



## PRESIDENT IAN'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that my first quarter as president of Claverhouse has come and gone! We did extremely well at the Flower and Food Festival raising circa £1,700 through the Roll the Dice, Win a Car. A great team effort with a large number of members taking part. In total the three Rotary clubs that took part raised over £3,500.

Dream Night at the Zoo was a great success and the 25 members and Friends who took part thoroughly enjoyed the event and spoke very enthusiastically of the whole experience. This was a great effort given that we also had the Cyclathon on the same weekend.

We had some good publicity both before and after this year's Cyclathon. About three hundred people took part and the weather stayed reasonable for us. The Lord Provost started the event and he has agreed to hold a Civic Reception on 6 November for the participants. We had great support from Sustrans and the Dundee Sea Cadets and I am delighted to say that Dundee Travel Active have agreed to cover all of our costs this year. This means that we should have just over £2,000 of a surplus which is great news.

Claverhouse has also supported Dundee Club with this year's Oktoberfest. We had fourteen people involved, giving 80 hours of help over the three nights. We also helped them secure sponsorship and corporate hospitality sales ahead of the event. They generated £25,000 for charity and their President, Gavin Strachan, and Oktoberfest organiser, Robert Dunn, will be visiting us on 23 October to formally thank us for our help.

We held a Bag Packing Fundraiser at the Broughty Ferry branch of Marks and Spencer on 5th and 6th October which was well supported by our members. This, together with the other fundraising that we

have undertaken over the past four or five months, means that we should be well placed to respond to any requests for help such as the Shelterbox that we are in the process of donating to Kerala in India.

Some of us visited Roxburghe House to plant a magnolia tree, azaleas and plaque to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Roxburghe House. It was great to see Chris Fowlie there as her late husband, Hector, was so heavily involved in establishing the original garden. I am delighted that Chris has embraced the spirit of being a Friend of Rotary, attending events and helping out at events such as the Cyclathon and the Flower and Food Festival.

Our Business Meeting on 2nd October was well attended and the new format seems to have been well received. We will now move into our amended cycle of having bi-monthly Council and Business Meetings thus releasing dates for more interesting and exciting events.

**Ian Balgowan**  
President



## Roxburghe House 40th Anniversary Tree Planting



On Wednesday 15 August representatives of Claverhouse Rotary Club donated a scented magnolia tree, azalea shrubs and plaque to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Roxburghe House at Royal Victoria Hospital.

Staff from Roxburghe House and Rotarians (President Ian, Joe Dagen and Iain Ross) were joined at the tree planting ceremony by Friend of Claverhouse Rotary Club Chris Fowlie, widow of past President, Dr Hector Fowlie. This was in memory

of the important contribution Hector made to the planning of the adjacent seating area and sculpture. These facilities were designed, funded and donated to Roxburghe in 2001 by all of Dundee's Rotary Clubs to mark the Millennium. At the time Hector was immediate past Chairman of the Health Board.

At the tree planting ceremony President Ian said 'Claverhouse Rotary Club is delighted in this small way to thank Roxburghe House for all the care and comfort its dedicated staff have given to the local community over the years'.

Fiona Barnett, Clinical Coordinator Specialist Palliative Care at Roxburghe House commented 'It was lovely of Claverhouse Rotary Club to acknowledge our 40th Anniversary and plant a tree in commemoration of that. It was a poignant moment given that the Club had been involved in the formation of the gardens in 2001. We are grateful for the ongoing support we receive from Rotary and the tree is a very welcome addition to our garden which provides a calm, tranquil place for our patients and families.'

The Club is grateful to Robert Burns and Allan Booth for helping to procure the tree (and three scented

azalea bushes which we planted elsewhere in the garden); to Joe Dagen and Brian Cairns for making the commemorative plaque.

**Iain Ross**

Convener, Community Services, International and Foundation Committee

Tree Planting Photo L to R: Debbie Garmany, Medical Secretary; Chris Fowlie; Barbara Ardley, Volunteer; Lynn Sutherland, Occupational Therapist; Fiona Barnett, Clinical Coordinator; Joe Dagen; President Ian Balgowan; Iain Ross.

