Finally, can you note in your diaries that I plan to hold an event at Royal Tay Yacht Club on Sunday 16 June to celebrate my year as President of the Club. I have chosen to have the event there as my house is currently on the market and I may be homeless by that time.

Ian Balgowan
President



President Ian presents a cheque to Kevin Phillips, Sea Cadets Commanding Officer, Simon Gray, Cadet and Danielle Gray, Cadet



JOY AND LAUGHTER DOWN MEMORY LANE



Peals of laughter were heard when the Rotary Club of Claverhouse entertained the members of Bield Housing Association, Bonnethill and Mid-Lin Daycare Centre at the Queens Hotel, Dundee.

A light hearted talk was given by historian and genealogist, Rotarian John Irvine, who presented a slide show of all the old Dundee Cinemas and Dance Halls, most of which have now sadly closed. Members of the audience shared hilarious experiences and stories in these highly popular places of entertainment, evoking many happy memories of bygone days.

During afternoon tea and sherry, Liz Crawford and the Dee Ukes, a twelve strong band of well known Dundee musicians, roused everyone with a stirring collection of songs, ranging from Alexander's Rag Time Band to Rockin' All Over the World. The chorus of voices and beaming smiles from everyone across the room were a true testimony to the great talent of this band of volunteers who play to many organisations across the city.



This annual event has been hosted by the Rotary Club of Claverhouse for the past 15 years. Rotarian organisers, Iain Ross and Jack Marshall said 'This gives Rotary the opportunity to share good times together with our senior citizens in the community who have each played their part in creating the legacy in Dundee we all enjoy today. Many of our guests have difficulty getting out and about and it

is our privilege to host them to an afternoon of fun and entertainment.'

Said Liz Crawford of Dee Ukes 'Music powerfully communicates to everyone in life and improves personal wellbeing in surprising ways. The Dee Ukes play weekly to different social groups in the community to lift their spirits by joining in together. Their smiles and enjoyment are our reward.'

Ella Bennet from Bonnethill commented 'I really look forward to getting out and coming to this event every year. We are treated to a variety of speakers and entertainers and enjoy a tasty tea. Even better still, transport is provided. What more could you want?' This sentiment was echoed by Frank and Margaret Archibald, married for 72 years, who added 'This event is one of the highlights of our year and takes us all the way down memory lane. It really is special to be with so many good friends.'

Ivor Morton



WEEKLY MEETINGS AND DUTY LIST

MAY / JUNE 2019

Meetings take place at 5.45pm for 6.15pm

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	HOST & VOT	FELLOWSHIP	WINE
7 May	'Social Night' at 6.30pm in the Manchurian Restaurant, Gellatly Street				
14 May	Barbara Lovegrove Kirrie Rotary Club	Nepal Project	Ron MacWalter	Brian Cairns Stewart Davidson	David Herbert
21 May	Kate Treharne DCC Allotments	Allotments in Dundee	Allan Booth	David Heberton John Irvine	Malcolm Horner
28 May	TBC			David Logan Peter Mackay	John Irvine
4 June	Business Meeting		None	Don Meekison David Herbert	John Letford
11 June	Club Assembly		None	Ivor Morton Pat O'Connor	David Logan
18 June	TBC			David Reid Iain Ross	Peter Mackay
25 June	PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER		None	George Shanks Ian Sturrock	Ron MacWalter

Duties for Evening Meetings

Fellowship Team Members on duty should be at the hotel no later than 5.45pm. If unable to attend please arrange a substitute, giving as much notice as possible and inform President of swap.

The wine will be provided each week by members, in alphabetical rotation, taken from the members' booklet.

Duty Members should introduce themselves to and welcome any visiting guests and Rotarians from other Clubs and provide details to President before meeting starts. Duty members and wine donor invited to join President's Table for the meal.

Arrange for all visitors to sign the Guest Book. Collect bell from hotel reception and place at top table. Arrange for gavel to be placed on President's table and ensure free standing lectern is in place

Distribute name badges to Members, returning to club cabinet after the meeting.

Using cloakroom tickets available in Club Cabinet, sell to Members, visitors and Visiting Speaker (£1 per ticket).

Fold draw tickets and place on top table at start of meeting. Count and bag draw takings passing to Treasurer.

Advise Convener of Fellowship Committee if stock of cloakroom tickets or attendance wheels is running low.

Ensure that attendance wheel is circulated.

