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Membership
Community & Vocational
International
Foundation
Youth Service
Communications
PR

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Karen Blair
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CLUB OFFICERS

Attendance
Archivist
Badges
Children in Hospital / Montgomery Bowl
Classification
Directory
Website/Weekly Report Editor
Fellowship
Health & Safety
Information
Mentoring
Pastoral Care
Photographer
Programme
Sports
TABU
Youth Exchange

Billy McCoubrey
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Gordon Millington
Brian Clements
Rosemary Simpson
Billy McCoubrey
Karen Blair
Tim Bowne
David Boyd
Chris Warnock

CLUB LIAISON OFFICERS

Inner Wheel
Probus
Rotaract

Craig M^cClelland
Teddy Elliott
Eric Rainey



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One Hundred and Seven Years - 1911-2018

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 Seven Years - 1911-2018

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 Seven Years - 1911-2018

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
2015-16	Ronnie Porter	~
2016-17	Ivan McMinn	Crawford McIlveen
2017-18	Rosemary Simpson	~



President's Letter

My fellow Rotarians

Not by nature a superstitious person but as my lucky number is supposed to be 7 as the 107th President of the Rotary Club of Belfast I should have had an outstandingly lucky year and in many ways I have. That the Club has survived for 106 years before now is a testament to the loyalty, commitment and dedication of the many members who have enjoyed membership of an outstanding and enduring service club. To follow in the footsteps of so many distinguished Presidents has been a challenge, not least as one was my late husband, Douglas, and another my late Father-in-Law Arthur Simpson (who also served on District), and as only the second female President of the Club, and in that alone I had a superlative act to follow, I decided I had to do it 'my way'. I could not try to emulate those who I followed and so I have tried to bring a few of my own traits into the club trying to involve as many members as possible and inject a little humour when the occasion permits.



Following Past President Ivan was formidable, the Visioning Exercise had laid down the path for the next 4 years and I have endeavoured to pursue that vision as I know will my successors. We are fortunate to have many Rotarians who have faced and accepted challenges over the years, but the greatest one is an ongoing one and we must make a massive effort to stop the decrease in membership and instead raise it or the Club could suffer!

But maybe not, already there are some hopeful signs, some buds may be about to appear and hopefully flowers will bloom as the conception of an Interact Club is gaining interest. It will need to be cherished and nurtured like any other tender shoot but with the help and support of each one of us it will flourish thanks to the enthusiasm of our recent TABU students who on their recent return from Chicago have expressed an interest in it. But I must pause, I'm at the end before I start.



The year started with Past President Ivan bringing his vision to an end with spectacular events but perhaps that was the beginning. A stepping stone for the years ahead. As I took over in July I wondered how the members, mainly men, would accept a female President, but I think on reflection they have coped with it quite well. I hope they did not feel this rare phenomenon was a threat, but as everything didn't change, traditions were

not ignored, the family silver was kept clean, hopefully they were reassured, but a few new ideas did appear.

I have tried to bring Rotary more into the public eye, I have done several radio interviews with more to come, a television chat show and two 2 page spreads in daily newspapers—



President's Letter *cont...*

one on page 3 of the Sun! Unfortunately as yet we have no new individual members but we have welcomed 3 new members from the Ulster Bank's Corporate membership.



Apart from the more obvious media coverage I have continued from last year to develop the Pastoral Care aspect of the Club. Keeping in touch with former members, those who are ill or who cannot attend as regularly as before and we have welcomed back some after long illnesses, missed some who are suffering and kept in touch with widows who appreciate the continued link. But apart from these I have endeavoured to let each member know that I care for him or her, and am interested in their well-being. We are a service club but apart from caring for others outside the Club, we must care for each other. If we do not feel needed and appreciated we may lose interest. I have been touched that so many have entrusted me with their thoughts, hopes and feelings. So I hope that the Fellowship and Friendship aspect of our Club will continue to flourish.



Undoubtedly one of the saddest losses this year has been the sudden and unexpected death of Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Brian Byers. Brian was a true Rotarian. Being supportive, encouraging, an ever present attendee, always at lunch and at the pre-lunch group who weekly set the world to rights often with Brian's inimitable humour. One of his main interests was Conflict Resolution combined with TABU and the tributes to him from past students were outstanding. His delight in their pleasure and eagerness to learn from each other and participate in every aspect of a TABU visit was an example to us all. He will be long-remembered and sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow Olive and his two daughters.

On a brighter note there have been many highlights this year, for the Club and me personally – the involvement with the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the outbreak of Polio in Belfast, the reception in Belfast Castle, sponsored by Bill and Melinda Gates, an emotional and memorable event – what courage was displayed by the survivors of this tragic disease. Men and women told stories of childhoods spent in hospitals, years when the only contact with family was once a month through a glass partition. I had the privilege of speaking at both that event, which got huge media coverage and the subsequent meeting at the District Council in Dublin when survivors from Dublin and Cork were acknowledged.



President's Letter *cont...*

Several members enjoyed the District Conference in September, a most entertaining few days and we have often enjoyed the company of District Governor Garth Arnold and our Assistant District Governor Roland Bailie.



Personally I laid to rest a fear when we had a visit to the Belfast Activity Centre and I was able to go into an enclosed cave, a first for me, and I look forward to the day in June when we are taking some children from Mitchell House to the centre to enjoy the challenges of the many activities provided. At Christmas we enjoyed a lovely evening at Malone Golf Club, another change for the members with West End Entertainment thanks to our Fellowship Convenor Doris.

We have had several visitors during the year and many interesting speakers thanks to Vice President Karen. We have been pleased to honour with Paul Harris Awards, San Wong, Bob Skelly and Teddy Elliott with a few more in the pipeline. I was delighted when Council and the Club agreed to confer the honour of an Honorary Membership on June Trimble, CEO Youth Action, who leads a most worthwhile body of young people we are pleased to support. Last week I attended the production of 'Domino' by the young people, it was an outstanding and memorable evening, a credit to Youth Action.



The Shelter Box Appeal at the Belfast City Hall was another highlight with a tent on display and the Lord Mayor's encouraging attendance. I was proud to wear the bright yellow tabard displaying the Rotary Club of Belfast as I did at our Fund Raising days at Tescos in Newtownbreda.



President's Letter *cont...*

As the end of my year approaches there is still a lot to be done. Dame Esther Rantzen is coming to our Fund Raising lunch in aid of Silverline, Mitchell House and other Rotary charities. Then we will have our annual Golf Outing at Belvoir Golf Club, a trip to Beaune and our Presidents Day in June.



For me it has been a wonderful year, but it would not have been so without the tremendous support I have received from the Council members, the Committee Convenors and especially Past President Ivan McMinn, Honorary Secretary Crawford McIlveen, Honorary Treasurer David Warnock, President Elect Mark Davidson and Jenny Boyd. Unlike most others I have not had the advantage of a partner and so I hope you will not mind when I especially thank Doris Houston for the tremendous support and encouragement she has given to me this year, attending events like the marvellous evening at the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services 15th Birthday Celebrations.



I wish my successor President Elect Mark and his team a very happy and fulfilling year in office.

Yours in Rotary

Rosemary EC Simpson
President



Secretary's Report

The Officers and Council of the Rotary Club of Belfast are pleased to present this Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2018, the Belfast Club's 107th year.

In common with the position hitherto, the Club has continued to uphold the ideals of voluntary service that are present in Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide. During the year the Club has sought to maintain its proud legacy of service to the Belfast and greater Belfast communities and additionally has continued to seek to align its International activities to Rotary's long term projects supporting communities around the world.

This year the Club has worked hard to support and promote the Rotary Foundation and its associated charities. In addition there has been, as is normally the case, a huge volume and range of individual projects and initiatives carried out by the various committees. I intend to provide only a brief overview of key events during the year. You will read in much greater detail in the following pages the work of, inter alia, our Foundation, Community and International Committees and teams.

In line with the Club traditions, early in the year it held its annual Presidential Handover event. This year's venue was, as has been the case for several years, in the splendid Royal Belfast Golf Club. All of the members present, along with their wives, husbands or partners and several guests enjoyed an excellent evening, with a great meal, good company. The evening concluded with the successful installation of our 2017 / 2018 President, Rosemary Simpson.



At the very outset of the Presidential Year, President Rosemary put in place a new Club Council. Rosemary's Council was expanded over those of the recent past and was representative of the demographics and skills and experiences available within the Club. There were several senior members of the Club along with many newer members who had been recruited within the last few years. This dynamic in Council resulted in robust debate and some fresh thinking. You will read about some of the outcomes in the following pages.



The International committee proposed introducing and managing the 'Lend With Care' scheme. This was a departure for the Club, and after some robust debate in Council it was agreed to proceed. In the period since, 6 loans have already been made and repayments to the account are underway. The Club has continued to support the Shelter Box charity and to date the Club has actually provided 7 which is a magnificent achievement.



