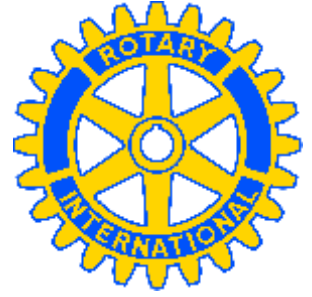




The Oakleaf



Rotary Club of Londonderry - March 2010

District 1160 - Club No 76 - Incorporated 17th July 1922

www.londonderryrotary.org

President 2009/2010: Jim Foster

HEAT OR EAT February 2010

As a result of both, the challenging economic times and the cold weather snap we have had since December many families in the Derry/Londonderry area have been forced to decide between heating their homes or eating. This current problem has been well covered by the local media.

To assist our Club launched a fuel token scheme where £6,000 is to be distributed between the most needy of families in the local area. The Club has donated 400 fuel tokens which were distributed by the Salvation Army and Saint Vincent de Paul.

Each token could be exchanged for either coal, oil or gas at one of the four appointed fuel retailers Kelly Fuels, Ferguson Fuels. Moores Fuels and Adairs Gas. It is hoped that this donation has helped the most needy families in the local area at a time of real need.

This Fuel token scheme was run in addition to the Club's Annual Christmas Hamper programme where 60 hampers worth in excess of £50 each were distributed to needy families in the North-West.

Matching Grant maximum award increased to US\$200,000

At its January 2010 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees increased the maximum Matching Grant award from US\$150,000 to \$200,000, effective 1 July 2010.

During 2009-10, Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants were phased out, one year earlier than initially anticipated under the Future Vision Plan, due to the decrease in available World Funds.

In the absence of 3-H grants, increasing the maximum Matching Grant award allows clubs and districts to undertake larger projects than previously possible with Matching Grants.

The Trustees hope that this change will give Rotarians around the world the ability to continue to pursue large-scale sustainable development projects through the Matching Grants program. Matching Grants materials are currently being updated to reflect the change and will be available soon at www.rotary.org.

Fund Raising

A fund raising Golf Ball Drop will be held in May, date to be confirmed.

There will be a draw during President's Night.

A Quiz Night is being arranged for June, date to be confirmed.

Plans are underway to display a collection box at City of Derry Airport.

DIARY

Monday 1st March 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Lynn Hanna - Everest Climber. Please bring guests.

Thursday 4th March 2010: Council meeting in Alan Rodden's home at 8 pm.

Monday 8th March 2010: Evening meeting commencing 6pm at the City Hotel. - Club Business Meeting.

Monday 15th March 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Seamus Murphy - North West Regional College.

Monday 22nd March 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Aideen McGinley - ILEX CEO

Monday 29th March 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Kerion Rogan - Marketing Executive NIR.

Thursday 1st April 2010: Council meeting in Jeremy Arthur's home at 8 pm.

Monday 5th April 2010: Easter Monday - **NO MEETING**

Monday 12th April 2010: Evening meeting commencing 6pm at the City Hotel. - Club Business Meeting.

Monday 19th April 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Fergus Begley - EPI Centre Magee College.

Monday 26th April 2010: Lunch meeting commencing 1pm at City Hotel. Speaker: Gerry McCloskey - Chairman Vintners Association.

Monday 3rd May 2010: Bank Holiday - **NO MEETING**.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS -

Happy birthday this month on:

3rd to Past President Eamonn Gee

26th to Past President Jack McFarland

This Year's Upcoming Projects & Events

RIBI Conference - Bournemouth International Centre 16th to 18th April. <http://ribi.org/events/ribi-convention/bournemouth-conference-2010>

President's Night - Will take place in May 2010

Young Chef Competition - Thursday 29th April 2010

Kids Out Day - June 2010



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

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Klinginsmith reveals 2010-11 presidential emphases

By Donna Polydoros Rotary International News -- 19 January 2010

District governors-elect got their first glimpse of the 2010-11 presidential emphases during the second plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

Polio eradication and outreach to youth and young adults top RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith's "to-do" list. Also featured are the Future Vision Plan's six areas of focus:

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

Disease prevention and treatment

Water and sanitation

Maternal and child health

Basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

"Seldom have district governors been given such a clear vision of the specific programs that are yours to promote and achieve," Past RI President Cliff Dochterman told district governors-elect. "These emphases are not new programs, but they do give the Rotary world a fantastic focus for a great year ahead."

March is Literacy Month.

Literacy has been one of the major emphases of recent Rotary International Presidents. Education is highly valued in our country which has seen the benefits of well-developed educational systems. However, both at home and abroad, there are many adults and children who have not received the educational benefits they need and deserve. Rotarians should be active in supporting literacy projects at home and abroad.

From The Poetical Works of Robert Young, Londonderry (1863) Submitted by John MacCrossan

LINES ON VIEWING THE NEW IRON BRIDGE WHICH SPANS THE FOYLE, ON THE SOUTH-EAST SIDE OF THE CITY OF LONDONDERRY.

Among the great improvements which appear,
The citizens of Derry fam'd to cheer,
The handsome iron bridge conspicuous stands,
And from the muse attention due demands.
This lofty structure, pleasing to the sight,
In all beholders doth surprise excite;
While many wonder how the art of man
A double roadway bridge so well could plan—
Beauty and strength, with symmetry combin'd
Show forth the skill with which it was designed;
And engineering science, crown'd with bays,
Tends higher on the roll of fame to raise.

Contractors, who presume to take in hand
Works to erect they do not understand,
Will find both ruin and disgrace ensue,
And blight the prospects which they had in view.
But here, across a river deep and wide,
Where rises high a rapid running tide
Is seen a bridge, which may for beauty vie
With any other underneath the sky.



Lynn Hanna pictured with President Jim Foster & President Elect Alan Rodden at our meeting on Monday 1st March.

Lynn gave a most interesting and informative presentation on her experiences climbing Everest which all the members present thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank You Certificate received from NSPCC

Past President Eamonn Gee presented this Certificate to President Jim on Monday 1st March on behalf of NSPCC.



The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children gratefully recognises the outstanding contribution:

From Derry Rotary

£ 3960.00

Date February 2010

Signed Clare Galbraith

Thank you

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.