

THE ROTARY CLUB OF FALKIRK

District 1020

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ROTARY CALLING



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LEND WITH CARE UPDATE



Happy women group has a membership of 15, aged between 24 and 50. These women run small scale businesses such as green grocers, kapenta (small fish), and fruits with the hope of uplifting their living

One of the group members is 32 year old Tinenenji Phiri . She is married and has 4 children. She runs a grocery stall selling different types of groceries like washing soap, bathing soap, sugar and sometimes she also sells clothes. She thought of starting a business to be financially independent. She is requesting this loan as top up capital to order other merchandise like mealie meal, meat products, cooking oil, soap, sugar and rice. Currently she runs her business alone but she hopes to employ someone in future, she started this business three years ago. She hopes to open another shop where she will be selling different types of fresh fish as a way of expanding her family. From the profits of the business, she hopes to build a family house on the plot they bought last year. The Club's micro loan featured this month was made to this group in Zambia. Our loan of £40 repayable over 6 months was made in Jan '17 and the final monthly repayment is due at the end July '17

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM WATER AID



Dear Mrs Noble,

Obse is full of joy because she has clean, safe water near her home. This joy was made possible by clubs like yours.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Falkirk's support, children like Obse will have the opportunity to grow, learn and achieve their true potential. Her mother, Aberash, told us: *"My children have had parasites and diarrhoea because they drank dirty water. Now we bathe our children with clean water, they drink clean water and they are healthier"*.

Aberash and her husband were both involved in the water project - carrying materials and helping to dig the trenches. They were both so desperate to give their children a better future. Now, they can look at Obse's smile and know that she will grow up safe, happy and healthy thanks to their hard work.

Your club's kind donation of £600 will bring the same excitement and opportunity to the people of Liben Gamo Babich Town and Toke Kombolcha.

Thank you so much for your committed support and generosity.

With best wishes,

Imogen Hardman **Community Team Water Aid**

SAMMI TAKES GOLD



Rotary Young Citizen Sammi Kinghorn, the wheelchair Paralympian, is in the news again: she just won gold in the World Para-athletics Championships at the London Stadium (200m T53), creating a new world record in the process

She has a strong connection with the Rotary club of Southern Scotland where she's an honorary member and an active e-member, and everyone will be delighted at her win: she's worked really hard since that accident in December 2010.

100 YEARS OF ROTARY FOUNDATION

- 2007 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation issues the \$100 million challenge.
- 2013 The simplified Grant Model goes into effect.
The model introduces two new Grant types, Global and District, and phases out 3-H, Matching and District Simplified Grant; Ambassadorial Scholarships and the Group Study Exchange Programme
- 2016 The Foundation's centennial year began on the 1st of July

ON THE FRONT FOOT AGAINST POLIO

Have you ever wondered how the world stays on the front foot against Polio? The World Health Organisation YouTube has released a series of videos answering that very question.

Surveillance in over 70 Countries, sophisticated technology and of course Rotary assistance!

Head to bit.ly/WHOPolio to check it out.

Today's teaser!

What was the first name of the legendary Indian Civil Rights leader and pacifist known as Gandhi?

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is welcoming Denis Spiller as President for 2017/18.



"It might be mid-summer, but for Rotary, 1st July is New Year's Day and I am excited to be taking over as President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland for the next 12 months." Denis commented.

"The coming year is highly important to us for several reasons. Firstly, it is looking extremely likely that it could be the year we see the final case of wild polio in the world, a cause Rotary started in 1985 when there were 1,000 cases a day, and to which countless funds and hours of volunteer time has been dedicated. This year to date we have seen just six cases."

"Secondly, it is the year that we shall see many new Rotary clubs being created across the UK and Ireland implementing new flexible, informal and project-active programmes to welcome community and business-minded adults of all ages as members."

"Thirdly, it's the year that perhaps we shall welcome you to our numbers. Make contact, get involved and join Rotary, it's the best decision you will ever make."

Denis joined the Rotary Club of Strood in Kent in 1985, directly from Rotaract and is the first former Rotaractor to become President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland.

He has served numerous roles within Rotary, including roles promoting The Rotary Foundation, youth programmes and was also Chairman for the 2016 Rotary Conference in Bournemouth.

Denis has a special interest in youth service having a background in voluntary youth work in Kent. In his professional life, Denis spent 22 years with Hewlett-Packard.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF R.I. PRESIDENT ELECT



It was with great sorrow that we only learned today 20th July of the unexpected death of RI President Elect Sam Owori on the 13th.

Sam was Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He was a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee.

Most recently, Owori served as trustee of The Rotary Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori was a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, have been Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.

Sam's choice as President Elect had been unanimous in the seventeen man selection Committee. It is understood that the other nominated Candidates from the short list are to be recalled for interview.

DO YOU READ YOUR RIBI MAGAZINE?

