

# The Rotary Club of Lisburn



## Fund Raising So Far by Lisburn Rotarians

Italian Restaurant	£ 19.00
Patton Trophy	£ 125.99
Crumlin Road Gaol	£ 76.00
Oasis Bar-be-que	£1026.00
Angelo's Lunch	£1635.00
Car Ballot	£ 935.00
Greens Bag Pack	£ 907.36
John McDonough B/Day	£ 700.00
New Yrs Day Walk	£ 100.00
Wine Ballot	£ 768.90
Mayors Charity Day	£ 110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6403.25</b>

A Night at the Races was a great success!  
Great organisation and fortitude by Gordon Hanna in particular, 1st Vice John McIlroy, PP Rowan Black & guests turned an enjoyable evening for all into a very successful fund raiser by giving £668 to charity on the 4th February at Dunmurry Golf Club.

## NEWS LINK

Blood donation at The Lisburn Island Centre on the 18th February was an event to remember! An amount of 'Opositive' was donated on the day, but not in the way we had planned it! The intrepid few met, as planned but, unfortunately got their times for donation wrong. After waiting for over an hour to get into 'queue' for blood donation, only 2 were taken, two more of our number hadn't eaten sufficiently beforehand, and were denied & as time was pressing, another of our number had to leave to prepare the evening meal! Anyhow, the club did it's best & promises to attend better prepared in 3 months time!

Hello Rotarians!

I'm sure you'll agree that with the induction of 4 new members ( Philip Morrow, Henry McNally, Kevin O'Mally & Robert Taylor ), will not only help our numbers but with guidance, help Lisburn Rotary.

Thank you all for your support with our important recent fund raisers and socials, I really appreciate your help.

I can't believe I'm into the final quarter of my term of office, and look forward to so many more opportunities to join with you in supporting more exciting and worthwhile charitable events for the Spring and Summer in Rotary. I am so happy that our committees are progressing well with their individual tasks set by themselves last year.



President Sandra with guest speaker, Billy Dixon who joined us recently for Friday lunch at Dunmurry G.C., together with Wes Armstrong, district Governor nominee

I hope to see you at the Ladies Lunch @ the Slieve Donard on 24th May, our Musical Evening at Newforge Country Club on the 19th June—not to mention our President's Night at Malone Golf Club on the 30th June..... Sandra

Rumour has it that the golf practice evenings at Laganview Driving Range have been a great success -with Ellen Hillen making great improvement on both her swing and distance! Congratulations Ellen! Keep your eye on the ball lads!

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Well done Kevin & Dale, who both donated blood .

**Attendance & Membership—Jan 82% / Feb 83% / past 6 months 80.8%. Well done & keep it up!**

'In my own words'.....

John McDonough

**Winter in Simon's Town**

**And why you won't see John and Margaret in January, February or March!**

Simon's Town is a village and a naval base in [South Africa](#), near [Cape Town](#). It is located on the shores of [False Bay](#), on the eastern side of the [Cape Peninsula](#). For more than two centuries it has been an important naval base and harbour (first for the Royal Navy and now the [South African Navy](#)). The town is named after [Simon van der Stel](#), an early governor of the [Cape Colony](#). The land rises steeply from near the water's edge and the picturesque village is boxed in along the shoreline by the mountains above. Simon's Town is now in effect a suburb of greater Cape Town and is about 45 minutes drive from Cape Town.



View of Simon's Town Bay



The Village



The Harbour and Waterfall

[Boulders Beach](#) is located a few kilometres to the south of Simon's Town. Here small coves with white sandy beaches and calm shallow water are interspersed between boulders of Cape granite. There has been a colony of [African penguins](#) at Boulders Beach since 1985. The sea at Simon's Town is on the warmer side of the Cape Peninsula, whereas after short drive across to the Atlantic seaboard you will find long white sandy beaches, great surfing but unfortunately very cold water.

There is a nine hole golf course in Simon's Town and a lovely 18 hole championship course with a superb clubhouse is only a 15 minute drive away.

The village itself has a very English atmosphere and has several coffee shops and interesting craft shops and many fine and well priced restaurants built around Jubilee Square. In the square is a statue to one of Simon's Town's most celebrated naval ratings, Able Seaman Just Nuisance, a Great Dane who was adopted by the Royal Navy visit ([www.simonstown.com/tourism/nuisance/nuisance.htm](http://www.simonstown.com/tourism/nuisance/nuisance.htm)) to find the full story.



John received the Patton Memorial Trophy from Mrs Tom Patton recently at Friday lunch, well done!

John likes his golf, his cooking and Rotary by the look of it. A family man who takes pride in his daughter's hockey prowess. A successful businessman and former local dentist, who was said to have been so considerate to his patients, he would arrange to have music of their favourite artists (like George Michael) playing in the background to calm their nerves.

What a guy! What a Rotarian!

Our good friend & fellow Rotarian Angelo Marano hosted a great evening at his famous restaurant on Monday 30th March in aid of Alzheimer's, over 50 people were in attendance and details of how his Vocational & Community Committee got on will be reported in our next NewsLink. Thanks Angelo!

Adam Spence will very shortly have the Rotary shoe boxes which his International Committee will be ready to distribute to any member who feels they can fill one ( or two), with some useful & non perishable items for use in 3rd world countries.

Dale Orr's Tuesday evening 'Computer Aware' classes have started and have proved very popular Brian Burke has learned his 'mouse' doesn't eat cheese and now knows his hard drive isn't floppy after all!

The Rotary Club of Lisburn will be proudly sponsoring a veteran to travel to Normandy, France this year, helping us all commemorate the importance of the D-day Landings, 50 years ago.



Can anyone guess where this War Memorial is in N.I? 1st correct answer receives a 'Full Kettle Fry' in a nearby friendly local café. Come on Billy..... Plenty of clues here!!!!!!!

**Birthdays:** It's 'Happy Birthday' and 'Many Happy Returns' to the following few; PD /DB /JG / PD /HM McN—you know who you are—now just pay for the buns!

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Well done President Sandra on finishing so well in the 5Km Belfast Mini-Marathon on Sunday 8th March. You did us proud!!!