Secretary's Report *cont...*

After a very successful 2016/2017 where the recent downward trend in membership numbers was not only halted, but reversed, the Membership committee has worked very hard to maintain that momentum. It was always going to be a tall order to repeat the previous year's performance, but despite a couple of resignations, the Club has managed to recruit several new corporate members in 2017/2018. It is important that all of the members are engaged in seeking to grow and refresh the Club membership.

The Community Committee has been busy as usual with projects and initiatives designed to support people and groups in and around Belfast. The Club has for many years provided support to Mitchell House School, and that tradition was carried on in this year. The Children's Christmas Party was the usual huge success and at the time of writing the children's summer day out is being arranged. In a departure from the norm, plans are well advanced for a trip to the Belfast Activity Centre. I'm sure this superb facility will provide the children with an experience they would ordinarily be unable to access. The Community Committee also organised the Christmas Remembrance Tree with the valued support of the Europa Hotel. The project was extremely well managed and organised but notwithstanding that, the sum of money raised was unfortunately slightly disappointing. There are plans already being made, however, for a more successful project next Christmas.



The Club has had, for many years, a strong and growing relationship with Youth Action and this year the Club has continued to work closely with, and support the work of them. The Club has provided advice and guidance to young people in many ways including interview technique and development of CVs. The Club is delighted that some of the young people it has been involved with have subsequently found full time employment.

The Club's close relationship with Youth Action culminated this year in their CEO June Trimble being appointed as an Honorary Member of the Club.

The Club has continued this year to support the TABU Project and initiative. A group of students from NI Schools travelled to Highland Park in Chicago a few weeks ago. There was an extensive range of activities and visits planned and early feedback is that it was a very successful visit. The Club will look forward to hearing from the students in due course.



Secretary's Report *cont...*

On a much sadder note the Club was shocked and saddened to hear of the recent passing of its esteemed member PP Brian Byers. Brian was the epitome of Rotary Service and a complete gentleman; he will be greatly missed throughout the Club. Brian was involved at the very beginning of the TABU Project, and it is a measure of the esteem in which Brian was held, that the Rotary Club of Highland Park in Chicago has made a donation of £1000 in memory of Brian.



The Club also records the sad passing in June of Jema, wife of John Lowry.

It is important to any Club that its members feel connected and involved in all that goes on. The weekly meetings and various events and projects all contribute to that. It isn't always possible, however, for members to regularly attend Club meetings and activities and this is when effective communications are vitally important. The Club is fortunate in that it benefits from an excellent website, Facebook page and perhaps more importantly its weekly e-zine. It appears in our inboxes early on Wednesday and is packed with all of the news in the Club, key dates, upcoming events and news from the wider Rotary world. The Club is extremely fortunate to benefit from it, and we are all in the debt of its author, editor and publisher, Honorary Member Jenny Boyd!



Once again this year the Club has been fortunate in the calibre of speakers presenting at our weekly lunch meeting. They have all been very interesting and at times thought provoking.

I have been honoured to serve the Rotary Club of Belfast for the last two years as Hon. Secretary and for two years before that as Assistant Hon. Secretary. I have been grateful throughout that time for the support and assistance of all of the members - advice and guidance was always freely given when requested. I need to make special mention, however, of Jenny Boyd. It was Jenny's constant support, help, advice, guidance and encouragement that has made the last two years so rewarding. I am very, very grateful Jenny, thank you. I would like to wish the incoming Hon Secretary every success in the role.

Crawford McIlveen
Honorary Secretary



Membership Report

District 1160 set a high target to increase membership in Ireland during the current Rotary year and we have tried to play our part but it has not been easy. Members of this Club have a responsibility to pass on the baton to another generation of Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Belfast continues to live up to its position as the largest Rotary Club in District 1160. However this requires effort on all our parts to maintain. We were very sorry to lose 5 members during the year just ended on 31st March. The sudden death of Past President Brian Byers this year was a shock to us all. An active member for 39 years he took a particular interest in our youth exchange programme known as TABU (towards a better understanding) with the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood in Chicago. Apart from his infectious enthusiasm, he was noted for his innate curiosity and ability to wander off to talk to complete strangers! Tributes will have been paid elsewhere in this report. *Brian Gillespie, Maryam Sholevar, Janice Knowles and Ken Taylor* all resigned for personal reasons at the end of last year.

Two Corporate nominees by the Ulster Bank - *Chris McVeigh and Sean Murphy* - resigned during the year but the good news is that Ulster Bank have reviewed their participation in Rotary and have nominated Richard Donnan (2nd right), Girvan Gault, Jayne Foot and Anna Baxter. We are delighted to welcome this new team and look forward to their contribution.



This brings our active members up to 65 again, 18% of whom are Corporate Members.

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

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

In addition there is a *Friends of Rotary* category recognising that some people do not have the time or resources to make a full commitment to membership of Rotary but do appreciate the important role in youth, vocational and humanitarian support and assistance that Rotary plays throughout the world. A Friend of Rotary has a formal association with the Club but is not a member.

We continue to talk to a number of potential Corporate Members and are hopeful that in the year ahead further members in this category will be added. At this stage we need more introductions to enterprises and organisations so that we can continue to roll out this exciting new area of membership and growth for the Club.



Membership Report *cont...*

I would like to express my thanks to Past President Ivan McMinn for his unswerving commitment to increasing our numbers and for contacting many of our past speakers of last year, who might be interested in joining 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 is an essential means of communication for our members along with our website.

It has been difficult to maintain the momentum of the last Rotary year, but we must not relax in our efforts to support the programmes, which the Club runs so successfully, by ensuring that there is continuity. You, our members, have set a high target for an increase in the number of members in the years ahead. It is the responsibility of us all to ensure its achievement.

Maurice J Brooks

Membership Services Chair



Rotary Foundation Report

Rotary Global Scholars

Last year's Global Grant Scholar Laney Lennox was delighted to report to the Club 18 September 2017 that she had completed her dissertation for her Masters in Conflict Resolution at the George Mitchell Institute, Queens University, thanked the Club for the support and presented a banner of her sponsoring Rotary Club of South Shreveport. She reported that her time in Northern Ireland had had a major influence on her future career choice and that the sort of work she wants is more established in NI than other places so she is applying for jobs hoping to stay and apply her experience.



Also a Scholar attached to the Club last year Catherine Glen updated the Club Monday 05 February on her work to date and plans for the future. With thanks to the Club for accommodating her and making it all possible, she advised that she had enjoyed her studies for an MSc Psychology of Childhood Adversity in QUB and as her Thesis had been on refugees she had worked with Barnardo's Refugee Services in a Nairobi Child Development Clinic and was currently working at Queen's University as a researcher until March. She presented President Rosemary with a banner from the Rotary Club of Karen, Kenya.

Both scholars attended our meetings from time to time and gave excellent presentations to our Club as well as speaking at other Rotary clubs. They also participated at several Club events.

For the 2017/18 year the Club are delighted to welcome Sarah Markley, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who will be studying violence, terrorism and security. She presented President Rosemary with her District Banner on her 1st visit to the Club September 18. To date Sarah has visited several times including with her father and also attended the District conference.



The Club thanks PP Bryan Johnston for acting as Primary Contact for the scholars throughout their year in Belfast.



End Polio Now

The Club continues to support End Polio Now and under the RIBI Purple4Polio campaign 500 crocus corms for planting were given to both Mitchell House and Glebe House as well as jars of special Greengage Purple4Polio jam (made and donated by Wilkin & Sons Ltd) which when enjoyed and empty will be filled with coins and returned.



Rotary Foundation Report *cont...*

The Club continues to urge members to take out Sustaining membership to support The Rotary Foundation, recruit applicants for outgoing Scholars and Peace Scholarships and thanks Council and members for their continued support of Rotary's only charity.



Foundation Centenary Lunch

President Ivan was honoured and delighted to welcome (pictured from left) Eve Conway, RIBI President, Councillor Nuala McAllister, Lord Mayor of Belfast, Kalyan Banerjee, Chairman The Rotary Foundation Trustees, Garth Arnold, District Governor Elect, Gerry Kierans, Rotary Ireland District Governor, as well as the other District Officers, Presidents, Rotarians and guests to the District Rotary Foundation Centenary Lunch



at the Europa Hotel Wednesday 21 June. It was attended by over 90 Rotarians and guests from all across Northern Ireland with an excellent Club turnout of over 40.

In an inspirational address the Lord Mayor noting that she had had a fast paced and enjoyable first 3 weeks stated that she was delighted to be present and that her theme throughout her term would be 'Global Belfast'. She thanked Rotarians for their service not only to the City but internationally and that the value of Rotary's work is recognised globally. She concluded that she was impressed with Rotary's 4 Way Test and thought she might adopt it!

