

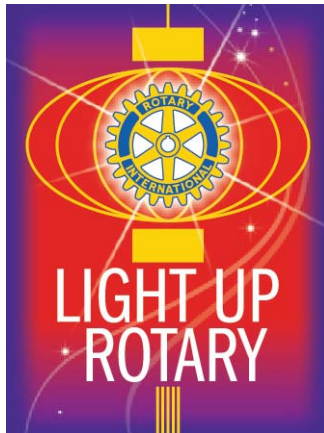


The Rotary Club of Belfast

Club No.67 in RI & No.3 in RIBI

104th Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2015



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The Rotary Club of Belfast

The Club meets normally at the Europa Hotel, Belfast on Mondays (except Public Holidays) at 12.45pm for 1.00pm.

It is also possible to attend an evening meeting on some Thursday nights in the RadissonBlu Hotel, Belfast at 6.00pm to 7pm. This meeting format is informal and commences with coffee/tea. A charge of £3.00 covers refreshments and parking.

This development in Club attendance provides an opportunity for an in-house make up and is designed to boost attendance and encourage all members to learn and participate in Club activities. The Thursday evening meeting is used by Service Chairs to hold Committee Meetings and discussion forums, or planning meetings on how best to implement Club activities. The Club Council will also meet at this time and make their deliberations open to Club members to facilitate a more transparent decision making process within the Club.

It is a great opportunity for members to sit in on discussion meetings and contribute to the development of the Club. We would encourage all members and particularly new members to attend on a regular basis.

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Asst. Hon. Secretary	Crawford McIlveen
Honorary Treasurer	Ivan McMinn
Asst. Hon. Treasurer	John Williamson

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Bryan Johnston	Crawford McIlveen	Rosemary Simpson

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Community & Vocational	Brian Clements
International	Ken Taylor
Foundation	Derek Baxter
Youth Service	Eric Rainey
Communications	David Boyd

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Directory	Alvin McKinley
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- Rotary Ramblers	Denis Wilson
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Programme	Ivan McMinn
Protection	Brian Gillespie
Reception	Hilary Gault
Sports	Brian Ferguson
TABU	David Boyd
Youth Exchange	Derek Baxter

CLUB LIAISON OFFICERS

Inner Wheel	Craig McClelland
Probus	Teddy Elliott
Rotaract	Eric Rainey



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One Hundred and Four Years - 1911-2015

Year	President	Honorary Secretary
1911-12	William Wallace*	John P Corry
1912-13	H H Montgomery*	Edwin Dempster
1913-14	W H Alexander*	Hugh Boyd
1914-15	W C Gabbey*	~
1915-16	John M Colton*	~
1916-17	Arthur S Davidson*	William C Gabbey
1917-18	George W Clarke*	~
1918-19	Hugh Boyd*	James Dalzell
1919-20	James F Newell*	~
1920-21	Charles E White*	Walter Malcolm
1921-22	James Dalzell*	John S Garrett
1922-24	Frederick McKibbin*	Wilfred W Weston
1924-25	Robert G Todd*	~
1925-26	Walter Malcolm*	~
1926-27	Arthur S Atkinson*	~
1927-28	William Sweeney*	~
1928-29	George G Little*	~
1929-30	James E McCue*	~
1930-31	Harris Rundle*	~
1931-32	A Thomas Robinson *	~
1932-33	John W T Watters*	~
1933-34	R P C Gotto*	~
1934-35	David J Thompson*	~
1935-36	Gordon J Stephenson*	~
1936-37	W D Geddis*	~
1937-38	John W Lindsay*	~
1938-39	Fred R Unwin*	~
1939-40	Edwin Dempster*	Ernest R Ingram
1940-41	Sir James Norritt*	~
1941-42	Walter K Alexander*	~
1942-43	Ernest Rea*	~
1943-44	Walter H Cooper*	~
1944-45	Fred H Purdy*	~
1945-46	Walter C Tate*	Arthur D Simpson
1946-47	S Robert Bell*	~
1947-48	Arnold White*	~
1948-49	Robert Mulholland*	~
1949-50	Aubrey A Harding*	~
1950-51	John Petrie*	John Little
1951-52	F Malcolm McKibbin*	Robert A Patterson
1952-53	Arthur D Simpson*	~
1953-54	Fred L Gribbon*	~
1954-55	John Morrow*	~
1955-56	W Frank Black*	~



One Hundred and Four Years - 1911-2015

Year	President	Honorary Secretary
1956-57	John Little*	Robert A Patterson
1957-58	David Andrews*	Horace W Gooding
1958-59	J Allison Corkey*	Terence W Duncan
1959-60	Norman Agnew*	~
1960-61	Thomas W McConnell*	~
1961-62	A Stanley Boyd*	Terence W Duncan
1962-63	H Cecil Rundle*	R G McCadden
1963-64	John McC Rea*	~
1964-65	H Chesley Boyd*	P H S Newel
1965-66	Frederick C Rogan*	~
1966-67	Robert J Frizzell*	S O Morton
1967-68	Henry J Porter*	~
1968-69	Reginald G McCadden*	J Campbell Bailie
1969-70	Stanley Rainey *	~
1970-71	Lister Dawson*	~
1971-72	Terence S Duncan*	~
1972-73	Ernest Gleghorn*	Alan Brown
1973-74	Harry S Corscadden*	~
1974-75	William J Doran*	~
1975-76	James T Kernohan*	Gordon S Millington
1976-77	Harold E Smith*	~
1977-78	William H Donaldson	~
1978-79	John H A Swinson*	K K Fleischer
1979-80	Raymond H A Boyd*	~
1980-81	Gordon S Millington	~
1981-82	Trevor C Dickey	Gordon S Richardson
1982-83	Jack McGarry	F Michael Donaghy
1983-84	Robert J Ayling*	~
1984-85	Robert W Kimlin	Brian Mooney
1985-86	K Craig McClelland	~
1986-87	Kenneth J Dunbar*	~
1987-88	B R Johnston	David S Boyd
1988-89	Douglas M Simpson*	~
1989-90	Derek E McIlwaine*	~
1990-91	F Michael Donaghy	~
1991-92	Roy N MacDougall*	~
1992-93	T Victor M McKirgan	J Trevor Hinds
1993-94	Albert S Baird	~
1994-95	J Brian Byers	~
1995-96	Alan E White	~
1996-97	Ken E Reid*	~
1997-98	J Campbell Morton	R H Barrie Houston
1998-99	David S Boyd	~
1999-00	John C Lowry	~



One Hundred and Four Years - 1911-2015

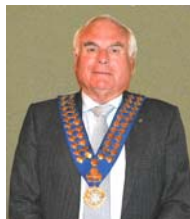
Year	President	Honorary Secretary
2000-01	Brian T Ferguson	R H Barrie Houston
2001-02	J Trevor Hinds	~
2002-03	J Derek Baxter	Stephen Smith
2003-04	Alastair Corscadden	~
2004-05	Marnette Lyons	~
2005-06	Michael F Smyth	Robert Hood/Mark Davidson
2006-07	Maurice Brooks	Mark Davidson
2007-08	Bryan Johnston	~
2008-09	JL Courtenay Thompson	~
2009-10	Arthur J Boyd	~
2010-11	Brian Clements	Rosemary Simpson
2011-12	Adrian Kerr	~
2012-13	Alan Rundle	~
2013-14	Ken Morrison	~
2014-15	Ronnie McLean	Alvin McKinley



President's Letter

Dear Fellow Rotarians

It is now ten months since you did me the honour of installing me as your President for the year 2014/15 and I feel proud and privileged to wear the chain of the Rotary Club of Belfast in its 104th year. Where does time go? It only seems like a few months ago that I became President.



