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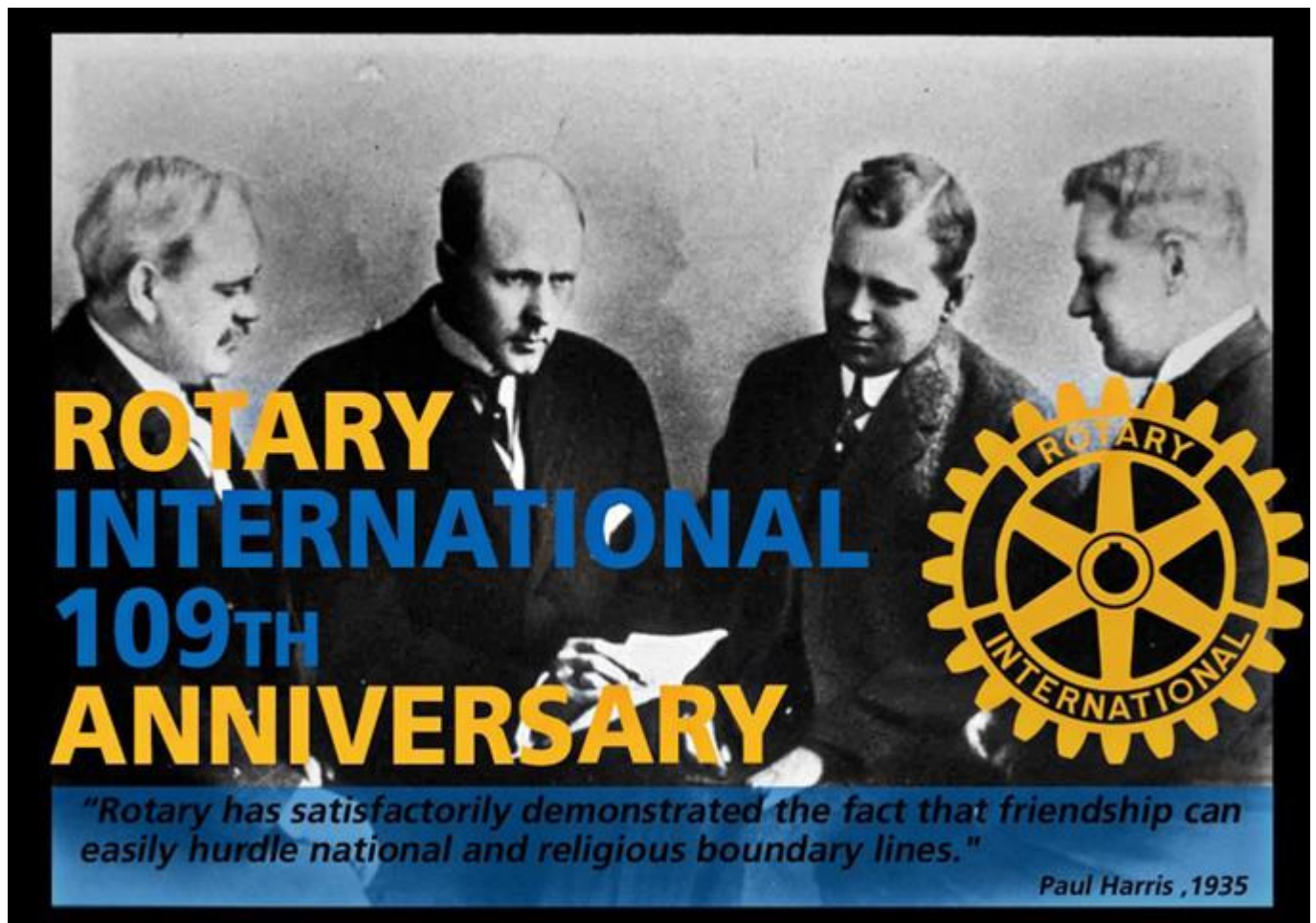
ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are indeed fortunate to have within our club a member who whilst being part of the club for nearly 50 years, also kept records of the club and its members' activities during that period. When our resident historian Brian Howe tells the stories of his nearly 50 years with the club, those of us who are by comparison 'new chums' listen in reverential awe of the clubs achievements. Thank you Brian for reminding us of the club's and its members achievements during the past 50 years. It makes us proud to belong to such a special club and identify with its special Rotarian members. We also had Michael Weatherall from the Rutherford Telarah club give us a presentation on the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness) program and requested we consider supporting this important Rotary initiative in saving lives by educating young people in responsible driving techniques and driving habits. Thank you Michael for your Rotary passion and presentation. Next week we have Cr. Bryce Gibson speaking to us on the Environmental needs and controls in the Hunter Valley. Please come along and hear Bryce's message. President David.



Our historian Brian Howe always comes up with some interesting snippets from our clubs history. David Lennon shared his birthday with us last week and blew out the candles on his cake in one swift blow. He had to repeat it again for the camera and I still missed it.



My sincere apologies to Greg Bevan for not listening a bit harder to his International Toast last week. It was indeed the 109th Anniversary we just had not the 108th and the toast was to the first Rotary Club in the world - The Rotary Club of Chicago in the USA, not Detroit. I was just testing to see how many of our Rotarians picked up those mistakes.

