

**Rotary** is a worldwide organisation of like minded men and women, aged 18 plus, who are committed to helping communities, both at home and abroad.

Rotary has been at the forefront of **eradicating Polio**. 222 million children were inoculated in the first 10 days of May 2009!



## A Major Part of Rotary is Having Fun !

Our welcoming Monday evening meeting includes a meal, speakers programme and seasonal events. Other functions in our busy social calendar include bowling, golf, curling, BBQs and other social outings.

### How do we fund our charitable work?

Enthusiastic team members run enjoyable events like the Burns Supper, St Andrews Night Ceilidh, Barbecues and a number of other events enabling us to raise funding for our many projects.

### What do we ask of Rotarians?

Some free time and enthusiasm.

### We meet every Monday

(except holidays) 6.15 for 6.30pm

at **The Georgian Hotel**,  
26 Lefroy Street, Coatbridge.

If you would like to come along to a meeting, or find out more about Rotary and what we have to offer, please contact one of the club members below

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**WE DO**

**THAT MAKE THE BIGGEST**

**CHANGES.**



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF COATBRIDGE & AIRDRIE

We need  
people

like you



## Some Facts about Rotary:

### General

There are 1,850 clubs in Rotary International of Britain and Ireland (RIBI). There are 55,000 members in RIBI. The first Rotary club in GB and Ireland was formed in Dublin in 1912, closely followed by one in London the same year. RIBI supports 67 official charities and projects, in addition to the thousands of local and international projects clubs choose to support individually.

Our charity **The Rotary Foundation** has been running since 1947. The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than 1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants. In GB and Ireland, more than £2.27 million is raised every year towards The Rotary Foundation. The charity finances projects to help care for people in need, reaching out to thousands of people every year to overcome poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, pollution and other barriers to decent living.

### Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Programme is currently the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. The programme has been running since 1947. Nearly 38,000 men and women from nearly 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Through grants totalling approximately £270 million (\$500 million) recipients have studied in more than 70 different nations.

### Peace Scholarships

Since starting in 2002, more than 300 fellows from over 50 different countries have taken part in the programme. Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Scholars are chosen from countries and cultures across the world every year.



### Polio

Rotary made polio eradication its top priority 23 years ago, in 1985. Since then, Polio cases have fallen from 350,000 a year to 1,000. 125 endemic countries has been reduced to just three; Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Rotary members in Great Britain and Ireland have raised £10.5 million to date. Rotary members across the world combined have raised \$900 million to fund polio immunization activities. Two billion children have been protected from the disease.

### Shelterbox

The disaster relief charity was formed in January 2001 by Rotary club of Helston Lizard in Cornwall. It is now heavily supported by Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland and across the world. Estimated relief has been given to 500,000 people who have been affected by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, wars and volcanoes. Relief workers have worked in more than 40 countries including Uganda, Serbia, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Kenya, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, East Timor, Philippines, Louisiana, Mississippi, Guatemala, Peru and Bolivia.

### Aquabox

The charity, which helps to provide safe clean drinking water in the event of a disaster, was formed in 1992 by Rotary Club of Wirksworth in Derbyshire and now heavily supported by Rotary worldwide. To date 81,328 boxes have been dispatched. 403,994,800 litres of unpolluted water has been delivered to more than 20 countries.

**AQUABOX** can be used to purify up to 1100 litres of polluted water.

### Lifestraw

LifeStraw is a portable water filter that effectively removes all bacteria and parasites responsible for causing common diarrhoeal diseases. LifeStraw® requires no electrical power or spare parts and can be carried around for easy access to safe and clean water. [www.lifestraw.org.uk](http://www.lifestraw.org.uk)

### Local Community

The local community is seen as very important to us. We started an initiative called RotaKids with Children in New Monklands Primary School. This ties in with Citizenship and the curriculum for excellence.



Coatbridge and Airdrie Rotary Club will continue to support the St Andrew's Hospice and the Children's Hospice Association (CHAS). We will also continue to provide Aquaboxes, Shelterboxes and Lifestraws in partnership with local churches and groups. Members are also involved in helping run the Monkland's Talking Newspaper for the blind and partially sighted.

**Are you aware of a community project which you think the Rotary could help with?**

**Can you help Rotary deliver such a project.**