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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK**  
**DISTRICT 9670**  
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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

I thought George was a bit remiss with not printing the newsletter last week, but, actually it was computer which let him down. I think he has been over using it with all the great photos he is taking lately. Anyway we managed to bring the meeting to order and even have an International Toast to the Rotary Clubs of London in honour of the birth of the latest royal baby HRH Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Dianna.

Potters unfortunately encountered some storm damage to the conference room so we were once again in the lounge bar, which while is a bit “noisy” still provided a warm atmosphere with the fire and finishing off the meeting with real coffee. Hopefully we will soon be back in our regular room. Thank you to all members who have offered to help out at Emma’s Vineyard for the Lovedale Long Lunch. Therese, the manager, has indicated a busy time for the Saturday and a more moderate day for Sunday so we will have to be on our toes during the busy times and hope the weather is in our favour. Start time is 8am for orientation with the first bus expected at 9am, with this in mind we should meet at 7.50, this will allow for an early coffee before start time.

A reminder that the Morisset High School dinner is on Tuesday.

I have been in negotiations with Stonebridge Golf Club to secure a golf day followed by a Golf Ball Drop and presentation dinner. The Club is keen to support us and I have tentatively booked the 26<sup>th</sup> September for this event. There are still a few more details to finalise before this event so will keep you posted.

The 2015 Mayoral Scholarships Presentation has been rescheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, please RSVP to Gina Radford on 4993 4210 or [gina.radford@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gina.radford@cessnock.nsw.gov.au) if you intend to attend this function.

We have welcomed Graham Farish to our meetings over the past weeks. It is with pleasure we now ask Graham to become a member of our club so will formally induct Graham to the Club on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015. President Vicki



Graham was Louise's guest initially, so we should all follow her example and bring along a friend to Rotary.

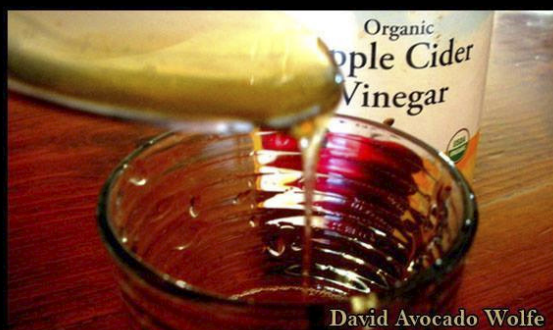


# LAST ROTARY MEETING



We had our exchange student Iver do his weekly report and therefore he was our guest speaker too. Iver's year is slowly coming to an end and you have to book him in if you want to see him due to him having to be in so many friend's places before his exchange ends.

## COLD AND COUGH REMEDY



1 tsp. Apple Cider Vinegar  
1 tsp. Honey  
1 tsp. Water

Take 3 times a day.

## 4000 YEARS OF MEDICINE

2000 BC: HERE EAT THE ROOT,  
1000 AD: THAT ROOT IS HEATHEN! HERE SAY THIS PRAYER.  
1865 AD: THAT PRAYER IS SUPERSTITION! HERE, DRINK THIS POTION.  
1935 AD: THAT POTION IS SNAKE OIL! HERE, SWALLOW THIS PILL.  
1975 AD: THAT PILL IS INEFFECTIVE! HERE TAKE THIS ANTIBIOTIC.  
2000 AD: THAT ANTIBIOTIC IS POISON! HERE, EAT THIS ROOT.



### ROSTER 14th May

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TELLER:

WELCOME TO GUESTS:

INTRODUCE SPEAKER:

GUEST SPEAKER

VOTE OF THANKS:

FINE SESSION:

STEWARDS:

Peter Carver

Alison Crane

Greg Bevan

Steve Jackson

Peter Lee

Stephen Crane

Graham Lidbury

All members

### 21st May

Alison Crane

Steve Jackson

David Lennon

Stephen Crane

Graham Lidbury

All members

### FUTURE EVENTS

13th May - Morriset High School Dinner

14th May - Peter Lee (Cycling infrastructure

26th May- Mayoral Academic Awards

28th May- Jenifer Jackson

(Youth off the Streets)

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](mailto:lids@westnet.com.au)

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



Teacher is giving a lesson on nutrition, and she decides to ask her students what they had for breakfast. To add a spelling component, she asks the students to also spell their answers. Susan puts up her hand and says she had an egg, 'E-G-G'. 'Very good', says the teacher.. Peter says he had toast 'T-O-A-S-T'. 'Excellent.'

Johnny has his hand up and the teacher reluctantly calls on him. 'I had bugger all', he says, ' B-U-G-G-E-R-A-L-L'.

