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... FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Coves,

All change! On Friday, we welcomed our latest exchange student, Pernille Tharaldsen, from Norway. Our thanks go to Fiona and David Gawel (plus Max and Rex) for being Pernille’s first host family and to Vanessa for her dedication in making the arrangements. Our second student, Akari, will be joining us in a week or two. We wish Pernille a happy and productive year in our “Lucky Country”.

Our speaker, Nishant Samuel from Sydney City Rotaract, gave us an enlightening view of the projects and achievements of local Rotaractors who are supported by the Coves and other City clubs. Currently, Ted McKown and Derek White are opening the doors for Rotaractors to work with us in the Solomons and in developing the Imagination Library literacy project in Sydney’s Aboriginal community.

From questions and answers it is clear that Rotaractors are “project driven” young people, happy to engage with their sponsoring clubs, yet we still have to find ways of encouraging them into Rotary. Nishant was refreshingly open in identifying some barriers to Rotary membership and seemed to be pointing at RC of Darling Harbour’s more liberal approach to meetings and membership. Maybe we
should take a look?

This week, we also reminded ourselves of Rotary’s Six Areas of Focus, being:

- Peace – Conflict prevention and resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

If I may be so bold as to add a seventh – Fundraising. Without the sterling efforts of our Trustees, the Regatta, Choral Grand Prix and Golf Day organisers, all of these ideals would become academic.

I am keen to see the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove engage in all of these areas of focus at one level or another. There are plenty of opportunities for our members, new and older, to make a difference in our world through membership of Rotary. This is presumably why we join a service club – to share and encourage ideas and to put them into practice – and have some fun, together!

Michael Austin

GUEST SPEAKER: 1 AUG

Michael Fahey was born in Sydney in 1962. He grew up in Killara and attended St Ignatius’ College, Riverview. After graduating with an economics degree from the University of Sydney, he worked in investment and stockbroking.

A keen rugby player and cricketer, Michael’s first major purchase as a collector was Mike Whitney’s baggy green cap which he bought in 1992. This inspired him to weave his passions for sport and history into a business, and since 1993 he has been trading in sporting antiques and memorabilia and now operates as “Michael Fahey - Sports Memorabilia Australia”.

He spoke at Lord’s on the book “Baggy Green” which is the subject of today’s “speak” in 2009 and he is the Official valuer for the National Sports Museum in Melbourne, Bradman Museum and SCG Museum.

Michael is married with three children and lives in Longueville.

Jamie Costello

BOOK REVIEW: THE BAGGY GREEN

The Baggy Green

The pride, passion and history of Australia’s sporting icon.

By Michael Fahey and Mike Coward

Foreword by Mark Taylor

The Baggy Green - the same yesterday, today and forever.......The baggy green cap worn by Australian Test players is an icon. It is the pride, passion and in effect the history of Australian Cricket.

With the face of cricket ever-changing the wearing of the baggy green has been for Australian players the pinnacle. Michael Clarke recently said “I have the ultimate respect for the cap, and if I have any input into the next generation I will see that the tradition continues”.

As Mark Taylor says in his Foreword to the book, “The baggy green is revered by everyone with a connection to Australian Cricket”. He goes on to say “Being awarded a baggy green is the ultimate for a cricketer in Australia and I am proud to have ensured the significance of this badge of honour is appreciated by everyone who loves the game in Australia and abroad”.

In its early days the Australian cricket cap varied from season to season, tour to tour. But as the young colony developed a unique identity and headed towards Federation at the beginning of the 20th century, the baggy green took shape. By the turn of the 21st century it has become a national icon - a symbol of Australian sporting excellence and a highly sought after item of memorabilia.

The book contains many wonderful stories of Australian player’s views on the baggy green. We read stories of how caps were swapped, lost then found, stolen and sold. Funny stories concerning ‘the cap’ as it was once known are also recalled. The proud tradition of wearing the Australian cap is looked at in detail. The Baggy Green charts this evolution with reflections from many past and present Test players, and inside information from the world’s leading auction houses.

The book retails at $38.50 – to Club members, a signed and inscribed copy (for cash) $30.
WAITARA VOICES and our CHORAL GRAND PRIX

Waitara Voices (Waitara Public School) are contestants in our Australian Grand Prix on 24 August. Catch an early performance and show your support by attending their spectacular concert at the Sydney Town Hall on 10 Aug at 3pm.

WAITARA VOICES
2014 “Australian War Requiem”

This original music composition submitted to the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board recognises the centenary of World War I and the Gallipoli campaign. Composed by Melbourne-born Vienna-trained Christopher Bowen OAM, it draws inspiration from the letters between diggers at the front and their mothers in Australia.

