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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

February is an important month for Rotary. February 23rd marks the 110 anniversary of Rotary and to celebrate we followed our meal with coffee and cake, cut by our club's longest serving member present Greg Bevan and our newest member Ross Lidbury. Your efforts and commitment to our club help Rotary to achieve lasting change in our community and around the world and in the words of John Hewko, "every gift makes real and lasting difference".

This year also marks 30 years since Rotary launched its campaign to rid the world of polio. During this time extraordinary progress has been made towards the eradication of polio worldwide. A difficult road still lies ahead but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, Rotary will lead the way towards a polio free world.

February is also World Understand Month – what you may ask is this. It is a challenge for Rotary and all people to come to grips with the challenges and understand the needs around the world. A hard task to come to terms with when there is so much conflict in the world today. World understand month is a time for club members to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service – Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world. Many of Rotary's programmes at International, District and Club level address these aims.

The meeting this week followed our monthly Board Meeting where we discussed the presentation of Paul Harris Fellow awards being granted to members of the community for outstanding efforts in contributing to our community as well as Rotary Club Members for their commitment and efforts. The motion was moved and voted with a majority acceptance of this motion. Janette presented a list of incoming correspondence for discussion, all members have been sent email copies of this and can at any time comment on any of these matters. A late request was forwarded by email to board members who have voted to accept and present a donation to McKenzie Pringle from Mount View High School to attend a RYAG camp at Walcha, McKenzie will then attend a meeting to talk on her week end.

Thanks to all who attended the BBQ at Maitland Park last Sunday, very hot day but as Iver reminded us the free icies which were set up next to our BBQ cooled everyone down even though it took more than one, the flavours were delicious. Also nice to see the family groups who attended the presentations enjoying a fun couple of hours.

Reports from members who have been in contact or to visit Peter Carver indicate Peter is progressing well and should be home on Sunday – all the best for a speedy recovery Peter and not to forget Kaye, our best wishes also.

Also to Irene (and Bill, it's been a hard few weeks but hope the days are getting better and you are getting stronger, hear a whisper that Irene has been glancing at the travel brochures, so that shows great improvement.



Next week, we will be transferring the meeting (to Glendale) to enable those of us who are attending the movie premier for Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus, “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”. Time 6.30pm for BYO nibbles or buy at cinema, movie starts at 7.30pm sharp. Seats are on first in best seat offer so will need to be seated a little before 7.30.

It was decided that not holding our regular meeting as most of the members will be at Glendale was the way to go for this week. So, **NO MEETING AT POTTERS** on the 26th.

Iver entertained us with his events of the week helped out with a “useful” dictionary supplied by his mentors who, I will not name at this stage but you can all guess who the 2 culprits are who are leading Iver astray with his interpretation of the Aussie language. Anyway lots of laughter but glad to see Iver is attending school every day even if only for a few hours on some of those days and still managing to get in some surfing and soccer practice.

Don forget our visit to Nelson Bay on Sunday 15th March. This is a 2 hour ferry trip around the bay with wine, prawns and oysters followed by a BBQ lunch back at the yacht club. All drinks except for a glass of wine on the ferry is BYO or available from the bar at the club. We will discuss taking some nibbles for those who don’t eat seafood. Should be a good day.

The meeting ended with good fun and laughter following the fine session with Graham Lidbury. By the way Peter, Graham is putting you up for a big fine when you come back for leaving him in this position at such short notice.

President Vicki



Iver gave us his weekly travels story in his usually casual way. Iver is now at the Bevans household and Lorraine assured me that Iver is doing really well. He might have to lift his game just a bit more if he is going to challenge last years exchange student Matt’s favouritism. Just a tip Iver, Matt used to make breakfast, cook dinners for Greg and Lorraine. I guess you might have think of something else.

ROSTER 26th Feb 2015

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TELLER:

WELCOME TO GUESTS:

INTRODUCE SPEAKER:

GUEST SPEAKER

VOTE OF THANKS:

FINE SESSION:

STEWARDS:

