



PRESIDENT IAN'S FINAL REPORT FOR 2018-19

And now, the end is near
And so I face the final curtain
My friends, I'll say it clear
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full
I've travelled each and every highway
But more, much more than this
I did it my way . . .

Apologies to anyone, other than Frank Sinatra,
who has used these words.

Some weeks ago, when I thought that it was
'Downhill from here', Ivor Morton told me

not to underestimate the demands of the last three months of my presidency. How right he was!

On 5th May, Ivor and I took part in the Monifieth Club's 'Beach Clean' at Barry Buddon which was great fun, but hard work. The next day, Allan Booth had organised that the Claverhouse Choir sing 'Happy Birthday' to Eileen Farquharson, widow of former member Ron Farquharson, to celebrate her 100th birthday. A few days later I attended the Dundee & Angus College Prizegiving to hand over the prizes that we agreed for the catering students.

On 7th June, Claverhouse put out a strong team to help at 'Dream Night at the Zoo'. A great night, despite the rain, with 1000 people attending and seeing Rotary at its best. Next day, with little rest, we were on fundraising duty at Tesco, Murraygate! Shortly thereafter we were on duty again for the annual Kids Out event at Kingspark School where we made up the majority of the volunteers.

On 16 June, Morag and I held our thank you event at Royal Tay Yacht Club and it was great to welcome so many of you along to celebrate my year as president (and Morag's year as my secretary/telephonist). I still have a black shawl/wrap which remains unclaimed as we go to print.

On 19th and 20th June we were back in fundraising mode at Morrisons for a charity bag pack. Great fun and very productive – we made £620 in total. A great result!

On Thursday 20th June, I attended the Primary Seven Leavers Assembly at Ballumbie Primary School and presented the children with their Dictionaries for Life.

Then to Forthill Sports and Social Club who asked us to help with their fundraising with 50% of the takings coming to Claverhouse and the balance to help provide youngsters with access to sports. A win win!



Recently, we had visits from two American Rotarians, Mick McKinley, incoming District Governor for District 5650, and his wife Jan from council Bluffs, Iowa. Also Kate Patton of Central Texas e Club.

So, as I come to the end of my year as President, I would like to thank you for the opportunity and honour of serving the club and for your support throughout the year. I hope that you will give incoming President Bob the same level of support.

Ian Balgowan
President



President Ian Balgowan presents the official Claverhouse Rotary Paddle to incoming President Bob Black



President Ian presents a cheque to Wilma Carragher,
Scottish Cot Death Trust



President Ian presents a cheque to Alan Duncan,
Grey Lodge Settlement



President Ian presents a cheque to Dave Close,
Hot Chocolate Trust



Roxburghe House Rotary Millennium Seating Area Refurbishment

Members will remember that in August 2018 Claverhouse Rotary Club donated a scented magnolia tree, azalea shrubs and plaque to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Roxburghe House at Royal Victoria Hospital.

The tree planting ceremony was undertaken by Friend of Claverhouse Rotary Club Chris Fowlie, widow of past President, Dr Hector Fowlie. This was in memory of the important contribution Hector made to the planning of the adjacent seating area and sculpture. These facilities were designed, funded and donated to Roxburghe in 2001 by all of Dundee's Rotary Clubs to mark the Millennium. At the time Hector was immediate past Chairman of the Health Board.

At that time we decided to return to give the area a bit of a cleanup and makeover. Therefore at the end of April a 'Hit Squad' of volunteers was formed and we power washed the planter stonework and surface areas; cleaned down the timber work and gave it a few coats of preservative; tidied up the surrounding garden and planted a rhododendron and heathers. At the same time a team of volunteers from the Princes Trust tackled garden furniture elsewhere on the site.

Our costs were minimal and were reimbursed by Roxburghe House.

Thanks to the 'Hit Squad' and Roxburghe staff who provided endless mugs of tea, biscuits and cakes.

CAPTION COMPETITION: What is Malcolm thinking? Answers to me please in a sealed envelope accompanied by a sizeable cheque for Rotary Foundation. **PRIZE:** Our best wishes!

[Iain Ross](#)





Kids Out Wednesday 12 June



On Wednesday 12th June, 195 children from Kingspark School took part in the annual Kids Out. In the morning, children went to Cineworld to watch The Secret Life of Pets 2 and to the Douglas Fun Factory.

In the afternoon the children had various activities including face painting, Candy Clown, vintage buses, merry-go-round, climbing wall and of course, the amazing Mr Boom.