Chairman Kalyan reflected on the history and development of The Rotary Foundation noting that President Arch C. Klumph's proposal of an endowment for "doing good in the world" was a modest proposal that had great consequences. It set in motion a far-reaching series of events that would transform not only Rotary, but also the lives of millions of men, women, and children in every part of the world. Although it was not initially well received Klumph was not easily discouraged and The Foundation awarded its first grant in 1930. Highlighting its success he noted that thanks to the generous support of Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation has provided \$3.7 billion for its vital projects and programs over the last 100 years. He highlighted that this shows 2 truths – the power of persuasion especially in pursuit of noble goals and that 1 person can make a difference.



Rotary Centenary Lunch *cont...*



He stressed that we owe it to the past to keep the dream alive and asked all to support “our” Foundation and begin the 2nd century fully prepared to do even more in the world. He highlighted the current “ambitious but not unrealistic” fundraising target for the centenary year of \$300m noting we are well on our way to meeting it as with 10 days left \$270m has been donated and asked all to “give what they can”. President Ivan thanking

him for his impressive and heartfelt address presented him with a token of appreciation which included the Club’s Centenary book.

District Governor Gerry noting that this was the 3rd leg of his Ireland tour, thanked the Lord Mayor and Chairman Kalyan. He noted that he had criss-crossed Ireland with other Foundation Centenary events having been held in Cork and Dublin. He thanked Chairman Kalyan for his commitment and dynamism and highlighted that clubs are the lifeblood of Rotary and members have led to the influence and respect of Rotary around the world. He stressed the successful efforts to End Polio continues with so far this year “only 5 (though 5 too many!) cases reported”. He affirmed the announcements at the Convention of Rotary’s commitment to raise \$50m pa over the next 3 years to be matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation and increased funding by World Governments. He pointed out that on this visit Chairman Kalyan had said that his proudest moment in his life was when RI President 2011-12 India was declared Polio Free. He concluded that this year’s theme is “Rotary serving Humanity” and that Rotarians will continue to do so.

Club Award

Certificate of Appreciation

On his visit to the Club Thursday 25 January District Governor Garth Arnold, on behalf of the District team, thanked the Club for its Foundation support and presented a Rotary Foundation 2016-17 Certificate of Appreciation signed by Kalyan Banerjee, Chairman The Rotary Foundation Trustees and RI President John Germ.



Belfast have again been the greatest contributor in District.

The citation reads:

Belfast is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now. Make History Today Campaign. Together we will fulfil our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.



International Report



The Club has continued to focus activity on raising funds for ShelterBox and the End Polio Now campaign.

The Club was delighted to welcome Nicola Hinds to the Club meeting on 12 March. Nicola is still the only Irish member of the ShelterBox Response Teams and she updated the Club on her and ShelterBox's work in the field and the difficulties that they meet.

The Club is also taking part in the *lendwithcare* initiative through Care International and made 6 micro loans to low income people with difficulty accessing commercial finance in January 2018. The Club invested £45 in each of the 6 entrepreneurs below. Repayments have already been received and of the original £270 investment, £35.40 has been repaid.



Shop: Mario Gemarino, Philippines - total Investment £1,233.57 to be repaid over 24 months - 45 investors. Mario is a mechanic who repairs watches, amplifiers and speakers he has started a new business making coin operated water dispensers. He requested a new loan to buy materials to make two more water machines and purchase the parts needed for his general repairs.



Animal & Poultry Raising: Myrian Sivasapa, Ecuador - total Investment £1,571.43 to be repaid over 20 months - 26 Investors. Doña Myrian cultivates vegetables including beans, cabbages, white onions as well as maize however most of her income comes from rearing and selling 300 guinea pigs, 100 chickens, 4 head of cattle and 3 pigs. She requested a loan to buy in bulk feed for all her animals and also pay the three labourers to plough and prepare her land.



Restaurant/Cafe: Pham Thi Huong, Vietnam - total Investment £748 to be repaid over 24 months - 61 Investors. Mrs. Pham Thi Huong's main income is from selling meat but this activity does not provide them with an adequate income. She requested the loan to invest in her business and increase her income in the hopes of attaining a better standard of living and will use the loan to expand her business by opening a stall where she will sell cooked dishes.



Shop: Pham Thi Hanh, Vietnam - total Investment £748 to be repaid over 24 months - 27 investors. Mrs. Pham Thi Hanh makes a living by selling meat in a shop near her house. She works hard everyday, but still finds it difficult to meet daily expenses and the cost of her son's tuition fees. She requested a loan to expand her store by selling a larger range of meat and prepared food.



International Report *cont...*



Farming: Santos Aldaz, Ecuador - total Investment £1,178.57 to be repaid over 12 months - 46 investors. Santos Bernardo Aldaz is a small scale farmer who started farming when he bought his own land and started cultivating a small plot of land growing one-tenth of a hectare of coffee and plantains. He has built his own house and requested a loan to pay for two agricultural labourers to help him clean the coffee bushes and buy feed supplies for his free-range chickens.



Animal & Poultry Raising: Líder Encalada, Ecuador - total Investment £1,178.57 to be repaid over 16 months - 37 investors. Líder Amable Encalada is a small-scale farmer who raises free-range chickens selling the eggs as well as the chickens. His business has grown in recent years as he has been able to attract more customers enabling him to provide his children with a good education. However, his chicken coop has deteriorated over time and he requested a loan to buy materials to repair the coop and any funds remaining will be used to buy feed supplies.

Another important part of the Club's international component is the welcoming of fellow Rotarians from around the world, and this year this has included members from USA, Bermuda, Paris, Beaune, England and Ireland North and South and also the attendance at our meetings of our Global Scholars who bring a special dimension to our meetings. Picture shows Shaley Moore (Londonderry Club Scholar 2016/17), Sarah Markley Club Scholar 2017/18 and Laney Lennox Club Scholar 2016/17.



Karen Blair
International Chair



Community & Vocational Report

Kid's Out Day 2017

As with previous years, the W5 Science and Discovery Centre at the Odyssey Complex was the venue for 25 children from Mitchell House Special School on 9 June 2017.



It proved to be a special and thoroughly enjoyable morning for all, which was followed by a delicious pizza lunch at Pizza Hut next door.



The children were, as usual, fantastic, very well behaved, polite and appreciative and the Club received a beautifully completed handmade thank you card from the School.

"Wizard William"

In addition to the outing to the W5 Complex, the Club also agreed to fund the visit to the School by The West Midlands Children's Theatre on 19 June 2017. The theatre company presented a play entitled "Wizard William" to the children which was by all accounts, very well received.



Shelterbox City Hall Appeal

On Wednesday, 1 November 2017, a large number of Club members took part in the collection for Shelterbox at Belfast City Hall. A welcome guest appearance was made by the Lord Mayor and a total in excess of £700 was raised.



President Rosemary noted: *"the comments of passers-by were interested, inquisitive and dismissive but the Rotary Club of Belfast was shown to be what it is - a caring and enthusiastic international organisation."*



Community & Vocational Report *cont...*

Tree of Remembrance

After a gap of a number of years, it was agreed to revive the Rotary Tree of Remembrance. The Europa Hotel kindly agreed to place a tree in the foyer of the Hotel and gift tags were made available for the public to write their names, leave a message and make a donation. Approximately £100 was raised, which although a little disappointing, nevertheless will serve as an incentive to do better next year with a bigger and bolder event.



Mitchell House Christmas Party

As usual, the well oiled machine, that is the Mitchell House Christmas Party, was a huge success. It took place at the school on Monday, 18 December 2017, and 32 children from the school were entertained by Magic George, resplendent in his new Christmas suit. The juggling, wayward monkey puppet and various tricks were met with huge acclaim from the children, there were even a few additions to the repertoire.



After juice and snacks had been served, Past President Courtenay Thompson made a guest appearance as a certain Mr Claus, dispensing presents with a kind word for every child.

A wonderful morning enjoyed by the Club members who were lucky enough to be in attendance and thanks to Courtenay for once again donning the red suit and grey beard.

William Cross

Community and Vocational Chair



Montgomery Bowl - *Children in Hospital Appeal*

Our Children in Hospital Appeal made two contributions this year:

- * the 1st contribution of £562 in July 2107 was to Tor Bank School in Dundonald and
- * the 2nd contribution of £997 in December 2017 was to Beechcroft on the Saintfield Road in Belfast.

