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Foreword from President Ryan

A Happy New Year to you all. By the time this issue of Ternan Times is out we will have had our Christmas Party, which Bill Burr and his team have organised for us. The Entertainments Committee have preparations well advanced too for the next major social event: The Burns Supper. We look forward to that.

The past Quarter has seen more activity in our Club than usual for the time of year. The season for the gavel and curling were well under way, of course, but in addition this year we had a Fellowship Weekend and also ARTanon. The fellowship Weekend at Grantown-on-Spey, where we stayed at the Ben Mhor Hotel owned by Eric Dair's daughter and son-in-law, was in October. It was organised by Geoff Wilkinson and was enjoyed by a company of twenty seven, including spouses. Well done Geoff - let's do it again! The ARTanon auction of anonymous art in early November was also a great success, with 61 pieces of art sold out of the 72 donated by local artists. A total £3200 was raised for End Polio Now and Childline.

In November our International Committee, led by Jim Thomson, organised an excellent International Evening and two weeks later we had a visit from Pudsey Bear for our Children in Need evening. Meanwhile Ralph Singleton and his vocational Committee have been busy handing out Dictionaries for Life to the local primary school leavers, which have been well appreciated.

December has seen more raffle ticket selling at the Bon Accord Shopping Centre and, as well as organising the rotas for that, Sigrid Medley-Tellefsen once again made all the arrangements for our mulled wine and mince pies stall in Scott Skinner Square for the Christmas Farmers' Market.

At our SGM I am delighted to note that Ralph Singleton was elected VP next year. He will surely be an excellent President in due course.

Finally, although sorry to lose Forbes Grant as an ordinary member this year, I was delighted in December to offer him honorary membership of the Club, which he graciously accepted. Forbes has been a loyal member since 1972 and was instrumental in founding a number of the club's initiatives and traditions. We wish him well and look forward to keeping in touch

Many thanks go to all members and their families for their continued support. We have much to look forward to over the next six months. I'm enjoying it.

Ryan

Congratulations from our Mother Club

The meeting of meeting of 7th December was a **Red Letter** day for the Club when President John Mennie of our Mother Club, Aberdeen St Fittick, made the presentation of the gift of a Rotary Bell in celebration of our 40th Charter.

President John congratulated the Club on the success of our first forty years and wished the Club and its members well for the future. President Ryan will now have the choice of his gavel or the bell to bring unruly Rotarians to order



John Mennie presents the bell to President Ryan

New Club Project meets with Great Success

In an interesting departure from the Club's usual type of Fund Raisers, Ryan & Andy Bond had the idea of running an auction of original artwork produced by artists local to the North East. The twist in the tail however, was that the bidders would not know the identities of the pieces being sold and so the project was named ARTanon.

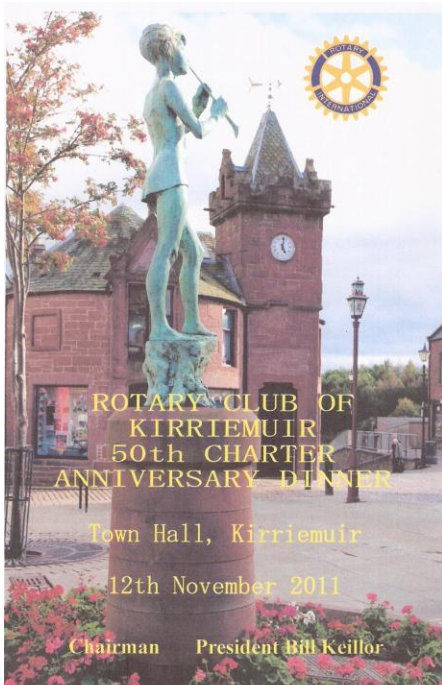
Using his powerful gift of persuasion, our President managed to secure 72 pieces of artwork from fifty-four mostly local artists and the auction date was set for Friday November 4th. The venue was the Royal British Legion Ravenswood, Banchory and the auction was to be in the capable hands of PP George Sinclair, assisted by PP Ian Hendry.

