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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK DISTRICT 9670 SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a wonderful group of speakers David Lennon has organised for us. This week we were so fortunate to have Kristi Rossi and husband David with us and Kristi speaking to us about breast cancer awareness and her plan to climb Mt Kilimanjaro to bring awareness to many more people. We as a club are deeply aware of the reality of breast cancer and Kristi's message of hope was timely. Kristi also spoke about her work as a fitness trainer and her own challenges with weight loss and fitness. She has a passion to help others and her success in the fitness and weight loss area have significantly helped many. We trust that her passion to spread the message of the reality of breast cancer will reap similar rewards to people that her fitness regime has done. T.S. Eliot once observed that 'Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go". Kristi has not yet found how far she can go but the journey in finding out will be memorable. I hope we can have Kristi back to tell us of her Mt Kilimanjaro experience. One thing of which we can be certain is that this will not be the last challenge this achieving lady will conquer. Thank you Kristi for a stimulating discussion.

Next week is a Board Meeting followed by the Easter holiday period. See you all then.



Our guest speakers Kristi and David Rossi plus our three gorgeous Rotarians Vicki, Gail and Margaret.

SPEAKERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SYDNEY



Tommy Spaulding: World-renowned expert on leadership and president of Spaulding Companies Corporation, a national leadership development and executive coaching organization. His topic is the Changing the World One Relationship at a Time.

Gemma Sisier: Founder of the School of St. Jude in Tanzania, which helps children in East Africa break the cycle of poverty. Topic: Fighting Poverty Through Education

Ade Adepitan: Former Paralympian, award-winning television broadcaster, motivational speaker, and polio survivor.

Maya Ajmera: Rotary Scholar, founder of the Global Fund for Children, and visiting scholar and professional lecturer at Johns Hopkins University. She is the recipient of the 2013-14 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Dr Bruce Aylward: Assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization



ROSTER 17th April 2014 INTERNATIONAL TOAST David Lennon **TELLER:** WELCOME TO GUESTS: **INTRODUCE SPEAKER: GUEST SPEAKER** VOTE OF THANKS: FINE SESSION: STEWARDS:

Maley/Thomas Steve Crane N/A **Board Meeting** N/A Peter Carver All members

24th April Graham Lidbury Maley/S Jackson Jack Grant Brian Howe Shiela Tumbull Janette Jackson Peter Carver All members

FUTURE EVENTS 17th April - Board Meeting 24th April - Shiela Tumbull Relay for Life

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.



Dolly ^{and} Rotary Matt has recently joined Toastmasters and he has just delivered his first speech to the group, which is called an "Ice Breaker" This speech is to introduce yourself and a brief history of your life. Matt did very well and he met the objectives of the speech requirements. He mentioned his early life and the present exchange which he is on through Rotary. It was an entertaining effort to listen to. Well done Matt.

bringing the

gift of literacy

to kids across

Australia

Anyone who has seen Dolly Parton in Concert would agree that she is just fantastic plus that she is a gifted story teller. In a bid to share her passion for words, Dolly launched the Imagination Library in 1996 and since then 56,000,000 books have been gifted to children around the world. On her recent visit to Australia Dolly shared her passion for reading and her dreams as a child of becoming a singer and song writer. She described how growing up in a highly disadvantaged area where even her family members couldn't afford books was the impetus for starting the now global Imagination Library. "If you can read, you can learn about anything" says Dolly. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library can be replicated by any group, in any community across Australia. If any Rotary Club or District is interested then they can visit and register interest at www.imaginationlibrary.com.au