



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST FIFE

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Tuesday 6.30 p.m. — Dinner Meetings

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'THE FIRST SIX MONTHS'

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are now six months into our Rotary year and about to break for our Christmas and New Year Festivities and I would take this opportunity of wishing all members, wives and families a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The first six months have been eventful with many successful Club activities and fund raising events culminating in the marvellous Club achievement at the Beer Festival.

We must not however become complacent and I look forward to your continued support for the rest of this Rotary year. The proposed Thrift Shop and Barn Dance in the Spring will require full Club participation and I would remind you that "You are the Key" and together we can open many doors.

I would hope that in the next six months we can concentrate more on our local community. We are quite capable of raising the funds, so lets find the need and do the needy. As will be seen in their reports, the Club Convenors have many varied and interesting programmes in prospect and will be relying on your support to make them a success and it is hoped that this will be freely given.

Our Membership / Attendance record has seen its ups and downs although with one or two exceptions, has been acceptable. The attendance rule has however to be enforced, and you can appreciate that its implementation by the Council is not a pleasant task, so I would ask all Members to ensure that their attendance requirement is met and if there are extenuating circumstances, then inform your Council and request leave of absence.

I would again wish you the Compliments of the Season and hope that you will return in January with batteries re-charged and looking forward to continued Fellowship and meaningful Rotary Service in the second half of the Rotary year.

EDITORIAL

At the start of the 85/86 Club year, it was decided that the Club Bulletin would be produced quarterly to keep Members up-to-date with the news as far as possible. For various reasons - holidays, weather, lack of

Convenor's literacy, etc., - it has not been possible to adhere to this programme. This Bulletin should therefore be looked upon as the first quarters', three months late, or the third quarters' three months early. If we were to call it the half year Bulletin we would be honest, but it would also admit defeat ! In fact the Rotary year has been so busy, that it has proved extremely difficult to find time to prepare your Bulletin.

Many Members have also obviously had a busy year, judging by the attendance figures for the first three months, reported later. The Club Council would once again like to remind Rotarians of the rules on this:

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1. Membership is automatically terminated, if a member's percentage attendance has been less than 60% during the first or second six monthly period of the Club year, or;
2. Membership is automatically terminated if a member's percentage attendance has been less than 30% at his own Club during the first or second six monthly period of the Club year, or;
3. If a Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings of his own Club.

These rules apply, unless a Member has been excused by the Club Council for good or sufficient reason.

The Club year began with the Assembly on 4th June. We were honoured to have the area representative, the Reverend Robert G Clarkson conduct grace - you could tell immediately he was a Minister as he didn't read it and it was longer than usual. He later thanked us for our hospitality and for taking on Alistair Durkie from his own Club ! This was followed on 14th June by the Charter Night. Our guest speaker was David Adams from Dundee. He spoke about many things in his toast to the Club, under the general theme of "Fellowship", and a most entertaining speech it was. By the average age of our Members (very young), he wasn't sure whether to talk to us as if we were Round Tablers or not. He had however to set aside some of his intended jokes after he had spotted Jack Barbour at the end of the table.

Sunday 23rd June, saw several of our Members taking part in the South Queensferry raft race. Our raft, having been designed by the Admiralty, was built like a floating wardroom, complete with armchairs and moved through the water as quickly as an aircraft carrier under sale. It was however much admired for its comfort and stability - a stout effort lads !

At our normal Meeting on 25th June, Keith Macfarlane gave an excellent talk on the Group Study Exchange to Canada. His slides were first class and at least 50% of them showed our ex president Brian, in a developing state of inebriation, as his nose got redder as the weeks progressed. Seriously though, there was obviously a lot of hard work involved in the tour and I think we can safely say that the Group proved to be first class ambassadors for our District. The following week Keith again attended as a guest and presented the Club with 18 banners from the US and 12 from Canada. He said that each one represented a memorable event - one where they had to carry Brian home, another where he fell over during his speech, etc., etc. Brian also presented a personal banner from Doug Van Alstein (incoming Governor of District 704).

Other Club meetings followed the high standard we have come to expect and the speakers covered a very wide range of topics, from motor racing, through field archery, planning Marks & Spencer's new Dunfermline store to alcoholism. Our sincere thanks to all our speakers.

In September many Members forgot their age and took to the water literally, in a wind surfing session at Lochore. This was enjoyed by all who took part, even the one, who shall remain nameless, who couldn't stand on the board at all, and the one who had to be rescued several times from the reed beds !

By/...

By the time you read this we shall have introduced five new Members to the Club this year - Andrew Robertson (additional active banking); Quentin Lucas (civil engineering - local authority); Alex Evan-Wong (clinical haematology); Richard Lee (motor spares and distributor) and Michael Heep (organic chemist). A hearty welcome is extended to you all.