At the outset of this report I must say that I have had the most wonderful experience, and have enjoyed every minute it. The highlights of the year are many, but with both the District and the RIBI conferences being held in Belfast during my presidential year, it is a bit unique.



I will always remember following the World President of Rotary onto the podium in the Waterfront Hall in front of more than 1000 Rotarians, to introduce the Rotary Club of Belfast's presentation on our Youth Projects. It was a somewhat traumatic experience at the time but looking back it is a morning I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Like many Presidents before me I now realise that not all of the objectives that I set out at the beginning of the year will be achieved; hopefully I have made some of them.

We have had the usual mix of fund raising and social events, two that I particularly remember were the Sunday afternoon events held at CIYMS sports grounds. These were both intended to be fun events and hopefully make some money for charity. We certainly made money for our charity account and I hope everyone enjoyed their afternoons with Rotary.



For both these events I am very much indebted to Brian Clements, Doris Houston and the team for organising both afternoons, where would we be without them?



President's Letter *cont...*

Over the past ten months some of the charities assisted were:

- £1,600 Daisy Project** *A District project for provision of a therapeutic play area for Daisy Lodge - a purpose built, short break centre for families in Ireland nursing a child with cancer - built in Newcastle Co. Down by The Cancer Fund for Children*
- £1,000 Project 538** *A District project for provision of water to the Keringet area near Kiptulwa, Kenya—named after a local school with 538 children*
- £3,845 End Polio Now**
- £2,440 ShelterBox** *To purchase 4 ShelterBoxes*

The other side of our charity work is what I like to call "*direct input*", where our members give of their time to help others - mostly young people from underprivileged backgrounds.



We have over the year continued to build on the good relationship with Youth Action. A number of members have given generously of their time to meet with and help unemployed young people to prepare themselves to find employment. Last year a resource pack for young people was produced called *Get Set to Be Hired*, this has now been made available on a memory stick which enables young people to continue to work at improving their skills in their own time.

My thanks are due to all who have helped with this project but in particular Eric Rainey and Walter Rader who have coordinated the programmes.

Just before Easter we had the TABU visit when six very interesting young people, two Rotarians and a schoolteacher from Highland Park Chicago visited us on the annual exchange between the two clubs. David Boyd had again set out a very intensive ten day programme to enable the young people reach a much better understanding of themselves and the differences between communities addressing preconceptions and conflict resolution. It was a pleasure for Doreen and me to host all those involved in the TABU project on the visitors' final evening in Northern Ireland. Thank you David and Jenny and your team for all the hard work.



Over the year the drive towards Corporate Membership, first discussed when Alan Rundle was President, has started to show results with two companies now members of our Club and eight new Rotarians. PP Maurice Brooks has put a lot of time and effort into working on Membership. Without new people coming into the Club we have no long term future. The thanks of the Club are due to PP Maurice.



President's Letter *cont...*

My Secretary Alvin has managed to keep me on the straight and narrow most of the time, he has been a tremendous help to me during the past ten months. He is always well organised and meticulous in his preparation.

Ivan, the Club Treasurer, has, despite his present illness, been a great support to me, it is always very comforting to know that the Club finances are in good hands.

To Jenny Boyd, who does an immense amount of unseen work for the Club, I simply say thank you.

I would wish to finish by thanking all the members of Council for their input during the period, it is all very much appreciated by me.

To all Club members I thank you for your support. The Club is only as strong as its membership.

To my wife Doreen who has given me wonderful support and encouragement thank you.

To Ronnie Porter and his team best wishes for next year.

Ronnie McLean

President



Secretary's Report

The Officers and Council are pleased to present this Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2015.

During the year the Club has continued to engage its members while serving the local Belfast community and wider charitable interests through a varied programme of business and social meetings, project activities and fundraising events.

At home the main focus has, as in recent years, been on reaching out to young people—on encouraging and supporting younger members of the community to live up to their potential and get to where they want to be.

Our flagship projects have been 'Get Set', in collaboration with YouthAction NI; the TABU student exchange project with the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood, Illinois; the Youth Leadership Development Competition for young people with leadership potential and in supporting children with physical disabilities who are pupils of Mitchell House School.



In a host capacity we have been delighted to welcome Rotary Global Scholar Katie Scrantom here to study at Queen's University Belfast and, escorted by several members of the Rotary Club of Corstorphine, a group of children and youth workers from Edinburgh on a day trip to Belfast.

As illustrated above, our accent on collaboration and partnership has also been actively pursued through support provided to local charities and to charities further afield. We have given tangible support to Rotary's district and international charities in particular the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children and Project 538, a Kenyan water project; and to well-established Rotary projects such as End Polio Now and ShelterBox, which provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to communities around the world that have been overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis.

As a Club, our Monday lunchtime meetings at the Europa Hotel have continued to provide a regular hub and focus for members, sustaining members' interest and membership. The Monday meetings programme, including informative and often entertaining speakers, has been and continues to be bolstered by occasional, mainly business and project Thursday evening meetings at the RadissonBlu Hotel.



Secretary's Report *cont...*



Pivotal calendar moments throughout the year added to the Club's sense of mission, sense of occasion and sense of fun. There have been fund-raising collections at Tesco's Extra Stores Newtownbreda and Knocknagoney over the Halloween and run up to Christmas periods and a barbeque and a jazz brunch both of which also raised significant amounts for charities. The Club's Presidential Handover meeting and dinner at Royal

Belfast Golf Club, Christmas dinner at the Ulster Reform Club, a religious thanksgiving service and blessing of ribbons and the award of external Paul Harris Fellowships were all special events that contributed a sense of occasion.

On the fun side, we enjoyed an evening's dog racing, an Ulster Orchestra concert followed by Christmas lunch, golf outings, a Grub Club repast, and, not least, a Christmas party for the children of Mitchell House school.



Along with other clubs across the Rotary family, the recruitment and retention of members has been a key priority—a challenge even for a Club in its 104th year of service to the community. Our priority has been to focus on corporate membership as the main avenue for increasing the Club's ability to attract and retain a qualified and diverse professional base from within the Belfast business community. As such the Club has been very pleased to welcome to its ranks eight new members designated by leading corporate law firm Cleaver Fulton Rankin (*Karen Blair, Stephen and William Cross, Michael Graham*) and, from the world of retail and corporate banking, the Ulster Bank (*Richard Donnan [still to be inducted], Chris McVeigh, Sean Murphy, Felicity Ross*).

We have also been very pleased to welcome back former member San Wong and new individual member Arlene Gormley.



San Wong



Arlene Gormley



Hugh Fergusson



Claire Savage

But it is with deep regret that I record the passing 9 September of our esteemed member Hugh Fergusson who having joined Strabane/Lifford in 1968 gave more than 45 years of much valued service and fellowship to Rotary and the aims it represents. He was President of both Strabane/Lifford (1973-74) and Londonderry (1978-79) Clubs before moving to Belfast.



