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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a joy it was to welcome Mark and Marilyn Zober from The Rotary Club of Jerusalem on Thursday night. Marilyn told us with great enthusiasm of the Club, its members and its programs within their community. It seems that Rotary is the same the world over with members enjoying great fellowship and doing good within the community. Thank you Mark and Marilyn for seeking us out and for the fellowship that resulted. We were also blessed with a challenging address from Barbara McPhee on the important but frequently overlooked subject of Ergonomics. Good Ergonomics plays such an important part of our every day lives and the poor ergonomics to which we are subject each day ultimately causes us much pain and limits our enjoyment in life more than we often realise. I think we all learned something from Barbara and we thank her for educating us on this most important subject and its application to our every day lives.

Next week we will have another history lesson from our esteemed Historian Brian Howe.

Please come along and enjoy the fellowship.

Remember that the following Thursday night 5th June, will be at Robyn Drayton's where we will enjoy the company and fellowship with the Rotarians from Arizona. President David



Brian Howe introduced our guest speaker Barbara McPhee, who was indeed very informative about many issues in most work forces in the past and still in many work places today.

Our overseas guests from Jerusalem were staying in the Hunter and we were glad to have their company during our meeting. Some of us might even catch up with them at the Sydney Convention which is coming up on the 1st of June 2014.



If you ever wondered what progress is all about in China, then take a look at the same city photo with just a short twenty years difference. Now that’s what you call a growing economy. Another thing that you all probably always wanted to know, is what ever happened to the Von Trapp Family. One became Spiderman, one had to run or the government would kill her when she reached thirty, one was lost in space, and the dad was both a Shakespeare quoting Klingon (whatever that is) and a space emperor. And the stepmom has too many roles for me to name.



2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

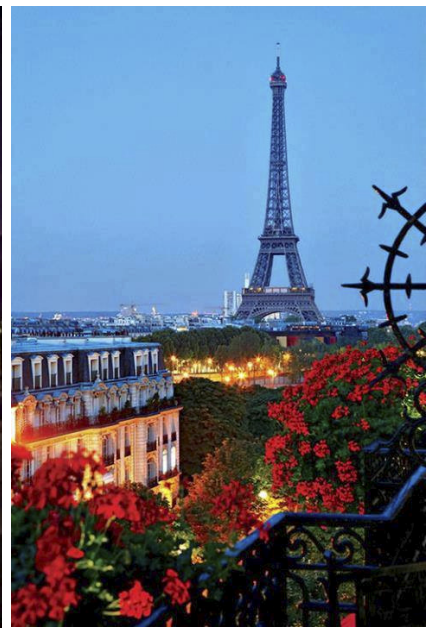
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ROSTER 29th May 2014		5th June 2014	FUTURE EVENTS 29th May - Brian Howe 5th June - Arizona Rotarians at Robyn Drayton Wines.
INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER:	Louise Selmes	Arizona Rotarians	
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	A Crane/Drayton	A Crane/Thomas	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Jack Grant	Robyn Drayton	
GUEST SPEAKER	Brian Howe	President David	
VOTE OF THANKS:	President David	Arizona Rotarians	
FINE SESSION:	Graham Lidbury	TBA	
STEWARDS:	Janette Jackson	TBA	
	All members	All members	

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.



Robyn Drayton has been to Broome in Western Australia and her photography is really getting better. Margaret Maley is in Paris France and no doubt has been to the Eiffel Tower. We are likely to get some travellers tails from both our travelling members.

A US Air Force C-141 is scheduled to leave Thule Air Base, Greenland at midnight. During the pilot's preflight check, he discovers that the latrine holding tank is still full from the last flight. So a message is sent to the base and an airman who was off duty is called out to take care of it. The young man finally gets to the air base and makes his way to the aircraft, only to find that the latrine pump truck has been left outdoors and is frozen solid, so he must find another one in the hangar, which takes even more time.

