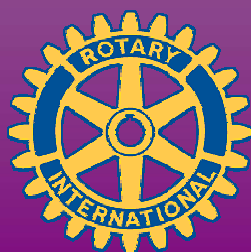


The Rotary Club of Inverness Riverside

Summer 2008



Note from the President

As my year as President of our club draws to a close, please accept my most sincere thanks for your support, enthusiasm, commitment and humour over the past year and take this opportunity to wish the club and next years President, Ramsay McGhee, good wishes for the year ahead.

I have enjoyed the role of President and believe that together we have taken our club from strength to strength and that we have achieved the objectives that I set out almost a year ago.

We have undoubtedly integrated our club with local Rotary clubs and others in the area. Through attendance at the Joint Council for Inverness and by participation in many social activities we have truly made our mark, not least through our memorable race night! We are also well supported by visitors from other clubs, especially since our change of venue. I am sure you will agree our move to Kingsmills has been a success and an important and significant development for our club.

Our committees have also had great success and are now firmly established. This has led to our supporting several worthwhile causes including the Springboard project, Alzheimer's, Youth Inclusion Inverness and L'Arche and we have now established our very own club newsletter. We also achieved an amazing start to our contribution to Rotary Foundation contributing over £3,000. On top of this and despite the 'credit crunch' we are managing to hold subscriptions at £75 for the year ahead!

Rotary enables us to reach out to the global community and Rotary International have launched a major initiative towards the complete eradication of polio worldwide. In partnership with the Gates Foundation and Polio Plus, Rotary aims to raise US\$100million over the next three years. Through our Inter-

national Committee our club will support this initiative.

Our membership has grown steadily from 28 when I became President to some 33 with our newest recruits and we have all shared the task of bringing new members to the club although Vicki still leads the way. A special welcome to all our new members who have been 'induced' during the last year!

Our programme has been excellent throughout the year and special thanks go to Ramsay for all his hard work on this. We have had some excellent speakers and enjoyable visits especially our 'Jaguar' breakfast, the 'haggis romp and the 'Gavel' Challenge to mention just a few and I am sure we will continue to become increasingly involved both in our local community and with our fellow Rotarians.

Thanks again for the good times and lets carry on sharing our skills, our dedication and our fellowship through Rotary with our own communities and communities around the world.

Rotary now has some 1.2 million members worldwide in 32,000 clubs and runs tens of thousands of projects locally and at an international level. Rotary the world over is an organisation to which we can all be proud to belong.

David Welch
President

"Service above Self"



Rotary Breakfast

A Rotary World 1st.

On the 7th February local Inverness Rotarians were invited to a special Breakfast at Macrae & Dick's Jaguar Showroom. The occasion was the launch of the latest Jaguar, the XF.

After a cooked breakfast, a short quiz & a welcome from David Welsh, Riverside President, Macrae & Dick's MD, Andrew Grzesinski unveiled the new 'Jag' to rapturous applause. Gordon Snoddy from Jaguar cars also mentioned that as the UK was the first XF launch world-wide & the fact that Inverness was launching at least 12 hours ahead of the rest of the country that is was in fact a 'world first'.

Accurate answers on the quiz also gave Rotarian Hayley Lewis a new XF as first prize – although only for the weekend! The event was attended by around 40 people & raised £600 for rotary foundation. Thank you to all Rotarians who attended, the Macrae & Dick Directors who allowed the event & Steven Hulme who served up such a fantastic Breakfast.

Alastair Mackenzie

Donations

The Rotary Club of Inverness is making the following donations

- £250 to Youth Inclusive
- £250 to Larche
- £250 to Alzheimers

Dates for the Diary

- 70's Night in aid of Youth Inclusive Friday 13th June
- Robin's leaving night Friday 20th June
- Larche BBQ 22nd June
- Marymas Fair Crossroads – 9th August
- Children 1st Raft Race 30th August

Finally on behalf of the Club I would like to wish Robin all the best in his new role with L'arch in France his contribution has been greatly appreciated

