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Rotary Club of Belfast East

News and Views

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Rotary Shares

To date this year we at Belfast East Rotary have shared our hospitality (Group Study Exchange Visitors) and shared our donations (Cancer Care for Children , Speech Matters, Autism and further promises to Autism and Chest, Heart and Stroke).

But have we shared ourselves?

Have you given Service above Self. I know most of us have. If you haven't, there are still more opportunities – International Night, Charity Golf, Jazz Train Night and don't forget the President's/40th Anniversary Night. Let's give the rest of the year a large and enjoyable send off!

Between the Gala Ball and the Car Ballot we have raised approximately £17,000 which is commendable. By the time you read this the Ballot winner will be on the road in her brand new Peugeot 107., having been presented with the prize by the Lord Mayor of Belfast at Connswater on 10th March

Ask yourself what you can do for Rotary, not what Rotary can do for you.

Your President Des.



Connswater Shopping Centre
Cleaning up



Car Ballot And the Winner is



President Des presenting David Elliott with a 'bottle' for his sterling efforts in individual sales of ballot tickets

Burn's Lunch

Belfast East Rotary continues to provide a full social calendar -last month both a Burns Lunch held at the Stormont Hotel.

For the occasion, a haggis was shot, stuffed and suitably addressed by Lt .Col. Alex Montgomery

Thanks to those who made the arrangements, and for the excellent turn-out of Rotarians, their partners and guests.

See the list of forthcoming events on the back page. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Lt.Col. Alex Montgomery: Piper Adrian Veigh: Stormont Hotel Chef David with Pres. Des and a Haggis

Rotary Youth Speaks



Sophie McCann, Sarah Lightfoot and Carla McGaharan of Lagan College with the judges and Charles Gault

Rotary Youth Speaks Public Speaking Competition was held at Bloomfield Collegiate on Monday 10th March. Teams from Strathearn Grammar, Bloomfield Collegiate, Lagan College and Campbell College participated. The winning team this year was Lagan College, who chose to speak on 'Eating Disorders'. They will now travel to London for the Grand Final in April.

Thanks to the judges - Jane Morrice, Eddie O'Gorman and Eddie McVeigh - for their diligence.

Thanks also to Rotarians Charles Gault, Charlie Brown, Ian Gault and Neil Boyd for their work and time.

Causeway Walk for Action Cancer - by Liz Doherty

On Saturday 8th September 2007, East Belfast Rotarians , Liz Doherty and Alan Boyd, plus Alan's fiance Deborah, Liz's friend Glynis and her two black labs, Cagney and Lacey, left Bangor at an ungodly hour of the morning and traveled to the North Coast to take part in the charity Causeway walk for Action Cancer.

Cars were left at Carrick-a-rede, participants were bussed to The Giants Causeway to commence the ten-mile hike, round the Causeway, finishing at Carrick-a-rede. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us, as there were a few interesting moments, including sheer cliff face, slippery rocks and numerous steep stiles which even the dogs did not fancy.

How nice to arrive at one of the best Tea houses in the world! Yes, Ballintoy harbour, where home-made refreshments were very welcome. Not far to go to the finish line. We all managed it to the end and raised approximately £100.00 for Action Cancer.

Donations to Charities 2006/2007

Rotary Foundation	2500
Shine a Light	2000
Chest Heart & Stroke Association	4000
Marie Curie - Beaconsfield	16000
Diabetes	3000
Wheel Chairs	500
RIBI Impact	250
Multiple Sclerosis	2000
Mencap	950
Emer Coyle Trust	250
RVH Liver Support	250
Strathearn School Uganda Project	250
Centre for Handicapped - Sri Lanka	350
Wakisa Ministries - Uganda	250
Total	32550

Charities Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee would like to remind members that requests from charities seeking donations should be submitted in writing to the club Secretary for consideration by Council. Requests requiring further attention may be passed to the charities Sub-committee for scrutiny and subsequent return to Council.

Council recommendations for donations to charities are submitted to all members for decision.

The Rotary Foundation - Poliomyelitis Project

The most ambitious project for the Rotary Foundation has been the eradication of poliomyelitis -working with others in supporting UNICEF and the World Health Organisation to immunise the children of the world against this crippling disease. Rotary International has committed more than \$500 million to global Polio eradication. R.I. has recently reached a deal with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Every US\$ that R.I. Raises will be matched by the Gates Foundation up to a maximum of \$100 million dollars.

This \$200 million dollars should finally clear Polio from this Planet.

The Rotary Foundation also provides grants and scholarships to young people, giving them the opportunity not only to study abroad but act as Ambassadors for their own countries in the pursuit of improved international relations. In March, we had the great pleasure of having one of these Ambassadorial Scholars - Phillip Londeree - as our Lunchtime Speaker.

Belfast East has meet its target of \$100.00 per member with again £2500 this year to the Rotary Foundation.

Along with 34 other Clubs in D1160, Belfast East will be presented with a EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Banner acknowledging this achievement at the District Council Meeting in Naas on 29th March.

Tuesday Lunchtime Meetings Speakers 2008

Mar 11	Phillip Londeree, Ambassadorial Scholar
Mar 18	Elinor Gill, Consumer Council
Mar 25	No Meeting (Easter Tuesday)
Apr 1	Business Meeting
Apr 8	Leslie Wright, Marie Curie
Apr 22	Terry Waugh, Action Renewables (Part 2)
Apr 29	Mark Brooks - Rotary International
May 6	Business Meeting
May 13	Terry Fleck, Golden Age of the Picture Palace
May 20	Shimna Visit (12 Noon) - no luncheon meeting
May 27	AGM (Luncheon Meeting)
Jun 3	Business Meeting
Jun 10	No Luncheon Meeting
Jun 12	40th Anniversary Dinner/Presidents Night
Jun 17	TBA
Jun 24	Club Assembly (Evening Meeting)
Jul 1	Business Meeting

Forthcoming Event

Mar 28	Visit to Bell Rotary Residential Home
Apr 4	Visit to Somme Hospital
Apr 22	International Night
	***** changed from 15th
Apr 30	Theatre Visit
May 8	Charity Golf Competition
May 20	Shimna Centre Visit (12 noon)
Jun 11	Kids Out to W5
Jun 20	Jazz & Steam
June 24	President's Ball and 40th Anniversary Dinner

Shimna Visit

Cancer Care for Children has invited all Club members to have lunch with them at the Shimna Centre in Newcastle on 20th May This will replace our usual venue at the Stormont Hotel. The plan is to go down in convoy and meet at the Centre at 1:00pm

Any comments, ideas and content for the next issue should be forwarded to Charlie Brown or Neil Boyd as soon as possible.

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