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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another week of friendship including visiting Rotarians and guests of members, Isobel Lang and Graham Farrish along with our Guest Speaker Maryka Gibson. Janette gave an in site into Rotary District 9110 with an in depth account of Rotary at work in Nigeria with her international toast. They are such a proud nation and support districts far and wide with support to preschools, an Eye Ward in a large hospital. Rotary Clubs in the district continue to battle the fight for a malaria and polio free world and the more localised epidemic of Ebola. Their efforts and continued support shows just what Rotary at work can achieve. Thank you Janette, we look forward to further international toast from you from these areas of Africa.

Janette introduced our guest speaker for this week, Maryka Gibson, who spoke about a program she is co-ordinating which provides companionship and connection to the community. This is a program designed to enrich the lives of those who are socially isolated either in their own homes or care facilities. The program depends on volunteers of the age of 18 who would like to make a difference in the life of someone who has little contact with their community. This is a very worthwhile program and if you have a spare hour a week or fortnight you could be the person to bring a smile to a lonely person. Following Maryka's talk, Steve Crane thanked Maryka for attending our meeting and letting us know of the plight of others and who we can help, Steve then advised of his intention to apply to become a volunteer for this program.

Graham Lidbury advised he is a step nearer to the mystery "cognac" night, further details will emerge over the coming weeks.



President Vicki with Steve Crane and our guest speaker Maryka Gibson, plus the Lidbury brothers looking cool.

LAST ROTARY MEETING



Janette Jackson did the Rotary International Toast to the whole of District in Nigeria. We had two club guests in Graham Farrish and Isobel Lang. It was nice to see both guests enjoying the night with us. Two of our senior members Peter and Jack at the dinner meeting and Jack with a young friend after the dinner meeting. Jack hasn't lost his touch at all, we were all having a nice drink after the meeting and our magician was recognised amongst us by a lovely young admirer.

ROSTER 16th April

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Louise Selmes
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Margaret Maley
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: George Koncz
GUEST SPEAKER: Board Meeting
VOTE OF THANKS:
FINE SESSION: Graham Lidbury
STEWARDS: All members

23rd April

George Koncz
Margaret Maley
George Koncz
David Lennon
Stephen Palummo
Margaret Maley
Graham Lidbury
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

16th April - Board Meeting
18th April - BarBQ at Jowett's Pindimar
23rd April - Stephen Palummo
13th May - Morriset High School Dinner
14th May - Peter Lee (Cycling infrastructure)

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.

Capricorn Ramble Continues



The Capricorn Ramble or Safari is just about over. They are all on there way back home and to their respective Rotary clubs and host families. No doubt there will be many stories to tell but some will stay on the Ramble as usual. It will be a fun night when we hear Iver's account of the trip at our next club meeting with our fantastic young Viking One giving us his travels to date. They have travelled to fantastic beaches, had seen many glorious sunrises and sunsets, seen some of Australia's most photographed landscapes from the Great Ocean Road to Uluru, Kings Canyon, the Whitsundays, Atherton Tablelands and heaps of places in between. It surely is a journey they will not forget.





Thanks to all the students who posted photos plus to the group leaders who had the foresight to take lots of photos and post them for all Rotarians to be able to follow this great journey with them. Every trip is really worth recording so that the students can look back on this trip for many years to come, plus be able to share the trip with their parents and friends after they return home. Thank heavens this trip had some good photographers to record a great Safari.

Lovedale Long Lunch

Hunter Valley
16 & 17 May 2015



Lovedale Long Lunch is just a month away and we desperately need to complete the roster for the week end. If you can't manage a full day please advise of the times you can do on both or either day. Also please ask your family or friends if they can help us out on the week end. We need a minimum of ten assistants to help with the parking, if you know someone with RSA they may be able to help out in the tasting tent. What a lovely setting to work in for a day or two.



