

THE ROTARY CLUB OF FALKIRK

District 1020

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ROTARY CLUB'S PR CAMPAIGN GIVEN A BOOST



Assistant District Governor Archie Ralston visited the Club on Thursday 23rd June to witness our annual Assembly where the aspirations of the Organisation are cascaded down to Club level and the coming year's conveners outline their programme for the year ahead.

Archie is Rotary Public Image Co-ordinator for this area and generously donated the banner shown in the photograph to the Club.

The Club is anxious to increase its membership base and intends putting the banner to good use.

President Andrew Dawkins is pictured with President elect Margaret Lyon and immediate past President Robert Spears displaying the banner.

Purple Polio

For over 30 years, Rotary and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world. The amount of polio-endemic countries has dropped from 125 to just two, with over 2.5 billion children receiving vaccinations thanks to the help of Rotary.

The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunised.

MARGARET TAKES OVER THE REINS FROM ANDREW



In a change to our normal handover routine our meeting on the 30th June was dedicated wholly to the handover of the Presidency.

Margaret Lyon is pictured sporting the Club Chain of office in her first moments of having received it from Andrew and in turn presenting Jim Cairns with his President elect pendant.

In her inaugural address President Margaret outlined her thoughts for the year ahead and showed an inspiring video of President John Germ, her contemporary (*in presidential terms only, understand*) in Rotary International outlining and introducing his theme for the year.



The culmination of the address saw John look back on the history of Rotary: -

Near the end of his life, reflecting on the path that brought him to Rotary, Paul Harris wrote:

“Individual effort may be turned to individual needs, but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.”

He could hardly have imagined then that one day, more than 1.2 million Rotarians would be combining their efforts, and, through our Rotary Foundation, their resources, to serve humanity together. And we can only imagine what great deeds Paul Harris would have expected of such a Rotary! It is our responsibility to achieve those deeds; as it is our privilege to carry forth the tradition of

Rotary Serving Humanity.



President Andrew reflected on his year in the chair: -

Well, the last year seems to have flown by and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the hot seat. The club has continued to raise money for worthy causes and get involved in helping a wide range of local schools, voluntary groups and the elderly, whilst enjoying the company of fellow Rotarians, friends and family.

Hopefully I have removed a little of the formality of proceedings whilst keeping what is important to the club and I would like to hope that this continues.

The challenge we face, like many others in the voluntary sector, is in attracting new blood to our club, as too many people have very little time, or have a “what’s in it for me” mentality. By engaging with others and having fun at the heart of all we do, we can only hope that new members will step forward and reap the benefits membership of this great organisation brings. Having fun whilst doing good for others brings a great feeling of warmth.

On a personal note I should like to thank all the members of our club for their help, support and guidance over the last year and also to Duncan and his staff at the Park Hotel for the great work they do week in and week out. I know Margaret will have a wonderful time as our new President and I wish her all the very best for her year in office.
Now, where’s my beer?



Meet District Governor Olive



I am a Lancashire lass but have lived in Scotland so long my family think I have 'gone native'. My father had a soft spot for Scotland and encouraged me to study at St Andrews University. I spent four very enjoyable years there meeting Ian early on. From St Andrews I went to Liverpool University to take a postgraduate Diploma in Archive Administration.

Work took me to Plymouth where I was Assistant Archivist at West Devon Record Office for two years before returning to Scotland to get married. Most of my working life has been spent at the National Library of Scotland in the Archives and Manuscript Collections Division. Over the years I have been involved in developing the collections, public service and promoting the collections through exhibitions, talks and publications. This has led to books on Scottish golf history and food history.

I joined Rotary in 2005 as founder Vice-President of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh Waverley and was President twice during the club's short existence. In 2011 I joined the Rotary Club of Edinburgh moving from the smallest club in District 1020 to the largest. My first District post was as Rotaract Officer. This was followed by three years as District Secretary before being elected District Governor Nominee.

Ian and I have two grown-up children and a grandchild on the way.

Today's teaser!