I've got to admit that I wouldn't be able to point an accusatory finger at anyone because I very rarely read my RIBI Magazine.

This month however I was trawling through the July edition for copy that I might use here and came across a number of interesting articles. Viz

FACT FILE

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International overheads are very small. In the 2015 financial year only 3.3% was used for administrative expenses.

The short article I have repeated on page 2 "On the Front Foot Against Polio" is also taken from the magazine.

I don't know whether this edition is any different from those that have preceded it but I'll certainly be paying more attention in future.

THE CHANGING FACE OF ROTARY

Manchester Trailblazers Rotary Club is certainly living up to its name having recently named 22 year old Martin Judd as their new President for the year.

He is also among the youngest in Rotary's 112-year international history, and for Martin, having the chance to lead the way is something he is relishing.

"Rotary is often thought of as a club for older men but this is just not true," Martin explained. "The idea of breaking the mould and helping to change the image appeals to me a lot."

That goes for Martin's 18-year old girlfriend Nicole Harris too. She is the newest Trailblazers recruit, along with becoming the youngest female Rotarian among the Great Britain and Ireland's 47,500 members.

"Age has become a big issue in Rotary," Martin added, "the pressure is on to generate the next generation who can take our international network into the future. Without younger members the proud history of this great humanitarian voluntary organisation could grind to a halt."

Martin, son of a racehorse trainer, was born in Tokoroa on North Island, New Zealand, but moved to the UK in 2012.

It was in New Zealand that he became interested in Rotary when school friends joined a sponsored youth exchange group to Brazil. So, in 2014, he joined the newly formed Manchester Trailblazers and was elected President Nominee within a year.

His targets for the club during his presidential year are to raise membership, boost the charity fundraising programme and launch his own personal education and literacy projects.

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

As of 31st March

	ROTARY	ROTARACT	INTERACT
Members	1,233,172	233,450	495,880
Clubs	35,533	10,150	21,560

JULY REPORT

On Thursday 6th July we were Regaled by Ross Martin a polymath who outlined his aspirations for the town of Falkirk within the wider frame of the Scottish Cities. Ross ably explained the opportunities that existed that would put Falkirk firmly on the map and occupy the centre ground of tourism, industry and entertainment in Central Scotland.

On the 13th the speaker was Kathleen Boswell from Sedalia Missouri. She eloquently highlighted the history of the Cowboys after the Civil War, The development of a lasting memorial to them and their association with Sedalia and the Railways.

Gillian Gardner, Business and Development Manager from The Falkirk Trinity Church spoke to us on the 20th July. Her role in the Church entails ensuring that the Church's commitment to the Community at large is met. She skillfully outlined the breadth of local involvement in the Church and its halls over seven days of the week. Gillian's obvious enthusiasm was matched by the outgoing and pleasing Character that is the Hallmark of someone who loves their job.

Next to address us was Olivia Hernandez a Global Scholar from San Antonio USA studying for an MSc in International Development. She spoke about her home town and its place in Texas and where she hoped her studies in Edinburgh would take her. She had her friend Whitney, with her.

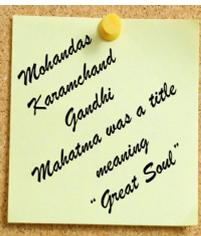
Thought for the day

There are no strangers here only friends you haven't yet met.
William Butler Yeats

ROTARY DUTIES AND PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker's Host	Visitor's Host
3rd August 2017	Christine Bell	Cycling Without Age	Richard Johnston	Sandy Murrison
10th August 2017	P.C. Douglas Cole	Senior Suckers	Bill Laurie	Linda Noble
17th August 2017	Ryan Leishman	Educating Malawi	Robin Johnston	Stewart Ross
24th August	Les Mason	GSE to USA	Ian Johnston	Gillies Sinclair
31st August	Pankaj K. Agarwal	Sight Savers	Bill Laurie	Robert Spears

Date	Cashier	w/c	Station Tubs & High Street Planters
3rd August 2017	Tom Curry	7th August 2017	Robert Hannigan & Linda Noble
10th August 2017	Hugh Gillespie	14th August 2017	Stewart Ross & June McAlpine
17th August 2017	Robert Craig	21st August 2017	David Wheeler & Franck Fouche
24th August	Hugh Gillespie	28th August 2017	Robert Craig & Robert Spears
31st August	Robert Hannigan		



NEWSLINE READERS

The following Rota for the reading duty on Thursday evenings has been published by Jim Cairns.

Each participant should receive the key to the premises from the previous participant on the Thursday Lunchtime on the day of duty. You should present yourself there at 18.45.

DATE	READER
3rd August 2017	Sandy McGill
10th August 2017	Jim Cairns
17th August 2017	George Honeyman
24th August	Hugh Gillespie
31st August	Bill Laurie