Tor Bank School caters for children with a variety of physical and mental disabilities and as a result the school has to deal with a broad range of severe learning difficulties. To cope with these problems they require a wide range of sensory equipment and it was in the purchase of this equipment that we were able to help. Suzanne Mee, Occupational Therapist, displays in the photograph the funded selection of special 'toys' and equipment specially chosen by them. The toys are special remote control ones for disabled children and facilitate children, who cannot ordinarily do so, play with a toy and the steps in the foreground help teach children to climb and descend stairs



and when upended becomes a see saw rocker! Thanking the Club for the donation, which they are delighted with, Suzanne stressed how important the purchased items will be to the development and enjoyment of the disabled children.



Beechcroft is a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. It provides a residential home for children who have been taken away from their families for various reasons including Court Orders. They therefore must spend Christmas in the unit and this is obviously a very difficult time for them and the staff.

We therefore arranged for a good range of gifts to coincide with Santa's arrival.

Thanking the Club the Unit Manager wrote: *"The wards inform me what a huge help your gifts have been towards making Christmas a much better experience for our young people."*

On their behalf I express sincere thanks for your generous donations.

Brian Ferguson
Children in Hospital Officer



Charity Golf Day 2017

Past President Ivan McMinn kindly organised through Mr Raymond Hill, owner of Temple Golf Club, that we could hold a Charity Golf Outing at Temple Golf Club, free of charge.

This was held on Friday 26th May and eight teams entered the four-ball competition.

It was a glorious day and the biggest danger on the day was sun stroke, not a regular feature of golf in Northern Ireland!



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, helped by the weather, and most golfers who had not played the Temple course previously enjoyed the challenge and condition of the course.

It is a lovely clubhouse and we had an excellent meal after the golf and were very graciously joined by President Rosemary and by Doris Houston, to assist in the distribution of the prizes.

It was good fun and thanks to all who took part and to all who helped with the organisation and contributed to the prizes, particularly Ivan McMinn. Thanks also to Ulster Bank, Cleaver Fulton & Rankin and Jackson Andrews who sponsored tee boxes.

A total of £2,296 was raised for Rotary charities.

Tim Browne
Sports



Youth Service Report

Last year in the Youth Service report, I commented on the passage of time. This year it seems to have marched even faster.

The Club has just welcomed back its TABU students and it is particularly pleasing to note the generosity of Highland Park in recognising Brian Byers contribution to the programme over so many years (Report page 32). I don't think we can ever evaluate just how important this programme is in changing the lives and "futures" of its participants. We look forward to the continuing contribution which this year's young people will make.

Youth Leadership Competition

This competition continued to be a vitally important part of the programme, linking as with TABU and other opportunities into our feeder schools. Chris Warnock with an enthusiastic team of Rotarians successfully run this programme each year and reports more fully in on page 27.

Visits

BAC, the recipients of the John Savage Award and Bursary, hosted a memorable visit to their premises in Barnett's Park including a visit into their largest artificial cave in Europe (see page 38). Sadly this visit was not as well supported as we would have hoped but as a Youth Partner of the Club, we hope that this years Kids Out day will happen at BAC where the children of Mitchell House will experience many new and exciting activities.

YouthAction

This Year the Club has been involved in only one Get Set to be Hired event... an event with a difference with young undergraduates of the University of Ulster at the Jordanstown Campus.

7 members - Alan Braithwaite, PP Derek Baxter, PP Brian Clements, Alvin McKinley, PP Ken Morrison, Walter Rader and Eric Rainey - ran 4 interview teams and workshops.



This was a fascinating day which received a 100 percent approval rating from the students in a subsequent evaluation.



The University were also able to support YouthAction financially - an additional bonus to the day.



Youth Service Report *cont...*



In addition to The Get Set event, colleagues have visited YouthAction and also travelled to Youth Projects in Belfast to advise and train young people in CV preparation, interview skills and techniques. My grateful thanks to all who have willingly done so and also to Rotarian Alan Braithwaite for a fascinating seminar considering the world of employment and young people.

Youth Action Intern Programme

The Club supported the appointment an Intern Alex (who is considering entering full time Youth Work) and Club Council have again recommended to unanimous approval that we support this programme for a further year therefore giving a young person an opportunity of service, training and a “job” for 6 months. In recent years all of the Rotary interns have graduated to worthwhile full time employment.



YouthAction’s School of Performing Arts



The Rainbow Factory have been outstanding and it has been good to enjoy a number of very special evenings with YouthAction in their theatre. In particular, the Club were delighted to host the performance and reception of the powerful Gala performance of **DOMINO** at YouthAction Headquarters Friday 07 April which was attended by 20 Rotarians and partners . 11 young people

acted on stage with many more backstage and front of house and the momentous production, which left the audience extremely moved, received a standing ovation from the 60 strong audience. Domino was aimed at helping with suicide prevention and was crafted by the young people themselves; it reflected what they discussed, really speaking from the heart about what young people are going through. All proceeds were passed on to YouthAction.

Hopefully 2018/19 will give more opportunities of service with YouthAction to the mutual benefit of both.

Students

Rotary students are always welcome, bringing a fresh perspective of Rotary as part of such an important worldwide family. This year’s students have made a real contribution visiting on a number of occasions.



Youth Service Report *cont...*

John Savage Award and Bursary

This year the John Savage Award and Bursary will be presented to R-City an outstanding project situated in Holy Cross drawing young people from both the Ardoyne and Shankill areas. R-City brings young people from widely diverse backgrounds together. R-City enjoys absolutely inspirational leadership and works not only within the City but has done amazing work in the South African townships (in an annual Residential) and also has had a huge success rate in placing young people in further and higher education both here and in Galway. Young people, the leaders of tomorrow commit themselves to a three year programme.



Following a presentation of R -City's work to the Club, when their Award will be presented, a short visit to R-City is planned.

Hopefully in the new session, a number of other new initiatives will happen... all ideas warmly welcomed.

To all new members, please get fully involved in all Youth activities mentioned here and elsewhere in this report... and fully enjoy your Rotary Service..

Eric Rainey

Youth Service Chair



Youth Leadership Competition 2017/8

In September 2017, applications were received from four schools – RBAI, Methodist College, Victoria College and Grosvenor Grammar School - to take part in the 2017 Leadership Development Competition for a place on the Irish panel to visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Following a round of school interviews with 18 students in total being interviewed, at the Club Final Interview, Olivia Copeland, a 17 year-old pupil from Methodist College, was selected to go forward to the Zone Final hosted by Belfast East Rotary Club on 21 November 2017. Olivia is the sister of 2016 Club nominee Thomas and 2013 Club nominee and participant Rory and she obviously impressed the experienced Zone interview panel of Professor Julie Hastings, Dr Nigel Carr and Rev. Canon Kenneth Smyth as she was one of three winners who were selected to join a 24 member team of Irish Students to take part in the week long Leadership Development programme which included a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and participation in the Euroscola debating day with other students from all over Europe in March 2018.



Olivia had a challenging, personally rewarding and enjoyable trip and made good friendships with the other Irish students. Arrangements are being made for Olivia to speak the Club to give a first-hand account of her experience on this Rotary sponsored programme.

Special thanks are due to Lorna Magill, Derek Baxter, Dennis Wilson, Trevor Hinds and President Rosemary Simpson for their time and commitment to the interview process.

Chris Warnock

Youth Exchange

Camps and Tours Programme



Sarah Hand, an A-Level student at Victoria College, was successful with her application to RIBA for a place on a summer exchange programme and took part in a 10 day sailing course in Karlshamn, Sweden from 29 July to 8 August 2017.

She visited the Club with her mother on Club 23 October and thanking Rotary for the wonderful opportunity, she advised that this was the 20th anniversary of the Camp



Youth Exchange *cont...*

and that she had thoroughly enjoyed what had been an action packed 10 days. She indicated that this was her first time away from home and she had enjoyed the experience particularly mixing with young people from many countries in Europe (12 other nationalities were present from all over Europe) and taking the opportunity to learn some Swedish; Sarah confirmed that she had been the only native English speaker, though everyone she met spoke good English. Another first for Sarah was the opportunity, which she took, to be interviewed by Swedish TV.



She advised that she had matured and made many new friends - indeed she has remained in touch with everyone on the trip along with her host family. Sarah concluded by advising that she plans to study medicine at University, paid tribute to her host family and thanked Rotary for the opportunity to attend the camp.

It is pleasing to note that this was the Club's first venture into Youth Exchange in many years.



Communications Report

The main channels of the Communications team are the Weekly Report, the Club Website and a Facebook page.

The Weekly Report is issued at around 8.30am every Wednesday following a meeting and aims to keep all members fully informed of what has happened during the last week and highlight future events and information pertinent to members. In this regard as it often **contains information and details not announced at the weekly meeting, or became available subsequent to it**, members are urged to open the email and have a quick look even if they have attended it - currently nearly 70% of members are opening it within 24-48 hours. A hard copy is available on file at the Europa for those who don't have access to email.