56 Children at Frances Wright School held their Kids Out on 10th June when the children were visited by Eden's Garden, a travelling animal farm which enabled the children to interact with the small animals brought along to the school.

Andrew Child

Inner Wheel Club of Dundee

We held our AGM at the June meeting and will meet again in September with Jacqui in the chair. Over the past session we have had interesting speakers and joined with Rotary to help at events and to socialise. During the break we have our annual putting match and coffee mornings, hosted by members.

Ena Barr
Club Correspondent



The doc advised that at my age it would be good if I had a bar in the shower for support...I took his advice seriously 🤔

Ian Sturrock

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND DUTY LIST

JULY / AUGUST 2019

Meetings take place at 5.45pm for 6.15pm

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	HOST & VOT	FELLOWSHIP	WINE
2 July	Kenny and Hazel Maclean	A History of the Royal Geographical Society in Six Objects	John Irvine	David Herbert Rhona Duncan	Jack Marshall
9 July	Pat O'Connor	Induction Talk	Bill Barr	George Shanks David Herbert	Jack Matheson
16 July	John Dein	The Caledon Shipyard	Peter Mackay	Brian Bullions Aubrey Wood	Don Meekison
23 July	Val Vannet	Cambodia the Good, the Bad and the Ugly	Joe Dagen	Robert Burns Ron MacWalter	Ivor Morton
30 July	Julia Smith	Cornerstone	Ivor Morton	Harry Byers Iain Ross	Pat O'Connor
6 August	Business Meeting			Jack Marshall Jack Matheson	David Reid
13 August	Ann Taylor	Barnhill Rock Garden	Andrew Child	David Boxer David Logan	Iain Ross
20 August	David Duff	Raynet	Malcolm Horner	David Heberton John Irvine	George Shanks
27 August	TBC		xxxx	Brian Cairns Ron Elder	Ian Sturrock

Duties for Evening Meetings

Fellowship Team Members on duty should be at the hotel no later than 5.45pm. If unable to attend please arrange a substitute, giving as much notice as possible and inform President of swap.

The wine will be provided each week by members, in alphabetical rotation, taken from the members' booklet.

Duty Members should introduce themselves to and welcome any visiting guests and Rotarians from other Clubs and provide details to President before meeting starts. Duty members and wine donor invited to join President's Table for the meal.

Arrange for all visitors to sign the Guest Book.

Collect bell from hotel reception and place at top table. Arrange for gavel to be placed on President's table and ensure free standing lectern is in place

Distribute name badges to Members, returning to club cabinet after the meeting.

Using cloakroom tickets available in Club Cabinet, sell to Members, visitors and Visiting Speaker (£1 per ticket).

Fold draw tickets and place on top table at start of meeting.

Count and bag draw takings passing to Treasurer.

Advise Convener of Fellowship Committee if stock of cloakroom tickets or attendance wheels is running low.

Ensure that attendance wheel is circulated.

Bell to call members to the meal should be rung at 6.10pm to ensure all are seated by 6.15pm.

Host/VOT

Member on duty should be at the hotel no later than 5.45pm to welcome the Visiting Speaker who may need to be met at Reception or car park level.

If unable to attend please arrange a substitute giving as much notice as possible and inform President of swap.

Help Visiting Speaker to select meal from menu at the bar.

Ask Treasurer to pay. In absence of Treasurer, Host to pay and recover cost from Treasurer.

Entertain Visiting Speaker at top table during meal and deliver Vote of Thanks.

Check that a Visitor's Pen from the Club Cabinet is available.



The Great Tennis Ball Challenge at Forthill Community Sports Club – Saturday 22 June



We got into partnership with Forthill Community Sports Club (grateful thanks to a certain Ewan Ross) to raise as much money for our good causes during their annual Family Fun Day. Hundreds of sports club members, their families and friends turned out on a rare sunny day to enjoy a full range of beverages and food options; to have a go at sport on offer; and to watch a cricket match.

Participants had to guess the number of tennis balls visible in the boot of a fantastic Honda CRV Hybrid car. The closest guess would win transport in a

chauffeur driven vintage Bentley to Hotel Fairmont St Andrews for a luxury overnight dinner, bed and breakfast stay! What a prize . . . kindly donated by our friends at West End Honda and West End Suzuki.

