

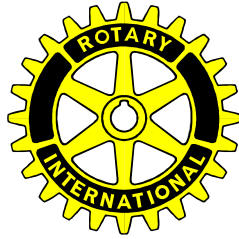
THE ROTARY CLUB OF FALKIRK

District 1020

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LEND WITH CARE UPDATE



Julio González is a chicken farmer from near the small town of Catamayo. He is 28 years old and single. He has had this business for the past six years or so. He has built several coops that have allowed him to increase the number of birds he can raise at any one time. He supports himself and also his mother who can no longer work because of ill-health. Don Julio reckons that he can earn a profit of around \$350 each month on average. He requested a loan in order to buy 100 chicks and feed for the birds for 4-5 months, that is when they are ready to be sold. A part of the loan is also to improve the coops where the birds are housed at night. They are all free range. The loan will be repaid over 12 monthly instalments.

Julio borrowed £1719 in Feb 2017. Our contribution was £30. He has made regular repayments since March and is expected to have repaid his loan by April '18.



**A HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL
OUR READERS**

**WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
CHIANTI NEW YEAR**



35 members partners friends and family met at Chianti on Thursday 28th for lunch since the Park Hotel was closed. We all enjoyed superb food and drink and experienced a great day of fellowship.

DECEMBER REPORT

Alan Simpson, the Lord Lieutenant, and his wife Jan joined us for the annual Christmas lunch. Alan spoke about his life as a Civil Engineer and the duties involved in his post as Lord Lieutenant.

On the 14th we presented the Community Achievement Award to Mrs Ann Kerr. Unlike some previous recipients Ann was delighted to be able to address the Club on the subject of Motor Neuron Disease. Ann spoke with knowledge and passion about the work that was being done in conjunction with Multiple Sclerosis charities to find a cure or treatment for the disease.

This year Rev. Sarah Shaw delivered the Christmas Message in a beautifully simple and thoughtful manner. She drew numerous parallels between the birth of Christ in basic insanitary conditions to an unmarried young woman in a troubled part of the World who was subsequently forced to flee the terrors of Herod to Egypt as a refugee, and the plight of millions across the world today in the same condition. Sarah's innate humanity shone through an inspiring address and gave us all food for thought.

The 28th saw 15 of us dining along with spouses and friends at Chianti. In all 35 people enjoyed superb food and excellent fellowship. Well done again John Struthers

ROTARY DUTIES AND PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker's Host	Visitor's Host
04 January 2018	Cecil Meiklejohn	New Year Message	Sandy Murrison	Gordon Daly
11 January 2018	Michael Tobias	Bicentenary of the Jewish Community	Linda Noble	Raymond Morton
18 January 2018	Louis Wall	Station Flower tubs.	Stewart Ross	Sandy Murrison
25 January 2018	Billy Buchanan	Bonnybridge UFOs	Gillies Sinclair	Linda Noble
01 February 2018	Abin, Neamh and Olivia	Challenge Enterprise	Robert Spears	Linda Pacitti

Date	Cashier	w/c	Station Tubs & High St. Planters
04 January 2018	David Wheeler	1st January 2018	Jim Cairns & Donald McNicol
11 January 2018	Jim Cairns	8th January 2018	Robert Craig & Raymond Morton
18 January 2018	Tom Curry	15th January 2018	Gordon Daly & Sandy Murrison
25 January 2018	Hugh Gillespie	22nd January 2018	Hugh Gillespie & Andrew Niven
01 February 2018	Jim Hay	29th January 2018	Robert Hannigan & Linda Noble



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
04 January 2018	Closed
11 January 2018	Sandy Murrison
18 January 2018	Sandy McGill
25 January 2018	Raymond Morton
01 February 2018	Bill Laurie