All members

5th March

John Jowett

Maley/Thomas

Louse Selmes

TBA

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All members

FUTURE EVENTS

23rd Feb - Rotary 110th Birthday

26th Feb - Film Premier Glendale

12-16 March - German GSE Visit

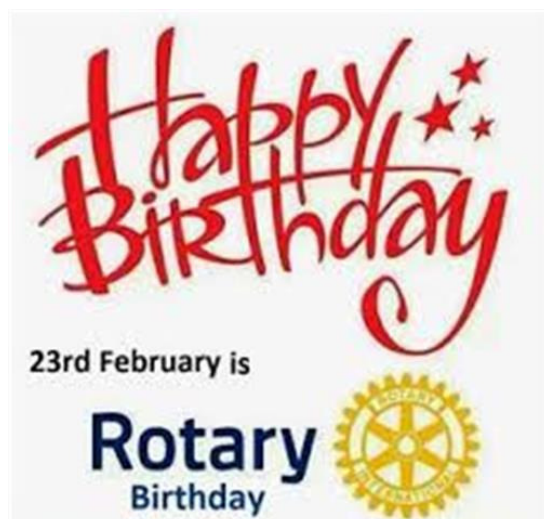
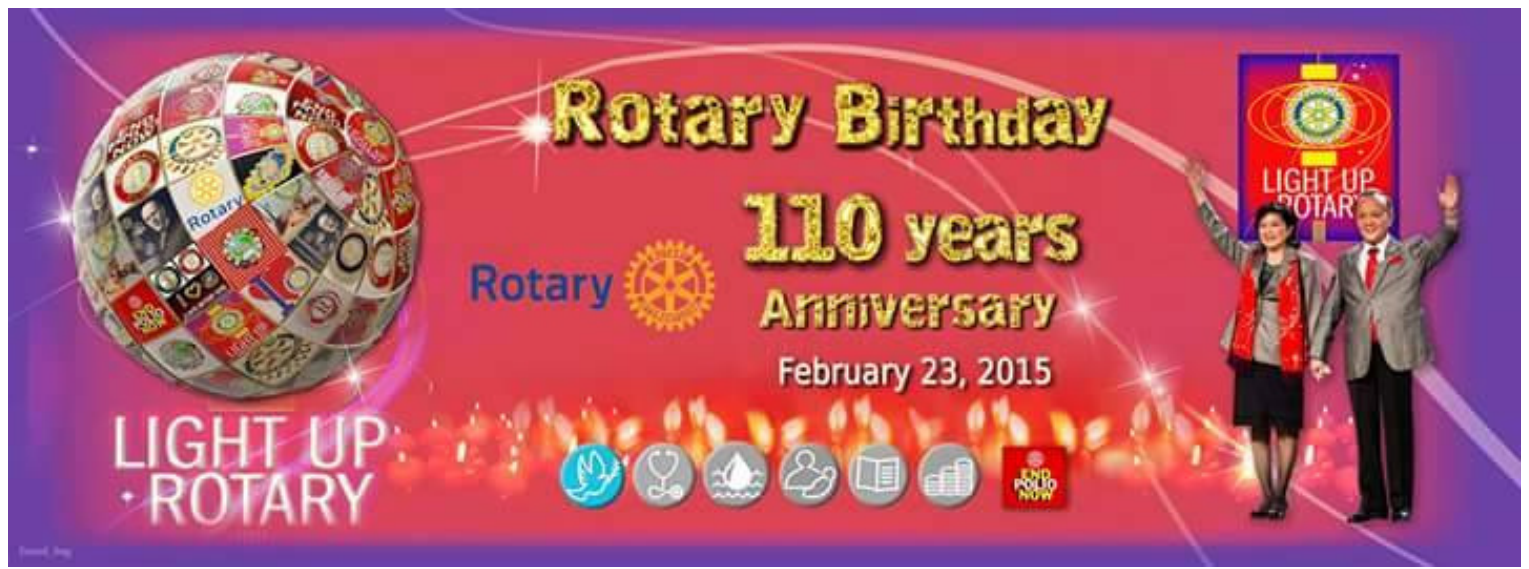
20-22nd March- District Conference Foster

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.



We celebrated the 110th Birthday of Rotary in our club meeting with a 110th Celebration Cake. We had our President Vicki, our Inbound Exchange student Iver, our newest member Ross Lidbury and our longest serving member on the night Greg Bevan to do the honours of cutting the cake.

**Every car should come
with a puppy holder**



**What a
beautiful
world it
would be
if people
had hearts
like dogs**

Animal Defence League



CAUTIONARY TALE

Fred was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young pullets and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs. He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Fred's favourite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Fred's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk on to the next one.

Fred was so proud of old Butch, he entered him in the Brisbane City Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result was the judges awarded old Butch not only the "No Bell Piece Prize," but also the "Pulletsurprise."

Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Vote carefully in the next election: you can't always hear the bells.



ALRIGHT.... BACK OFF NOW!!!

