

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter - May 2018

Hi guys. Another busy month for our Peterhead Club with many interesting speakers, events and awards! Almost half way through the year and to be honest, I don't know where the last 6 months have gone. Well at least we will hopefully have a lovely summer if spring is anything to go by.

News, Visits & Photos

Speakers / Guests

15th May – Club Assembly

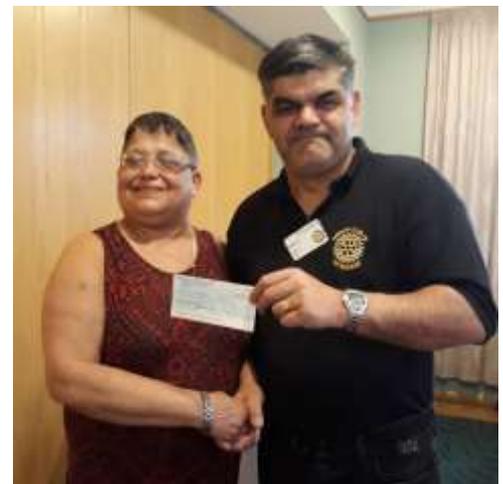
A very busy night at the club tonight. Not only the Club Assembly but members were delighted to have join us Ian Dow, District Governor Elect and guests Trina & Alex Stewart Friends of Anchor. Also a lovely surprise for Robbie Emslie receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Friends of Anchor – guests Trina & Alex Stewart

Trina was speaking of her own struggles with a hereditary blood disorder which in turn has caused various other health issues and constant visits to and from Foresterhill. Trina then spoke

about the recent 'Courage on the Catwalk', a fantastic fundraising and awareness event held in the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen. The first event was held in 2013 and, due to popularity, has become an annual fundraiser which so far has raised a six figure sum. This event, initially for women, invites cancer survivors and those still struggling and coping with cancer to 'strut their stuff' in front of a packed audience. Following a plea for models, the response was overwhelming but unfortunately only 24 can take part. These lovely ladies are treated to pampering treatments, coaching and encouragement and after months of fittings and rehearsals, take in the catwalk to showcase some beautiful clothes. For the past 2 years, men have also been included and stage

'Brave', a similar event to Courage on the Catwalk and which itself has raised tens of thousands of pounds for research and support. Trina handed out a poem, which Susan kindly read to the rest of the Club, and told us the sad story of one of this year's models who sadly lost her fight before she got the chance to take part. Trina was presented with a donation from the Club by current President Askir. Here is the link to the Friends of Anchor website which has some great information, photos and inspiring stories: <http://www.balmoral-group.com/foa/index.php/latest-news>



President Elect – Susan Ainscough

Susan gave a short speech as she makes ready to take the chair as club president. Susan thanked everyone for making her feel so welcome since joining Rotary and is delighted that all

office bearers are to continue in their roles.

Susan has recently attended a couple of meetings where representatives from other Clubs have also spoken of their struggles to engage new members. Susan will be looking into Associate membership and what that means. One of Susan's goals is to look again into Rotakids as there are 10 primary schools in Peterhead area. Susan has been invited to a cluster meeting which is a gathering of all head teachers from all schools.

Susan is committed to all our existing fundraising, projects and events and hopes to introduce some new ones.

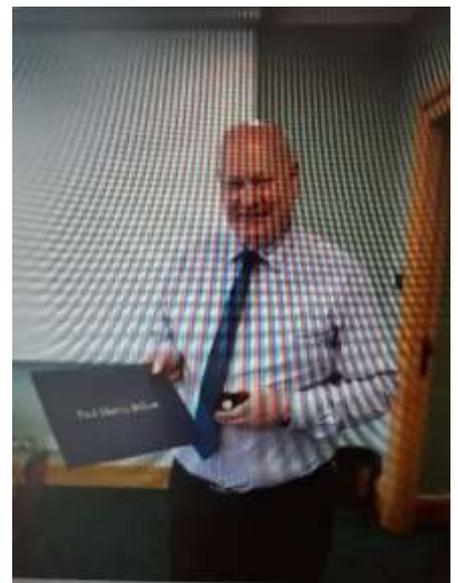
District Governor Elect – Ian Dow

Being our Club Assembly, the Club were pleased to welcome back District Governor Elect Ian Dow. After an inspiring talk, Ian wants us to continue to fundraise to the good of our humanitarian and local causes and the projects we support. Ian asked that we continue to promote our public image and let all local people know just how much good our Club in Peterhead does for the community. Ian also suggested that we look into Rotary Central and is happy to return to our Club and assist in the setting up of this. Here is the link to Rotary District 1010 webpages which is full of interesting articles and event which you might fancy going along to – <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/homepage.php?DistrictNo=1010>

Paul Harris Fellow Award to Robert Emslie

On 15th May, the night of our Club Assembly, a very special award was presented to a very special Rotarian. Our very own Club Member Robert Emslie was presented with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award for his contribution to Rotary. This award is given for those who have given outstanding service and also to recognise significant financial contribution as well. Peterhead Club Members are delighted and very proud of his achievement.

Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell and now our very own Robbie.



22nd May – Eddie Gordon, Ellon Rotary Club

Another busy night today with Eddie Gordon popping in by to say hello. Eddie spoke to the club about the Rotary International Convention to be held in Hamburg, 1st to 5th June 2019. Ellon club are arranging the trip to include accommodation, entertainment but not travel expenses. The cost, for a couple would be approx. £1000 including one person's entry to the convention. You must register beforehand due to tight security. Activities include the opening ceremony, various sessions during the week, workshops and of course formal functions with evening entertainment. The last convention Eddie attended was in Lisbon, along with another 20,000 people. Hamburg could be as many as 30,000. More info will appear on Ellon Club's website but if you are interested please email chris.hall@alphabus.co.uk or speak to Eddie.

22nd May - Guest speaker from Buchan Family History Society – Rita Gordon

The Buchan Family History Society is a non-profit making charity run by a team of volunteers. Family history is so much easier nowadays due to social media and readily available online

research and records. Rita said 'no more trailing around graveyards for information' although she does still enjoy doing this. To research family history, start with your own family, birth, death and marriage certificates and any civic records. Rita passed around copies of 'poor law' records from June 1868. This was a record of poor families to claim relief for dependants.

When researching her own history, Rita found out (through old school records) that her grandmother had actually lived in Glasgow. Problem is, nowadays different services charge for these records including the Registrars. The History Society don't charge for their services and rely on donations and grant funding to continue to assist people. Aberdeen City Council have no records at all but Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Maud still have many original records. It took Rita 10 years to find out just one piece of information about a family member, which was a memorial stone in Peterhead cemetery. Whilst speaking to us, in the background Rita had set up a very interesting slideshow of photos from days gone by. Everything from early black and white photos, wedding photos from the 80's, old school pictures etc. It was amazing to see the fashions, vehicles and general styles along with fishing and farming machinery and horrendous snow drifts. The Society are currently down at the harbour but moving very soon to their new premises. Phyllis gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the club.

Other News & Events

Formal Dinner

On 26th May, Fraserburgh Rotary Club held a 70th Anniversary dinner at the Tufted Duck Hotel. All dressed in their best to impress, President Askir, President Elect Susan and newly awarded Robbie attended on behalf of our club. Here they are in all their finest along with Anne Bell from the Fraserburgh Club.



26th May 2018 – Salvation Hall Tea Party

A great tea party was held in the afternoon of 26th May with music, food, raffles and even some dancing. 70 guests had a lovely time with lively entertainment by Calum McDonald. A huge thank you to the ladies of the Salvation Army for providing the afternoon teas, to the Rotarians who provided transport to those who needed it and thanks again to Phyllis for organising the event.





Phyllis on her travels!

A great picture of Phyllis taking time out of her Mediterranean cruise to pose next to the huge Rotarian welcome sighted at Caragena in Spain.

Perhaps other Rotarians can get some photos from their travels.

Forthcoming Events

Presidential Handover - 26th June. President Askir will be handing over to Susan Ainscough.

19th September - Gavel 2018.

Ploughing Match – In October. Dates and details to follow

Harvest Home Concert – In October. Dates and details to follow

Rotas for June & July

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
5.6.18	M.Pearce	P.Mundie	R.Allan <i>(followed by council meeting)</i>
12.6.18	R.Allan	R.Emslie	Council meeting feedback
19.6.18	S.Duthie	N.Godsman	R.Antczak
26.6.18	I.Robertson	M.Pearce	Presidential Handover

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
3.7.18	R.Berl	R.Allan	S.Duthie <i>(followed by council meeting)</i>
10.7.18	P.Mundie	R.Antczak	Council meeting feedback
17.7.18	R.Allan	I.Robertson	M.Pearce
24.7.18	E.Oates	R.Berl	Fellowship

31.7.18	R.Antczak	R.Emslie	Scatter Meeting
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