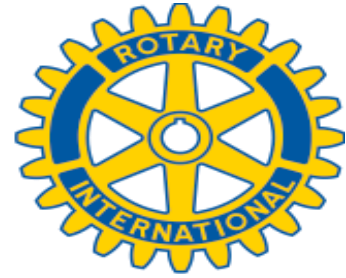


Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter – February 2018

Another quiet month with not much to say. As the 'Beast from the East' caused havoc in many parts of the country, especially the central belt, luckily for us in Aberdeenshire, the worst we had was some cancelled buses and lack of milk in the supermarket! Of course, February is a special month with Valentine's day providing the perfect opportunity to say the immortal words! maybe it is a time to reflect on others who don't have partners, family or friends. Once local radio station decided to use this month to launch their latest campaign # Take the time. The chance for listeners to befriend a local (and sometimes) vulnerable person. For more info, visit <https://www.agcc.co.uk/news-article/northsound-1-urges-listeners-to-befriend-vulnerable-local-people-with-launch-of-campaign-takethetime>

News, Visits, Events & Photos

6th February

Our speaker Tracey Laing unfortunately had to cancel tonight but will arrange to come along on another evening to speak about her client with cystic fibrosis and her fundraising to try to provide an essential piece of equipment.

We had another speaker tonight though, District Governor Graham Archibald and his wife. Graham said hello from all at his own club in Elgin. He is always pleased when he sees what smaller clubs have been doing on Facebook etc and was overwhelmed when he heard all that we had been doing over the last year and everything we have planned so far for this year. This year's message for Rotary is 'Making a Difference'. 72,000 Rotarian hours were spent helping with the recent flood victims. 5 years ago, in Graham's district there were 5000 members. Today this is only 2,739. Clubs are shrinking, and we must encourage new members. We need to adapt and change with the times. Be innovative. Some new style models no longer meet for supper on a weekly basis. There are breakfast clubs and afternoon coffee clubs. Members would rather keep the £500 a year they spend on meals and do something else with it.

There are 2 parts to Foundation - Annual Fund and End Polio fund. ½ of this comes back to us in monies including many grants, recently to Ellon, Elgin and Kintore amongst others. If Peterhead Club can think of a project needing grant assistance, we need to let our District Governor know.

End Polio Now - started in 1985 / 86. Last year there were 4 consecutive months with no reported cases. Unfortunately, there was one case reported in January. 16 million people could have been paralysed if the End Polio Campaign hadn't started all those years ago.

Graham and wife went to Atlanta last year to attend the annual conference, along with another 44,000 members. 22,000 people attended one Guest Speaker - Bill Gates!

Rotary Club Central is website where we can promote ourselves and share our fundraising efforts. Also, there are some good videos and information on Rotary District 1010 Facebook page.

Fun & Fellowship - together we will 'make a difference'. Next year's logo is 'Be the inspiration'

Rotas for March, April & May

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
6.3.18	R.Berl	M.Pearce	M.Pearce Quiz (followed by council meeting)
13.3.18	P.Mundie	S.Duthie	Council meeting feedback
20.3.18	W.Garden	R.Emslie	S.Ainscough
27.3.18	R.Allan	I.Robertson	Fellowship
3.4.18	E.Oates	S.Duthie	R.Berl
10.4.18	R. Antczak	S.Ainscough	Council meeting feedback
17.4.18	R. Emslie	M.Pearce	W.Garden
24.4.18	I.Robertson	N.Godsman	Fellowship
1.5.18	R.Berl	E.Oates	Annual General Meeting (followed by council meeting)
8.5.18	S.Ainscough	P.Mundie	Council meeting feedback
15.5.18	M.Pearce	W.Garden	Club Assembly
22.5.18	N.Godsman	R.Antczak	P.Mundie
29.5.18	E.Oates	R.Allan	Scatter Meeting

Forthcoming Events

Possible Information Day. Askir is hoping to organise an information day for Alzheimer's & Dementia, possibly early Spring. To be discussed further.

Primary Schools Quiz – Monday 19th March. Raffle prizes and helpers required - see Phyllis

Bowling Match. Due to lack of catering, this year's annual match will be held in Fraserburgh Leisure Centre. Likely to be towards the end of April. details to come - see Will Garden.

Gaval 2018 – The date has already been set for 19th September 2018.