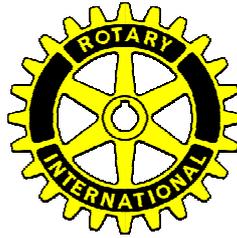


# THE ROTARY CLUB OF FALKIRK

District 1020

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## ROTARY CALLING



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### LEND WITH CARE UPDATE



Mr. Canh is a farmer from Yen Nghia commune, Lac Son district, Hoa Binh province of Vietnam. He has a 2 year old child, lives with his wife and they earn a living by growing rice and breeding livestock.

Mr. Canh would like to develop the family economy by focusing more on breeding business. His capital, however, is limited and he wants a loan to purchase 10 more pigs and the pigs' food as well.

Quach van Canh, requested a loan of £618 in Jan '17. His 24 month loan is now more than half repaid. The Club contributed 2.5% of the micro loan."

Unfortunately, due to the repeated typhoons that hit this part of Vietnam at the end of last year, borrowers have been struggling to make repayments on their loans and our local microfinance partner has decided to restructure their loan repayment schedule. We have not received loan repayments from Ha thi Kieu for the last couple of months. It has been agreed with our partner in Vietnam, MACDI, to pause repayment for 12 months until they have had the opportunity to rebuild their livelihoods after the typhoon.

Our loan was for £30 last March and 10 of the 24 monthly repayments have been paid.

### ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF COMPETITION



Once again the time has come to start thinking about our annual Golf Competition.

Some 36 invitations have been sent to teams that have participated in the past and so far we have had three replies, one positive and two negative.

The competition will be organised and staged exactly the same as in previous years at the prestigious Glenbervie Golf Club.

There will be a shotgun start after breakfast in the Clubhouse of bacon rolls and coffee. Each team consists of four players and the best 2 scores at each hole will count.

On the return of all of the teams to the clubhouse a two course dinner is served in the dining room while the scrutineers peruse the returned cards.

After dinner there is a raffle, an auction and a heads and tails game, then the winners are announced and prizes and trophies awarded.

A great day out and all of that for £70 a head.

Club members are asked to contribute and support the venture in any way they can: -

- Enter a team
- Persuade someone else to enter a team
- Donate raffle prizes
- Assist on the day



## AT LAST HE ADMITS “Age Catches Up”

Ian Rule has resigned his involvement in Rotary Jaipur Limb of which he has been a trustee for more than 20 years. When I received this from Ian it came in an e-mail headed “resignation”! Shock Horror! Then came the explanation within which Ian explains that he introduced Stewart Ross who is in discussion with Rotary Jaipur Limb to assess the situation before committing himself. Ian let me have this: -

*Hello Ian,*

*In the past 12/18 months you have expressed your concerns to me about the R/JL profile in Scotland and your input to our discussions.*

*It is not an easy decision to retire from a Charity that you have served so well over many years.*

*I think I am right that you were the longest serving Trustee on the current team.*

*There are challenges ahead in Africa. There are opportunities to raise the R/JL profile through social media where we will need professional advice probably from non Rotarians.*

*There are the technical developments of 3 D printing for hands and now legs which will affect how we operate in the future. We also have to re-connect to all Districts and Clubs in RIBI.*

*Roger White has reported on Stewart Ross joining him and Don as a group of three to look after the issues in Africa. Once Stewart has settled in I expect he will then have a view about how to develop the R/JL profile in Scotland.*

*The Executive approved yesterday the first issue of “Jaipur Jottings” for circulation widely throughout Districts.*

*By the way Norman and Gaspar have also resigned for very good reasons. Also Keith has indicated he will resign when we have “appointed” a professional to run social media and the website etc.*

*Thank you for your commitment over the years and for driving long distances to attend meetings. I realise these journeys are arduous for both of you.*

*The Executive approved my nomination of you as one of the first Friends of our new contact group.*

*Margaret will send you a copy of the rules adopted by the Executive which enables you to continue your support as and when it is appropriate.*

*My best wishes to you and Nancy in the future and good health to enjoy yourselves.*

David.

## ANNUAL CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER



73 members, partners, family and friends congregated at the Beancross on Friday night 16th February to celebrate the anniversary of the Club’s Charter being granted.

The evening was organised primarily by Linda Noble and June McAlpine at very short notice and they are to be roundly applauded for an excellent job.

After a drinks reception the crowd dined with a three course meal served meticulously in Duncan’s inimitable style. The entertainment for the evening had been arranged by Andrew Niven and took the delightful form of his twin nieces Lucy and Holly, MOD gold medallists, who sang Gaelic songs.

