



Eddie Honoured

A FOUNDER member of the Rotary Club of Thornhill was recently made an honorary member of the club in recognition of his significant service to both his club and his community over a period of 28 years.

Eddie Martin, who was president of the club in 1978/79 is an internationally known blacksmith and farrier.

In the year 2000 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in London -only the fourth to be conferred in 300 years.

Eddie's skills are particularly widely recognised in the USA and earlier in his life, while on a work-based tour there he had the unique distinction of addressing the Rotary Club of Chicago- Rotary One -the club of Rotary founder Paul Harris.

Eddie was given the Freedom of the City of London in 1981 and awarded an MBE in 1991 in recognition of his significant contribution to his craft.

On conferring the honorary membership of the club on Eddie, President Gordon Neilson said “Edward is a remarkable man, well known in many parts of the world yet a modest lad born and brought up in Closeburn. He is an inspiration to us all.”

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Edward Martin at Rotary One, Chicago.

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