Unfortunately, on the debit side we have lost Jack Barbour who is intending to transfer to a Club nearer his retirement him in Torquay. We wish you all the best Jack.

The major event of the year, namely the Beer Festival, took place on the 16th November and this time it was even bigger and better than usual. An enormous amount of work was put in by Peter Bell and his Committee prior to the event and on the night by the whole Club and their ladies, or wives. The success was well deserved and whilst a final total has to be confirmed, it seems likely that approximately £3,500 was raised for Leukemia Research and local charity. Just as important, all the guests appeared to enjoy themselves. Well done everyone !

By way of light relief, 15 families spent the next weekend at Coylumbridge Hotel, where activities included drinking, swimming, eating, shooting, drinking, skating, eating, curling, drinking, golf, eating, ski-ing, archery and of course some drinking.

We look forward to some relaxation over the festive season.

SANDY PATON

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLUB SERVICE

The aim of the Club Service is to maintain the well-being of our Club and promote fellowship amongst our Members. The responsibilities of Club Service are fellowship, attendance, membership, information classification, house affairs, public relations, sports and entertainment. Your Convenors and elected representatives have already made an encouraging start - new members are being sought, an interesting programme is being planned, club activities are being reported and sporting and social events are being organised. These functions are for your benefit and to be successful they very much depend on your active support.

J H HAYWOOD

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service committee is alive and thriving. For the first projects this year, the members were involved in supporting Cancer Research at their annual fete at Hopetoun House on Sunday 25th August. Despite the appalling summer (?) weather the grand sum of £50 was raised and perhaps equally important, enjoyment given both to the public and members of West Fife Rotary Club. Other ideas being followed up by the committee are the distribution of information braids for elderly persons in the Crossford Community and the provision of a 26" colour television set for the special unit attached to Woodmill High School.

Already Christmas is drawing near and the Committee are putting their minds to considering a scheme for the Crossford Community which would highlight the presence of Rotary in the village. Nothing firm has been decided yet, but details will emerge later. A firm date to keep in your diary will be the organising of a Thrift Shop during January or February 1986 - so start saving all those valuable items.

HARDEN CARTER

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The West Fife Clubs International Service Committee have decided on 4 projects involving Club Members or two projects involving a donation from Club funds for the Rotary year 1985/86.

One of the projects involving members, is the collection of books for the Ranfurly Library, is already well advanced and another, the Emergency Box Scheme, is to be undertaken immediately in response to recent news that existing stocks of these boxes have been exhausted. The committee have set a target date of 31 October 1985 for completion of this project.

(it was nearly completed by Mid November - Ed.)

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SPORTS

GOLF - Ken Forbes Quaich - The weeks ground slowly and inexorably towards the declaration of the semi-finalists last month and results of the final are eagerly awaited. Roy petrie has lodged a protest over losing his semi-final because a crow (not an auld crow) pinched his ball.

The John Weir Trophy was held at Pitfirrane on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th October. Guess who won ! The handicap committee will be revising Jack Wight's handicap for next year - 31 is obviously too high.

CURLING - Our entry is in for the Ram's Head Trophy - more details to follows. We have been drawn away from home against North East Fife in the first round of the Rowan Trophy - date still to be announced.

Difficulties have been experienced in obtaining suitable dates for our own club nights - watch the notice board for details.

The Sporting Challenge against Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay took place on Monday 18th November. Unfortunately, they won in extra time, probably because they had six men to our eight. Despite the result the evening was enjoyed by all. Games played were Connect 4, Putting, Trivial Pursuit and Bagatelle. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Trophy, please let me know !

A Snooker Evening is being arranged for 15th January and the Committee is investigating the possibility of arranging a Family Swimming session by hiring the smaller pool at the Carnegie Centre.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The series of 'Mock Interviews' at Dunfermline High School was completed in November. Over 70 fifth year pupils were interviewed for imaginary jobs ranging from shop assistant to the diplomatic corps. Twenty two Club members took part and it is difficult to say who gained most from the exercise - us or the pupils. It was however reckoned, by all who took part, to have been a great success and will probably be repeated next year.

FOUNDATION

Another round of Rotary suppers is being organised - some may even have taken place by now. Jack Wight is encouraging participants not to wait till the last minute to arrange these. Otherwise there are likely to be some outstanding from two years back, not just from last year as at present.

ENTERTAINMENTS

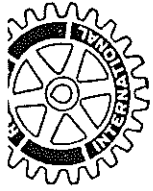
Despite the full programme of other events an evening supper dance at the Officers Club, Rosyth , was fitted in. This was a most enjoyable evening, and no doubt would have been so even without the cheap drink. A small surplus was raised which has been handed over to the Benevolent Fund. A visit to the pantomime has been arranged for the festive period.