The website continues to build up its visitor figures and statistics to date are pleasing showing that in year to end March 2018 visitors to the site were up over 60% over the previous year and it continues to reach worldwide audiences. Most visitors were from the UK & the US but the next numerous countries were: *Ireland, India, Australia, China, Canada, Brazil, Germany and Peru*. The website is updated constantly particularly the 'blog' articles which are then posted to the Club's Facebook page, which now has 198 'likes' and posts regularly reach over 100 people.



We again 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. The members area contains all back copies of the Weekly Report and a comprehensive detail of the Club Archive – see page 30. Members Area log in details are:

yourname *(all lower case no space)*

Password: *member1911*

The Communications team also produced a pocket-sized Club Directory for member's use. It contains the contact details of all members.

A story is nothing without photographs and we are continually indebted to Club photographer Billy McCoubrey for his attendance at events and wonderful selection of photographs. We also record thanks to PP Brian Byers who also regularly supplied photographs.

We particularly thank all members who have supplied information and photographs for the Weekly Report and urge all members to think *"take a photograph"* even by mobile phone at any event and send it to us – it is a vital record.

David Boyd

Communications Chair



Public Relations



PP Ivan has kept President Rosemary very much in the public eye. In November she had a photo shoot for the One Last Push event at Belfast Castle with DG Garth and polio survivor Eddie McCrory and they were subsequently interviewed on Q Radio. This was followed by a solo interview by Belfast 89FM's Lisa Johnston during her Thursday afternoon Talk-In Show. The wide-ranging interview went very well and overran by 6 minutes. Lisa posted about the interview on Belfast FM89's Facebook page. This was followed up with a second interview in February and more interviews are planned. In print President Rosemary featured as a 'page 3 girl' in the Daily Mirror which gave a full page spread to the One Last Push event and in a 2 page spread in the Belfast Telegraph's Life Section Monday March 19.

Club Archive

The Club continues to add to its archive; which is very extensive starting with the hand written minutes of the early meetings before the Club started to have them typed and now they are digital. It is actually harder to keep a record of them in digital format as over the last few decades the digital storage systems have changed, so now we keep in the archive printed copies of the minutes and of our e-zine which actually gives a much better record than the minutes could ever achieve.

It is very gratifying that so many members have passed on the Club memorabilia that they have felt would be of interesting our archive.

We are very grateful to PP Craig McClelland who stores the vast quantity of material we have accumulated over the generations. You will find a list of the material we have on our web site so well looked after by Jenny Boyd.



Gordon Millington
Archivist



TABU - Towards a Better Understanding



The 2018 TABU group left Belfast on Wednesday 27th March, travelling from Dublin to Chicago. The group comprised Rotarians Chris Warnock, Alan Rundle and Bryan Johnston, and Alan's wife, Fleur Rundle. The 6 students were: Sarah Hand (Victoria College), Grace Stanley (St Dominic's), Martyna Eron (Wellington College), Matthew Black (Carrickfergus Grammar), Lucy Hamilton (Grosvenor Grammar), and Theo Burton (Boys' Model).

They were greeted at Chicago O'Hare Airport by the current President of Highland Park Rotary Club, Yesim Sonmez, along with Rotarians Phil Lazarus, Paul Munk, Martha Gray, Len Tenner and Cynthia Plouché, who transported everyone to their host families.

During the trip the group enjoyed a packed programme of events. They visited Highland Park and Libertyville High Schools, where all students were amazed by the size of the schools, and the range of subjects and facilities available. They were particularly impressed by the Interact groups which are very active in the schools. A visit was also made to the Chicago High School for the Arts, where the Belfast students were interested to see how a full academic programme is offered in tandem with training in all aspects of the arts.



On a visit to Evanston, the group visited the Headquarters of Rotary International, and toured Northwestern University's magnificent campus. For the students lunch at Curt's Café in Evanston was a very moving experience, as its ethos is to employ disadvantaged young people, who have experienced horrifying challenges in life, and many of whom have

criminal records. Hearing some of their stories had a profound effect on all the students.

The group thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating and informative tour of Chicago city, which was organised by Rotarian Fred Orkin and his wife Sylvia. This was followed by a party for all at Martha Gray and Jim Gray's house, where the students and Alan Rundle entertained all by performing some well-known Irish songs!



Easter Sunday was a chance for relaxation spent with the respective host families. On



TABU *cont...*

Easter Monday, the incoming president of Highland Park Rotary Club, Ghida Neukirch, who is the City Manager of Highland Park, arranged a visit to the Police Station, Fire Station, and Public Works Department, which gave a great insight into how the city's public services work.

This was followed by Rotary lunch at Highland Park Country Club, where all students introduced themselves to the club, and expressed their gratitude at being given the wonderful opportunity of being a TABU student. At the lunch a tribute was made to Rotarian Brian Byers, who had recently passed away. Brian's total dedication to the TABU project since its inception was recognised by the presentation of a cheque for £1000 from the Highland Park Club, which was gratefully received by Chris Warnock, on behalf of the Belfast Club. Chris was also presented with a Mayoral proclamation declaring a TABU week whereby the city of Highland Park was recognising the work TABU was doing to break down prejudices and pre-conceptions, by setting an example of humanitarian involvement for all those who come in contact with the programme. This was presented by Ghida Neukirch, on behalf of the City of Highland Park.



All members of the group were privileged to experience visits to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and to the Anti-Defamation League, and learn at first hand the dreadful realities and consequences of hatred, and in particular Anti-Semitism.

To mark the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, a visit to the Chicago History Museum allowed the group to learn about his life as well as his assassination. The students were subsequently asked to give presentations on various aspects of Martin Luther King's life, and the music which defined that era. This was held in the Highland Park Library.

A visit to the 19th Judicial Circuit Court gave the group an in-depth experience of the judicial system, allowing access to real court hearings, and providing a tour of the County Jail. The serious nature of this visit was alleviated by meeting Hitch, the court's black Labrador, whose job it is to comfort those who are distressed by their experience in court. All students enjoyed a photo opportunity with Hitch!



TABU *cont...*

A visit was made to the Zacharias Center for rehabilitation of victims of sexual abuse. The staff explained how they are trained to work with adults and children, using a variety of therapies and counselling, in a calming environment.



The students were fine ambassadors for Northern Ireland, showing a high level of interest and inquisitiveness in all activities, and integrating happily with each other and with the Chicago host students and their families. All six were particularly interested in the concept of Interact, and are now very enthusiastic about setting up their own Club in Belfast.

The full programme of activities was interspersed with fun and relaxation, including restaurant trips, karate, shopping and the “60 to Escape” experience.

The great success of this trip was made possible by the hard work of the organisers, and by the kindness of the host families and drivers from Highland Park, to whom all are extremely grateful.

Alan Rundle



Brian Byers In Memoriam



PP Brian (born 09.10.1935) had been a member since 1979, was President 1994-95 and was bestowed a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1998. He had been in at the very beginning of the TABU project and remained the most enthusiastic member, travelling 8 times to Chicago - he led the 3rd visit in 1996 and then travelled every year *"under his own steam"* until 2010 after which health prevented him. He hosted several times and was ever present at all TABU events *"at home"* complete with badges, banners and paraphernalia. His commitment was recognised by the Highland Park/Highwood Rotary Club presenting him with a

Sapphire Paul Harris Award in 2009. He developed his own unique relationship with the students talking about Chicago, TABU and conflict resolution, challenging them incessantly especially as you didn't know from which direction Brian's conversation might come from next! When on trips (as in all his life) he frequently stopped, engaging with anyone and everyone in conversation and regularly needing to be retrieved in order for the group to move on - *"where's Brian"* was probably the most used phrase on any trip.

He was also an ever present member winning the attendance Cup with 100% attendance incessantly and vying with Hilary in not missing a meeting. He had, and retained, wide contacts in all walks of life and took part in many conflict resolution events and training courses, not just TABU; able to relate to anyone whether they be in the highest office or the lowest prisoner he took great enthusiasm in distributing the annual all-faith NJJC Calendar kindly supplied by Ilene Shaw.

The respect he was held in by all, particularly Highland Park/Highwood Club Rotarians and past TABU students, is reflected in the growing comments and 'likes' posted on the Club's Facebook page and in particular (TABU student 2004 & Club Rotaract founder) Laura Garland's encapsulates him: *"Brian's a legend. Brian was the best craic. TABU won't be the same without him! I remember he helped me with a rather elaborate kidnapped tie plot, he was always up for mischief."*

We will miss him.

