

## *June Chatters*

### **2010 News from the Rotary Club of Perth Kinnoull**

#### **PATTERS**

There has hardly been a week this year when I haven't stood before the members and thanked the Club as a whole or a committee or an individual for something. £24,000 in donations is a tremendous achievement for the year: The coffers are not empty and, this has happened in "my year", credit is due to each and every one of you for your efforts in making this happen.

I am grateful to the Convenors and members of the various committees who rose to my challenge to find local, charitable causes which are less well known and who, maybe, don't get the publicity for the work they do, therefore find it more difficult to get funding. I count amongst them Home-Start Perth, Starter Packs Perth, Balnacraig School and Fairview School.

We have certainly achieved joined-up Rotary this year - the Crieff Club who heard the talk from Balnacraig School have helped them out with polytunnels for their gardening. The pupils at Balnacraig have made bird boxes for Fairview while Fairview have helped one of the Balnacraig pupils with work experience in childcare.

I think the Blairgowrie Club, who have a beautiful story board from the Rotary Club of Madang, came to one of our meetings where Laura Carse was our speaker and were equally smitten with her enthusiasm.

I am especially pleased that we were able to participate in Kids Out this year. The highlight for me was being trusted to look after a little boy with hearing, sight and learning difficulties; one of my best cuddles of this year.

Janet



## Editorial

A new year, so to speak. New ideas, new motivations, new committees but old strengths, old relationships and old virtues. While in America, I was told by several people who views our website that they got the impression we were a busy and vibrant club: I think the last year proves as much, and I have enjoyed reporting on everything from the day-to-day issues to the magnificent events and challenges. Your comments and ideas have made the job most enjoyable, so I hope you keep up the support next year and keep giving me the news. I'm not sure that the latest suggestion of a weekly Chatters is something that will happen now but I like the idea. Once I can cope with each month, we'll see. Bon Chance..



Helen, the new JVP, receives the Club Member of the Year award from President Janet

## The Changeover in Pictures



The Rotary Club of Perth Kinnoull is delighted to have made donations totalling nearly £24,00 to international, national and local charities and projects during the year.

International and national charities include support for Haiti through Shelter Box, Mercy Ships as well as the Rotary Fund, Aqua Box, RNLI, The Joe Homan Charity, Help4Heroes, Polio Plus, Combat Stress and DebRA. Local charities include Home-Start Perth, the Splash Play Scheme, Starter Packs Perth, the mini-Olympics, Balnacraig School, Re-create, the Salvation Army Community Fund, as well as an outing for the children from Fairview School to Active Kids at Stanley who could not have done more to make the day so enjoyable for the children, parents and carers.

This Club is very grateful to the people of Perth and the businesses who have supported the various fund raising events such as the Rock for Haiti Dance, the Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir concert with Michael Ellacott, the Black Dyke Band Concert, the Charity Dinner and the Golf Competition, , not forgetting the superb Young Artist and Young Singer competitions.

**1010 District Secretary Samantha Miller addresses the Club to start the new year**





Standing here, I feel a bit like a football manager building a team for the season ahead



Me ----- I suppose I could be the centre forward leading from the front, or maybe the goalie.

My DEFENDERS ---  
- committee  
members Sinclair,  
Barr, Reid and  
DuBoulay plus a  
pool of expertise  
second to none.

My MIDFIELD ----  
convenors Evans,  
Shedden, Abernethy  
and Massey

My FORWARDS ----  
Brown,  
MacDonald and  
Robertson

My TRAINER -----  
sporty Ian  
Stevenson. He'll  
help us keep fit with  
the golf ladder, the 3  
Club golf match and curling; maybe the Rams Head this year and, possibly, a Bonspiel.



My BACK ROOM STAFF ---- Public relations Eva and Bill, Chatters and Website Greg.

My SOCIAL CLUB MANAGERS ---- MacDougall and Still, I,m sure will come up with some original ideas.

With such a team, we can only succeed. Here's to another successful year but, more importantly, a very enjoyable year.

