

The Rotary Club of Lisburn



Gordon Hanna became the latest Paul Harris Fellow at President's Evening recently. Gordon joined Rotary in 1979 & has chaired various committees over the years and as his year of Fellowship Chair the club was awarded the District Trophy for Fellowship. He was President in 2004/5 during his 25th year in Rotary (& the club's 50th anniversary). He was successful in raising £25,000 for Men Against Cancer during a Golf Classic at Dunmurry GC, and launched a new club known as The Rotary Club of Lagan Valley. Well done Gordon!

The answer to our last edition's quiz as to who was member # 26 in Lisburn club was **Billy Rogan** - unfortunately no-one submitted the correct answer for an all expenses paid weekend for two in Paris—better luck next time !

Community & Vocational Committee Invites you to **SUNDAY LUNCH at UNO'S**

29th November @ 1 pm Uno's Restaurant Bachelors Walk, Lisburn.
Tickets £20 Ballot / Prize Draw / Auction

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE !

Lisburn Rotary Website can be accessed by following the instructions below;

1 / Go to the Club Website by entering the address www.lisburnrotary.co.uk into your browser.

2 / Click on the Members Area.

3/ Sign in with the User Name 'lisburnrotarian' and the Password 'Dunmurry'

4 / Click on 'Calendar'

See events as they are planned throughout the year & view photos , (many thanks, John & Dale)

NEWS LINK



Sandra looks relaxed after giving the 'chain' to John

It's hard to believe that 4 months of my Presidential year are almost complete, and the support and goodwill I have received from fellow Rotarians has been exceptional. DG Tom Murphy visited us in August and his warm comments about Lisburn Club's standing were indeed encouraging.

September heralded our Golf Tournament at Lisburn and would not have been the success it was without numerous people including VP Trevor, Philip, Dale, and Ellen to name a few. The visit from our Japanese Ambassadorial Scholars recently provided great fellowship between clubs from Belfast, Cookstown and Portadown and the help in organising such a feat goes to PP Sandra. Great fun was had by 18 Lisburn Rotarians and partners at the recent Athlone Conference—one of the best turn-outs by any club at the annual event. Both Hazel and myself would like to thank everyone for coming and in particular for the beautiful gift she was presented with—it already has pride of place in our living room!

I am confident that plans already in place by the various committees for forthcoming events in 2009 /2010 will be both exciting and exhausting.....Lunches, Titanic Quarter, Theatre, Kart Racing, Garden Party, Charitable Events aplenty and are but a few to look forward to.

Many thanks again to EVERYONE for your enthusiasm and support so far, *John*

Well, well—was the Golf day at Lisburn a success ? — NO !

It was a HUGE success, and with Gene Fitzpatrick as evening host, an excellent auction of some very collectable memorabilia including signed Rory McIlroy framing (no relation to our President, unfortunately), Darren Clarke, a Neil Shawcross print, a 2 day Raddison golf package, a flying lesson and a two night stay in the Sheraton Royal in Edinburgh - among numerous other gifts—not to mention GLORIOUS weather—Lisburn was looking it's best for us on the day! Dame Mary Peters and Noel Thompson from the BBC (Work on War on Want, NI in Africa) helped the evening become a great success for Lisburn Rotary and made a very enjoyable day for both Rotarians and their friends.

Pictures of the day which raised a staggering excess of £12,000 (after expenses) for charity can be viewed on the Lisburn Club's website—it's well worth a visit!

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Special messages of goodwill go to Brian Boyd who has been in hospital recently and wishing him a speedy recovery as well as to Gordon Hanna's wife Anne, who is currently in Lagan Valley. Billy Johnston is recovering at home after a spell in the Ulster Clinic following an operation on his foot. Get well soon Billy!

Catch up on recent events and news by visiting us on 'www.lisburnrotary.co.uk'

For a small but significant prize can you answer the following question;
Which Lisburn Rotarian member matches the following anagram ? 'SNOB THIN JOLLY?'
First correct answer received by Jim Matchett is the winner. Jim can be contacted on the following; via email on jimmatchett@btinternet.com OR BY CALLING 07860 464424 OR 028 9261 1777 OR faxing 028 9261 9825—join in the fun Rotarians! Come on—get your thinking hats on.....

'In my own words'.....

NEWS LINK

I commenced my RAF service in 1943 by attending a residential course at Queens University lasting 3 months. Following this, we assembled in Manchester to be medically examined & 'kitted out'. We were soon on a train to Glasgow to board a ship for our flying training. Our final destination was secret although being issued with tropical uniforms!

On board the troop ship 'Nea Hellas' were a large number of British soldiers ready to fight the Japanese in Burma. Our sleeping quarters were minimal. Eventually we were told we were going to South Africa. After 5 weeks, our convey arrived in Dubai and disembarked—being allowed considerable freedom—bathing was a favourite pastime! Amazingly I met a fellow classmate who was serving as a weather forecaster in the Air Force!

After a few weeks our party eventually boarded a train to Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia where flying training began almost immediately.

After intense flying instruction, I took my first 'solo' after 8 hours and graduated to the main aerodrome. After this we used our wages to embark on a well deserved holiday to Victoria Falls. We arrived in Cranbourne near Salisbury. At this stage we were trusted enough to enter more dangerous situations including cross country tricks, dog fight manoeuvres, night flying as well as 'spin and recovery'. After 10 weeks I was assessed & passed together with most of my friends.

During our final weeks of training the war with Germany ended and eventually the Japanese too, surrendered.

Back in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), celebration lasted for days.

As we were all surplus to requirements we were flown back to England to await a discharge from the Air Force .

Three months later I entered Queens Medical School, the rest is history I suppose !



Kay and Jimmy

Titanic Quarter Visit—Sunday 1st November
A party of 15 began a tour of the Thompson Dry Dock by having coffee in the Pump House Visitors Centre where they were able to view the history and impact of the ship building industry in Belfast. A talk from the very knowledgeable Colin Cobb who left no fact unearthed was given before a very extensive television viewing of the social impact of building such a great liner here in Northern Ireland.
A tour of the original 19th century pump house mechanism was given to demonstrate how efficient it was in emptying the water from the dry dock in just over an hour!
The visit gave all who attended a valuable insight into the famous Titanic story and was enhanced by the atmosphere and location of the quarter.
Thanks to everyone who joined us on the day, Dale