Footnote – You will note that Lynn Sutherland is also pictured in the photo of the commemoration of the seating area in 2001



Seated from left, Dr Hector Fowlie, artist Kevin Blackwell and Deputy Provost Charles Farquhar with Rotarians and staff from Roxburghe House and members of Tayside Primary Care NHS Trust



# WEEKLY MEETINGS AND DUTY LIST

## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018

Meetings take place at 5.45pm for 6.15pm

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	HOST & VOT	FELLOWSHIP	WINE
4 Sept	Business Meeting			David Logan John Irvine	Jack Matheson
11 Sept	Outside Visit to Al Maktoum Mosque (No Club Meeting)				
18 Sept	David Webster	Forth Ports	Peter Mackay	John Letford David Herbert	Don Meekison
25 Sept	John Dunn	Micro Plastic Pollution	James Wilson	David Hebenton Angus Fraser	Ivor Morton
2 Oct	Business Meeting			Ellenore Foulis Ron Elder	Pat O'Connor
9 Oct	Derek Lang	Scotland Area 5	David Reid	Stewart Davidson Bill Barr	David Reid
16 Oct	Club Scatter Week (15 - 19th) No Club Meeting				
23 Oct	Sandy McGregor	The Law Killers	George Shanks	Allan Booth Brian Cairns	Iain Ross
30 Oct	Bruce Keith	BridgeScapes	Ron MacWalter	Aubrey Wood Joe Dagen	George Shanks

### 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.



## Dundee Inner Wheel Club News

President Mary Wilson welcomed everyone to the first meeting after the summer break. She thanked members who had hosted the coffee mornings. Our speaker was a committee member of Monifieth Befrienders Society.

At the October meeting we have the President of Dundee Rotary Club and the District Chairman of Inner Wheel speaking to us.



'David, this buffet is better than the Queens. I think I'll ask for a take away!'



Some of us had an enjoyable visit with Claverhouse Rotary Club to the Transport Museum.

Ena Barr



'Aubrey pulls off the Calabrian counter gambit with a flourish to ensure a Claverhouse victory in the Gavel Competition against North Fife.'



## Ladies Coffee Morning

Wednesday 14 November at Gloria Burns  
10.30am

December coffee venue to be arranged

Ena Barr

# Dreamnight at the Zoo 2018 . . .

. . . and what a DREAM NIGHT it turned out to be for hundreds of disabled children and their family and friends as Claverhouse Rotarians, Friends of Claverhouse Rotary, and Rotary Interactors joined together with other volunteers to help the youngsters and their carers have a brilliant evening of fun and games at Camperdown Wildlife Centre on Friday 7th September.

For several years now, zoos throughout Europe including our own Camperdown Wildlife Park have hosted restricted entry and unpublicised fun evenings for disabled children and children with life limiting illnesses. This year's event (the first to involve Rotarians from any Club in the planning) attracted 909 disabled children, their carers, family and friends and was an outstanding success.

Our guests were greeted by smiles and words of warm welcome from Claverhouse members before being met on the red carpet by their favourite cartoon heroes . . . including the infamous Giant Rotarian Rooster, Boris! The scurrilous rumour that the cockerel was wearing bright yellow leggings from Amazon Prime is however thought to have some credibility.

The youngsters enjoyed an action packed evening of activities including arts and crafts, face painting, hair braiding, climbing wall, duck fishing, music and dancing, storytelling, bouncy castle, putting, football, archery, nail bar, glitter tattooing, among

others. Catering was provided for guests and volunteers alike.

25 Claverhouse Rotarians and Friends worked their socks off all evening as darkness defeated us at 8.30pm all with smiles on their faces to the very end. Equally impressive was the constant enthusiasm of the 26 Interactors and their teachers from Morgan Academy. They were a great credit to the Rotary movement and to their school. Every one of you should be very proud of what you did that evening. I know that all involved received personal words of thanks from Mary Sneddon and Bradly Yule from the organising committee. However I am able to share with you below some of the comments received on the event Facebook page.

