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CESSNOCK ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT



CHANGEOVER FROM PRESIDENT GAIL TO PRESIDENT DAVID

Phillip Brooks once the Bishop of Massachusetts encouraged his parishioners with a statement “Do not pray for dreams equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your dreams”. I was reminded of this viewpoint last night when those present at our changeover dinner experienced one of the great events of our club and I’m sure a dream fulfilled for President Gail.

When President Gail presented her report listing the realisation of her dreams for the club, it was a proud moment for all. The fellowship of club members, the incredible response to the Girl Guide’s need of a new roof, the realisation of Gail’s passion in kicking off the East Cessnock School Garden and Kitchen Project, continuing support of our VRA hero’s and the contribution towards the District Governor’s Partner’s project of Macular Degeneration were all the realisation of Gail’s dreams. Congratulations Gail, feel good and we continue to pray for your complete recovery.

Well that was last year’s game and what a game it was. We must now move onto this year and build on all the learning’s of the past with a view of continuing to satisfying the needs of our significant and demanding community whilst also being mindful of each other’s needs which must similarly be satisfied.

I am proud to be your Club’s President this year and thank you for the privilege. I trust we will all join harmoniously together and receive powers equal to our dreams in furthering the values of Rotary within our community and our personal lives and demonstrate to all that the Rotary Club of Cessnock Cares.

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Among our guests at the Changeover Dinner was the Rotaract Club of Cessnock and the group from the Girl Guides of Cessnock. To complete President's Gail year in her theme of lots of Fun and Fellowship, the Changeover Dinner proved to be just that. This will be President David's second time as our president and our club members wish you a very successful year.

ROSTER 11th July

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER:	Robyn Drayton
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Maley/S Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Lennon
GUEST SPEAKER	George Koncz
VOTE OF THANKS:	Vicki Sienczuk
FINE SESSION:	Janette Jackson
STEWARDS:	Peter Carver
	All members

18th July

Peter Carver
Maley/J Jackson
Graham Lidbury
Louise Selmes
Fanny Ori
Greg Bevan
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

11th July - Vicki Sienczuk

The Performing Arts Centre

18th July - Fanny's last meeting.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPOKE WILL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A MONTH
President David will Email as required.

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.



The major recipients from President Gail's Rotary year were the Girl Guides from Cessnock, the East Cessnock Primary School, the Cessnock Volunteer Rescue Squad and the District Governors Partners project of Macular Degeneration. The group from the Girl Guides and Fanny also did a presentation to the delight of the audience.



THE EUROTOUR COMES TO AN END



This is part of Bridgett Gunn's account from the Eurotour. "On Friday we travelled to Paris. Everyone was very excited to see the city that we had all heard so much about and seen in countless movies and photos yet had never seen in person. Paris is an extraordinary city. On Saturday we had a guided tour through the city, which was great as it helped us to know where all the different tourist sites were. I had so much fun posing with the Eiffel tower, visiting the Arc de Triomphe and the Notre Dame and actually seeing the Mona Lisa. I also climbed the Eiffel tower in the evening, which was amazing. On Sunday night we all went on a boat cruise along the River Seine, Paris is so beautiful at night as well as during the day. The most incredible part about visiting Paris was doing the things I have dreamed of doing but never thought I would have the opportunity to do, such as touching the Eiffel Tower and eating a French croissant."

At the conference the exchange students all walked in according to their country of origin. We were then presented by our coordinator Walter to the Rotarians. Following this a number of the exchange students performed small artistic presentations such as dancing and singing, all of which were fantastic. We then performed a song as a group in Austrian dialect which was far more amusing than it was impressive!



THE AMERICAN TOUR IS JUST STARTING



The exchange students in Canada and the USA are starting one of the tours on offer and it covers a lot of the USA. Bella is one of the lucky students on this tour. We will no doubt get a glimpse of this tour from Bella in the days to come.



Meanwhile back in Australia, there are District selection weekends like this group of students at Tocal. Our District is sending out 18 students for 2014. They are a great group as usual and they were joined by the returned exchange students, our Rotex group who arrived back from their countries recently. They help the committee with vital information about the country Selection for our new Outbounds.