Secretary's Report *cont...*

Following a career move to Manchester, we have also had to say a fond farewell to Rotarian Claire Savage who, until November, was the highly energetic Vice President of the Club.

Membership at 31 March 2015 comprised 69 members and 8 Honorary Members: *Bill Donaldson, Alan White, Dame Mary Peters, Martha Gray (Highland Park/Highwood Rotary Club) Ilene Shaw, Gregory Burton (US Consul General in Belfast), Beryl Crawford (President Belfast Inner Wheel Club) and, newly elected, Jenny Boyd.*

Attendance at Monday meetings averaged around 33 members frequently bolstered by Honorary Members and by attendance credits or "make-ups" given to members who have visited other clubs, or who have otherwise given their time to Club projects and activities.

A Sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to Dame Mary Peters; Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Baroness May Blood, former Lord Mayor of Belfast Councillor Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, YouthAction NI Director, June Trimble and Club members Mark Davidson and Eric Rainey.

The John Savage Award was presented to YouthAction and the Harry Corscadden Award to Walter Rader.

The Club was awarded the District Edward Leighton Memorial Trophy for Youth Exchange.

These Awards, Club activities, projects and contributions are reported on in more detail in the following pages.

In closing this report I extend my thanks to all members of the Club and to our partner organizations for their forbearance, help and support; in particular to Rosemary Simpson my immediate predecessor who, until 30 June 2014, had ensured the smooth running of the Club during her four years of stalwart service as Honorary Secretary.

Alvin McKinley

Honorary Secretary



Membership Report

During the course of this Rotary year the Club has experienced an unprecedented influx of new members which has more than offset the loss of members due to death and resignations. We welcomed 8 new members which produced a net increase of 4, bringing our total membership back up to 69 plus 8 Honorary members.

At the beginning of his term President Ronnie stated that he would continue the work of previous Presidents in striving to meet the greatest challenge and priority for our Club - that of sustaining membership. Without a steady membership the established projects of the Club will eventually be put in jeopardy. Therefore we must ensure the continuation of our work by recruiting new members and developing programmes and events which interest existing and potential members.

The target of a net increase of 2 members remains the goal and has been achieved as described hereunder.

The Club now has 3 categories of members, to one of which new interested people can be recruited: -

- * *Full member (existing)*
- * *Provisional Member*
- * *Corporate Membership*

In addition we have *Friends of Rotary* who can retain an interest and offer additional support to the Club activities

During the year a number of presentations on membership have been made at Business meetings with a poor response from members. The questionnaire issued in 2014 failed to produce any new prospective members although some approaches were promised. On a positive note we were delighted to welcome back to membership San Wong, our popular former member, who had been absent for a few years.

Four presentations to potential Corporate members have been made using the excellent material developed for this category, thanks to the efforts of Hon. Member Jenny Boyd.

Two new Corporate members were enrolled as a result and I should like to record my thanks to Past President Ken Morrison for his active support. The first Corporate member of our Club is Cleaver Fulton Rankin, the well-known firm of Solicitors. We have been glad to welcome their team of 4 (from left) *William and Stephen Cross, Michael Graham and Felicity Ross*; all of whom have been regular attenders at our meetings.

Cleaver
Fulton
Rankin



Membership Report *cont...*

The second Corporate member is Ulster Bank who have nominated 4 of their senior staff (from left) *Chris McVeigh, Sean Murphy, Felicity Ross and Richard Donnan—who has yet to be inducted..*

 Ulster Bank



We look forward to both organisations' support for our meetings and programmes.

At this stage we need more introductions to enterprises so that we can continue to roll out this exciting new area of membership and growth for the Club.

Our excellent e-zine continues to play an essential role in sustaining and maintaining existing members by keeping everyone up to date with the latest news and information about projects and events. It has become an essential tool for our members along with our website.

There is no doubt that potential members may be found through the Youth Leadership candidates, past TABU participants and their parents, as well as former members of the Club. Work on this area needs revitalisation.

Past President Alan Rundle, in his role as Mentoring officer, has contacted those members who have been unable to attend at lunchtime meetings to keep in touch.

It has been a year of progress but we must not relax in our efforts to maintain the programmes, which the Club runs so successfully, by ensuring that there is continuity.

Maurice J Brooks

Membership Services Chair



Rotary Foundation Report

Rotary Scholarships

Rotary World Peace Fellowships have been promoted within the Club and directly to relevant organisations. Whilst a number of enquiries were received, unfortunately applications have not materialised.



Scholarships for Water and Sanitation Professionals for study at UNESCO-IHE Institute in the Netherlands have attracted the interest of a number of our members who are investigating potential candidates.

An application for a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship for 2014/15 for an applicant from The Rotary Club of Chicago Far North to study at Queens University was successful; the scholar, Katharine (Katie) Quinby Scramton, is studying for a Master of Science degree in Psychology Childhood Adversity at Queens University.



Katie has visited the Club on a number of occasions including our Christmas dinner when she entertained the members with her singing.

She has also addressed the Club members as well as other clubs (shown left at the Comber Club).

I would like to thank PP Bryan Johnston for acting as Katie's Primary Contact prior to and during her stay in Belfast.

Sustaining Membership

This is a scheme to enable members to support Foundation by making a bequest to create a Legacy or by regular donations to the equivalent to 100 US Dollars per annum to The Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom.



Thank you to those members who have signed up. We have at present six Sustaining Members and all members are encouraged to consider becoming Sustaining Members. I



Rotary Foundation Report *cont...*

can provide the standing order forms to any member who would like to become a Rotary Sustaining Member.

Polio Plus

The Club continues to support the Rotary Polio Eradication campaign, £3,845 being donated this year.



Rotary Grants

The new Rotary Grants Structure was started in the 2013/14 Rotary Year

A District Grant was received from The Rotary Foundation towards part of the cost of the TABU 2015 project for the visit of students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood, Chicago.

PP Derek Baxter

Foundation Chair



International Report

The Club has mainly concentrated on raising funds for ShelterBox this year. However funds have also been distributed to AquaBox and for Rombo.

ShelterBox

Shelterbox is a charity within Rotary which has always been close to the heart of many Belfast Rotarians. Our Club has supplied 80 boxes in recent years to help in all parts of the world, the most recent dispatched to Malawi in March. Rtns Eric Rainey and Jenny Boyd are recognised by Shelterbox to receive weekly bulletins detailing Shelterbox's worldwide operations, and to respond to requests to demonstrate the Shelterbox tent and its impressive contents aimed at giving a family made homeless by disaster shelter, warmth and dignity. Through the website and weekly report Jenny effectively keeps members up to date.



All offers by Rotarian colleagues to fund a box or its constituent parts eg blankets, tools, stove or cooking utensils are treated in total confidence and are warmly welcomed and appreciated.

The Club thanks members for their continuing support; funds raised from activities and donations during the year have enabled 4 boxes to be donated.

Eric Rainey



Community & Vocational Report

The traditional Christmas party was again held at Mitchell House School on the 17th of December.

As usual it was a resounding success the kids and teachers had a ball and the enthusiasm was contagious. Without being there it is impossible to imagine the squeals of delight, the peels of laughter and sheer enjoyment from all the children and staff and all those present including the Rotarian 'elves' have a wonderful time and take away special memories and confirmation of how beneficial this project is.