The teacher is mortified and scolds Johnny for his rude answer.

Later when the lesson turns to geography, she asks the students some rudimentary questions. Susan correctly identifies the Capital of Canada ... Peter is able to tell her which ocean is off Canada 's east coast. When it's Johnny's turn, the teacher remembers his rude answer from the nutrition lesson, and decides to give him a very difficult question.

'Johnny', she asks, 'Where is the Pakistani border?'

Johnny ponders the question and finally says, "The Pakistani border is in bed with my mother. That's why I got bugger all for breakfast'.

**Dear Lord,**  
**I pray for Wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; and Patience for his moods.**  
**Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death. AMEN**

**Vladimir Putin, wanting to get on the good side of voters, goes to visit a school in Moscow to have a chat with the kids. He talks to them about how Russia is a powerful nation and how he wants the best for the people.**

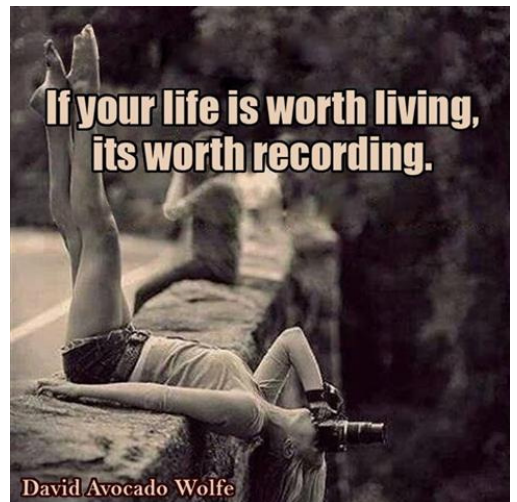
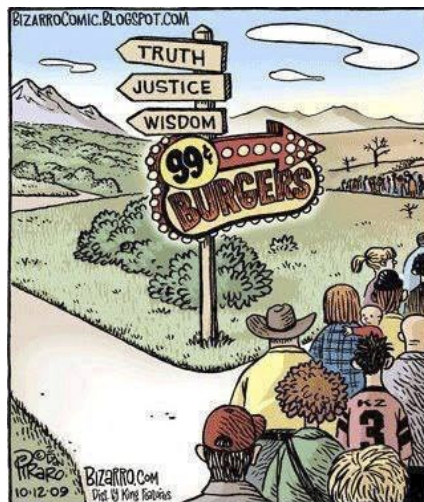
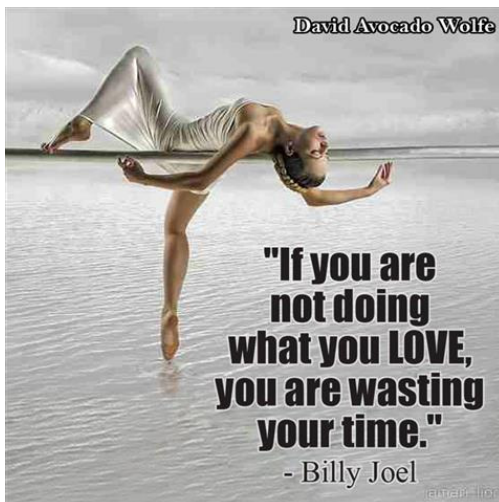
**At the end of the talk, there is a section for questions. Little Sasha puts her hand up and says "I have two questions. Why did the Russians take Crimea? And why are we sending troops to Ukraine?" Putin says "Good questions..." But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes, and the kids go to lunch.**

**When they come back, they sit back down and there is room for some more questions, another girl, Misha, puts her hand up and says**

**"I have four questions. My Questions are - Why did the Russians invade Crimea? Why are we sending troops to Ukraine? Why did the bell go 20 minutes early? And Where is Sasha?"**

**While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.....**

**.....then He made the earth round, and laughed and laughed and laughed.**



SON: "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

DAD: "Yeah sure, what is it?"

SON: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"

SON: "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "If you must know, I make \$100 an hour."

SON: "Oh! (With his head down)."

SON: "Daddy, may I please borrow \$50?"

The father was furious.

DAD: "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I work hard everyday for such this childish behaviour."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money?

After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$ 50 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

DAD: "Are you asleep, son?"

SON: "No daddy, I'm awake".

DAD: "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$50 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

SON: "Oh, thank you daddy!"

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

DAD: "Why do you want more money if you already have some?"

SON: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do."

"Daddy, I have \$100 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness. It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$100 worth of your time with someone you love? If we die tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family and friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our family. Some things are more important