APPENDIX

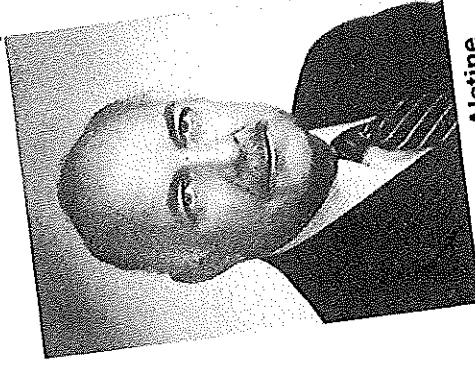
ATTENDANCE FOR FIRST QUARTER 85/86

(Possible Club Attendance - 13)

	<u>NO.</u>	<u>%</u>
P. BELL	10	77
M. BLAIR	9	69
I. BORELAND	7	54
A. BOWIE	5 (LOA 4)	55
D. BRUCE	10	77
H. CARTER	10	77
A. DURKIE	6 (LOA 4)	66
A. EVAN-WONG	4 (POSS 6)	66
B. FORRESTER	11	84
D. FORBES	11	84
I. GRIEVE	9	69
B. GRIEVE	9	69
J. HAYWOOD	13	100
R. HUTCHISON	10	77
A. KIRK	10	77
Q. LUCAS	2 (POSS 2)	100
K. MACKAY	9	69
C. MACKENZIE	8 (LOA 4)	88
M. MCVICARS	12	92
B. MERRETT	11	84
I. MILLER	10	77
D. MOYES	7	54
S. OVERTON	11	84
S. PATON	10	77
D. PAXTON	4 (LOA 2)	46
R. PETRIE	10	77
T. PETTIGREW	7	54
A. ROBERTSON	12	92
S. RUSSELL	7	54
R. SPENCER	10	77
B. SWAN	11	84
R. TEMPLETON	13	100
I. TURNBULL	8	61
J. WIGHT	10	77
G. WILSON	11	84
R. WOODROW	6	46
K. YOUNG	11	84



Group Study Exchange

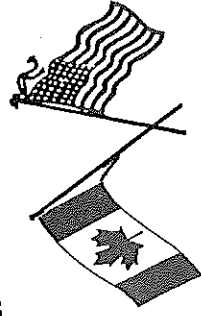


Doug Van Alstine

From DISTRICT 704
Canada U.S.A.

To DISTRICT 101
Scotland (North)

As district governor, I would like to commend our district group study exchange committee for their continuous efforts. In 1985 they organized for 101 Scotland a team to visit Canada, and now have selected a team from diversified occupations to represent district 704 in Scotland. We hope that rotarians of district 101 will enjoy the scottish team. Canadian team as much as we did our scottish team.



A bit about District 704

District 704 spans the provinces of Quebec and Ontario in Canada and parts of New York State in U.S.A. and has 58 Rotary Clubs and some 2,700 Rotarians. It is sometimes difficult to imagine the vast scale of the North American continent. For example, Canada is the second largest country in the world with an area of almost 10 million sq. km. It is therefore easy to forget that the area of District 704, although truly international and embracing different cultures and environments, is merely one small area in the east of Canada/U.S.A.

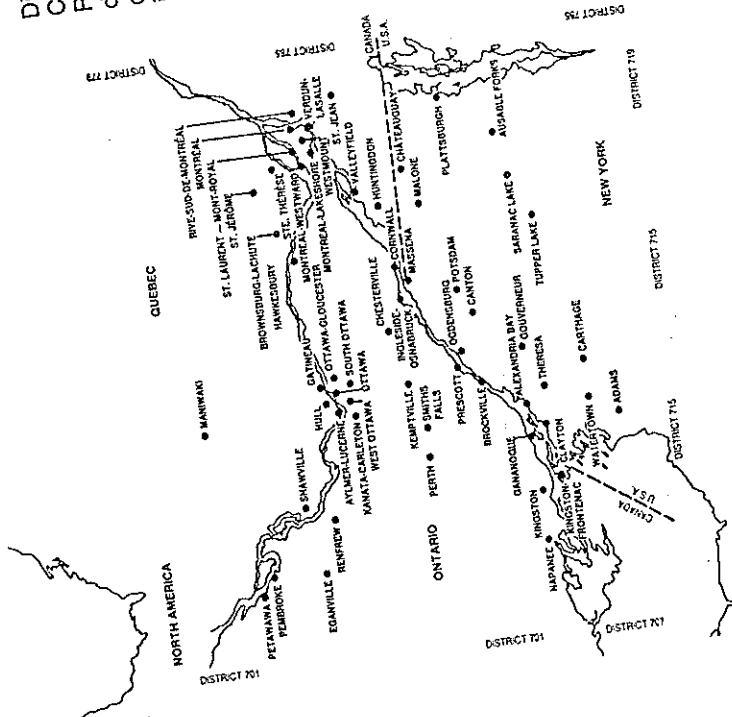
The District is divided by the St. Lawrence River, which runs from the Atlantic to Lake Ontario and the rest of the Great Lakes. This waterway is not only an international boundary and an important and scenic holiday area, but it is also a vital shipping link which runs west-east over nearly half of North America.