A small, but art wise, group of bidders attended the auction, where they enjoyed the wine, the fellowship and the fun of bidding for the anonymous pieces, whilst raising over £3000 to be split between RIs End Polio Now campaign and Child Line Aberdeen. A great idea, something new and something different.



President Ryan, PP George and PP Ian at the ARTanon auction Photo John Anderson

RC Kirrie - Charter Celebrations



The excellent front page of the Kirrie 50th Charter Programme, celebrating 50 years of Rotary activities in that worthy Angus town

The Rotary Club O' Kirriemuir celebrated it's 50th Charter on the 12th of November and a robust company of Banchory Rotarians and partners, joined in what must have been a match for the famous Ball – it was a great night done as was expected, the Kirrie way. Excellent food, fun and fellowship was in plentiful supply. Of course, wherever the Banchory folks go, they get a mention, so no surprise when they appeared in a 50th Charter song, specially written for the occasion, and in which a certain well known Piper columnist collaborated – ye ken, the boy that wears the bonnet!

*Three Banchory fowk cam ower the Mount
Tae spy James Arnott's coos
They kent he had braw champions
For he's forivver in the news
Len McIntosh looket for a bull
That he could yaise tae breed
An' chose a fine black Angus beast
Tae suit his ilky need*

*Len he cursed an' scratched his heid
Syne wondered what tae dae
He thocht he wid hae hid better luck
For he's seeventy twa the day
But fortune it did smile on him
An' he got lots o' breaks
For butcher Geordie Sinclair cam
An' cut the beast in steaks*

*But when he led it fae the byre
The bull it tripped an' fell
But by a stroke o' richt guid luck
Len's wife was there as well
Doreen she gave the kiss o' life
She blew till she wis tired
But a' her efforts were in vain
For the bluidy bull expired*

*They teen them tae the Toon Hall here
An cooket them medium rare
Syne dished them oot tae Rotary fowk
Till there wis neen tae spare
So if yer belly's are stappit fu'
An' you have had yer full
Juist mind o' Lennie's birthday bash
When you ate oor James's bull*

With apologies to Kirrie Secretary Allan Thomson, for not including the full version of his excellent. song. I shall be delighted to email on the full version to any Banchory member who would like a copy. Just let me know.
An after Charter party was held in President-Elect Alistair's hotel room after the event see page 8 for **STOP PRESS** photograph.

85 Years of Rotary Celebrated by RC Arbroath

John Kaighin was our club's sole representative when he attended the **85th Charter Dinner** of the **Rotary Club of Arbroath**. Over 120 guests attended the prestigious event, enjoying an excellent meal followed by a platform of quality speakers. John was particularly impressed by the principal Toast given by RIBI President Ray Burman, which he described as very motivational.

The programme for the evening recorded that it was exactly 85 years to the day, on the 17th November 1926, that the Charter was granted to Arbroath. The programme also included a snippet from the Courier and Advertiser of Friday, October 8, 1926 which read; *The inaugural meeting of Arbroath Rotary Club was held last night in Soutar's Rooms. Dr J.D. Gilruth, the president, occupied the chair, and an address was given by Rotarian R. Simpson, Glasgow.*

Congratulations to the Arbroath Club on their first 85 years of Rotary, a notable achievement. Ed

Foundation Honour RC Banchory-Ternan

At a meeting of the Club in November President announced that RC Banchory-Ternan was the winner of an important Foundation Award. The Maori doll was presented to District 101 in 1989 by Wayne Chapman, team leader of the incoming Group Studies Team from New Zealand PP Stewart was able to source a copy of the District Magazine dated December 1989 in which PDG Iain Geekie, a founder member of our Club, was the then District Foundation Chairman. In an article on Rotary Foundation, PDG Iain included an excerpt from a letter from Wayne Chapman which outlined the background to the Maori doll.