As usual there was some singing and games; drinks and snacks supplied by the Club and a hilarious show by 'Magic George' which had all in raptures. Finally Santa (who had a remarkable resemblance to Past President Courtenay Thompson) arrived laden down with a huge sack of presents and there was the customary noisy present-giving session for each child.

The school were very grateful and again sent a "Thank You" Card from all the children.

Another 'Kids Out Day' with Mitchell House School is organised for June 3.



Members of the Committee have continued their support of the SOSBus NI both on the ground and at Board level.



Community & Vocational Report *cont...*

Vocationally we continue to assist YouthAction NI with their extremely successful GET SET TO GO events in which members participated in mentoring sessions on interview skills, setting goals and providing mock interviews.

The Club and individual members continue to support and commend the work of FASA supporting those affected by drug and solvent abuse and family suicides. They report that the work that FASA are involved in and the help for those involved in alcohol, substance abuse and suicide is very moving and the Club's donation of the Rotary Trailer really does especially help them make contact with young drop outs who are exposed to drugs and alcohol abuse in areas of the city off the beaten track.



During the past year Hon. Member Dame Mary Peters and Past President Courtenay Thompson have attended several of their events.



Charity collections at Tesco Newtownbreda 31 October - 01 November and Knocknagoney December 19-23 enabled around £3,000 to be distributed to the charities End Polio Now, Cancer Fund for Children and Project 538. The ribbons from the 2012 & 13 collections were blessed by Father Michael Murtagh during mass on Sunday 15 June 2014 at the beautiful Clonard Monastery. The ribbons were presented by President Ken Morrison with his wife Gilly and PP Brian Clements in attendance.

President Ronnie handed over, at Salvation Army headquarters, on December 11 the Club's donation of £700 to the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. This year the funds donated were able to be upscaled by Treasurer Ivan by claiming Gift Aid and as the BBC withdrew its support this year our help was even more necessary and appreciated.



Thank you to all members who have contributed in any way.

PP Brian Clements
Community and Vocational Chair



Youth Service Report

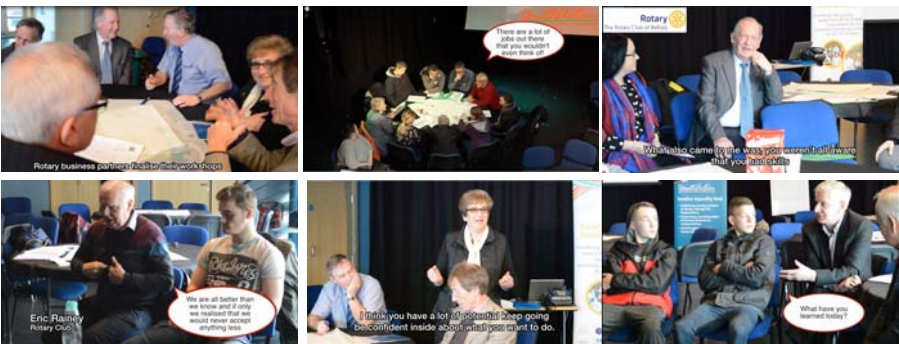
One of the highlights of this year was to co-ordinate a presentation to the RIBI Annual Conference, highlighting some of the Club's external partnerships to around 1000 Rotarians on Sunday 12 April.

More than 15 club members have undertaken appropriate training and given many hours of service working face to face with young people many of whom have never had a job, have never got as far as an interview, don't have the necessary basic essential skills, have left school with little or no qualifications and have never had any real, direct contact with employers.



We have used the Get Set Resource pack designed by our Club in partnership with Youth Action and the Ulster Bank and following the RIBI presentation have already "exported" free of charge around 40 packs on computer data pen which also includes a step by step guide and explanatory leaflet shown left and which leaflet can be viewed on the Club website.

In addition, members have been involved in providing Interview Skills experience for young Interns/Apprentices within YouthAction who are now seeking full time employment or Higher Education degree or diploma courses. Four members involved in Get Set took part in a European Youth Conference organised by the Youth Conference for Northern Ireland illustrating the benefits to the service of meaningful partnerships, an extremely worthwhile experience.



YouthAction NI are very grateful for the Club's involvement and extremely appreciative of the help given by Club members. Clare Conlon Leader of YouthAction Training Team has written to the Club: *"Thank you all for your time, commitment and energy with the*



Youth Service Report cont...

interviews. I believe the apprentices benefit greatly from the experience. The positive approach and the feedback they receive will definitely build their confidence and will encourage them to improve on their skills for future job applications".

Our Club hosted a one day exchange with the Rotary Club of Corstorphine in Edinburgh who had selected 16 young people from The Big Project, a full time Youth Provision. These young people had never flown before and many had not travelled far from their home location. All were a credit to their club and the Corstorphine Club.



Following an excellent day in Belfast working alongside young people from YouthAction, it is hoped to take a similar group with two Youth Action workers to Edinburgh providing sufficient external sponsorship can be found .

We have been involved with individual young people who have applied for Rotary exchange scholarships and have mentored two young people starting their own businesses.

Information has also been circulated about District events and opportunities while the Club has wisely agreed to concentrate and develop the work referred to above.

Several members attended the RIBI Technology Tournament held, kindly sponsored by Robin Swann MLA, in the Long Gallery, Stormont Buildings on Tuesday 18 November. 15 teams, from the Belfast area, of students interested in engineering and science competed in this one day event to devise and build a solution to an unseen technical task, their solutions then being tested and judged against competing teams. All Belfast Rotary Clubs were represented and experienced this competition "with a difference".

In conclusion I would like to express both my appreciation and gratitude to all of our members who have proved the value of "service above self" to our young people during this year .

With grateful thanks

Eric Rainey
Youth Service Chair



Youth Leadership Competition 2014

5 schools - *RBAI, Methodist College, Victoria College, St. Louise's Comprehensive College and St. Mary's Christian Brothers GS* - were invited to apply for this year's competition for the 2015 trip to Euroscala at the European Parliament, Strasburg in March. However only Victoria College and St. Mary's Christian Brothers GS submitted entries.

Interviews were carried out at these schools by PPs *Trevor Hinds, Albert Baird and Brian Ferguson* and one candidate from each school was selected to attend our Club final in the Europa on 20 November. *President Ronnie McLean, Doris Houston and PP Courtenay Thompson* then selected Divya Puri from Victoria College to attend the District final on 24 November.



Nine local Rotary Clubs submitted a candidate all of whom were very high calibre, but unfortunately Divya was not one of the three students selected this year.

The three students selected at District level joined the students from the other 7 District Finals and 24 students travelled to Belfast, Dublin and Strasburg in March.

Brian Ferguson



Communications Report

The Club website suffered a catastrophic hosting failure August 2014 and after several attempts to get back online the decision was taken to redesign the website and incorporate the new Rotary branding. This was a major undertaking as all content had to be rewritten, updated and separately added to the site. This work was finally completed at the start of 2015 and the new site went live. As a result it will have to build up its visitor figures but statistics to date are pleasing showing that in the first three months of the year the site had 326 'hits' 56% new and 44% returning visitors; 2,463 pages have been viewed with an average of 8 pages per session. It continues to reach worldwide audiences. Most visitors were from the UK & the US but the next numerous countries were: *China, Brazil, Japan, Italy, Russia, Germany and Canada*. It is also pleasing to note that it has regained its no. 1 Google search place. The website is updated at least weekly with activities and is linked to the Club's Facebook page, which now has 135 'likes'.



