



## THE STRABANE/LIFFORD ROTARY CLUB



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**President -John McCosker**  
**President Elect – John Byrne**  
**Secretary- Dr. Morris Brown**  
**Treasurer – Jim Roulstone**

### Club Programme –

- **19th October – Presentation of Community Hero Project.**
- **26th October – Club Final of youth leadership Development programme gives experience to our students from 2nd level schools, our finals take place in Enniskillen, as in previous years three successful candidates will join twenty one others to spend a week of leadership and development at the European in Strasburg.**
- **26th October – Bridge night in St. Pat's Hall, this is the 26th year of the Tournament, the Bridge club supplies the players, we the Rotarians supply the food and serve the tea, buns and sandwiches. A lot of money has been raised for cancer charities, this year it is Cancer Research.**



- **28th October – President's Halloween Ball was in Fir Trees Hotel, It was a very good and successful night, pictures to follow on the web site. All funds raised have went to the special needs school Strabane.**

• **It was hoped to organise our return visit to Omagh Rotary club in the near future.**

## **Membership:-**

**Is the lifeblood of Rotary, to assure our future, our membership now stands at 24, 50% of our club are over 60, 25% over 70, in Rotary overall 39% are over 60, it is not simply to bring in new members, we need younger members, how can we make Rotary more interesting. to our younger generation.**

## **Attendance:**

**Our attendance has been averaging around 50%, last week saw an increase to 60%.**

**Finance :- Total income for year up to 30th June 2011 £6382**

**Charity giving £5687 plus 4205 Euro**

**A cheque for £100 was presented to the Barrett School of Irish Dancing to support their Tyrone Championships.**

**Computer Classes:- Our President Elect, John Byrne has commenced his computer classes, at the community centre, Doneyloop, Co. Donegal, Fee €35 £30.**

**Conference in Limerick on the 22nd to 25th September, attended by our club President and Secretary.**

**Rotary New Generations Service, Youth exchange, visit of Elaine Marie Joy and her husband Ben to Strabane Lifford Rotary club. Elaine is a rotary ambassadorial scholar from Ohio, USA and is studying a MA degree in Peace and Conflict studies, a one year programme in the university of Ulster. Elaine is sponsored by the Londonderry club.**



**James Buchanan, John McCosker and Elaine exchanging banner.**

**Speaker at Strabane Lifford Rotary Club was Jeff Gallagher, development manager of Young Enterprises N. Ireland. Young Enterprises N. Ireland is building a connected world of young people, business volunteers, educators and local community clubs. Each year our business volunteers inspire almost 90,000 young people in n. Ireland from primary, colleges, university and local communities. Their programme empowers the next generation with confidence, ability and ambitions to succeed.**



**Photo - Bill McCauley, Jeff Gallagher, John McCosker, Geraldine Stafford and John Byrne.**

**Strabane Lifford club in partnership with Strabane Bridge club have been involved over a period of 26 years in organising the annual Charity Bridge Tournament. The total raised is £1446 which will be presented to Cancer Research. Our thanks to Cathleen McCay and Walter Barnett and all who made this event a success.**

**The winners of the McCay Cup were Tony McDermott and Charlie Mullan included in the photo are Cath McCay and Rotary President John McCosker.**



### **Rotary Honours Community**



**The Strabane Lifford Rotary Club recently embarked on a Community Hero project where they searched for a person in the local community who had given unselfishly given of their time and talents for the betterment of their society. They sought nominations from members of the public and community associations to nominate individuals worthy of**

**recognition. Biddy as she is known delivered "Service above Self" in her community over many years and so was awarded such. She received a certificate and a cheque for £250. Biddy informs us she intends to use the funds to assist the Fountain Street community who nominated her.**



**Pictured with her is President John McCosker and the immediate past President Mary Lafferty (right) who idea this was.**

**Youth Exchange - Every year young people can enjoy experience of a lifetime through Rotary Youth Exchange, making new friends, learning new languages, living in another country, and immersing in foreign cultures.**



**Katie Cooke of Nashville, Tennessee, USA an ambassadorial scholar had this opportunity. She is studying for a MA in peace and culture studies at Magee College. On her visit to Strabane Lifford her talk was on her home town of Polaski and the cultural differences. She is photographed with Rotary President John McCosker and**

**Rotarians presenting a Rotary bannerette..**

**Photographs – We are still interested in any photographs taken recently, which can be printed in our newsletter or any old photographs of your village or town.**