It is written for four soloists and a large chorus supplemented by a children’s choir with large orchestral accompaniment. Waitara Voices has been selected as the children’s choir for this performance.

Tickets on sale through www.seymourcentre.com (9351 7904) or www.ticketmaster.com.au (1300723 038)

Kevin Beltrame

KIDS IN KENYA FUNDRAISER: WED 3 SEP

MEET THE CHALLENGE
at the
KIDS IN KENYA TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy a social night and fund raising Trivia Event for a good cause. The Kids in Kenya literacy project is jointly supported by Rotary Club of Sydney Cove and Rotary Club of Drummoyne.

Tom & Meg Gervay
RUGBY BASH: SAT 16 AUG  

INVITATION TO A BARBEQUE AND RUGBY AT 9 MITCHELL ST. GREENWICH

Our Rugby Bash is gaining momentum BUT not enough Aussies. You can't let the Kiwi's dominate. Couch room still available. Let's see some yellow and gold - today’s “black” in fashion terms. Black (and white) is so unfashionable. Bring along your Aussie colours, your partners and your beer/wine and we will provide the sausages and bread rolls. Please rsvp by email. First in get the spots. Looking forward to you being here.

Tom and Meg Gervay

CITY2SURF: SUN 10 AUG

Coves

Many thanks to the 17 Coves and relatives who have put up their hands for marshaling duties on Sunday 10 August. If you are one of the 17 and haven't already registered online with Fairfax Media, could you please do so ASAP and let me know when you have ticked all the boxes.

Ted McKeown

COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Service Committee is 8 August. All welcome.

Stanley Lee

ROTARY REUNION IN EUROPE

While everyone saved up to visit Sydney for the Rotary Convention others went to Europe. Not sure if they really overlapped but why ruin a good intro line. Communications from afar have past Rotarians Ed Ackman and Ron Smart complete with wife Janette bumping into each other in Vienna. This followed Ed's attending a Ukelele Festival in the UK with past Rotary exchange student Max Leo (not quite in the same field as Ron's Choral and Symphonic Festival in Vienna). Thanks for the happy holiday snaps Ed. I'm sure they will bring back memories for some in our Club.

Cheryl Rose (with input from Ed)

CLUB EVENTS IN OUR DISTRICT

Sydney City Rotaract Club Bollywood fundraising night for their Nepal project; 23 August at Concord Function Centre $120 for 3 course meal, wine etc and dancing all night long! Book at www.sydneycityrotaract.org.au

BANNS

The application for membership by Joseph (Joe) Sidoti has been approved by the Membership committee and is now subject to the consideration by members and, if appropriate, for ratification by the Board. Joe was formerly a member of the Rotary Clubs of Newtown and Sydney Inner West for over 25 years.

Paul Ward-Harvey
Kevin Beltrame reminded Coves to book now for the Choral Grand Prix on 24 August at Chatswood Concourse Theatre 2.30pm; listen to the winning choirs from the Sydney Eisteddfod choral championships competing for top prize money; Book on line at www.ticketek.com.au or by phone 1300795012

Meg Gervay invited Coves to join in the ‘Boardroom Bash’ at 9 Mitchell Street Greenwich on 16 August 7pm to watch the Bledisloe Cup Rugby Game; NZ vs Australia! True Blue Ozzies are needed to swell the ranks of the Kiwi tribe gathering for this momentous occasion! There are still a few lounge chairs left so contact Meg & Tom on gervay@bigpond.com if you would like to share the night.

Meg also advised of the Trivia Night 7pm on September 3 at Quarryman Hotel Pyrmont to raise funds for our International Services literacy project for Kids in Kenya. Cost is $25 for Trivia, finger food and fun! Book a table on gervay@bigpond.com and join the challenge!

Denzil Byrne announced the next fundraiser for Stepping Stone House; a Bledisloe Cup Dinner; at The Deckhouse Woolwich on 14 August; cost is $200 per person, black tie event hosted by the indefatigable Peter Fitzsimons. Book at www.steppingstonehouse.com.au

Ted McKeown thanked those who have volunteered to marshall at City to Surf on 10 August; waiting for more information.

John Harrison is seeking volunteers for the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program; there are 12 dates during July and August so if you can spare a few hours to help with marshalling, let John know asap.

Meg Gervay

Local Rotarians:
Joe Sidoti, Sydney Inner West
Nishant Samuel – Sydney City Rotaract
Annie Tigrania - Sydney City Rotaract

Local Guests:
None

International Rotarians:
None

International Guests:
Pernille Tharaldsen - Rotary Exchange Student

Cheryl Rose