We would emphasise to members that if they are looking for information about the Club or a programme your FIRST port of call should be the website as it really is a comprehensive resource for all Club or Rotary related information. My first thought to questions too often is "*look at the website!*"



The Weekly Report has also been redesigned to keep all members fully informed of what has happened during the last week and highlight future events and information pertinent to the Club. We encourage all members to be aware that it is sent out each Wednesday morning and to read it as soon as possible especially as it often **contains information and details not announced at the weekly meeting**. To date, on average, 70% of members with email are opening it of which 80% are within the target 24-48 hrs. A hard copy is available at the Europa for those who don't have access to email.

The Club's publicity in the media continues to be difficult to achieve. However, notable coverage has been achieved in the new District *Rotary News* publication and RIBI's *Rotary Today*.

A story is nothing without photographs so we are principally indebted to Honorary Photographers Billy McCoubrey and PP Brian Byers for their attendance at events and wonderful selection of photographs.

We particularly thank all members who have supplied information for the weekly updates and website and ask all convenors to be aware of possible press coverage and to have a camera and take photographs, even by mobile phone, at all times!

David Boyd
Communications Chair



TABU - Towards a Better Understanding



The 24th annual TABU Exchange with the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood with 6 students, 2 Rotarians and 1 High School teacher took place over the 10 days March 25- 3 April 2015. The group (as shown from left) were:

Highland Park High School Teacher Lindsey Choy, students Zach Seinfeld, Drew Gaines, Niky Washington, Highland Park/Highwood Rotary Club Past President Martha Gray, students Enrique Aguero, Judy Rodriguez, Olivia Varones and Highland Park/Highwood President Elect Cynthia Plouché.

The programme followed its similar pattern but as usual the students gave each element a different slant.

- * having travelled up early from Dublin Airport their first stop was a thought-provoking discussion meeting with the Chaplains of Queens University Belfast talking about the importance of people of different denominations and religions being able to work together towards a common goal focusing on similarities rather than differences on the local and global stages
- * they found it really interesting to see the difference between Highland Park High School and the Belfast Royal Academy which particularly included fewer senior year classes in BRA and the requirement to wear uniforms to school (including a tie and a jacket!); the absorbing morning special session at Our Lady and St Patrick's School found them learning Irish, having a political discussion and participating in separate discussion groups
- * a highlight was the presentation by Rev. Harold Good, the Methodist preacher who played a key role in the peace process and who helped lead the decommissioning of IRA and paramilitary group speaking about the conflicts in Northern Ireland's history and the Good Friday Agreement; they found it amazing to hear the insight of someone who was so closely related to the topic



* one of the most unique and inspirational days was the visit to the Laganside criminal and youth courts. Judge Ken Nixon explained the criminal conviction proceedings and gave a brief overview of the Northern Irish legal system. Judge George Connor, who serves in Belfast's youth court, spoke of the youth court's focus on rehabilitation rather than punishment for young people between the ages of 10 and 17 who have committed crimes



TABU *cont...*

- * they learned about one of the cornerstones of the youth court system in Belfast: 'Restorative Justice' not only within the courts but also in the community; the forward thinking Hydebank Wood College; TIDES where Sean O'Baoill gave a presentation on the history of Ireland from the 1st settlers through all the invasions to the present day particularly pointing out the numerous flags used over the period and at Strandtown Police Station how the police system works together with police/community relations – another highlight they had an opportunity to try on the (very heavy!!!) vests and shields...
- * as always the Giant's Causeway was an unforgettable sight although they had to brave very strong winds to stand on the rocks. In Londonderry they were shown around by local Rotarians whose insight and personal experiences gave them they felt a deeper understanding of the city's culture and history. They walked the walls visited churches from both religious spectrums and walked across the peace bridge that united both communities and was a stepping stone to the journey of resolving the conflict in the city
- * a visit to the City Hall and a meeting with Nichola Mallon, the Lord Mayor, was followed by attendance at the Club lunch meeting where each talked confidently and impressively about their experiences so far
- * legislature was not forgotten as they had a visit to the NI Assembly in Stormont, kindly hosted by MLA Alban McGinness, they also met MLA Anna Lo during lunch before their tour of the Chambers; they also had a tour of the Dail and Senate Chambers in Leinster House in Dublin being privileged to watch Leaders' Question Time in the Dail, hear TD Gerry Adams and see the voting process
- * the final official event was a meeting with the US Consul Gregory Burton at the Consulate. Coming to the end of his tenure here this is the second US group to meet him.



On the last night at President Ronnie & Doreen's house presentations were made to each participant and they each spoke eloquently, giving warm thanks to their hosts and the Club. The students, teacher and Rotarians all articulated about the wealth of experience and the hospitality received and their admiration for the programme. They commented that they all would be bringing back aspects to incorporate in their school or community. They were presented with their Certificates and a small memento and PP David Boyd was presented with a personal book

containing thanks and reflections from each student.



TABU cont...

President Ronnie McLean, PP David Boyd and the rest of the TABU team, together with all the members of the Rotary Club of Belfast appreciate the time they spent with us. The students asked searching questions and impressed all those who met them and were excellent ambassadors for their school and the Rotary Club. We trust that they have taken away a set of experiences and hope these will stay with them for a long time, together with a soft spot for this small corner of the world. We wish them all well in all their future endeavours.

I am delighted to record that 20 members participated in one way or another during the visit and a further 3 others kindly offered but were not called upon this time.

I gratefully thank all who hosted, drove, presented or otherwise assisted in the latest chapter of the memorable exchange.

David Boyd

TABU Convenor



Montgomery Bowl - *Children in Hospital Appeal*

During this year we made an approach to Mitchell House School with an offer to buy them something that would be of particular benefit to their more seriously disabled children.

They explained that the school had almost no properly designed outside play space and that this was a particular problem for the more disabled children.

After many months of wrangling with their board it was finally agreed that a suitable play area directly behind the school was to be built. We are therefore now pleased to report that we will be supplying a very special piece of play equipment designed for children with disabilities at a cost of £1000 and the “cheque is now in the post.”

We have also been in touch with the Children’s Unit in Musgrave Park Hospital and will be making a presentation to them in the near future. We will keep you posted.

We were delighted to welcome John Montgomery to the Club Monday 16 June who was introduced by DG Elect Philip Beggs. John is the grandson of founder member Harford Montgomery, the Club’s 2nd President, the family of whom presented the Montgomery Silver Rose Bowl in 1934 to the Club as his memorial. It was originally filled each week by a member with flowers which were then sent to a hospital or to a member whose wife was ill.



On behalf of all the children who benefit so much from your most generous donations, could I express very sincere thanks and assure you that what you are doing is very much appreciated.

Brian Ferguson

Children in Hospital Officer



The Harry Corscadden Award 2014

The Harry Corscadden Award for Outstanding Service to the Club 2014 was awarded to Walter Rader in recognition of his exceptional work with Youth Action.

Accepting the Award, Walter thanked the Club stating he was delighted with the links formed, noting that he was passionate about young people, their role in society and how Rotary can help. He feels young people just need encouragement and this partnership is a perfect example of Service Above Self. He also stated that he was delighted that so many members were getting involved.



The John A Savage Trophy



The John A Savage Trophy was awarded to YouthAction NI.