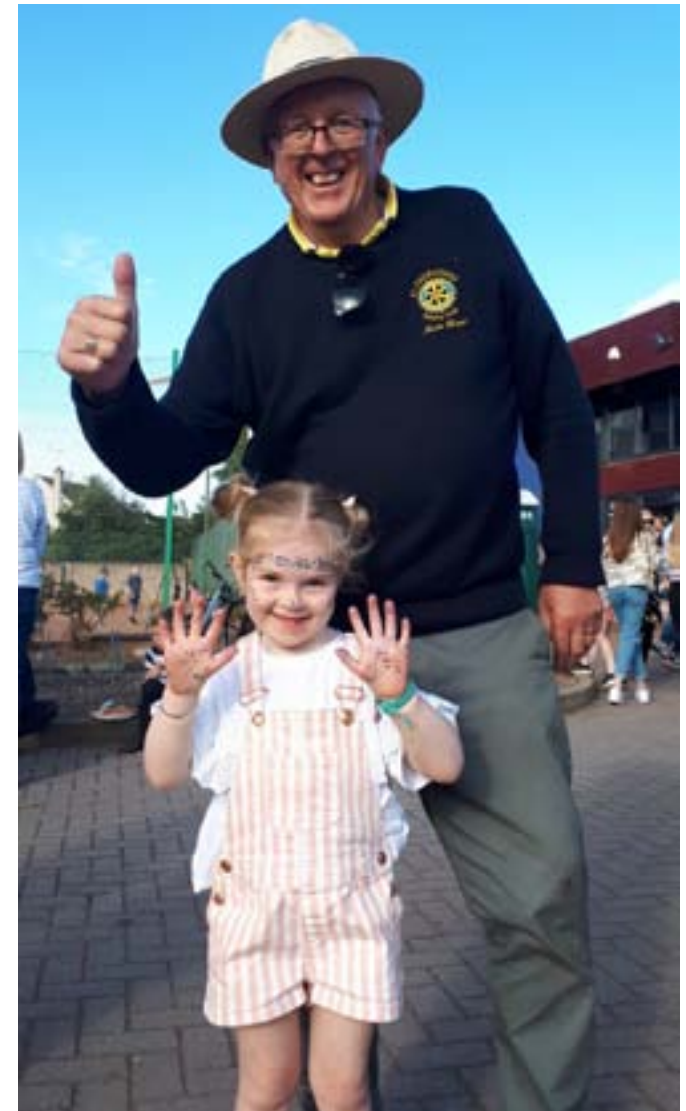


Due to the hard work of all our Rotary volunteers (you know who you are!) we managed to raise a fantastic £688 to be split between our Trust Fund and the sports club who will use the cash to promote junior sports. The number of balls in the boot was 478 with a couple from Broughty Ferry swanning off to enjoy themselves with a great guess of 479!

Well done to them.

Thanks to all who helped.

[Iain Ross](#)



Iain, with Abby Low, daughter of family friends

Dreamnight at the Zoo Camperdown Wildlife Centre Friday 7 June



Kacey and Leon being greeted by the adorable Unicorn

... and what a DREAM NIGHT it turned out to be for hundreds of disabled children and their family and friends as Claverhouse Rotarians, Friends of Claverhouse Rotary, Inner Wheel Members and Rotary Interactors, joined together with other volunteers to help the youngsters and their carers have a brilliant evening of fun and games at Camperdown Wildlife Centre on Friday 7th June 2019.

All who were there will never forget the torrential rain ... all evening ... non stop! Putting up the Club's mini gazebo in the afternoon gave us a challenge we did not expect as we couldn't figure out which pole fitted where! Never fear, our own tenacious Bear Grylls in the persona of our own David Reid of Scouts fame came to the rescue. Thanks David. Everything is now colour coded for future reference!

For several years now, zoos throughout Europe including our own Camperdown Wildlife Park have hosted restricted entry and unpublicised fun evenings for disabled children and children with life limiting illnesses. This year's event (the Club's second following a fantastic Dreamnight 2018) attracted 1000 ... yes 1000 ... disabled children, their carers, family and friends and was an outstanding success despite the atrocious weather.



The Hayes family (above) said 'we really enjoyed ourselves. The extra activities were fantastic. The use of umbrellas was amazing and made sure the rain didn't deter any fun that we, as a family, had. Thank you for the experience'.

Dreamnight at the Zoo Camperdown Wildlife Centre Friday 7 June



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Dundee with Rooster 'Boris' (alias Iain Ross)

Our guests were greeted by smiles and words of warm welcome from Claverhouse members before being met on the red carpet by their favourite cartoon heroes . . . and at the entrance queue by that now infamous Giant Rotarian Rooster, Boris who looked pretty bedraggled by the end! The scurrilous rumour that the cockerel was wearing bright yellow leggings from Amazon Prime is however thought to have some credibility.