David Boyd

"Thank You"

Olive wrote to the Club thanking for the *"phone calls, cards, offers of help and just general kindness since Brian's death. It must have been as much a shock to all of you as it was, and still is, to us. He was full of the Tuesday evening he spent with the kids going out to Chicago soon and I think he was really sorry he wouldn't be going with them. I'll miss the boxes of calendars arriving from the States each January - or maybe not! ..."*

Thank you to the Club, District, TABU and Rotary in general for giving Brian so much pleasure over 40 years. "



Glebe House (*Harmony Community Trust*)



The Club continues to support HCT with 2 Past Presidents being actively involved: David Boyd as Hon. Treasurer and John Lowry serving on the Board.

The Club recognises that there is still a very necessary role for Glebe House and work for Harmony Community Trust in meeting the needs of our community now and in the future.

After two very difficult years in 2016 and 2017 following the completion of the Peace 3 funding, Harmony is now in the process of refocusing to attract more funding from “private” sources with the continuing reduction in public sector funding. They were pleased to receive loan funding from RBS Social and Community Capital – the first such loan in Northern Ireland, which has been very important in helping us through the transition period.

They are adapting to the current needs of society and include people from a wider variety of backgrounds. An adult programme has been growing and is now very strong and well supported providing social contact for seniors in a very varied programme of study visits and craft and skills activity.

Recruitment of volunteers, the reduction in funds particularly from statutory providers and the declining interest in NI from abroad all pose challenges.

HCT are confident to meet these new challenges, as they have done over the last 40 years, without losing the sense of purpose and the ethos on which the organisation was founded by this club in 1975.

Glebe is facing particular funding challenges and has a need to strengthen, in particular, its business connections both in influencing and direct support. They have been very pleased to have continued to receive financial support from this club, particularly from the Toccata concert and in regular donations and raffle ticket purchases.

Having always been at the heart of Harmony, it would be good if Rotary could now assist in identifying business people who could add their experience to the largely civil servant and social work makeup of Council. ***If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in volunteering, we are particularly interested in gaining skills in marketing, property and fundraising, please speak to the undernoted.***

The 500 Purple 4 Polio crocus bulbs supporting the RIBI Purple4Polio campaign given to Harmony have bloomed. They were planted all around the fence of the sensory garden at the front of the property and have been gratefully enjoyed by all.



David Boyd

www.glebehouseni.com



Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel Club of Belfast meets every month at Malone Golf Club Belfast. The Club continues to thrive and now has a similar number of members as our own Club. This year has been led by President Carol McClure to June to be followed by President Beryl Crawford.



There have been many highlights including a day trip to Kildare Village Designer Shopping complex. Many Club members attended their very successful fundraising Murder Mystery Evening in Malone Golf Club when all tried to solve the murder at Brighton Beach Racecourse, Coney Island,

New York, involving shady characters, intrigue, romance and red herrings a-plenty! There were even certificates and prizes for the detective teams! This most enjoyable evening raised an excellent £1,880 for the Chest, Heart & Stroke Association and Inner Wheel Charities. As usual, there was a wide variety of interesting speakers throughout the year.

Objectives of International Inner Wheel

- * *to Promote True Friendship*
- * *to Encourage the Ideals of Personal Service*
- * *to Foster International Understanding*

Any woman who shares the three central aims of International Inner Wheel can join the organisation. Members achieve these aims through Club events, which combine personal service, fund-raising, fellowship and fun, united by friendship and a common aim to serve the local community. Members give practical support as well as financial help wherever there is a crisis.

All wives and partners of Rotary are encouraged to join Inner Wheel where they will find the warm hand of friendship. Anyone considering joining should contact Secretary Doreen McLean, wife of our own member PP Ronnie.

Craig M'Clelland

Inner Wheel Liaison Officer



Club Visit

Belfast Activity Centre Visit

President Rosemary led a group of members to the BAC Activity Centre Monday 23 October.

A fascinating morning was spent experiencing several activities including exploring the unique 'above ground' man-made caves and having a go at archery.



They came away amazed that such a comprehensive outdoor educational facility was on the doorstep and were very impressed that not only over 20,000 young people every year already make use of this excellent facility but also the emergency services use it for training purposes.

Inter Club Visit

Celebrating Bloomsday in Dublin

A great time was had by the 8 members who travelled to Dublin Friday 16 June to celebrate Bloomsday with the Dublin Club enjoying good company, good food and wine, great sunny hot weather and spectacular costumes worn by Dublin Club members. The group were met at Dun Laoghaire Dart Station by President Pamela O'Loughlin. In spite of our disappointingly small numbers, we were most



Inter Club Visit *cont.....*

cordially welcomed and escorted on a walk from the Dart Station to Sandycove via the village of Glasthule which was closed to through traffic, all shops having tables for food and refreshments outside. The picture shows some of the group outside Quinn's Funeral Home in Glasthule, who were dispensing free wine to all and sundry!

Most of the crowds of ladies and gentlemen about the Sandycove/Dun Laoghaire area were dressed in Edwardian styles with hats/boaters etc and there was a very cosmopolitan atmosphere with many visitors photographing the fashion. This was the first time that all Dublin Rotarians had decided to dress up and around 30 of them were present resplendent in their costumes with no clashes of style!



The group walked back along the promenade to the National Yacht Club for a drinks reception and lunch of a "breakfast" course of Kidney, Oyster, Prawn and Gorgonzola Cheese with Grapes, followed by a "lunch" course of delicious Ham and Cabbage with vegetables and a "sweet" course and topped off by coffee. Excellent fodder all round! During the meal they were entertained to readings from Joyce's book *Ulysses* and songs of the period. Finally the Judges selected the best dressed Lady and the best dressed Gentleman.

The whole scene was so friendly that 6 of the Belfast contingent decided to catch the later 7.00pm train home rather than the previously intended 4.40pm.



Social Report



The year began with 27 members, partners and guests, spread over 3 tables, thoroughly enjoying the fine dining 'Grub Club' evening which was held in James Street South Restaurant, Belfast, Tuesday 23 May. An excellent menu foretold a delicious 2 course meal, with glass of wine, which was enjoyed by all. Plenty of fellowship and chat completed this most successful evening – thanks were given to PP Alan Rundle and Doris Houston for organising it.

President Ivan concluded his year at his President's Dinner held 26 June at the Royal Belfast Golf Club. Always the highlight of the Club's year and this year's extremely convivial evening proved to continue that tradition being greatly enjoyed by the 63 members and guests. After drinks in the bar areas President Ivan welcomed all especially District Governor Elect Garth & Anne Arnold, President Belfast West Rotary Club Des & Jayne McFall President Elect Rosemary's daughter Karen Mbayo and District Assistant Governor Roland Bailie.



After dinner a Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to CT Hogg recognising his significant contribution to the work of the Club over the last 44 years. 7 members played golf in the afternoon and President Ivan presented the MacNab Trophy to a worthy winner with a Gross 73 - Tim Browne. Addressing the Club, he emphasised what a huge honour it was to have been "your 105h President" thanking all for the trust placed on him 3 years

ago. He reflected that he had thoroughly enjoyed his Presidential year (which had passed in a flash) representing the Club in various guises and of his 3 main areas of focus he had: delivered a successful Visioning exercise to set the road map for the next 4 years; grown membership (net gain of 8); had an enjoyable year for members with entertaining speakers and social events; in this regard he particularly thanked VP Mark Davidson and Doris Houston. He reflected on his particular highlights: the Charity Golf Day, abseiling the Europa with PPs Gordon Millington and Ken Morrison, the District lunch hosted and fronted by the Club, with Foundation Trustees Chairman Kalyan Banjeree and the Ruby Paul Harris presentation to PP Gordon Millington. He highlighted that just under £20,000 has been donated to the causes we have chosen to support which is just short of £300, raised by and/or contributed, per



Social Report *cont.....*

member. Thanking all members for their efforts he also particularly thanked PP David Boyd for his help and commitment to the Club finances and TABU as well as the TABU team of PPs Brian Byers and Brian Clements, Chris Warnock and Brian Gillespie; Eric Rainey and Walter Rader for co-ordinating the massive Youth Services team and invaluable work carried out with Youth Action; Billy McCoubrey for all his excellent camera work and for membership recording; John Williamson for looking after the Bag Fund and Charity Draw and all members of council. He also extended particular thanks to his wife Judi, Jenny Boyd, Secretary Crawford and PE Rosemary for all their support and presented flowers to Judi, Jenny, Lisa-Jane McIlveen and PE Rosemary.

As in recent years the Handover then took place and wishing her every success for her year he handed over the Chain of Office to President Rosemary who having congratulated "a most successful President on an outstanding year" invited VP Mark Davidson to accept the President Elect Jewel and welcomed Karen Blair as Vice President.

President Rosemary also wished DG Elect Garth a very happy and successful year in office advising that the Belfast Club would proffer unstinting support and expressed delight that AG Roland would be with us throughout the coming year. She concluded the evening by presenting Past President Ivan with a record of his year as appeared in the weekly reports.



