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District 1020

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ROTARY CALLING



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LEND WITH CARE UPDATE **SHELTERBOX**



Our microloan featured this month was made to the Tadaliska women. They requested £2675 of which we contributed £60 and the loan should be repaid by the end of October.

The Tadaliska women group based in Chipata district has 17 women, aged between 26 and 54. Most of the women in the group are married but there are also widows and singles. These women have children in school and also looking after school going orphans. They also run small businesses.

They sell among other products groceries, second hand clothes and vegetables. They are requesting their ninth loan after successfully repaying eight previous loans. This loan will be used to expand their businesses. They source their products within and outside the district. They are helped to run their businesses by family members. Lucy Banda runs a market stall selling some groceries. She is 41 and married with two children who go to school. She has been in this business for 14 years now. She started her business with the hope of being able to provide food for her family. She requests this loan to order more stocks of sugar, salt, cooking oil and assorted soft drinks. Before she started the business Lucy was farming and looking after her family. As a woman she is happy to be empowered financially through access to loans.

The Rotary Clubs of Grangemouth and Falkirk joined forces on the 16th September in York Square Grangemouth and on the 23rd in the Howgate Centre to raise awareness of Shelterbox and raise much needed cash. In the event a total of £987 was raised between the two venues.

The street collections were arranged in response to the ongoing need for assistance in the Caribbean after Hurricane Irma and the terrible floods in Bangladesh.



Members of both Clubs in York Square on 16th

Shelterbox currently have a team in Barbados working on the complex logistics of getting aid to the families who desperately need it, a team on its way to distribute aid in St Kitts and Nevis, a team heading to the Dominican Republic where they're planning to provide another 500 ShelterKits, and a fourth team travelling to the British Virgin Islands.

Further aid is being packed in the UK today (17th Sept) to be shipped the same day by Virgin Atlantic.

They have teams in Syria, Iraq, Cameroon, Chad and Niger to relieve the suffering of those escaping the ravages of war and others in Texas, Somaliland, Nepal, and Bangladesh where natural disasters have left thousands homeless.



A Plea from Olga Ghazaryan Director of International Programmes



You may have read an e-mail we sent out earlier this month, appealing for donations to help deal with the aftermath of devastating floods in northern Bangladesh.

Tragically, a second disaster has struck. Due to an outbreak of violence in neighbouring Myanmar, approximately 400,000 Rohingya refugees are now stranded in refugee camps in southern Bangladesh.

With such a large number of people living in the open, without clean water and with no choice but to go to the toilet outdoors, the likelihood of waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid is incredibly high.

WaterAid is not an emergency response organisation. However, when disasters affect the communities we work with directly, and when our local partners on the ground are ready and able, we take action.

Without urgent intervention, people sheltering in the refugee camps will be at risk from fatal diseases, and thousands of lives will be in danger. This is why we must act immediately.

Our first priority is to set up community toilets, water points and shower facilities in the camps, and distribute hygiene kits to women and girls.

If we are able to provide these life-saving services, the Rohingya people will have a better chance of surviving this catastrophe.

Please donate whatever you can today.



Hong Kong Elementary School First Grade Student Admissions Test Question



What number car parking bay is the car parked in?

CHARITIES' DAY UPDATE

President elect Jim reports that the charities day this year had 31 stalls of which Falkirk Rotary had three and Livingston Rotary had one manned by Paddy & Lissette Bingham accompanied by a herd of reindeer in fancy dress.

The total raised by all charities present was £9,300, a very worthy effort on behalf of all.

Thanks must go to our friends in Falkirk who assisted in the organisation and erection of the stalls and to the ever generous people of Falkirk.

FALKIRK COMES IN SECOND

The first round of the District Quiz took place in the Park Hotel on Tuesday evening 19th September. Falkirk were at home to visitors Grangemouth when the shanghai team consisting of President Margaret, Bill Laurie, Sandy McGill and Donald McNicol were soundly thrashed 26 points to 11.

It has to be said that the questions were not easy such as "Who was the first president of RIBI?" or "What was the RI Theme in 2006?"

Needless to say none of us scored in the Rotary round primarily because yours truly convinced the rest of the team that one answer was not "Rotary Foundation" and of course that's just what it was. See article below.

As part of Rotary's year-long centennial celebration of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary clubs raised \$304 million to support positive, lasting change in communities around the world, including clubs across Great Britain and Ireland.

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own charity and was founded in 1917 with its first donation of \$26.50. 100 years later and the Foundation have spent nearly \$4 billion to help countless people live better.

Each year, The Rotary Foundation provides more than \$200 million to end polio and support sustainable projects in Rotary's six Areas of Focus.

"When we say that our Rotary Foundation is saving and transforming lives, we are not exaggerating," said Kalyan Banerjee, Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation 2016/17.

"With the continued strong support of our members, we will keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children, and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace."

"We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

SEPTEMBER REPORT

On the 7th Alex Napier from the Rotary Club of Shotts and District visited to tell us about his life long passion for organ music and in particular the work and music of Claus Wunderlich. Alex's obvious enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject shone through this wonderful presentation.

The following week Donald McNicol delivered his "Job Talk". Donald left us in no doubt about his passion for his work and his inimitable ability to carry it out. He waxed lyrical about oral hygiene, diet, awareness of our mouth and how the methods employed today have changed considerably from the days of high speed drills to the application of laser cured resins and the latest in more easily targeted and more effective local anaesthetics.

Tom Purdie Football pundit and prolific Author kept us all amused and entertained on the 21st with his take on "Scottish Football- The Golden Years". Tom has promised to return with the story of the Hearts players who volunteered for the 1st World War.

Thursday 28th saw John Beever address us on the subject of his cinematography. He and his pal Jim Cairns nonetheless got together to make films. John showed us two of his creations, one of Summerlee Industrial Heritage Museum and a Drama with two "Old Men" trying to do a tour of Edinburgh. All in all a very successful presentation much appreciated by us all.

Thought for the day

I never found a Club or Clan or Idea that was more important to me than the men and women who believed in it.

Gregory David Roberts

ROTARY DUTIES AND PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker's Host	Visitor's Host
5th October 2017	Irene McKie	Strathcarron Hospice	Jim Hay	Tom Curry
12th October 2017	Nichola Stephenson	Rhinos both black and white	George Honeyman	Hugh Gillespie
19th October 2017	James McDonald	Falkirk Writers Circle	Richard Johnston.	Robert Hannigan
26th October 2017	Anne Brown	Mrs Broom's Story	Harry Johnston	Jim Hay
2nd November 2017	Clare Ritchie	Woodcraft Folk Scotland	Ian Johnston	George Honeyman

Date	Cashier	w/c	Station Tubs & High Street Planters
5th October 2017	Bill Laurie	02 October 2017	Richard Johnston & Narek Bido
12th October 2017	June McAlpine	09 October 2017	Margaret Lyon & June McAlpine
19th October 2017	Linda Noble	16 October 2017	Sandy McGill & Stewart Ross
26th October 2017	Robert Spears	23 October 2017	Raymond Morton & Sandy Murrison
2nd November 2017	Raymond Morton	30 October 2017	Linda Pacitti & Ian Rule



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.

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