The youngsters enjoyed an action packed evening of activities including arts and crafts, face painting, hair

braiding, archery, putting, duck fishing, music and dancing, storytelling, bouncy castle, football, nail bar, glitter tattooing among others. Catering was provided for guests and volunteers alike.

26 Claverhouse Rotarians, Inner Wheelers and Friends worked their socks off all evening . . . in the open . . . in pouring rain . . . all with smiles on their faces to the very end. Equally impressive was the constant enthusiasm of Interactors and their teacher (another Iain Ross) from Morgan Academy. They were a great credit to the Rotary movement and to their school. Every one of you should be very proud of what you did that evening.

**YOU ARE ALL STARS AND A CREDIT TO ROTARY.
WELL DONE ALL AND THANK YOU.**

[Iain Ross](#)



David Reid doing battle with the Gazebo in the afternoon rain



Dundee and Angus College Prizegiving Ceremony



On the evening of Wednesday 15 May, President Ian attended the Dundee and Angus College Prizegiving Ceremony at Gardyne College. He presented the Rotary Club of Claverhouse Award for Excellence in Contribution to Professional Cookery to Mihai Ochenatu



. . . and the Rotary Club of Claverhouse Award for Excellence in Hospitality to Silvija Zumente. The event was very well organised and well attended by both sponsors and prize winners.



Perfect Bar

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in London. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, 'Old Timers Bar – All drinks 10p.'

They look at each other and then go in, thinking, this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?' There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis – shaken, not stirred – and says, 'That'll be 10p each, please.' The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40p, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, 'That's 40p, please.' They pay the 40p, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a £1 yet.

Finally one of them says, 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for 10p a piece?' 'I'm a retired tailor,' the bartender says, 'and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for £25 million and decided to open this

place. Every drink costs 10p, wine, liqueur, beer – it's all the same.'

'Wow! That's some story!' one of the men says. As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, 'What's with them?'

The bartender says, 'They're retired people from Scotland. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price'.

Ivor Morton

Inner Wheel Club Quiz Night

A special thanks to the Claverhouse Rotarians who supported our Quiz Night on 29 April. We raised £450 which will be sent to our chosen Overseas Charity, Future Focus, Sierra Leone, which is supported by Tools for Self Reliance.

This charity helps women to learn a new skill to enable them to support themselves and their family. The Inner Wheel appreciates your continuing support.

Ena Barr



Ladies Coffee Morning

The date for June is:

Tuesday 25 June, Summer Break at the Botanic Gardens, 10.30am

Ena Barr



Murphy's Other 15 Laws . . .

- 1 Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 2 A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- 3 He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- 4 A day without sunshine is like, well. Night.
- 5 Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- 6 Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- 7 Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- 8 The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there is a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- 9 It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
- 10 If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- 11 The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those, who got there first.
- 12 Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day

drinking beer.

- 13 Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
- 14 The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
- 15 When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Iain Sturrock

And God Created . . .

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past.

For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh.

For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family.

For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life.

For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch, barking . . . like an eejit!

Rod Dee

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SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

**CAMPERDOWN PARK • DUNDEE
26 MILE GREEN CIRCULAR ROUTE**

A fun event for families, solo cyclists, teams from work, clubs, school or college. Cycle round Dundee's Green Circular Cycle Route and raise money for our official charity SAMH or your favourite charity.

Start 10.30am -11.00am

Finish at your own pace (until 4.00pm)

- Starts and finishes in Camperdown Park, Dundee
- The Cyclathon is a fun event, not a race
- First aid and regular rest/water stations
- Marshals and helpers along the route
- Safety helmets must be worn
- Cyclathon medal for all finishers

NEW FOR 2019
**10K MINI
CYCLATHON**
**CAMPERDOWN
PARK**
STARTS 11.30AM

The Mini Cyclathon route comprises 3 laps of Camperdown Park and is ideal for children and those who would prefer to cycle a shorter distance



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Club Diary

ROTARY YEAR 2018/19



2019

September	Fri/Sat/Sun 6 - 8 Sunday 15	Dundee Flower Show Roll the Dice Dundee Cyclathon
October	14 -18	Scatter Week
December	Tuesday 3	SGM

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April	Tuesday 7 Wednesday 22	AGM Old Persons Tea Party, Queens Hotel
June	Tuesday 9 June Tuesday 30	Club Assembly Presidential Handover

NB Above to exclude Club Meetings, Club Council, Committee Meetings and Gavel