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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

A great start to the night with a “Beer Tasting” and explanation of how a very enthusiastic team produce some great beer tastes at Potters. I think everyone had a sip or two, even those of us who would not normally call ourselves beer drinkers. The accompanying Ploughman’s lunch samples were a treat and a great entre for our night.

Apart from our own “Viking One”, Iver Harsjoen joining us again, we had the pleasure of the company of Mara, an exchange student hosted by Greg and Lorraine Bevan, great to see you again Mara. We also welcomed Christine Walmsley, our Assistant District Governor and Louise’s granddaughter.

Iver was unable to give his talk this week due to our location for the ‘Beer Tasting’ and the fact that he broke his computer screen. We look forward to Iver talking to us next week, with no excuses, seeing as how he is having the week off school due to students in his class having exams.

On Tuesday night we will be attending a Girl Guides meeting for sausage sizzle and general club activities. As we will be cooking the sausages we need a couple of members to be there from 5.45pm, the younger members will be served from 6pm followed by the senior girls and adults. This should be good night. Don’t forget our regular Thursday meeting will also be held this week.

Nominations are open for RYPEN which will be held on 7th, 8th and 9th November this year. Students aged between 14 and 17 are eligible for this activity so, if you know of any young person attending school who you think would like to attend please contact George for more information.



President Vicki with Keith who gave us a very good insight as to what a small brewery like Potters do a bit different to the larger commercial breweries. Keith is the head brewer at Potters and it seems that the unique beers are what makes the difference, its all about taste rather than bulk.

We also had Christine Walmsley, our Assistant Governor with us to share the meeting and Margaret Maley with a new stylish hairstyle.

ANOTHER FUN FILLED MEETING NIGHT AT POTTERS



Our exchange student Iver seems to be the centre of attention. Iver gave us his weekly reminiscing of his time at the Rotary Youth Exchange Orientation weekend plus his time in and out of school. We were fortunate to have Mara Vogel with us as well, who is being hosted by the Bevans. We also had Louise's beautiful granddaughter Chloe with us to share in the fun of our meeting.

ROSTER 11th September 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST Peter Carver
TELLER: Maley/Thomas
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Greg Bevan
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Janette Jackson
GUEST SPEAKER: Iver Harsjoen
VOTE OF THANKS: Steve Crane
FINE SESSION: Peter Carver
STEWARDS: All members

18th Sep 2014

Maley/Thomas
Jack Grant
N/A
N/A
TBA
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

11th Sep - Iver Viking One.
Presentation speech by Iver (Partners Night)
9th Sep - Girl Guides BarBQ. At Girl
Guides Hall (Partners night on "Tuesday")
18th Sep - Board Meeting

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.



What can you say, but that the photos do tell the story. There was fun and a lot of laughter after the meeting. Iver is acting as the barman but we didn't see if he poured the beer well or not. And there were those who didn't quite get their fill during the tasting session, so they wanted to make up for it (No names mentioned, its lucky you can't tell who that was.) Louise brought along her granddaughter who also enjoyed some of the fun, which we had during and after the meeting.



Photo of the 19 Inbound Youth Exchange students to District 9670 at the Orientation meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LAST YEARS EXCHANGE STUDENT MATTHIAS HUMER

Exchange students prepare to head home

A wonderful time here

From a small suburb in Austria all the way to Cessnock, Matthias Humer has had a big year.

The 17-year-old has been staying in Cessnock for the past 10 months as part of a student exchange program organised through Cessnock Rotary Club.

Attending Mount View High School, Matthias said that he has had a wonderful time here in the Hunter Valley and can't believe how fast the time has gone.

"I really love to travel and when I was young, I had the idea of doing an exchange," he said.

"Sometimes I get homesick but it has gone very quick.

"Still I have never been away from home this long."

Home for Matthias is the small Austrian town of Wallern an der Trattnach, which consists of only 3000 residents and is known mostly for its farming practices.

He said that Cessnock is very different to where he is from, particularly the weather, the animals and the long distances between shops.

For the past 10 months Matthias has been staying with various local Rotarians and their families throughout Kurri and Cessnock.

He also recently returned from a Capricorn Ramble organised through Rotary, which took him to the Great Barrier Reef and Alice Springs.



TRAVELLER: Matthias Humer, of Austria, has spent 10 months in Cessnock.

All up he said the exchange has been a terrific experience, and when he returns home in July he hopes to study architecture and is hoping his next travel experience will be around Europe.

I have received a message from Matt and he is settling back into a normal life now after a fantastic exchange year.

This article appeared in the Advertiser just before Matt went back home.

A small message from Matt is as follows:

I am well, thank you, and I am almost back to the normal routine. Well, my family organized a big welcome-back-party on the weekend after I arrived at home. All my relatives, some friends, a Rotarian from my sponsoring club, even my dad came from Switzerland to say Hello. After that I travelled a bit with my family and then I visited my father in Zurich. I also started working on my drivers licence - it won't take long now to get my L plates. Apart from that I tried to settle in as good as possible again, school starts next Monday again and I am sure that everything will work out well. Again I want to thank you and everyone in the Rotary Club of Cessnock for making that year unforgettable.

Thanks

Matt

THE BUT FIRST SYNDROME

I think this happens when we retire, and have plenty of time to do everything and don't have to rush, but I hope I'm wrong!

I have recently been diagnosed with the "But first Syndrome." You know, it's when I decide to do the laundry, I start down the hall and notice the newspaper on the table. OK, I'm going to do the laundry.... But first I'm going to read the newspaper. Then, I notice the mail on the table. OK, I'll just put the newspaper in the recycle stack....

But first I'll look through that pile of mail and see if there are any bills to be paid. Yes, now where's the chequebook? Oops ... there's the empty glass from yesterday on the coffee table. I'm going to look for that chequebook,

But first I need to put the glass in the sink. I head for the kitchen, look out the window, notice my poor flowers need a drink of water. I put the glass in the sink, and darn it, there's the remote for the TV on the kitchen counter. What's it doing here? I'll just put it away....

But first I need to water those plants. Head for door and.... Aaaagh! Stepped on the cat. Cat needs to be fed. Okay, I'll put that remote away and water the plants....

But first I need to feed the cat....

End of day: Laundry is not done, newspapers are still on the floor, glass is still in the sink, bills are unpaid, chequebook is still lost, and the cat ate the remote control.... And when I try to figure out how come nothing got done all day, I'm baffled because I know I was busy all day! I realize this condition is serious and I'll get help!

But first ... I think I'll check my e-mail!

FAST THINKING, SON!

There was a boy who worked in the produce section of the market. A man came in and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce, but the man replied that he did not need a whole head, but only a half head. The boy said he would go ask his manager about the matter.

The boy walked into the back room and said, "There's some jerk out there who wants to buy only a half a head of lettuce." As he was finishing saying this, he turned around to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, "And this gentleman wants to buy the other half...."

The manager okayed the deal and the man went on his way. Later the manager called on the boy and said, "You almost got yourself in a lot of trouble earlier, but I must say I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of it. You think on your feet and we like that around here. Where are you from, son?"

The boy replied, "Canada, sir."

"Oh really? Why did you leave Canada?" asked the manager.

The boy replied, "They're all just whores and hockey players up there."

"Really," replied the manager. "My wife is from Canada!"

The boy replied, "No kidding! What team did she play for?"

KID DEFINITIONS

- The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.
- A census taker is man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- A virgin forest is a forest where the hand of man has never set foot.
- The general direction of the Alps is straight up.
 - Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.
 - - Syntax is all the money collected at the church from sinners.