



# Kinnoull Chatters

The Rotary Club of Perth Kinnoull

## PRESIDENT MIKE'S MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

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I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and will have a happy and prosperous 2005.

The festive season was however very much overshadowed by the Tsunami disaster—a horrific event of unprecedented proportions and one that is still unfolding.

We have several initiatives underway—club members joined with Auchterarder Rotary and Inner Wheel to rattle buckets at Tesco and M&S, raising some £6000 on 4th January; the Club voted an immediate donation of £1000 to the RIBI disaster fund; a mail shot appeal is planned in cooperation with the Perth and St John's clubs and I have pledged the majority of funds from the President's Dinner to the disaster fund.

It seems obvious that the need for help will go on for many years yet..... and Rotary will be very much involved.

On a happier note, the Ceilidh in December was a great night, and February should provide much fun and fellowship with the President's Dinner and the Centenary celebrations later in the month!

The Centenary of Rotary will be celebrated in Perth through a number of events during February.

On the day of the Centenary, Wednesday 23 February, Kinnoull Rotarians have been invited to join the meeting of the St John's Club at 12.30pm for 1pm in the Royal George Hotel. For those who can't make it to this lunchtime meeting, our Club will have an informal meeting at the usual Tuesday evening time on 22 February.

On the Sunday before the Centenary, 20 February, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Kirk, at which President Mike and Perth Club President John McEwan will give readings. The Service will be held at 10.45am. This will be followed by a Civic Reception hosted by the Provost. Rotarians and their partners are invited to both the Service and the Civic Reception.

The final event in the celebration calendar is the joint Centenary Dinner which looks set to be a great success! The Dinner is already sold out but there will be a waiting list for those who still want tickets. A board is going round for members to confirm the number of tickets they require.

**Gift Aid Declarations**

Just a reminder! Members will have received from Secretary Bill a Gift Aid Declaration form relating to our donation to the Tsunami Disaster Fund. If all members sign and return their forms, to Treasurer Bob Reid, tax can be claimed back on our donation, increasing its value by 28%. So look out those forms (sent via email), print them off, fill them in and send them back—**PRONTO!!**

## JVP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for the role of Junior Vice President for 2005-06.

The deadline for nominations is the end of January 2005, and names should be passed to Secretary Bill Frew. All nominations must have a Proposer and Seconder.

## TSUNAMI DISASTER APPEAL

In addition to the money raised by members of Kinnoull and Auchterarder Clubs outside Tesco and M&S (around £6000), the Club agreed to donate £1000 to RIBI, earmarked for the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund, to supply more shelter boxes and water supplies. Any surplus funds will go towards the rebuilding work required.

From a suggestion made by Michael Thomson (an experienced charity expert!), the Club agreed to send a mailshot to all households in the PH1 and PH2 areas, with an appeal(ing) letter and a pre-paid envelope. The Perth and St John's Clubs have been approached, and they have agreed to join us in this initiative.

Meetings have been held and are on-going now, to establish a joint committee to push the project along. The main requirement of members envisaged at the moment is to help stuff an awful lot of envelopes!!

## PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Tickets are selling well for the President's Dinner on Friday 4 February at the Royal George Hotel. SVP Danny is trying to get a final attendance figure, so please check and confirm the number of seats you have booked ASAP. To save a lot of leg-work after the event, Danny is also asking for payment for all tickets (at £30 each) by 1 February please.

All wine for the Dinner should be pre-ordered and pre-paid using the forms available. Wine orders should not be left to the night.

Amanda and Douglas (Sinclair) are still looking for more raffle and auction prizes—so if you, or someone you know, can donate something a little bit unusual which will get the bidding or ticket buying going, please let them know.

### THIS MONTH'S DUTIES

	<u>DOOR DUTY</u>	<u>BOTTLE PROVIDER/VISITORS' HOST</u>
18 January	Alistair Anderson, Harry Cooper	Ronnie Brown
25 January	Ronnie Brown, Douglas Barr	John Steven
1 February	Kevin Fearn, Alan Jack	Harry Cooper
8 February	Brian Raine, Gillian Marsh	John Shedden
15 February	Bob Brown, Janet Simpson	George Delgaty

Just a reminder—if you are on door duty, please aim to arrive before 6pm.

### NEW DRESS CODE

AS OF MID-DECEMBER, THE DRESS CODE FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS HAS BEEN RELAXED TO "SMART CASUAL", AND JACKETS MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIR.

### RAM'S HEAD TROPHY

SO FAR, OUR TEAM HAVE WON TWO GAMES OUT OF THREE—SO FINGERS CROSSED FOR THE GAME AGAINST AUCHTERARDER ON 19 JANUARY!

### BOOK OF GRACES

FOR ANYONE WHO PANICS AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING ASKED TO SAY GRACE, A SOLUTION! BRISTOL EAST AVON ROTARY CLUB HAVE PRODUCED A BOOK OF GRACES TO SUIT EVERY OCCASION. SEE WILLIE MONKS OR THE BOARD GOING ROUND.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 25 January

Burns Supper—wives and partners welcome.

### 4 February

President's Dinner.

### 20 February

Centenary Thanksgiving Service and Civic Reception.

### 22 February

No normal meeting but meal arranged at Royal George Hotel.

### 23 February—Centenary of Rotary International

Joint meeting with St John's Club—12.30 for 1pm.

### 25 February

Centenary Dinner—wives and partners welcome.