Now, I would like to introduce my midfield

Community Service **George Evans**



International and Foundation **John Sheddon**



Youth and Vocation **Bob Abernethy**



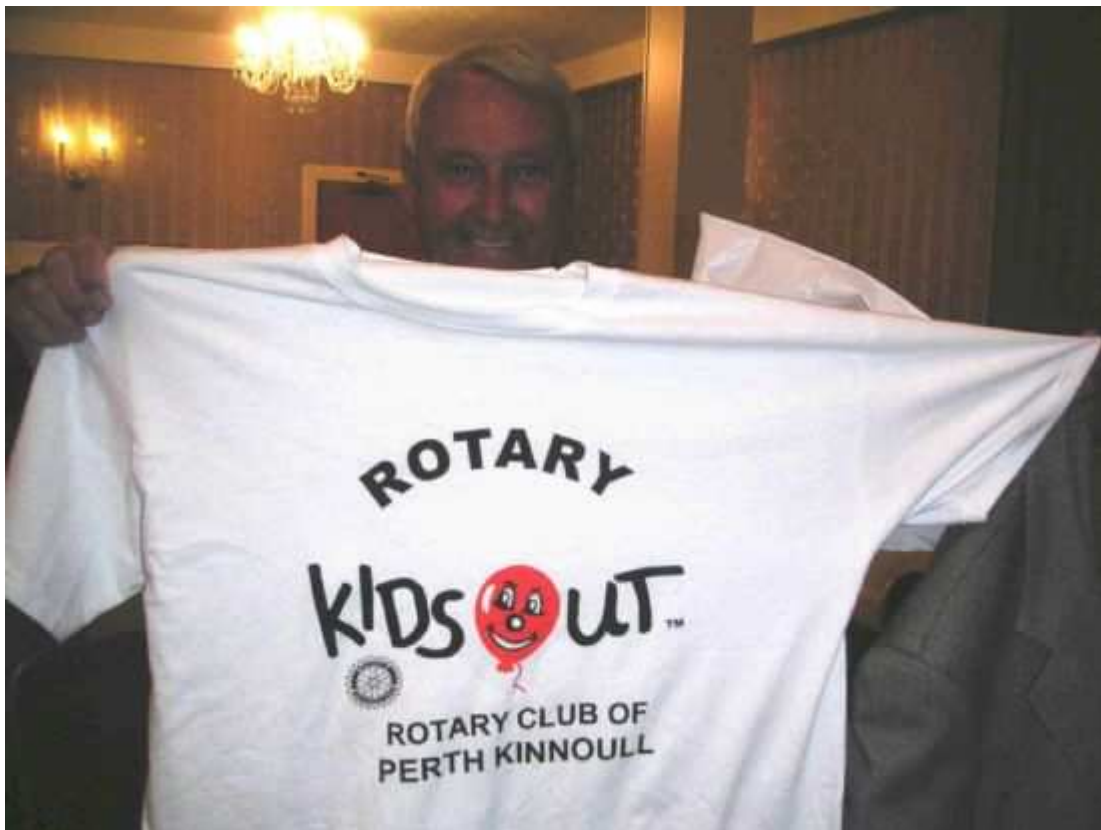
Ways and Means **Mike Massey**, subbed by **Nick Hine**







## Fairview School



Cora Bell spoke to the Club on the 18th May to introduce the Fairview School in Perth to the members. This was the prelude to the Kids Out day on the 9th June at Stanley Activity Centre. The new 'state of the art' Additional Support Needs (ASN) school is within the existing campus at Perth Academy/Viewlands Primary School.



The school caters for about fifty pupils across the full spectrum of Nursery, Primary and Secondary education. Forty will be secondary pupils, age range 12 to 17 and the remainder will be primary and nursery age, 3 to 11 – the children that will be educated here will have the most severe and complex needs.



What makes this school so different from others is that the building is located on a main stream campus and that the design carefully creates a warm and welcoming feel. The large expanse of the building is broken down into small, discrete zones that each child can distinguish as their own 'place'. These zones are colour coded



by varying the wall finishes. Long corridors are also broken up with niches containing Cloak areas with feature lighting to highlight the entrances to the teaching areas. The teaching spaces also each have a separate outdoor teaching space so that full use can be made of



the external landscaping in terms of sensory stimulation. As an aid to staff, within each teaching space there is an overhead rail system with a harness that will allow pupils with mobility difficulties to move freely within the full area of the teaching area without the need for manual handling

Coral Bell, who is Head Teacher of the new facility remarked "there has been a certain 'magic' to this project – all involved have worked together in a very easy and friendly manner and have had fun along the way."



Walking on the Moon



## Rotary Club of Madang



Laura Carse, who has a sight disability, returned to the Club on the 8th June to present a gift from the people of Madang for our contributions. She gave her usual lively talk covering a wide range of projects taking place in Papua New Guinea through the local Rotary Club.

Laura's enthusiasm for Scotland, as shown here cutting the haggis at the Madang Rotary Club Burns Night, extends into an equal enthusiasm for the people of the tiny area of Papua New Guinea. She has been involved in creating group projects like a Deaf Olympics for children and a Sing Sing group that encourages traditional song and dance.



Laura also explained the lives of the people that she worked with: The teacher, Desmond Bey, who went blind and now teaches blind children to read, and Ketse Malik who organises the clean water programme with help from Rotary. No resources are left unused. The Rotary container that brought so much to the community now serves the community as a ward for children at Madang Hospital.

### Jan Black, Food Garden project in South Africa



The Siyakhana Food Garden is a permaculture project located in the inner city of Johannesburg. , The project functions as a model and demonstration site for other similar initiatives in Gauteng and surrounding provinces. What began as an arid and infertile one-hectare site in Bezuidenhout Park, allotted by Johannesburg City Parks, is now a thriving profusion of nourishment. Adopting the Permaculture approach, the rock-strewn and



clay-filled ground was vividly transformed into rich, fertile soil through dedication, time and a great deal of effort. The vision is to build a culture of sustainable urban agriculture in South Africa that will provide the wider community and households with healthy food and create a human habitat that is conducive to public and environmental health and productivity.