Inaugurated in 2009, the Trophy is awarded by the Club to the individual or group selected as giving great service to the Community. It was accepted, with thanks, by Deputy Chairman Jim Nicholson at the meeting 19 January 2015.

Rotary Ireland Trophy 2014

The Club was awarded the Rotary Ireland Edward Leighton Memorial Trophy for Youth Exchange 2014 for its flagship TABU Exchange Programme with the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood.

It was presented to President Ronnie McLean at the District Conference Council Meeting in Belfast, September 2014.



Glebe House (*Harmony Community Trust*)

Harmony will be celebrating 40 years of service in the coming year and it is hoped that this Club and Rotary will play its part in the planned celebrations and associated much needed fundraising.

Harmony Community Trust (HCT) evolved from an RIBI/District/Club venture at the height of the troubles, which folded with the collapse of the Sunningdale Agreement and Direct Rule. The Club decided to go it alone, raised £10,000 in two years and, finding that the International Voluntary Service were looking along similar lines, formed an "unlikely" alliance to set up in 1975 what is now HCT. An old (C16th) Rectory with 16 acres in Kilclief near Strangford was purchased and Glebe House opened in July 1975 for the first holiday. Situated 3 miles from Strangford village in Co Down, Glebe House is a unique and special place for people of all ages, from Ireland, north and south, and all over the world.

For nearly 40 years Glebe has operated as a dedicated cross-community holiday and activity centre, principally for children but also now catering for adults in a variety of programmes, bringing participants from different communities together to meet in a place, in contrast to their home environment, where they can play, work, learn, have fun and discover more about themselves and about those they expect to be 'different'. Where they can re-create their own identity and don't need to conform to sectarian or social stereotypes. At Glebe House people of all ages create and renew friendships and it has proved its value over the years as a shared and safe venue within the community for cross-community activities for all ages.



The facilities and programmes have developed over the years and Glebe House have during the year concluded a programme through Peace III, particularly aimed at challenging sectarianism and racism by developing cross community linkages across the hidden interfaces in the Down, North Down and Ards council areas - building trust through workshops, study tours and day events, Catholic and Protestant participants got to know and learn from each other.

The community problems grow no less year by year for despite recent political developments the need for its services in the community, whilst changing in emphasis, is almost greater than ever in those communities which have not yet seen significant benefits from the normalisation of life in the province.

The anticipated replacement funding under Peace 4 has not yet been finalised and is not likely to be available before January 2016 so there is a real challenge for HCT is to seek new sources of funding to enable the Trust to continue its essential work over the coming year.

David Boyd

www.glebehouseni.com



Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel Club of Belfast continues to thrive with lots of social activities led this year by President Beryl Crawford. It is particularly pleasing to note that President Beryl and members have attended the Club's social activities and similarly Club members have attended Inner Wheel events.

Apart from friendship, the main focus of the year was to raise some funds for the Alzheimer's Society. In April, the Club handed over a cheque for £2000 with a further £500 to the Daisy Project in Newcastle. The Club also donated funds to Overseas and Home charities.

During the year the Club had several interesting speakers including Sandy Smith, author and authority on C S Lewis, and Philip Marchell from PSNI who spoke on "Human Trafficking" in Northern Ireland. In May, the Club have planned a visit to Londonderry Inner Wheel Club to celebrate their 65th Anniversary.

The Christmas Dinner held at Malone Golf Club was extremely enjoyable and well supported by our Rotary Club. The entertainment was provided by President Beryl's husband, Rotarian Alan Crawford who is an extremely talented musician playing numerous instruments. Our own Club also had the pleasure of hearing Alan at our own club's very successful Jazz Brunch event held at CIYMS on 22 March this year.

New members are always welcome and Rotarians are reminded that any female relation is eligible to become a member of Inner Wheel.

Craig McClelland

Liaison Officer for Belfast Inner Wheel



Social Report



23 Members, partners and friends spent an excellent **evening 'at the dogs'**, Friday 2 May. Having enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal the racing of the evening began. With the betting explained by the patient Tote staff we tried our luck but unfortunately for some *Courtenays Icon* or *Courtenays Impact* brought no joy; nor did any runners in the *Rotary President Ken Morrison Stakes!* However great fun and fellowship was had by all.

13 members had a most enjoyable time at President Ken's **Fun Golf Outing**, Helen's Bay Golf Club, Thursday 29 May. Top prize went to Eric Rainey who bent his club on the 4th hole and hit the machinery shed on the 5th! However, PP Derek Baxter won first prize with 43 points with PP Campbell Morton runner up at 38 points. Other special prizes went to PPs Brian Clements for his score on the 9th and Trevor Hinds for being nearest the pin on the 4th just pipping PP David Boyd.



President Ken concluded his year at his President's Day held 30 June at the Royal Belfast Golf Club. Always an exceptional event in the Club calendar, this year's proved to continue that tradition being greatly enjoyed by all.

4 members played golf on the sun-baked course during the afternoon and 80 members and guests enjoyed chatting on the terrace before moving inside for dinner and the handover to President Ronnie McLean. President Ken thanked for so many attending especially on such a beautiful day and was especially pleased to see Rotaractors Laura Garland and Andrew Smith.

Opening the new Rotary year's social programme the **Club Charity BBQ** was a splendid afternoon held Sunday 14 September in the ambient surroundings of CIYMS Sports Complex. It was greatly enjoyed by over 60 members, family and friends and we were delighted to also welcome some Inner Wheel Club members including President Beryl Crawford.



Social Report *cont.....*

Although the weather did not encourage many onto the terrace it did not dampen the enjoyment of another of PP Brian Clements' fabulous BBQs. It was so delicious seconds were the order of the day! Many prizes were distributed in the ballot organised by PP Brian Ferguson, which itself raised £400. All who attended, donated in lieu, presented ballot prizes and helped in any way before or on the day, contributed to making this an event to remember and raising the wonderful sum of £1,370.



12 members and 2 wives attended the sessions of the **District Conference** at the Titanic over the Friday 26-Saturday 27 September. We were particularly pleased to also have Andrew Smith, Belfast Rotaract Club's President (not shown in photo are PPs Marnette Lyons, David Boyd and Secretary Alvin).

The Club was particularly delighted to renew friendships with members of the Rotary Club of Dublin at the City Hall on Friday night, and the shiny monument to maritime Belfast itself shone during the Gala Dinner Ball in the Titanic Ballroom on Saturday night attended by President Ronnie and 4 members and partners.



Several members attended an **Ulster Orchestra Christmas Lunchtime Concert** in the Ulster Hall Dec 17 which featured lead violinist Tamas Kocsis not only playing but also conducting at the same time. This was followed by Christmas Lunch at Deane's Deli—a most enjoyable event.



The Club enjoyed another wonderful evening at the **Club Christmas Dinner** Meeting held in the Ulster Reform Club Monday night 15 December. Over 70 Club members, guests and Inner Wheel Club members had a splendid evening of fellowship.

Thanks to Past President Bryan Johnston the tables were kept engaged with a taxing "Name the Photos" Quiz. There were no full marks but 4 members tied on a score of 8/10.



