

The Rotary Club of Lisburn

May I wish all members a very Happy New Year.

It was with great sadness that the club learnt of the death of past President Peter Brogan on new years day. It was testament to Peter's strength of character to see him attend until just a few weeks ago. He will be greatly missed. The Brogan family have requested that in lieu of floral tributes, donations may be sent to 'Action Cancer'. Should you wish to make a personal contribution, please give your donation to the Treasurer by 31st January.

2009 holds an exciting calendar of events which I'm hoping you will enjoy with me as I look forward to your company and fellowship. Thank you again for your continued support Rotarians.

Sandra



The Kitchen Club held it's annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 16th Dec a great night was enjoyed by all, thanks go to Brian & Trevor for their efforts !!

STOP PRESS !

In keeping with the tradition of 'NEWSLINK' informing club members of what is going on, what has been happening and what is about to happen, we have introduced a new feature named 'In my own words'. We hope to raise awareness of various topics and interesting facts from the perspective of one of our own members.

In doing so, we hope to introduce you to the Rotarian themselves from a different angle. We hope you enjoy it on the back page as we begin with all round good guy and fellow Rotarian, 'PB'

Club Website: www.lisburnrotary.co.uk
Check for the latest news & photos of recent Lisburn Rotary events

A discreet 'thank you' to all who donated gifts for the tombola and auction at Angelo's - VERY much appreciated - YOU know who you are!

NEWS LINK

It was great to have the company of so many charming ladies from the Inner Wheel at our Christmas Lunch on the 19th Dec'

The Kid's Party at The Pheasant was a great day for all who attended—especially Santa!

65 food hampers were distributed by the club via Rotarians in the Lisburn

Thanks to all the 'bag packers' who did their bit on Saturday 3rd December in Greens Foodfare —£800 was raised for good causes—very well done!

Kyle Harper charmed the shoppers while Pres. Elect John McIlroy assured people he wasn't just an 'elpful Elf' but one of a team willing to help the community in a charitable fashion.

Lunch at Angelo's on Sunday 19th October was a HUGE success! With an attendance of over 70 Rotarians and their friends, the Community & Vocational Committee's 'baby' was able to raise over £1,600 on the day.

The meal was (as expected), EXCELLENT! Angelo and his staff pulled out all the stops to provide good food, great wine, together with a friendly service in the most perfect atmosphere.

As well as fine dining, we all enjoyed plenty of great tombola prizes, ranging from fine wines & champagne to beautiful books and food hampers. Thanks indeed to those generous enough to have contributed so well.

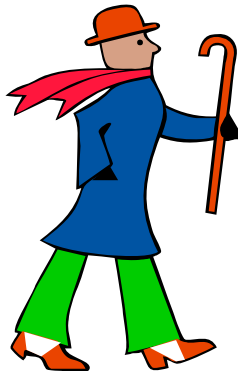
The auction had a good response and raised £420 selling a 4 ball at Dunmurry, a bottle of rare Scotch, a digital camera, a fine case of wine and a pair of Roberto Cavalli sunspecs (as worn by Posh herself !).

Thanks again Rotarians and friends for your support, it was an effort worth making!

Thanks to all members who turned up to sell ballot tickets in the Bow Street Mall (£500 raised) in December and to those intrepid carol singers who entertained shoppers at Marks & Spencers at Christmas, raising over £300 for good causes.

COMMUNITY & VOCATIONAL committee members are working hard to promote the Organ Donor Card scheme. Cards are available at each Friday lunch—have you considered upgrading your existing card details or carrying the card yourself ? It could mean a lot to someone—or even to you!

Brave Rotarians (& good friends), battled the elements of the North Antrim Coast on the annual 'New Years Day Walk'. Rowan Black took the lead in Portstewart with a brisk dander on the first day of the new year ! And afterwards Barbara and Rowan hosted a light lunch for all at their holiday home. The walk raised over a hundred pounds for club charities, well done!



Did you know your annual club subscription was made up as follows?

District Levy - Due annually	£29.00
RIBI Subscription - Aug	£21.50
- Jan	£21.50
The Rotary Foundation	£50.00
D'murry Golf Club Staff Gratuities	£ 5.00
Club Funds	£13.00
Total	£140.00

'In my own words'.....

Peter Brogan , Rotarian,

On 12th September I flew to Milan with my good buddy and fellow optometrist Ronnie Glass. Ronnie and I met in 1969 at University in London. We checked into a city centre hotel and had a late supper at a table on the pavement nearby in a very busy night life area of Milan. Next morning Kieran Mullan, (ex Coleraine architect), who now lives in Lucca, Tuscany, arrived on his Ducati motorbike to join us. We then picked up our pre-booked BMW 800 Bike which Ronnie was to ride. I was the pillion passenger on one or the other during the weekend. We were soon on our way to the Formula One race at Monza just 25 Km north of Milan. The traffic in and around Milan was chaotic but the traffic police are very helpful to motor cyclists and there's no better way to get about than doing 50 mph down the hard shoulder of a three lane motorway that is solid with crawling vehicles. The racing was very exciting both Saturday and Sunday. Our first time for all 3 of us. We found some great bars and restaurants at night and found the Italians very warm and welcoming. On the Monday Kieran went home ,we gave back our BMW bike and picked up a diesel Ford Focus estate car...what a change! We met Ethna and Elene at the airport and went to Lake Como, Angelo Marano's favourite holiday venue, for five days. Weather was lovely for touring about, boat trips on the lake and fantastic lunches in the sun every day. At the end of that week it was time for home and some more grey skies. It does you good to get away with friends !!

After a period of 'badgering' Peter about his recent trip to the Grand Prix, I was delighted when he finally wrote the article in November which we've published. Sadly, for us all, Peter is no longer here but has left us with some nice qualities in script the man naturally possessed. Rotary, and in particular his family have lost a valuable friend and genuine nice person. Our thoughts are with Ethna, daughter Roisin and son Andrew as well as grand-daughter Isla , all of whom he loved dearly.



Peter at the Ferrari side of the Track