*What an amazing night, thank you so much. Amazing efforts from all involved. Spectacular! X*

*Thank you so much for a great evening! We had a lovely time and I'm completely overwhelmed by how much effort has gone into this event, amazing. XX*

*Thanks so much for dream night! We all had a fantastic night! So much effort and hard work went into tonight and it definitely paid off!*

*Thank you so much for Dream Night at Camperdown Alex loved it xx*

Also, there was one mum who had 4 children with her, 2 of them having a disability – she said to one of the volunteers:

*'I don't know how to thank you all. I would never have managed to afford to take all my kids to an event like this. You have made them all so happy, thank you so so much'*

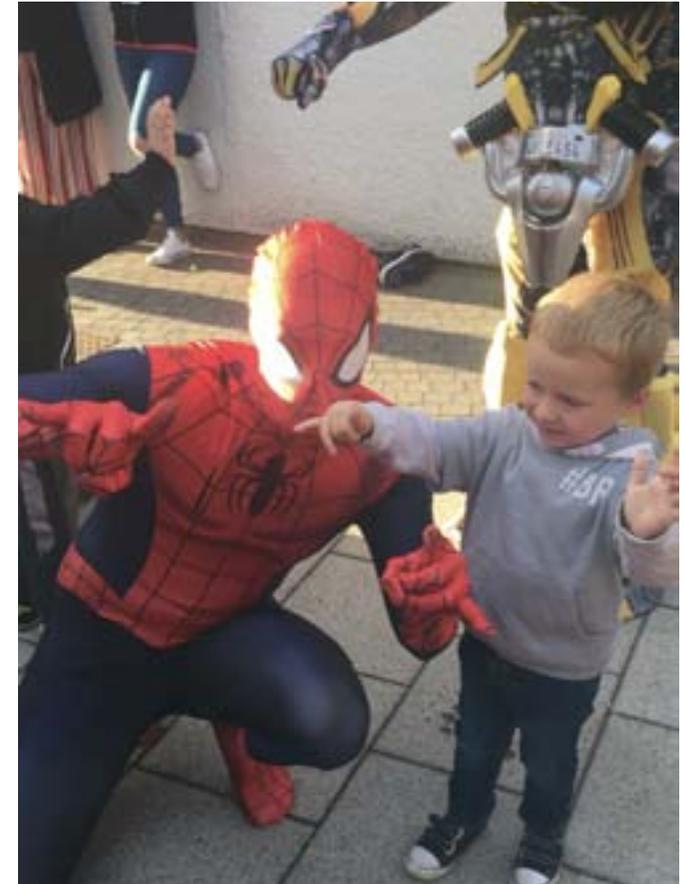
So humbling . . . For me at least, this epitomises what Rotary service in our community is all about and we should be on the lookout for other opportunities like this.

We have been invited to take part in 2019 and it goes without saying that we have enthusiastically agreed.

Well done and a BIG thank you to each and every one involved. You know who you are!

[Iain Ross](#)  
[Convener, Community Services,](#)  
[International and Foundation Committee](#)

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# 'Roll the Dice' at the Flower & Food Festival 2018



The Flower & Food Festival was held from the 31st August to the 2nd September. This annual event is a great crowd puller and gives us the opportunity to raise funds using the now famous 'Roll the Dice' challenge. Throwing seven sixes with one throw of seven dice is quite a gamble but with the ultimate prize of a new Honda HRC sitting proudly beside our gazebo we managed to raise more than £1700 for local charities. This was only possible by the sustained effort of our valiant volunteers over the three days. Special thanks must go to James Ewart, Managing Director, West End Garage for donating the car and Ian Sturrock who secured the necessary insurance to cover the possible 'loss' of the car.

Logistics required scheduling our 24 volunteers to cover morning and afternoon shifts over the three-day event. There was also an advance group who

set up the gazebo and displays the day before the event. Thanks to Iain Ross for providing his gazebo and Ian Balgowan for delivering and parking the car. An article published in the Dundee Courier provided welcome publicity thanks to Ivor Morton.

The challenge of convincing potential gamblers to have a go was made a little easier by the offer of token consolation prizes which were donated by club members. If four, five or six sixes were thrown a reward such as a bottle of wine was greatly appreciated. Four sixes (1 in 1296 chance) proved to be attainable as most of the consolation prizes disappeared. The most successful participant, Anne Bannon, threw five sixes which was against the odds of 1 in 7,776. Just for the record the chances of throwing seven sixes is 1 in 279,936.