$6 + 4 = 210$	This brain teaser has been shared more than 3 million times on Facebook.
$9 + 2 = 711$	
$8 + 5 = 313$	It seems to be easy for some people but difficult for others.
$5 + 2 = 37$	
$7 + 6 = 113$	
$9 + 8 = 117$	Which group are you in?
$10 + 6 = 416$	
$15 + 3 = 1218$	
$?? + ?? = 123$	

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is welcoming Eve Conway as President for 2016/17.



Eve has been a member of Rotary for 16 years having joined the Rotary Club of Redbridge in 2000. During her time as a Rotarian, Eve has organised numerous projects including ones associated with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games when she was District Governor for Rotary in London; the Rotary Young Citizen Awards which recognise the outstanding work of young people; and Rotary's new [Purple4Polio campaign](#), which involves an exciting partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society to plant 5 million purple crocus corms across Great Britain and Ireland.

Having studied as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, home of Rotary International, Eve graduated with a Master of Science in Broadcast Journalism. She has spent over 20 years working for BBC News working across the organisation in both television and radio in a range of positions including News Producer and Political Reporter.

In addition to her Presidential year coinciding with the 70th anniversary the start of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship programme, it is also the [Centennial Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation](#), Rotary's own and only charity. The Foundation has been a powerful force for doing good across the world, most notably through Rotary's fight to eradicate polio, which as Eve explains is now closer than ever.

"The world stands on the brink of an historic milestone and we must focus our efforts on the final push to eradicate this disease to ensure a polio-free world. We are now so close to finishing the job with only two remaining countries where polio is still endemic, Pakistan and Afghanistan. That is why the Purple4Polio campaign is so important to raise awareness and funds. Let's join together to make history and End Polio Now and forever."

JUNE REPORT

In our first meeting in June David Anderson from the accountancy firm Drummond Laurie spoke to us about Motivation. His talk centred around body Language and how it can be used to present a more positive image.

Kieran Kozary thrilled us on the following week with an inspiring, confident and enthusiastic talk about just what Falkirk Football Club was. He went into great detail about the partnerships that the Club has developed in the Charity arena and proved that it was “More than just football”

Sarah Anderson from Cancer research UK was our speaker on the 16th. She expertly bombarded us with facts about the development and research that are proving so successful in the fight against the disease. The 300 different types of cancer were being understood in much more detail and with focused and bespoke treatment life expectancy had improved dramatically.

The Club assembly on the 23rd was closely followed by the Presidential handover a week later when President Margaret accepted the presidency of the Club from IPP Andrew.

Thought for the day

If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough.

Albert Einstein

CHARITIES' DAY

Charities' Day this year is to be on Saturday 20th August.

It has been decided that the format should remain the same as in previous years with a bottle stall, DVD/CD stall and a shelterbox display.

In order for the event to be as successful as in previous years we need to amass some 300 bottles.

There remains something short of 2 months before the event so start collecting and take your bottles to Stewart Ross and DVDs or CDs to George Honeyman.

Most importantly keep the date free in your diary.

ROTARY DUTIES AND PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker's Host	Visitor's Host
7th July 2016	Justin Davidson	Alzheimer Scotland	David Wheeler	Bill Laurie
14th July 2016	Andrew Wilson	Shelterbox	Tom Curry	Ronald Mochrie
21st July 2016	Open	N/A	N/A	Raymond Morton
28th July 2016	Jim Walker	Antonine Wall	Jim Hay	Sandy Murrison
4th August 2016			George Honeyman	Linda Noble

Date	Cashier	w/c	Station Tubs
7th July 2016	Jim Watson	4th July 2016	Harry Johnston & Andrew Niven
14th July 2016	David Wheeler	11th July 2016	Ian Johnston & Bill Laurie
21st July 2016	Alastair McMillan	18th July 2016	Richard Johnston & Narek Bido
28th July 2016	Jim Cairns	25th July 2016	Margaret Lyon & Inglis McAulay
4th August 2016	Tom Curry	1st August 2016	Sandy McGill & Alastair McMillan