Bell to call members to the meal should be rung at 6.10pm to ensure all are seated by 6.15pm.

Host/VOT

Member on duty should be at the hotel no later than 5.45pm to welcome the Visiting Speaker who may need to be met at Reception or car park level.

If unable to attend please arrange a substitute giving as much notice as possible and inform President of swap.

Help Visiting Speaker to select meal from menu at the bar.

Ask Treasurer to pay. In absence of Treasurer, Host to pay and recover cost from Treasurer.

Entertain Visiting Speaker at top table during meal and deliver Vote of Thanks.

Check that a Visitor's Pen from the Club Cabinet is available.



Claverhouse Annual Dinner at Dundee and Angus College



Our Annual Dinner at Dundee and Angus College on Tuesday 19 March, commenced with Pre Dinner Drinks accompanied by an excellent and abundant selection of deliciously prepared Canapes.

Our numbers were a little down on previous years, but the 50+ members, partners and friends who attended, were served a beautifully prepared

and presented three course meal, with accompanying wines, liqueurs, and soft drinks for those of us who were driving. The food and service throughout the evening was outstanding and huge credit must go to the teaching staff and the Catering and Hospitality students for their true professionalism.

Our After Dinner Entertainment was again performed by Lena Waghorn and her Dundee Schools Music Theatre group who entertained us with a selection of songs from Musicals such as 'Anastasia', 'Follies', 'Bonnie and Clyde' and other West End Shows. In her introduction, Lena informed us that this was the 20th year that the group had been together, which is testimony to her true dedication and expertise in nurturing these talented young people, some of whom will become future professionals. At the end of their performance, President Ian presented the Group with a cheque to acknowledge our great appreciation for such excellent entertainment.

David Reid and his Fellowship Committee must be congratulated for all their hard work in making the evening such a great success.

The evening ended exactly on time at nine o' clock – roll on next year!

[David Herbert](#)







World Book Day at Claypotts Castle Primary School



The Club was approached by Claypotts Castle School Dundee to ask if we wished to help them to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7 March by raising money for extra library books.

The school is in the Douglas area of Dundee which contains many families in the greatest need and where families are not best placed to respond

to fundraising by schools. We readily agreed to help to build on the relationship between the Club and this community which has developed through Big Noise and the Friends of Douglas Sports Centre Children's Christmas Party.

World Book Day stems from a UNESCO initiative to ensure that every child can own a book of their own. It has developed into a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and above all it is a celebration of reading.

President Iain and Rotarian Iain Ross were given a warm welcome by staff and pupils at their school assembly on 28 February when we were delighted to hand over a cheque for £100 and 6 Usborne Dictionaries4Life.

[Iain Ross](#)



Some Famous Quotes

"He had delusions of adequacy."

Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.."

Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second, if there is one."

Winston Churchill, in response.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."

Stephen Bishop

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."

Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."

Paul Keating

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx



Ladies Coffee Morning

The dates for May and June are:

Change of venue on Thursday 23 May
now at Sheila Mackay, 10.30am

Tuesday 25 June, Summer Break at the
Botanic Gardens, 10.30am

Ena Barr



Getting Old . . .

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures.

Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week, to playing cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me, I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I still can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is?'

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes. Finally she said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Robert, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the M25. Please be careful!'

'Hell,' said Robert, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car – both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to a major crossroad. The stop light was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself 'I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.'

After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!!'

Mildred turned to her and said, 'OH! Am I driving?'

Rod Dee

Civilization in 2019 – 'Less' seems to tell it all!

WELCOME to 2019

Our Phones - Wireless

Cooking - Fireless

Cars - Keyless

Food - Fatless

Tyres - Tubeless

Dress - Sleeveless

Youth - Jobless

Leaders - Shameless

Relationships - Meaningless

Attitudes - Careless

Babies - Fatherless

Feelings - Heartless

Education - Valueless

Children – Mannerless

We are - SPEECHLESS,

Government - is CLUELESS,

And our Politicians - are WORTHLESS!

Club Diary

ROTARY YEAR 2018/19



2019

June	Friday 7	Dreamnight at the Zoo, Camperdown Wildlife Centre
	Tuesday 11	Club Assembly
	Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20	Bag Packs at Morrisons, Dundee
	Tuesday 25	Club Presidential Handover

NB Above to exclude Club Meetings, Club Council, Committee Meetings and Gavel