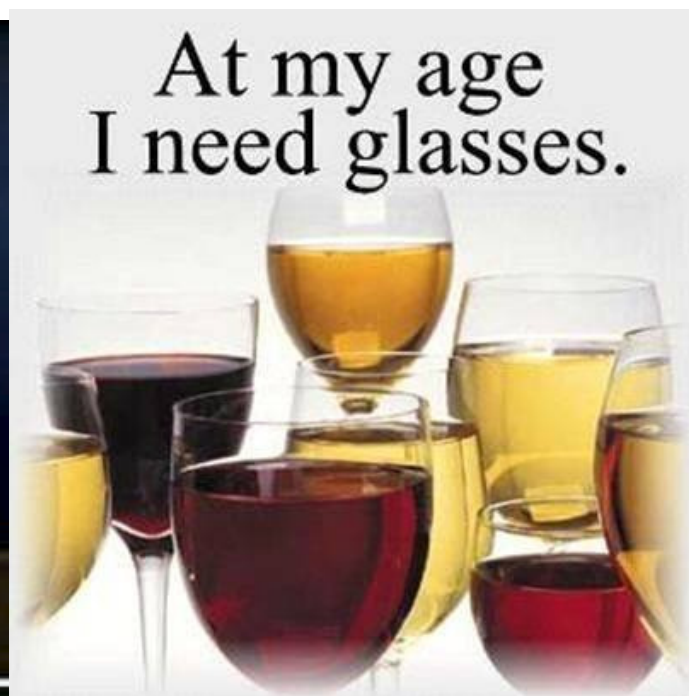
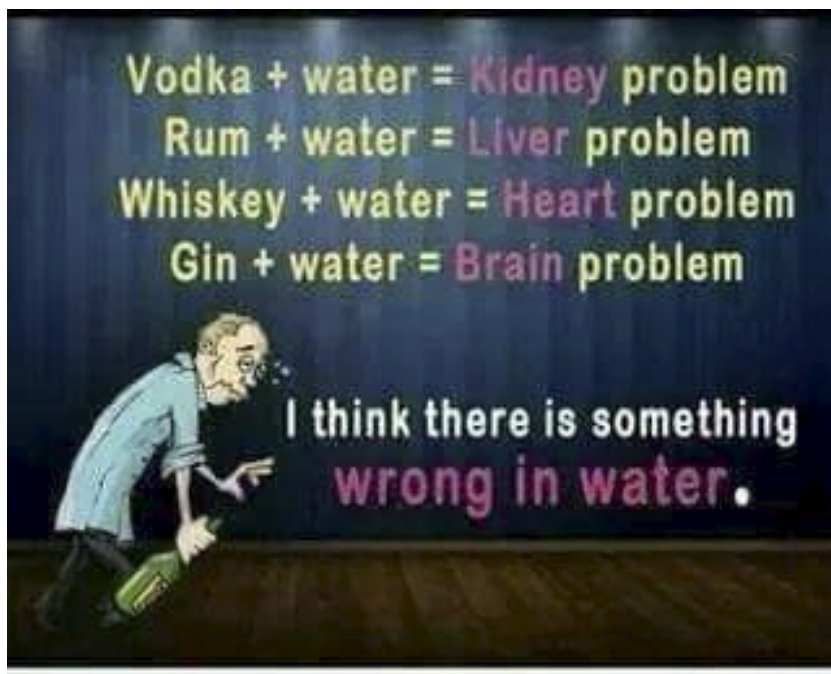
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Don't forget Next Saturday 18th April Joh and Meg have invited us to Pindima to celebrate some birthdays for the month including the very important day for Ivor who is turning 18.

For those wishing to attend please advise before Wednesday. It is suggested that members arrive for a lunch time BBQ, please bring your meat, drinks and a party plate to share, salad, nibbles, sweets, etc. Could you advise your choice so we don't have double up on dishes.

Just reminder, the "Spoke" is a club magazine and all members are invited to contribute articles.

See you Thursday, President Vicki





QUOTES BY WOMEN

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb ... and I also know that I'm not blonde. - Dolly Parton

You see a lot of smart guys with dumb women, but you hardly ever see a smart woman with a dumb guy. - Erica Jong

I want to have children, but my friends scare me. One of my friends told me she was in labour for 36 hours. I don't even want to do anything that feels good for 36 hours. - Rita Rudner

I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog. - Wendy Liebman

Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth. - Erma Bombeck

If high heels were so wonderful, men would still be wearing them. - Sue Grafton

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on. - Roseanne Barr

I think - therefore I'm single. - Lizz Winstead

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. - Elayne Boosler

Behind every successful man is a surprised woman. - Maryon Pearson

I base most of my fashion taste on what doesn't itch. - Gilda Radner

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman. - Margaret Thatcher