Several members of the Club had a most enjoyable visit to the award winning garden of Old Barrack House, Hillsborough on a special Club Open morning Friday 30 June. On a lovely, if chilly, morning they had a talk on the history of the house and its restoration before exploring the gardens which the owners Ken & Dawn McEntee have refurbished over 20 years.

The first social event in the 2017/18 year was an outstanding evening at the Rowel Elisio Friers concert Friday 01 September at Anna's House, Lisbane, Comber attended by President Rosemary, PP Maurice & Hilary Brooks and PP Trevor & Elizabeth Dickey. It was a privilege to hear this charming young man who received standing ovations for his programme which included amongst others: Polonaise No 1 by Chopin, Fly me to the moon and the Pathetique Sonata 1st Movement by Beethoven. Two other young performers also took part Scott Flanigan, piano accompanist and jazz pianist, who one of the foremost keyboard players on the Irish jazz scene and Gary Hunt, cellist and the youngest member of the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra, whose Salute D'Amour and The Swan were very moving. Cantiunculae, a Belfast based chamber choir also sang.



Social Report *cont.....*



20 members attended various aspects of the 2017 District Conference held 29-30 September in the La Mon Hotel and we were also delighted to have with us Global Scholar Sarah Markley. Delegates were treated to a varied programme of speakers over the 2 days superbly introduced by Mistress of Ceremonies, our own past member and now a Formby Club member, Rtn Claire Savage.

We were delighted to renew friendships with Dublin Club members at the dinner and fellowship evening on Friday night which concluded with the Lagan Seahorses Male Voice Choir and the Conference concluded with a Gala Ball. IPP Ivan McMinn & PP David Boyd played in the Golf Competition held on Thursday at Shandon Park Golf Club which was won by PP David who was also 'closest to the pin' on hole 13 winning a golf bag, umbrella and holds the Scratch Trophy for the year.



20 members and partners had a most enjoyable evening Thursday 23 November at the latest Grub Club event in The Scullery, Belfast Metropolitan College. We were particularly delighted to be able to welcome visiting Rotarian Pierre-Yves Samson, from the Rotary Club of Paris Quai d'Orsay (2nd left). Plenty of fellowship and an excellent meal was

enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Chef Lecturer Jacqui Quinn (far right) and the BTEC Hospitality Students.

On 18 December the Club enjoyed another evening at the Club Christmas Dinner Meeting held for the first time at Malone Golf Club. 73 Club members and guests had a splendid evening of food, entertainment and fellowship.



A warming glass of mulled wine greeted all on arrival and the formal proceedings commenced with President Rosemary asking for a moment of reflection for good friends Una Donaldson and Sir Billy Hastings who had sadly recently passed away. President Rosemary then welcomed all members and guests and, in particular, District Governor



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Garth and Ann Arnold; ADG Roland & Louise Bailie, President James & Mrs O'Fee (Bangor Club), President David & Dianne Gibson (Belfast East Club), President Desmond & Jayne McFall (Belfast West Club) and Inner Wheel President Carol McClure.

A delicious 3 course hot buffet dinner was followed by the presentation by DG Garth of Paul Harris Fellowships for long service to Bob Skelly and San Wong. The evening continued with special prizes for those who were sitting on a marked seat, a pass the parcel with a difference – each unwrapped layer revealing a 'task' - and a ballot with many prizes drawn by Ann Arnold which raised £414 for Rotary Charities. Michael



Samuel, a locally based most accomplished singer who, trained from the age of 7, has a wide musical experience and repertoire treated everyone in 2 sessions with beautifully performed favourite songs. This excellent evening of fellowship concluded with him leading all in carols and Christmas songs, President Rosemary thanking all for coming and supporting the evening, Doris Houston for organising it so well and wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.



Visitors

During the year the Club has had visitors from the USA, Bermuda, Paris, Beaune, England and Ireland North and South - our thanks to Hilary Gault who records and introduces any visitors and guests at meetings. Some of the visitors and banners are showcased below with thanks to Club photographer, Billy M^cCoubrey, whose excellent photographs are a wonderful record.

Some visitors came deliberately to hear a speaker, some because they happened to be in Belfast visiting family or touring and some made a deliberate choice to stop in Belfast because the Club met.

Those from abroad included: Rotarian Douglas Alexander, Shepherdstown Rotary Club, West Virginia, USA with his wife Barbara and daughter Bethany, Doris's sister Sara Crosby-Hartman, PP of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale, Arizona, President Malcolm Griffith, Sandys Rotary Club 7230 in Bermuda(PIC) - he spoke briefly about his Club and the island of Bermuda.



Former members PP Derek Forshaw (right) now Rotary Club of Beaune, France, with his son-in-law David Currie (PIC) extolled us of the delights of Beaune and highlighted the Club's forthcoming trip in June.

Pierre-Yves Samson, from the Rotary Club of Paris Quai d'Orsay contacted the Club through the

Facebook page noting he was only in Belfast for Thursday & Friday and as the Club wasn't meeting during his stay he went to the Grub Club evening at the Scullery, Belfast Metropolitan College, Pierre, a Notary who is fluent in 4-5 languages, was highly impressed with his welcome.



We were delighted to welcome back 2007 Ambassadorial Scholar Phillip Londeree, (now a busy Attorney with his own firm), with other members of the Rotary Club of Petal, Mississippi: Daryl-Gayle Jenson, Charity Whaley and Barry Bruckner; accepting a banner from President Rosemary Phillip noted that unfortunately 3 of their party had got separated en route to the Europa.



Visitors *cont...*



Some visitors came on 'make up' visits and others because they were here on business, were business colleagues, were brought along as a potential member or were family or friends of members and included: Sarah Burrows CFC, guest of William Cross, Fr. Martin Magill (Parish Priest St John's, Falls Road), guest of PP Gordon Millington, Rev. William Harkness (pictured right) guest of Tim Browne, Peter Loughlins, SOSBus NI Interim CEO, guest of PP Maurice Brooks, Marie Foy, Communications Officer Cancer Focus NIPE, Peter Lockhart guest of Karen Balir, PP Rowan

Black RC Lisburn, James O'Fee, RC of Bangor, Enda Young, Rotary E-Club, speaker Sarah Hand's mother, Andrew Markley (pictured far right) father of Global Scholar Sarah. Ross son of Derek Baxter, Berkely son of Alan White and Roger son of Campbell Morton. also visited.



Some visitors came on official visits and in this regard the Club were honoured to welcome Rotary GB&I President Denis Spiller accompanied by District Governor Garth Arnold to the Club Thursday 25 January 2018. We were also delighted to welcome to the well attended special meeting, which was addressed by both President Denis and DG Garth, 15 Rotarians from other clubs. ADG Roland Baillie attended the Club Assembly last June.

Although not strictly a Club meeting President Ivan was honoured and delighted to welcome (pictured from left) Eve Conway, RIBI President, Councillor Nuala McAllister, Lord Mayor of Belfast, Kalyan Banerjee, Chairman The Rotary Foundation Trustees, Garth Arnold, District Governor Elect, Gerry Kierans, Rotary Ireland District Governor, as well as the other District Officers, Presidents, Rotarians and guests to the District Rotary Foundation Centenary Lunch at the Europa Hotel Wednesday 21 June. (report page 16).



Miscellaneous

Be a Gift to Crumlin

The Club supported the District "Be a Gift to Crumlin" Appeal to sponsor bedrooms and refurbish the 55 rooms in the Parents' Accommodation Unit at the Children's Hospital Dublin for use by parents of seriously ill children undergoing prolonged cardiac treatment in the hospital. The Club sponsored 1 bedroom and President Rosemary (*as President Elect*) and Past President Maurice represented the Club at the official opening of the refurbished accommodation on 24 June. The rooms have been designated to participating Rotary clubs and there is a piece of art in each room with the name of the sponsoring club inscribed in the frame.



Retirement Gift

Marking his retirement from the Court Service PE Ken Nixon held a charity coffee morning Thursday 22 June, Laganside Courts, benefitting the Mary Peters Trust and Rotary's End Polio Now. £600 from it was presented 29 November to President Rosemary for the End Polio Now Campaign by Hon. Member Dame Mary Peters.

In Memory of Dad

Malcolm Boyd completed the 100 Mile Challenge, a day after the anniversary of his father PP Arthur Boyd's death. He ran 100 miles over four days for Brain Tumour Research because he wanted to raise £2,000 to help find a cure. Many members, friends and colleagues supported him and he raised the wonderful total of over £18,000 (over 20k with Gift Aid). He thanked everyone for the donations, support and sponsorship stating that together "we have made a difference".