In Touch, with John and Catherine, was the band that played through the rest of the evening of dancing.

Tables were decorated with Scottish made goods and foodstuffs which at the end of the night was all donated to the Food Bank.

Not satisfied with that Linda and June had personalised gifts for everyone beautifully monogrammed in what was classic calligraphy.

President Margaret is pictured above with Grangemouth Club President Stuart Comrie.

# Today's Teaser!

Which member Country of the United Nations contains none of the letters in the word “image”?

## QUEEN MARY RETURNS TO GLASGOW



Did you know that the original Queen Mary is currently moored on the Clyde at the Science Museum for refurbishment?

TS Queen Mary is a retired Clyde steamer launched in 1933 and is now being preserved as a museum ship. She was built at the William Denny shipyard at Dumbarton for Williamson-Buchanan Steamers. The 871 gross registered ton steamer was powered by three direct drive steam turbines, and carried 2,086 passengers making her the largest (though not the longest) excursion turbine on the River Clyde.

In 1933 she joined the Williamson-Buchanan fleet, taking over from the first Clyde turbine steamer, the 1901 TS King Edward on the run from Glasgow down the River and Firth of Clyde to Rothesay, Millport and Arran. In

1935 the fleet including Queen Mary passed to the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, and her registered owners became Williamson-Buchanan (1936) Ltd. Also in 1935, Williamson-Buchanan were contacted by the Cunard company which was getting ready to have its new liner launched by Her Majesty Queen Mary. Cunard reached agreement with Williamson-Buchanan that the turbine steamer would become TS Queen Mary II, and presented a portrait of Her Majesty to hang in the forward lounge of the Clyde steamer, while their liner became the RMS Queen Mary.

Queen Mary II was a roomy and comfortable ship, well suited to the large numbers of passengers on the route, with passenger capacity making up for a modest speed of 19.7 knots on trial.

She was a two class ship, with cabin passengers housed forward and the top deck extending aft giving steerage passengers a share of it as well as sheltered space below. Though the rest of the fleet was painted in the LMS livery with yellow funnels, she retained her white funnels and Williamson-Buchanan house-flag until World War II.

The amusing thing about this is that I knew nothing of this until told about it by my brother in law who stays in New Zealand.



## CHAMPION OF CHANGE

Peter Croan (Galashiels Rotary Club) has been awarded one of the 12 RIBI Champions of Change awards for 2017-18. He was nominated by DG Lindsay for his work in securing medical units for Pakistan (10 former NHS Scotland breast screening trailers sent to Karachi in July/August 2016 and one trailer sent to Dhaka in Bangladesh in Summer 2017) He will receive his award in Cardiff on 18 May.

## The National Grand Final of the 2017-18 Rotary Young Musician Competition will be held in Heriot Watt University



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The annual Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition is an event of which Rotary can be justly proud.

It culminates in the awarding of the Young Musician of the Year titles to one vocalist and one instrumentalist but more importantly it offers to so many youngsters across the British Isles the opportunity to develop their musical talent and their personal confidence.

Here's an extract from a letter received from a Scottish Young Musician, who made it to the 2017 Regional Final and who is now studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, making exactly that point:

*"I'm writing to express my thanks for the recent opportunities I have been provided with through the Young Musician of the Year competition. I am truly grateful for the experience and encouragement that this competition has given me...."*

*...Performing at four concert style competitions has given me invaluable experience of performing as a soloist which will undoubtedly benefit me in the future. I'm delighted to have gained such success in the competition and thank you all for your efforts in organising this event."*

## FEBRUARY REPORT

On 1st February Our Challenge Enterprise candidates addressed the Club.

For the third time this year our speaker failed to show on the 8th but Bill Laurie stepped into the breach in his usual inimitable fashion to grill the Club on one of the Primary School Quizzes from 2015. Needless to say we fared little better (if better at all) than the kids.

On the 15th February Ian Lowe spoke to us about "Tenuous Links" to Hopetoun House. His encyclopaedic knowledge of not only the House and family itself but also Scottish History in general was awesome. Ian educated and entertained us right royally.

The 22nd saw Clare Short from Woodcraft Folk talk to us. Woodcraft Folk is an organisation which says in its logo "*Education for Social Change since 1925*".

Clare's enthusiasm for her topic shone through a very enjoyable account of what the organisation was and what it hoped to achieve.

### Thought for the day

It's fine to celebrate success but it's more important to heed the lesson of failure.

*Bill Gates*