This was a great event to promote fellowship. Each shift of volunteers worked as a team to attract participants and enjoy the atmosphere of simply having fun. The weather did not prove to be unkind and there was also the chance when time permitted to explore and experience the many other features of the festival. A truly successful Flower & Food event which leaves us with the prospect of planning yet another for next year.

Angus Fraser



From left: Kirstin Bannon, Maureen Devlin and Anne Bannon. Anne was our most successful participant, throwing five sixes.

# One of the 'Roll the Dice' Teams



# BIG NOISE, DOUGLAS – A BIG NOISE IN A BIG TOP!

In the previous issue of the Bulletin we discovered what BIG NOISE Douglas was and how Claverhouse Rotary Club got involved by contacting the organisation and offering to help with such a wonderful initiative.

Music was at the heart of helping to correct inequalities and basic human needs in a community of primary school children in an area of extreme deprivation. Since September of last year hundreds of children from pre-school age through to those in Primary 3 at Castle Park and St Pius Primary Schools have been enjoying singing activities and musical games progressing to making cardboard instruments until the time was right for them to get their hands on their very own violins, violas, cellos and double bases.

On Thursday 14 June 2018 the time had finally come for all the musicians to come together with a choir and orchestra from Big Noise Raploch, Stirling to perform their first concert in front of hundreds of family and friends in a huge tent near where they live. What an exciting experience for them all!

On the day before the concert our team of volunteers, Rotarians and Friends, joined the Big Noise adult team to blow up hundreds of balloons, lay out rows of seating and in other ways to prepare ourselves for the even busier concert day to follow.

On concert day we awoke to gale force winds which until the very last minute threatened the whole event with closure. Our team blew up even more balloons, finished dressing the tent, administered car parking and welcomed our guests. Joe in particular, immersed himself in transporting, tuning and repairing musical instruments. He was in his element and seemed to be having a fantastic time.

Meanwhile, experts battled to prevent the big top from flying across Dundee! However, the concert got the go ahead and started as planned at 2 o'clock to a packed audience with standing room only. The orchestras and choir entertained us for an hour with lively music, song and movement, supported by Alice and Chris Marra.

During calmer conditions after the concert and on the Friday morning, the time came to help clear things away and watch the tent being taken down and packed away.

I know that I speak for all from Claverhouse Rotary Club who came together in fantastic numbers for this event in saying that we all had such an enjoyable time HELPING OTHERS.

Discussing the event afterwards we all agreed that this kind of community-centred activity typifies the very essence of Rotary in action. The whole process was extremely satisfying for us all.

Jo Gevers, Operations Manager at Big Noise Douglas has written to the Club as follows:

'Thank you so much for all the help you organised for us last week. The contribution of Claverhouse Rotary was massive, and hugely appreciated. Thanks, too, for joining the battle against the elements and bearing with us through the ensuing planning hiccups. In the end we had an unforgettable day, and the feedback from children and families has been overwhelming. We were so proud of them, and I'm sure you'll agree that they were fantastic testimony to the work we have been doing with them over the year.

Looking forward to working with you all again in the future.'

Iain Ross  
Community Services,  
International and Foundation





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- 1 The gas ran out for the last 500 balloons. We were all getting worried about Brian
- 2 Iain and the Deputy Lord Provost
- 3 The Claverhouse Team all ready for action
- 4 'But this one has no strings' said Joe
- 5 Come on, guys, whose chair is it anyhow?
- 6 Claverhouse with Jo, the Big Noise organiser
- 7 The Team at Tesco Murraygate before being arrested for harassment

# An Excellent Turnout for Dundee's Annual Cyclathon . . .



Dundee's annual Cyclathon organised by the Rotary Club of Claverhouse saw over 300 cyclists arrive at Camperdown Park in glorious late summer weather all keen to complete the 26 miles around Dundee's Green Circular Cycle Route. Lord Provost Ian Borthwick welcomed them all and sounded the start at 10:30am. Many individuals and families took part in what was a great day raising money for the Rotary sponsored charity Marie Curie or for their own nominated charity. There was an excellent turnout of teams from local schools Grove Academy, Morgan Academy and High School of Dundee all of which are competing for The School's Cup, presented to the school which raises the most money for charity. It is hoped to raise a substantial amount on the day and the organisers are sure the generosity of the citizens of Dundee can once again be relied on.