To the north, lie two culturally different provinces of Canada. Ontario is English-speaking and contains the major cities of Toronto and Ottawa (the federal capital), both situated in the southern border country. Both between the major cities and further north lies mile upon mile of open land, some forested or under agriculture but much untouched and unused for man's economic purpose. Quebec, on the other hand, is bilingual with French the main official language and French culture being a dominant part of settlement and society.

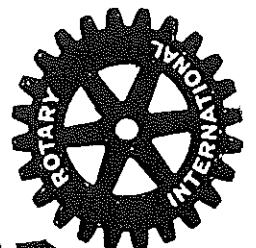
Outside of the major southern cities (Montreal has a population of 2.5 million), similar underused patterns of land exist, with intensive agriculture only being important close to the urban areas. As you move northwards, climate and terrain become more extreme until eskimo cultures are encountered in the snow and ice of the north. Both Ontario and Quebec have colder winters, (with copious snow) and warmer summers than is experienced in Britain.

To the south of the St. Lawrence, northern New York State is an area mainly devoted to agriculture, forestry and recreation. Settlements in the area are fairly small southern towns, quite different from the metropolitan areas of southern New York. Areas bordering the St. Lawrence (especially the famous 1000 Islands region) attract many holidaymakers as does the Adirondack mountain region, where the last Winter Olympics were held at Lake Placid.

So, District 704 exhibits wide internal variations in culture, environment and climate, yet represents only one small part of the North American continent.



DISTRICT 704





J. PETER COULSON
Team Leader

Peter was born on a farm on Amherst Island in Ontario and graduated from Queen's University in Kingston Ontario with a B.A. and L.L.B. in 1962 and 1965.

Peter was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1967 and after some county Crown Attorney positions became Queen's Counsel in 1979 and provincial judge (criminal division) in 1980.

Peter has been in Rotary since 1969. He is passed president of the Rotary club of Port Colborne and currently member of the Napanee Rotary Club.

He is also chairman of the District 704 youth exchange committee and is actively involved in a number of community and charity functions.

Peter is married to Janet and has two sons, Michael (18) and David (15).



TIMOTHY A. LARSON
Armed Forces Officer

Tim (27) was born in St. Thomas, Ontario. From 1978-1985 he went through various military training courses, including parachuting, security, intelligence and development, and he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with Honours in Politics and Economics.

At present he is a Regimental Intelligence and Security Officer with the rank of Captain, in the Canadian airborne regiment.

He likes camping, fishing, parachuting and political theory.

Timothy is married to Carole and they have a one year old son.



HOWARD MAINS
Legislative Assistant

Howard (27) was born in Carleton Place, Ontario. He graduated from Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology in 1980 and from Cornell University (N.Y.) with a B.S. in applied economics and business management.

Howard is a micro computer consultant and in June 1985 he became a Research and Legislative assistant to a member of parliament, Mr. Paul Dick, Q.C., M.P.

Howard has been involved in a variety of community and voluntary activities, including recently as an ambassador to the college of Agriculture and Lifesciences of Cornell University. Howard is single and now lives in Ottawa, Ontario.



ROCH MARCIL
Hotel Management

Roch (pronounced Rock) is 26 and was born in Verdun which is part of Montreal.

Roch is the only member of the team who is from Quebec. He is a French Canadian but is keen to develop his english further. He has followed numerous courses, all related to hotel administration, tourism and sport.

He is an excellent skier and teaches skiing.

Roch has once before been in Europe, when he visited France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

Roch's hobbies include canoeing, camping, sailing and mountain hiking.

He is single and lives in Laval, an island just north of Montreal.



MARK A. McDONALD
Chartered Accountant

Mark (31) was born in Kingston Ontario.

He graduated from Queen's University at Kingston in 1977 with a B. Comm. (Hon.) and became a C.A. in December 1984.

Mark is currently a manager of financial services.

He is a keen currier and takes active part in harness horse racing.

Mark is single and still lives in Kingston.



PAUL G. FORTIER
Military Historian

Paul (30) was born in Brockville, Ontario and after studies graduated with an Honours B.A. in 1979 from the University of Ottawa. Later in 1982, he obtained a Master Degree in museum studies.

At present Paul is military curator of Parks Canada in the Ontario region and he is responsible for acquisition, management and research of historical collections in military parks and sites.

Paul contributed to two publications and wrote five manuscript reports. Paul is very much involved in a Museum association, and architectural conservation advisory committee and the company of military historians.

He is single and lives in a restored house that used to be the oldest Barracks in Ontario.