2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | 1-4 JUNE 2014

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ROSTER 13th March

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER:	Vicki Steep
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	Maley/J Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Louise Selmes
GUEST SPEAKER	David Lennon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Bryce Gibson
FINE SESSION:	Alison Crane
STEWARDS:	Peter Carver
	All members

20th March

Margaret Maley
Malet/Drayton
Brian Howe
N/A
Board Meeting
N/A
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

13th March - Bryce Gibson (LJ Hooker)
 20th March - 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.



RYDA is a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. As part of an interactive one-day experience, students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family. Perhaps the most impactful moments come from the personal stories of loss and survival. In one session, students watch a powerful and emotional video on the life and tragic death of an 18 year old provisional driver and her best friend. And in another, they sit with a crash survivor and hear first-hand how one poor choice can change a life forever.

RYDA is designed for 16-18 year old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers.



Michael Weatherall is the contact person from The Rotary Club of Rutherford Telarah, for this program and he is seeking help from other Rotary clubs to help on the days that these events are run for school students. The idea behind the program is to teach useful skills to young people even before they apply for a drivers licence and hopefully make them much more aware of road safety and make them better drivers with skills learned on the day. It would eventually benefit everyone on the road in the long term.

MARCH ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

JOINED ROTARY: NO JOINERS IN MARCH

BIRTHDAYS: David Lennon 6/3, Irene Flett 21/3, Greg Bavan 20/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Graham & Astrid Lidbury 3/3 ANN



**“You don't love someone
for their looks, or their
clothes, or for their fancy car,
but because they sing
a song only you can hear.”**

- OSCAR WILDE

The fishermen know that
the sea is dangerous and
the storm terrible, but they
have never found these
dangers sufficient reason
for remaining ashore.

-- Vincent van Gogh

A man with no arms walked up to a bar and asked for a beer. The bartender shoved the foaming glass in front of him. "Look," said the customer, "I have no arms - would you please hold the glass up to my mouth?"

"Sure", said the bartender, and he did. "Now," said the customer, "I wonder if you'd be so kind as to get my handkerchief out of my pocket and wipe the foam off my mouth."

"Certainly." And it was done. "If," said the armless man, "you'd reach in my right hand pants pocket, you'll find the money for the beer." The bartender got it.

"You've been very kind," said the customer. "Just one thing more. Where is the men's room?"

"Out the door," said the bartender, "turn left, walk two blocks, and there's one in a filling station on the corner."

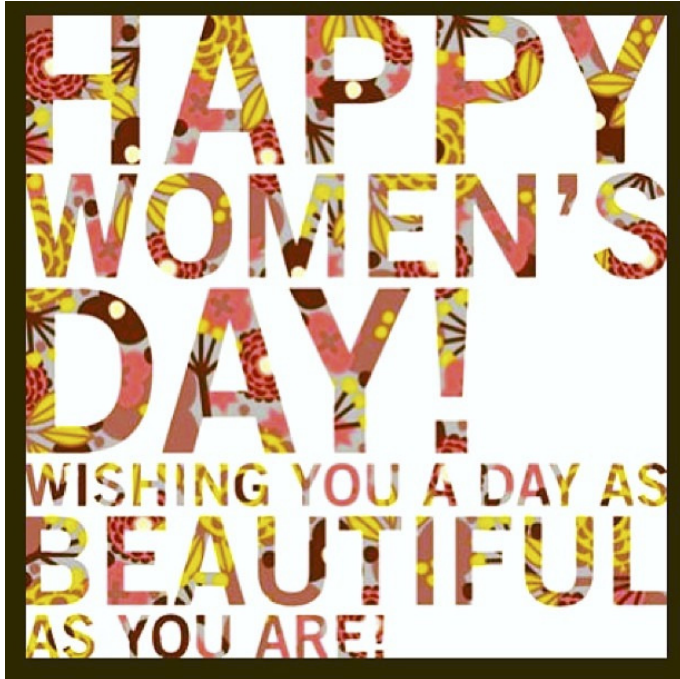


We had a real busy day at the Toyota BarBQ serving the many sausage sandwiches. Every member was so busy chatting that we lost count of quite how many sandwiches we sold. Well at least we had a good chance to catch up on our fellowship on a bright and beautiful Saturday.

International Women's Day 2014 Theme: *INSPIRING CHANGE*

Women's equality has made positive gains but the world is still unequal. International Women's Day celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women while focusing world attention on areas requiring further action.

Inspiring Change is the 2014 theme for our internationalwomensday.com global hub and encourages advocacy for women's advancement everywhere in every way. It calls for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.



The English guy lives near Le Bugue in the Dordogne and at the time he was stopped he was very very drunk. The gendarme signals to him to wind down the window then asks him if he has been drinking, and with a slurring speech the English guy replies; 'Yes, this morning I was at my (hic)..daughter's wedding, and as I don't like church much I went to the cafe opposite and had several beers.'

'Then during the wedding banquet I seem to remember downing three great bottles of wine; (hic)... a corbieres, a Minervois and (hic)...a Faugeres.'

'Then to finish off during the celebrations.... and (hic) during the evening ...me and my mate downed two bottles of Johnny Walker's black label.'

Getting impatient the gendarme warns him; 'Do you understand I'm a policeman and have stopped you for an alcohol test'?

The Englishman with a grin on his face replies; 'And do you understand that I'm English, as is my car, and that my wife is sitting in the other seat, at the steering wheel?'