Social Report *cont...*

Out of these Doreen McLean drew David Boyd's entry for the first prize of 16year old Bushmills Single Malt Whiskey and Ken Nixon's for a Thornton's Reindeer. This great fun quiz raised £170 for the Club Trust Fund. All having enjoyed the excellent buffet dinner, Global Scholar Katie Scramton performed under her professional name Kate Quinby and beautifully sang 2 of her own compositions concluding with the whole room singing "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas".



A **Jazz Brunch** was held Sunday 22 March when a splendid afternoon held in the excellent CIYMS Sports Complex was greatly enjoyed by over 60 members, family and friends and we were delighted to also see present Inner Wheel Club President Beryl Crawford and other Inner Wheel Club members. Tipping the hat to the recent St Patrick's Day all enjoyed a beef and Guinness casserole .

The tables were beautifully decorated by Doris Houston with not only flowers but also chocolate eggs and jumping toy bunnies! From the generosity of Club members a large number of ballot prizes were drawn which enabled over £400 to be raised.

However the best entertainment of all was the live music played by Alan Crawford (Inner Wheel President Beryl's husband) who had all up dancing while he sang and played not only the keyboard but also 9 instruments - a guitar, banjo, clarinet, trumpet, flute, saxophone, accordion and violin!



All who attended, donated in lieu, presented ballot prizes and helped in any way before or on the day, contributed to making this an event to remember and raising the wonderful sum of over £1,075.



42 members and partners enjoyed a convivial fine dining Grub Club evening at the **Linen Lounge Restaurant** at the Belfast Metropolitan College, Tuesday 04 November with a wide-ranging and delicious 3 course meal. With such a great turn-out it may well become an annual event!



Congratulations Club Members

Dame Mary Peters DBE

Honorary Member Dame Mary Peters was conferred the Freedom of the City of Belfast at a ceremony at the City Hall Wednesday 8 May. Dame Mary is the first woman to receive the Civic Honour; previous recipients of the Honour include the poet John Hewitt, the Merchant Navy and Winston Churchill.



Dame Mary was also awarded in the New Year's Honours List the Companion of Honour (CH) for services to sport and the community in Northern Ireland.

The Companion of Honour, instituted in 1917 by George V, is one of the highest honour that can be awarded and is the Sovereign's personal gift conferred for recognised services of national importance. The Order consists of the Sovereign and 65 ordinary members at any one time. Current recipients include painter Lucian Freud, Professor Stephen Hawking, naturalist Sir David Attenborough, painter David Hackney, historian Dr Eric Hobsbawm, politicians Sir John Major and Lord Patten of Barnes, General John de Chastelain, dramatist Harold Pinter, conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, the Reverend Chad Varah and scientist Professor Anthony Pawson.

The Order's badge is a gold oval-shaped medallion with a representation of an oak tree. Hanging from a branch is a shield of the Royal Arms, and on the right of it is a representation of a knight in armour mounted on a horse. The badge, surmounted by an imperial crown, has a blue-enamelled border bearing the motto of the Order, 'In action faithful and in honour clear'.



Joe Hyland



Joe Hyland was awarded an MBE for Voluntary Service to the Community in NI in this year's Birthday Honours List. Joe has worked with a number of community and voluntary organisations for 14 years in particular SOS Bus NI. He has also helped in the setting up and supporting of other programmes including Outreach NI, Night Time Volunteer Steering Group and The Smiles Foundation



An Extraordinary Coincidence

An amazing co-incidence

PP Bryan Johnston during a 5 week holiday in Australia and NZ in October attended the Rotary Club of Belfast, Christchurch NZ and had an incredible coincidental meeting with Allan Hunter, the 92 year old speaker at the Club that day who had been one of a party of 8 chosen to represent the Anzac forces at the recent D-Day commemorations. Hearing he came from Northern Ireland Allan told PP Bryan that he had a brother Eric in the NZ RAF who was killed while piloting a plane to NI which crashed into Slieve Donard and that he was buried in Belfast City Cemetery. PP Bryan offered to check it out for him.



Through the good offices of John Hartley the grave was found in the Commonwealth War Graves section and photos were sent back to him together with details of the crash site obtained from Ernie Crommie, Ulster Aviation Society.

Eric was a distinguished bomber pilot aged 25, who had flown a number of wartime sorties over Germany and on March 14 1942 and was piloting a Wellington Bomber from Norfolk to RAF Aldergrove when it crashed into the side of Slieve Donard. Imagine PP Bryan's surprise when he got an email from his daughter Jill expressing her wish to travel to Belfast and visit her

father's grave on Anzac Day. Jill (now 73) was just a four month old baby back in New Zealand when her father died and she had never known him as she was born after he left.

On Anzac Day, accompanied by PP Bryan & Helen Johnston, she laid a wreath on his grave. *"At my father's grave, I could hardly contemplate what was happening. I'd known about this man all my life, but he had not been real to me. But to see his grave gave me a sense of closure and deep connection."* She was also taken to the crash site on Slieve Donard which had also been identified by Ernie Crommie. Strangely the grass has not regrown, still just bare rocks and dark coloured with traces of the wreckage embedded in the stone. Ernie gave Jill a piece of the plane wreckage. She noted: *"Visiting the crash site was a very, very deep emotional experience. This was where his life ended. I was closer to my father here in Northern Ireland than I had ever been before."*



Jill also met Teddy Elliott who grew up in Newcastle and as a small child remembers hearing the crash and going to the site! It also transpires that not only did Teddy visited the crash site that day but so also did David Brennan!



Miscellaneous

Club Plaque Refurbished

In September PP Gordon Millington took the Rotary Plaque off the front of the Europa to refurbish. At home he re-varnished the timber mounting board, cleaned and lacquered the Rotary wheel and cleaned and repainted the lettering.

He has replaced it but the plaque is a copper plate which has some sort of anodising and is not in good condition nor will paint adhere well to the surface thus the letters are no longer white.

The gleaming refurbished plaque is shown right though PP Gordon reports that although it does look better he is not completely pleased with the result.



Quiz Success



For the second year in succession and the third year in four, a team from the Club has won the Annual Quiz of the Rotary Club of Belfast West. This year's event took place at the Boat Club on 27th February last.

Our team comprised PPs Bryan Johnston and Mike Smyth, their respective wives Helen and Patricia, and their respective daughters Barbara and Catherine

Golf Success

PP David Boyd won the Best Gross prize in the District Golf Competition at Royal Belfast Golf Club held September 24 before the District Conference. He was presented with the Perpetual Scratch Trophy at the Conference Council Meeting.



An unusual 'make up'



Hilary Gault had an unusual "make up" meeting when she attended 2 meetings of Rotarians when on a cruise aboard the Golden Princess. Rotarians present included members from the Rotary Clubs of: Harrow; Ilheus, Brazil; Juneau, Alaska; Lambton, NSW Australia; Northfleet and Ebbsfleet, Kent; Pales Verdes Sunrise, California; Santa Clarita, California; Taiwan, China and Vancouver, Canada.