Wayne writes: *"The young maiden dressed in traditional costume symbolises the continuation of the native New Zealand race. She was made by the wife of the President of the Rotary Club of Wharangei, New Zealand, and the costume was made by High School girls where Mrs Currie teaches.. The 1989 District 991 G.S.E. team members would like to present the doll to the District 101 Foundation Committee to be used as an annual award to the Club which makes the greatest contribution to the Foundation, not necessarily financial. The presentation is made to acknowledge the wonderful hospitality and superb fellowship the team received from Rotarians and ladies of District 101."*

Ed's footnote

I had the honour of being chosen to be the GSE Team Leader of the outgoing District 101 GSE Team in May 1990. This proved to be one of the most memorable Rotary experiences in my life and one upon which a number of great Rotary friendships were established, some of which exist to this day.



Team Leader Wayne Chapman and PDG Iain Geekie display the Maori doll presented as a Foundation trophy to District 101



Maori doll resting chez President Ryan

African Update - an Excellent International Evening

17 year-old Nicki MacGregor from Alva Academy, grand-daughter of PP Jim Gordon and Marlon Chanakisa were the lead speakers at the Club's annual International and Partners night in November.

Nicki's excellent presentation was on the theme of Invisible Children, an organisation aimed at ending the use of child soldiers in Central Africa. In her final year at school, her RE teacher at Alva covered the theme in a lesson, prompting Nicki and school friend to become involved. This resulted in the girls joining 750 delegates in San Diego and becoming volunteers for Invisible Children, raising awareness and funds. This has included Nicki completing a Bungi jump at Killiecrankie raising over £1000 in sponsorship.

Marlon from Zimbabwe gave an illustrated talk on his country, at one time nicknamed the "breadbasket of Africa" due to the fertility of the land. He gave a very graphic illustration of the changed fortunes of Zimbabwe when he said that until recently 100 billion Zimbabwe dollars would have purchased three eggs! Marlon took degrees in University of South Africa and Newcastle University before taking up a post as a Chemical Engineer with Wood Group Aberdeen.

In his vote of thanks, PP Jim Thomson commended the two young people for their presentations and the spirit of optimism which came across in their talks and actions.



Marlon Chanakisa and Nicki MacGregor at the Club's International Evening in November

Who Won the One?



Early shift on 20th December, Dave, John R, John B and Ian H



As the morning wore on the sellers were kept busy

Helping to sell Raffle tickets for the Mini One kept Rotarians from the clubs involved very busy for a large part of 2011. But the striking features of the car made it an easy job and there were always plenty of willing buyers to try their luck, whilst supporting CLAN at the same time.

A lucky lady from Kintore got the magic telephone call on Christmas Eve, informing her that she had just won the Mini One, donated by TAQA. Ticket sales realised the magnificent sum of over £57,000, ensuring that the important works carried out by main beneficiary CLAN will continue.

Christmas Fun at the Farmers' Merkit



Fermers at the Fermers' Merkit (+ the 'gype' fae Gight)

The Mulled Wine and Mincemeat Pies stall run by Rotary annually at the Christmas "Farmers' Merkit" was well supported by members on 17th December.

The weather was mild and ensured that a good crowd turned up to sample the wares of the participating stall-holders.

Sigrid and her support team of Club members had a busy morning flying the flag for Rotary at this important Community function.

The photo opposite was supplied by one of the helpers along with the caption!

Keeping the Home Fires burning was Hon. Member Phil's Christmas project this year. Over free teas and mincemeat pies at Morrison's in early December, Phil told me that he had completed something he'd had in mind for some time – making and installing his own "Adam" style fireplace in his house. He constructed his project at a friend's workshop and had it in ready for Christmas. Great to have hands like that

Ed



The fireplace built & ready to be stained



The completed project – and looking swell Photo Ed Read

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Eleven of the fourteen strong group of Club members who attended the Kirrie Charter and stayed at the Airlie Arms Hotel enjoyed an after Charter party President-Elect Alistair's room

**Wishing all fellow Rotarians
a Happy and Successful
2012**