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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - November 28th

“Around Cape Horn on HM Barque Endeavour Replica”

Speaker: PP John Ellis

Chairman: Claude Rigney

Reporter: Pat Parker

Secretary John has agreed to re-tell the story of his voyage on board the 'Endeavour Replica' which included a rounding of Cape Horn and also a stop at Stanley in the Falkland Islands. My research indicates that the voyage took place in 2002 with the 'rounding' taking place in mid April that year.

I'm sure we are in for a most interesting and informative talk tonight.



NEXT WEEK - December 5th

THE CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN: President Pam Hudson REPORTER: John Ellis

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 5th.

Nominations by members of the club are invited for President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors. The directorships are Membership, Administration, Projects, The Rotary Foundation/ International, Public Relations, and Pride of Workmanship.

Nominations should be submitted by members to the Secretary in writing at least 7 days before the time of the election. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under the applicable positions and shall be voted for at the annual general meeting.

If you would like to know what is involved in each or any of the positions, talk to President Pam or to Alex Thomas. Remember, a volunteer is worth more than '10 pressed men (or women)'.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Job Interview

Two blokes living in outback Australia saw a couple of jobs advertised by the Queen looking for footmen, to walk beside her carriage.

They applied and were flown to London for an interview with Her Majesty. She said: "Because my footmen must wear long white stockings, I must see your ankles to be sure they are not swollen or misshapen".

After they showed her their ankles, the Queen said: "It is also important that you do not have nobbly knees, so I need to see your knees as well".

Once she has seen their knees she said: "Now everything appears to be in shape so I just need to see your testimonials".

Five years later, when the pair were finally released from prison, one of the blokes said to the other "I reckon if we had just had a bit more education, we could have got that job".

St Lucy's "Good Vibrations" concert and thank you morning tea for special guests



St Lucy's invites you to join us for morning tea and a special performance of our end of year concert

Tuesday 6 December at 10.30am morning tea • Concert seating at 11.15am • Concludes at 1.00pm.
There will be a five minute interval at 12.00pm, allowing time for anyone needing to leave early.
Venue: St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga. Entry via Gallery
RSVP by 1 December to Jill Davidson - 9487 1277 or email jilld@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

We are grateful for the wonderful philanthropic and volunteer support we receive from you and other members of the St Lucy's community who share our vision of transforming the lives of our amazing children

Meeting Report – Monday 21st November 2016

The Meeting was opened by President Pam who welcomed our guest speakers Peter and Jillian Shultz, a number of other guests and some of our ladies.

John Ellis advised that a student of Cherrybrook High had been in touch seeking assistance towards attending the “Honeywell Challenge”. It was agreed to provide a level of financial support to the student.

Corporal Jim was in fine form and managed to scour the room for any evidence of spare change. Claude managed to attract some of the Corporal’s fury, which was unfortunate for Ian Huckle who had to front up for the freight for the flurry of fines for the financial free zone that was Claude.

David Firth advised that the Tree of Joy had been installed at Pennant Hills shopping centre and already, in the first day or so over 80 cards have been removed from the Tree.

David then introduced Jillian and Peter who live with their family in Fiji. They are involved in a ministry related to the men and women in Fiji’s prisons.

Peter said that he and the family had gone to Fiji at the end of 2005 on a holiday but because of personal conviction, had ended up staying and founding “Operation Foundation” which is a ministry to assist the rehabilitation of people who are being released from prison. There are approximately 1,800 people currently in prison in Fiji which is actually high historically.

Peter’s background was that in 1997 he was convicted of corporate fraud and after a period in jail himself, found that being released from prison was a very difficult transition. He says that he can well understand that where people are released and have had a previous addiction, they are very likely to return to it to find “pain relief”. As a consequence of these realizations Peter became very aware that what happens behind the walls influences the outcomes. He became passionate about the need to help people transition back to their family and community.

One of the first things he did was take a prisoner who was being released, home. This is now a policy in the Fiji prison system and every prisoner is now “taken home”. There have been policies developed about how this should occur and includes pre visits to the families. It is now being done by prison personnel. Peter advises that this has actually made a very big impact on the way in which prisoner staff treat prisoners. They are now being regarded as “Captains of life”. In addition the “yellow ribbon” policy has been put in place by the government and makes rehabilitation a first priority.

The impact has been marked. Whereas recidivism rates had been 67 to 70% they are now down at 27%, an extraordinary change.

Peter then handed over to Jill. It took Jill 4 years to settle in Fiji, but she then started to work in the women’s prison. She started with a group of ladies and developed with them some craft projects and some literacy and numeracy skills. During the course of this year, she started on a more intensive intervention program, with a group of 13 ladies who were all serving life sentences. This means that they will serve at least 15 years in prison. Again these programs are proving to be life changing.

The point both Jill and Peter made was that the improved outcomes were firmly related to the depth of the relationships, and preparation for the family, the community and the prisoners themselves prior to the actual release.

There was also mention made of the impact of Cyclone Winston. Food aid and trauma counselling was being undertaken but the reconstruction project is going to take some considerable time. Jill and Peter’s organisation helped in the construction of 15 houses and Habitat for Humanity constructed 23 houses. But there are three and half thousand people living in tents and it is likely to be some 5 years of hard work to get them back to a position of a “return of livelihood”.

President Pam thanked Jill and Peter for coming and for their very informative and enlightening talk.

Reporter: Phil Stanton

Peter Schultz’s website is www.operationfoundationfiji.org/



Some of the 15 houses being constructed after the Cyclone Winston devastation

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
OCT 15 To DEC 17	OUR CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE TICKET SELLING COMMENCING AT	PENNANT HILLS MARKETPLACE	WE WILL BE CIRCULATING A ROSTER SOON	THERE ARE 10 SELLING DAYS - ALL SATURDAYS
DEC 5	ANNUAL GENERAL	MEETING & ELECTIONS	PRESIDENT PAM	JOHN ELLIS
DEC 12	TBA	TBA		
Dec 19	CHRISTMAS BBQ	NOTE: VENUE TBA	PRESIDENT PAM	DAVID FIRTH

NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 26th OR JANUARY 2nd

Jan 23	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT JOINT MEETING WITH	PP JOHN ELLIS BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	ADRIAN BELL
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TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

This week we were back at Thornleigh Plaza, but unlike our usual Saturday sales, this time we were there on Sunday - on a reduced roster of 9am until 1pm. Our sales teams were Phil Stanton, John Ellis and Pam Hudson for the first 2 hours, followed by Peter Wilson, Theo Glockemann and David Firth.

It's good to be able to report good sales for the day - we sold 411 tickets and took \$683.50 which is a much improved result compared to recent weeks. Year-to-date our total is just over \$300 behind the same time last year.

Once again, special recognition of champion fundraiser Claude Rigney who returned his first raffle book sold amongst friends and family and has now started on his second book! This is a salutary reminder to the rest of us that selling tickets this way is a most important boost for our charity efforts.

Next Saturday we are selling at West Pennant Hills shops outside Coles Supermarket. Morning Shift is Bell, Hudson, Pankhurst & Reid; Afternoon Shift is Chappel, Glockemann and Firth.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 77.8%

Apologies: Alex Thomas, Theo Glockemann, Pat Parker

Guest Speakers: Peter & Jill Schultz

Guests: David & Merrill Barr, Jim & Gill Mein, Ken & Pam Steen, Susan Wilson, Heather Firth, Wendy Bell, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Priscilla Walsh

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Julia Bradley - December 1st

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Thought for the Week

“There are three kinds of people in the world; those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who wonder what happened!”

- Jim Lovell, commander, Apollo 13