Programme of Speakers

2014

April

07	William Crawley	Irish in New Zealand
14	Kevin Harper	Cancer Research Uk
21	No Meeting	Bank Holiday
28	Mark Davidson	Aurora Borealis

May

05	No Meeting	Bank Holiday
12	Pauline Hegney	
19	Business Meeting & AGM	
26	No Meeting	Bank Holiday

June

02	Chris Cunningham	2007 Ambassadorial Scholar to the Club
09	Club Assembly	
16	Ricky Flanagan & Lexie	Guide Dogs for the Blind
23	Gordon Millington	Lighthouses around Ireland

30 *Handover Meeting

July

07	No Meeting	
14	No Meeting	
21	Joe Hyland	SOS Bus NI
28	Garth Arnold	District Update

August

04	Veronica Morris	Ulster Orchestra
11	Liz Atkinson / Maeve Colgan	Cancer Focus NI
18	District Governor Phillip Beggs	District Message
25	No Meeting	

September

01	PP Bryan Johnston	Anglo Irish Gentry & the British Army
08	TABU Students	Report
15	The Lord Mayor of Belfast Councillor Nicola Mallon	
22	Susan Cooke	Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund
29	Paul Henry / Gavin Clarke, Osborne King	The Current Property Market

October

06	Baroness May Blood	
13	PP David Boyd	History of the Club and its Programmes
20	Claire Conlan, Youth Action Training Unit Team Leader	Youth Action Update
27	Peter Jack	My Journeys



Programme of Speakers *cont....*

November

03	Neal Sommerville	Marine Society & Sea Cadets
10	Business Meeting	
17	Grainne Bagnall	District Youth Services
24	Katie Scramont	Global Scholar

December

01	Business Meeting	Extraordinary General Meeting
08	John H Lunn	History of Lunn's Jewelers
15	*Christmas Dinner Evening Meeting	Ulster Reform Club
22	No Meeting	
29	No Meeting	

2015

January

05	Canon John McKegney	New Year's Message
12	Walter Rader	The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
19	John Savage Award Presentation	
26	Charles Friel	The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland

February

02	Business Meeting	
09	Dame Mary Peters / Colin Kennedy	Mary Peter's Trust
16	Jim Gracey, Sports Editor, Sunday Life & Belfast Telegraph	Sporting Stories Behind the Headlines
23	Walter Rader	Charities Commission NI

March

02	Tom Hartley	World War 1
09	Alastair Rankin	Cleaver Fulton Rankin Partnership in Belfast
16	No Speaker	
23	Angela McGowan, Danske Bank	Post Budget
30	TABU 2015	TABU Students



Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded

5 Paul Harris Fellowships together with a Sapphire Fellowship have been awarded by the Club.

At the Handover Meeting, 30 June, held at The Royal Belfast Golf Club, President Ken, on behalf of the Club, bestowed a Sapphire Award to Honorary Member Dame Mary Peters DBE LL who was coming to the end of her term as Lord Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast.



Member CT Hogg in her citation highlighted her exceptional service to sport, charities and public life and trusted that she would continue to be such a good ambassador for Northern Ireland for many years.

Members Mark Davidson and Eric Rainey CVO MBE DL received Paul Harris Fellowships recognising their significant contribution to the work of the Club. The citation for Mark Davidson was made by Past President Arthur Boyd highlighting his work as Honorary Secretary 2005-10 and his Youth Service particularly fostering the Club's relationship with Mitchell House. Eric Rainey's citation was made by Honorary Secretary Rosemary Simpson highlighting his public service as a DL and his service to young people both within the Club and through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. She also noted that thanks were due to him for sourcing meeting rooms for Rotaract to allow them to continue as a Club.

The Club, Monday 06 October, bestowed Paul Harris Fellowships on former Lord Mayor Councillor Máirtín Ó Muilleoir and Baroness May Blood MBE at a reception hosted by Lord Mayor Councillor Nichola Mallon in the Lord Mayor's Parlour recognising "2 extraordinary people for quietly doing extraordinary things for the citizens of Belfast".



20 members attended and the citation for Baroness May Blood was made by Walter Rader who highlighted her work and achievements culminating in her being the first woman in NI to be elevated to the House of Lords. Noting she was the peoples' ambassador committed to support people to be their best he presented her with her



Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded *cont...*

Fellowship. The citation for Councillor Mairtin O'Muilleoir was made by PP Ken Morrison who, having given a brief outline of the Paul Harris Fellowship Awards, highlighted Mairtin had built bridges between communities and had done an incredible amount for cross community relations noting in particular his attendance as Lord Mayor at the Remembrance Wreath Service. Thanking him for his community involvement and support to the Club during his year as Lord Mayor he presented him with his Fellowship.

Both recipients thanked the Club for their great honour and paid tribute to the work of Rotary serving the margins of society.

The Club bestowed a Paul Harris Fellowship to June Trimble MBE, CEO YouthAction NI in recognition of her service to the community. President Ken presented her with the Award at the YouthAction NI Annual Charity Lunch, Sunday 22 June, at Deanes at Queens.

Thanking the Club she said: *"I feel honoured and humbled and I know it is in recognition of all the work of all the staff and volunteers at YouthAction."*



Paul Harris Fellowships

Date Awarded	Additional	Hon. Member	Date Joined
1980	Tom McConnell	1982	1943
1990	Gordon Millington - <i>Presented by District for Polio Plus</i> Sapphire Award presented 2011		1968
	Harry Corscadden	Sapphire Award presented 2007	1998
1992	Tom Crocker		1959
	David Dorman	1993	1956
	Willie Macnab		1935
	Fred Rogan		1959
	Cecil Rundle	2000	1952
1994	Brian Clements		1942
	Hugh Fergusson		1990
1997	Bob Johnson		1989
	Bryan Johnston	Sapphire Award presented 2011	1945
	Stanley Rainey	2005	1977
1998	Brian Byers	<i>Sapphire presented by Highland Park RC 2009</i>	1957
	Roy MacDougall		1979
2002	Dick Thornton		1974
	Alan White		1991
2003	David Boyd	<i>Sapphire presented by Highland Park RC 2009</i> Ruby Award presented 2012	1958
	Hilary Gault		1981
2005	Bill Donaldson	2006	1992
	John McCleery		1960
2006	David Brennan		1966
	Barrie Houston		1969
	Adrian Kerr		1996
2007	Marnette Lyons	Sapphire Award presented 2009 Ruby Award presented 2012	1995
2008	Albert Baird		1975
	Trevor Hinds		1988
2009	Brian Ferguson		1989
2010	Derek Baxter		1988
	Billy McCoubrey		1993
2011	Maurice Brooks		2002
	Edwin Coppel		1988
	Eileen Kennedy		1997
	John Williamson		



Paul Harris Fellowships *cont...*

Date Awarded		Additional	Hon. Member	Date Joined
2012	Alistair Corscadden			1996
	Trevor Dickey			1966
	John Lowry			1988
	Campbell Morton			1981
	Craig McClelland			1974
	Victor McKirgan			1983
2013	Arthur Boyd			2005
	Courtenay Thompson			1977
2014	Dame Mary Peters DBE	<i>Sapphire Award</i>		2011
	Mark Davidson			1999
	Eric Rainey			2000

Fellowships awarded to Non Members for service to the Club and the Community

1987	Frank Carson	<i>Polio Plus</i>		
1990	Helen Honeyman	<i>Harmony Community Trust</i>		
	Pat Smyrl	<i>Boys Camp</i>		
1997	Denise O'Neill	<i>Boys Camp</i>		
2005	HRH The Princess Royal	<i>Sapphire Award (Rotary Centenary)</i>		
2014	June Trimble MBE	}		
	Councillor Mairtin O'Muilleoir	}	<i>Community of Belfast</i>	
	Baroness May Blood MBE	}		



