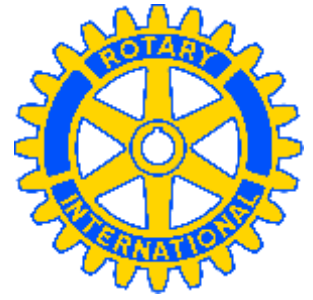




The Oakleaf



Rotary Club of Londonderry - September 2009
 District 1160 - Club No 76 - Incorporated 17th July 1922
www.londonderryrotary.org
President 2009/2010: Jim Foster

Ballyliffin Golf Competition a great success.

This event was a huge success and our thanks must go to Past President Pat Kelly, Phelim O'Neill and Maurice Brennan who were able to ensure a great turnout for the competition and for their usual excellent organisation of the day.

The teams started off in near mediterranean sunshine if somewhat blustery, returning in what could only be described as a tropical down pour.



Several of the competing teams in the glorious sunshine

DIARY

Thursday 3rd September 2009: Council meeting in Alan Rodden's home at 8 pm.

Monday 7th September 2009: Club Business Meeting.

Monday 14th September 2009:

Monday 21st September 2009: Speaker: - David Hoey & Billy Moore - Maiden City Festival.

Monday 28th September 2009: Tour of new Playhouse.

Thursday 1st October 2009: Council meeting in Jeremy Arthur's home at 8 pm.

Monday 5th October 2009: Club Business Meeting. **N.B - Evening Meeting** commencing at 6pm in the City Hotel.

Monday 12th October 2009: Speaker:- Valerie Watts - Town Clerk.

Monday 19th October 2009: Speaker:- The Mayor.

Monday 26th October 2009: Speaker:- Michael Doherty - Peace and Reconciliation Group.

Monday 2nd November 2009: Speaker:- Oonagh McGillion - Director of Development Derry City Council.

Thursday 5th November 2009: Council meeting at 8 pm.

Monday 9th November 2009: Club Business Meeting. **N.B. - Evening Meeting** commencing at 6pm in the City Hotel.

Monday 16th November 2009: Speaker:- Tina Gillespie - Local Strategy Partnership.

HOLIDAY DATES

Monday 21st December 2009: Christmas Holiday - No meeting.

Monday 28th December 2009: Christmas Holiday - No meeting.

Monday 5th April 2010: Bank Holiday - Easter Monday - No meeting.

Monday 3rd May 2010: Bank Holiday - No meeting.

Monday 24th May 2010: Bank Holiday - No meeting.

ROTARY ATHLONE 2009

DISTRICT 1160 CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 9th-11th:

Registration is open to all Rotarians, their partners, guests and Rotaractors.

President Jim has some registration forms or you can register via website: www.rotaryconference.ie.



rotary club of londonderry meets: monday, 1.00 p.m.
 at the city hotel, queens quay, londonderry, BT48 7AS



Membership increases during 2008-09 Rotary year

By Jennifer Lee Atkin Rotary International News -- 20 August 2009

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International's most important asset "its members" steadily grew.

As of 30 June, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That's an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

Businesses in tough economies plan how to grow, and most businesses then do grow. Rotary clubs also have to plan for their futures and take action on those plans, said Mike McGovern, chair of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee.

New clubs are forming in communities with existing clubs by offering alternative times and the opportunity to bring fresh perspectives to Rotary, McGovern added.

More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 RI districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year. The 10 percent goal was set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who presided over 12 presidential membership conferences held on six continents during the year. Each conference was attended by between 300 and 1,500 Rotarians. Lee also made personal calls to each of Rotary's district governors.

We must reach out to people who are different from us and from the members in our club, because this is the way to a stronger club with more connections and better potential, Lee said at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Visiting Rotarian from USA

Over the coming five months we will be visited on a number of occasions by visiting Rotarian Kaaren Spanski-Dreffin

from the Rotary Club of Chehalis in Washington State, USA. Kaaren is coming to UU Magee College to study as a Theatre Arts Major. She then hopes to enter a graduate programme at home and use her talents to help "at risk" young people.

Kaaren held the Vocational Services Chair in her club but has handed over this role in view of her absence.

She is the youngest Rotarian in District 5020. Her husband and mother are also Rotarians.

District 5020 comprises Vancouver Island in Canada and the Western part of Washington State, USA.

Members will recall former incoming Ambassadorial Scholar, Jen Smerdon, was sponsored by District 5020.

Evening Meetings!

The next 2 club business meetings, namely the 5th October and the 9th November, will be evening meetings to be held in the City Hotel commencing at 6pm.

These meetings are to run strictly on time with an opportunity to socialise after the meeting.

If any rotarian has an interesting story or article they would like to be considered for inclusion in **The Oakleaf** please contact Jeremy Arthur.

RI President's Message - September 2009

My fellow Rotarians:

Lord Byron wrote, "The days of our youth are the days of our glory." For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary's youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month – a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs – Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange – are some of the most important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, "Give me a boy until he is seven, and I will give you the man." For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that – but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.

When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these experiences continue to be possible – that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth.

The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory – but through Rotary's youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International

This Year's Upcoming Projects & Events

Quadrangular Golf Competition - September/October 2009 - Date to be confirmed

Youth Leadership Challenge - Commencing October 2009

Toy Appeal - November/December 2009

Christmas Remembrance Tree - December 2009

Kids Christmas Party - December 2009

Club Christmas Meeting - December 2009 - Date to be confirmed

Christmas Hampers - December 2009

Kids Out Day - June 2010