From 1 to 26

PP Bryan Johnston following his first visit to the RC of Belfast Kaiapoi, Christchurch, NZ in 2014 initiated a quest for information on the grave of 1 New Zealand airman shot down over NI. This success led to further research and he has now discovered that 26 NZ airmen are buried across NI. He has visited every grave and photographed every headstone and created and framed a montage of them all. On his recent 4th visit to New Zealand 20 February, he presented Club President John McCaul with a framed copy of a montage of the now 26 NZ Airmen's headstones he has identified in the City of Belfast Cemetery (War Section) and also presented one to Matthew O'Sullivan, Research Team, Air Force Museum of New Zealand.



Miscellaneous *cont...*

Bag Packers

4 members helped a new charity Dementia NI bag pack at Tesco Newtownbreda. Fionnuala Savage, Income Generation Manager DementiaNI wrote to Tim Browne to say they cannot thank enough the gentlemen from the Belfast Rotary Club who came to help them on the day.



TABU Catch Up

TABU student 2010 Paul Chambers has been spotted...he appeared on BBC2 as a newly qualified Engineer working on the £15 billion cross rail project in London!



35 Years Recognised

President Ivan gave a special thanks to 'our' Pauline Hegney, Europa Hotel staff member who, exactly on Wednesday, has completed 35 years attending to the Club's needs over lunch.

She thanked the Club for all the good wishes.

Congratulations

Former Club President Elect Claire Savage married Jeff Hocking Saturday 06 January in Mottram Hall, near Manchester, with friends and family from around the world, particularly Ireland (North & South), Australia, Scotland & England. She was a radiant bride and every detail was considered.



Hon. Secretary Crawford & Lisa Jane, PP David & Jenny and Doris & David Houston were delighted to be there and can report that she has agreed to be President of Formby Rotary Club in 1919/20 and that Claire and Jeff also announced the very early news to friends and family that they are expecting end July.

The inscription on the centre goblet is:
A token of esteem
and congratulations
for
(Charles
(C. E. Hocking)
on his election as
President of the
1919-20
From the guests
of the
Belfast Club
attending the
Bachelorette
Dinner
May 1919.
The smaller goblets are inscribed with:
C. E. Hocking
(at Belfast)
President
1919-20.



And Finally...

PP Gordon Millington advised members of the return to the Club of the 3 silver vases which are passed from President to President at the Installation.



Programme of Speakers

2017

April

Mon 03	Business Meeting	
Mon 10	Cancer Focus NI	Roisin Foster, Chief Executive
Mon 17	Bank Holiday	
Mon 24	Rombo	Peter Jack

May

Mon 01	Bank Holiday	
Mon 08	"Fighting Words"	Pat Larragy, Comber Rotary Club
Mon 15	A.G.M.	
Mon 22	SOS NI Update	Joe Hyland

June

Mon 05	Club Assembly	
Mon 12	Euroscola 2017—Hannah Beattie - Club Nominee Rotary Youth Leadership Development 2017	
Mon 19	Bank Holiday	
Mon 26	President Handover Meeting	



July

Mon 03	My Life & Writings	Anne Doughty, Novelist
Mon 10	No Meeting	
Mon 17	No Meeting	
Mon 24	Rotary Scholar	Kristina McLaughlin
Mon 31	NI Labour Market Trends	Alan Braithwaite

August

Mon 07	Will to Give	Michael Graham
Mon 14	Rotary Scholar	Shaley Moore
Mon 21	Planning - Shaping a Better Belfast?	Dr Michael Gordon
Mon 27	No Meeting	

September

Mon 04	Business Meeting	
Mon 11	QAVS - Recognising Volunteers	Walter Rader and Eric Rainey
Mon 18	My Time in NI	Global Scholar Laney Lenox
Mon 25	Youth Action Update	Caroline Redpath and Sean Madden



Programme of Speakers *cont....*

October

Mon 02	Several Years on the Bench	Ken Nixon
Mon 09	Business Meeting	
Mon 23	Rotary Exchange - Sweden 2017	Sarah Hand
Mon 30	Making New Dreams a Reality	Dame Mary Peters and Gillian Heatherington

November

Mon 06	Business Meeting	
Mon 13	Special EU Programmes Body	Gina McIntyre, CEO
Mon 20	District International Projects	Sean Dunne
Mon 27	The work of St Vincent de Paul in NI	Brendan O'Neill , Northern Regional President

December

Mon 04	EGM & Business Meeting	
Mon 11	The work of the Salvation Army in NI	Paul Wright
Mon 18	No lunchtime meeting	Christmas Dinner
Mon 25	No meeting	

2017

January

Mon 08	New Year's Message	Rev. Alex Wimberley
Mon 15	Transport Hub: Transforming Belfast	Helen Harrison, Juno Planning
Mon 22	No Meeting	
Thurs 25	RIBI President Denis Spiller and District Governor Garth Arnold	
Mon 29	Role of Hospitality Ulster	Colin Neill, CEO

February

Mon 05	Business Meeting	
	Work to Date & the Future	Catherine Glen, Rotary Scholar
Mon 12	Why Make a Will?	Michael Graham, Director CFR
Mon 19	Polio Came to Belfast	President Rosemary
Mon 26	Healthy Ageing-Genes or Lifestyle?	Professor Maeve Rea

March

Mon 05	Business Meeting	
Mon 12	ShelterBox	Nicola Hinds
Mon 19	No Meeting	
Mon 26	New Zealand war dead in NI	Bryan Johnston



Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded

The Rotary Club of Belfast awarded a **Ruby Paul Harris Fellowship** to **Dr. Gordon Millington** in appreciation of his 50 years' active service to the Club and Rotary as well as distinguished service to his profession and the community. It was presented to him by Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair Kalyan Banjeree at a Centenary Foundation lunch held in the Europa Hotel, Wednesday 21 June 2017.



The citation made by PP David Boyd reflected on his esteemed professional career, his involvement in numerous good causes and his continued full involvement in and enthusiasm and support for all the Club's activities and in particular his ready response to any request - which is inevitably "I can do that"!

The Club made 4 other Paul Harris presentations during the year.



Joe Hyland - Monday 22 May at the Club meeting .

The citation made by PP Maurice Brooks highlighted Joe's extraordinary vision, skill in fundraising and dealing with volunteers and staff as well as the development over the last 10 years of SOS NI.

C.T.Hogg - Monday 26 June at President's Day, Royal Belfast Golf Club

Recognising his significant contribution to the work of the Club over the last 44 years the citation, made by Past President Brian Clements reflected on C.T.'s regular attendance, support and loyalty to the Club and, in particular, his eloquence, intellect and wit as a public speaker particularly if a very special guest needed to be introduced, thanked or entertained.



Bob Skelly and San Wong - Monday 18 December at the Club Christmas Dinner, Malone Golf Club.



The citations made respectively by PP Gordon Millington and PP Brian Byers recognised their long service to the Club.



Paul Harris Fellowships

Date Awarded	Additional	Hon. Member	Date Joined
1980	Tom M ^c Connell	1982	1943
1990	Gordon Millington - <i>Presented by District for Polio Plus</i> Sapphire Award presented 2011 Ruby Award presented 2017		1968
	Harry Corscadden	1998	1959
1992	Tom Crocker		1956
	David Dorman	1993	1935
	Willie Macnab		1959
	Fred Rogan		1952
	Cecil Rundle	2000	1942
1994	Brian Clements		1990
	Hugh Fergusson		1989
1997	Bob Johnson		1945
	Bryan Johnston		1977
	Stanley Rainey	2005	1957
1998	Brian Byers	<i>Sapphire presented by Highland Park RC 2009</i>	1979
	Roy MacDougall		1974
2002	Dick Thornton		1991
	Alan White		1958
2003	David Boyd	<i>Sapphire presented by Highland Park RC 2009</i> Ruby Award presented 2012	1981
	Hilary Gault		1992
2005	Bill Donaldson	2006	1960
	John M ^c Cleery		1966
2006	David Brennan		1969
	Barrie Houston		
	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 M ^c Coubrey		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 M ^c Clelland			1974
	Victor M ^c Kirgan			1983
2013	Arthur Boyd			2005
	Courtenay Thompson			1977
2014	Dame Mary Peters DBE	<i>Sapphire Award</i>	2011	2011
	Mark Davidson			1999
	Eric Rainey			2000
2015	Brian Clements	<i>Sapphire Award</i>		1980
	Alan Rundle			1984
	Fred Sweeney			1975
2017	Joe Hyland			2010
	CT Hogg			1973
	Gordon Millington	<i>Ruby Award</i>		1968
	Robert Skelly			1987
	San Wong			2014

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	}
2015	Maurice Kinhead	<i>East Belfast Partnership</i>
	David Boyd	<i>Beat Carnival</i>
2017	Rev. Dr. Harold Good	<i>Reconciliation</i>