Rotary Club of Claverhouse President Ian Balgowan commented, 'We are delighted to be running the Cyclathon again and the money raised will be put to excellent use by Marie Curie who do a wonderful job supporting people with terminal illness. Thank you to all the cyclists who took part making today possible.'

Lord Provost Ian Borthwick has kindly agreed to host a Civic Reception on 6 November when all those who raised money for Marie Curie or their own specific charity will have an opportunity to present their cheques to the representatives of the various charities.

[Brian Cairns](#)

# . . . In Support of Marie Curie and Other Worthy Charities



High School of Dundee Team



Menzieshill Whitehall Swimming & Water Polo Club Team



Grove Academy Team



Morgan Academy Pupils' Team



## Jewish Comedians

You may remember or have heard of the old Catskill Jewish Comics of Vaudeville days:  
Red Buttons, Danny Kaye, Groucho Marx, Woody Allen, George Burns, Jerry Lewis, Gene Wilder, Mel Brooks, Phil Silvers, Jack Benny and many others.

They made fun of themselves and there was not one single swear word in their comedy.

Here are a few examples:

I just got back from a pleasure trip.  
I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill so the doctor gave him another six months.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying,  
"Mrs. Cohen, your cheque came back."  
Mrs. Cohen answered, "So did my arthritis!"

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"

Patient: "I am 60!"

Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."

Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of a judge  
The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."

Why do Jewish divorces cost so much?  
They're worth it.

A man called his mother in Florida,  
"Mom, how are you?"  
"Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."  
The son said, "Why are you so weak?"  
She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."  
The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"  
The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play.  
She asks, "What part is it?"  
The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."  
The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Robert Burns

## Getting Older

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have grey hair; I have "wisdom highlights"!

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Life is great!

Ian Sturrock



## Attendance

Average Weekly Meeting attendance for July and August – 62%

Average Members' Commitment/Involvement for July and August – 71%.

This is down on the average attendance and commitment/involvement figures for the Rotary Year to June 2018 (68% and 91%) but close to the attendance recorded in the same two months last year (62% and 77%).

September is a really busy month with involvement at the Food and Flower Festival, Dreamnight at the Zoo and the Cyclathon. Remember to keep a note of your participation in these and any other Rotary activities going forward, show them as 'plus ones' on the Attendance Wheel and let the figures show the true level of our commitment to Rotary.

David Logan  
Club Attendance Officer

## Home Schooled

Most of us over 60 were Home Schooled – in many ways.

My mother taught me RELIGION.  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me LOGIC.  
"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .  
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.  
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA.  
"You'll sit there until all that cabbage is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER.  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.  
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION .

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY.  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.  
"Just you wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING  
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.  
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.  
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS.  
Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

Rod Dee

# Club Diary

ROTARY YEAR 2018/19



**2018**

<b>October</b>	Mon 15 - Fri 19 Saturday 20 Friday 26 Sunday 28	Scatter Week (No Club Meeting on Tuesday 16 October) District Conference, Gardyne Theatre, Dundee Dundee Charity Gala Dinner, Invercarse Hotel Interactor Conference, Gardyne Theatre, Dundee
<b>November</b>	Tuesday 20	New Members Evening
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 11 Thursday 13 Tuesday 25	No Club Meeting Christmas Message, Dundee Rep No Club Meeting

**2019**

<b>Jan</b>	Tuesday 1 Tuesday 8 Friday 25	No Club Meeting Club Meetings recommence Burns Supper, Queen's Hotel, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
<b>March</b>	Saturday 9 Tuesday 19 Saturday 30	Club Leadership Seminar, Aberdeen Partner's Evening, Dundee and Angus College District Council, Inverness
<b>April</b>	Sunday 7 Tuesday 9 Sunday 28	Club Leadership Seminar, Royal George Hotel, Perth Club AGM District Assembly, Caird Hall, Dundee
<b>June</b>	Tuesday 11 Tuesday 25	Club Assembly Club Presidential Handover

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