He returns to the aircraft and is less than enthusiastic about what he has to do. Nevertheless, he goes about the pumping job deliberately and carefully (and slowly) so as to not risk criticism later. As he's leaving the plane, the pilot stops him and says, "Son, your attitude and performance has caused this flight to be late and I'm going to personally see to it that you are not just reprimanded but punished."

Shivering in the cold, his task finished, he takes a deep breath stands up tall and says, "Sir, with all due respect, I'm not your son; I'm an Airman in the United States Air Force. I've been in Thule, Greenland for 11 months without any leave, and reindeer are beginning to look pretty good to me. I have one stripe; it's two-thirty in the morning, the temperature is 40 degrees below zero and my job here is to pump shit from your aircraft.

Now just exactly what form of punishment did you have in mind?"

A scientist gets on a train to go to New York. His cabin also has a poor farmer in it. To pass the time the scientist decides to play a game with the guy. "I will ask you a question and if you get it wrong, you have to pay me 1 dollar. Then you ask me a question, and if I get it wrong, you get 10 dollars. You ask me a question first." The farmer thinks for a while. "I know. What has three legs, takes 10 hours to climb up a palm tree and 10 seconds to get back down?" The scientist is confused and thinks long and hard about the question. Finally, the train ride is coming to an end. As it pulls into the station, the scientist takes out 10 dollars and gives it to the farmer "I don't know. What has 3 legs, takes 10 hours to get up a palm tree and 10 seconds to get back down?" The farmer takes the 10 dollars and puts it into his pocket. He then takes out one dollar and hands it to the scientist. "I don't know."

What is a True International Student?

I have been asked the question many times “What do Exchange students even do?” Well to tell you the truth, it’s a lot more information than what anyone expects, but I sum it up into one word “LIVE”. Not to toot my own horn, but Exchange Students are some of the most outstanding people you will meet in your life. We have all been bitten with the disease to explore the world and to become something more than what we are. We have to travel and see as many parts of the world as we possibly can. We are not satisfied staying in one place for too long. What do we do? We study. We leave everything familiar to us. We explore. We make bonds with people all over the world that no one else can even fathom. We break boundaries. We educate others. We become something that we never knew was possible. We change. We adapt. We are the crazy kids that get dropped in the middle of a foreign country, with no idea of which way is up. We become the people our parents always wished that they could be. But most importantly, we thrive. Many people try to relate exchange to the same difficulties of going of to college in a new town, but trust me, it is much more difficult. Most of us are at least 3000 miles from our “homes” and spend months contemplating our decisions of coming to the unknown. After initial shock, we realize that we couldn’t picture ourselves anywhere else. We learn languages, even ones not related to the culture we are submersed in. We expand our knowledge of the world, and want nothing more but to share it with others. We attend schools in another language and have no idea what is happening, but continue to push ourselves to be as uncomfortable as possible. We are comfortable being uncomfortable. We realize that we have many more homes than what we thought. We have one thing we all want... to explore! We start to think about traditions back home. We forget about them. We start forgetting our own language and can only remember the words in our new language. We are happy. We are sad. We are depressed. We are ecstatic. We love to have a healthy dose of knowledge and an unhealthy dose of food. We have happy “Hello’s” and tear-filled “Goodbye’s”. We know what we want. We don’t know how we want it. We don’t know where we want it. We don’t know how we will do it. But, we know we will do it. We are wanderers. We are travelers. We are anything we think we are. We talk to strangers. We eat things that only resemble food. We live. Exchange is not something that can be understood, because it cannot be defined. It can only be experienced. We can tell you “Oh exchange is this amazing thing where you go to another country for a year and learn a new language and culture.” Well in my opinion that just does not do Exchange any justice. It is much, much more than that. Exchange is more difficult than moving to a new town. But, more valuable than all the money in the world. Exchange is not a Year in the Life, but a Lifetime in a Year.

-Jay Rhoden Outbound to Poland 2013/2014





A few more photos of the Capricorn Ramble trip. The top photo is the only one I could find with the group leaders pictured together with the students, looks like a great group.

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