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NGSE IS STARTING AGAIN - HOSTS NEEDED!

Posted by Alan SEALE

After a two-year COVID imposed break we are resuming where we left off with the **New Generations Service Exchange** program. You might remember Lotta Rink, the talented young Bassoonist who had to go home early thanks to the pandemic.

Nevertheless, in July this year two young Australian opera singers, Louise Keast and Michael Dimovski, will be heading off to Bavaria where they will be hosted by German Rotary families for around 6 weeks. They will be participating in the Bayreuth Young Artist's Festival, attending master classes, and in Michael's case, performing at the D1950 District Conference.

We are also expecting two inbound exchanges from Germany. Maria (Charly) Brielmaier a medical student from Munich will be joining us from late October for 5 to 6 weeks. Charly is president of her Rotoract club in central Munich and is keen to participate in Garden DesignFest.

More recently we have been asked to host a talented young violinist, David Rosenberg, from Bamberg in Bavaria. We plan to arrange a meaningful music program for David with help from Dr. David Kram from RC Melbourne and through Melbourne Opera (thanks to Michael Lapiña) and this will be based in the CBD or nearby.

Home hosting is a key to making NGSE possible. We have home hosts arranged for Charly but not yet for David who will also be here around October. If you would like to help

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair

O'BRIEN, Frank

Greeter/Zoom Host

DRIVER, Allan

Reporter

PASTIDIO, Lady

Photographer

THORNTON, Roger

Door

ZHANG, Yanpu

Bulletin Editor

INCHAUSTI, Ignacio

Social Media

LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[RIMERN Warehouse Working Bee](#)

May 14, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

[Bunnings C'wood Sausage Sizzle](#)

Jun 05, 2022

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

[RIMERN Warehouse Working Bee](#)

Jun 25, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Speakers

any say offering to have David for a couple of weeks, please let me or Warwick Cavell know.

Thanks
Alan Seale

NEXT MEETING 10th May.

The 'RCM' Meeting on 10th of May will be a Zoom meeting.

If you would like to visit our meeting, please contact us by email on rotaryclubcentralmelbourne@gmail.com or phone 0455-858-996 and request log-in details.

The meeting will commence at 7:40am and conclude no later than 8:45.

GUEST PRESENTER:

Mandy Robertson, Dolphin Research Centre Education Director

TOPIC: *"People and Dolphins and Whales, Oh MY!"*



Dolphin Research Institute has been around now for 31 years and our focus is on marine conservation, leadership, research and education. Education is my role and we work with many organisations and schools.

The presentation will focus on our resident dolphins, migrating whales (as it's almost the winter season), how we track health and populations, some stories of their threats and resilience, together with images from our bays. What role does citizen science play and how you can get involved? And more!

FROM THE LAST MEETING - 3rd May.

Posted by Roy GARRETT

Rotary 3 May 2022 meeting report

President Elias opened the meeting with a respectful acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land where we meet. He then handed over to **Chairman Suvam** who proposed our toast to Rotary International.

President Elias welcomed visitors to our meeting:

May 10, 2022 7:40 AM

[Mandy Robertson](#)

People and Dolphins and Whales, Oh MY!

May 17, 2022 7:40 AM

[David Parkin OAM](#)

Leadership IS the key

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- Fabiola Campbell, our guest speaker
- Mark Liner, guest of Warwick Cavell
- Christina Youseff, guest of Des Benjamin
- Mohan Kumar, guest of Neville John. A visiting Rotarian, Mohan reported briefly of his affection for Australia, having lived here for 15 years and on return to Bangalore, still a regular visitor.

Announcements

1. Member Milestones

Member Birthdays

NIL

Partner Birthdays

NIL

Wedding Anniversaries

Brett and Judi Jones 8th May 1976, 46 years

Rhys and Liz Williams 8th May 1982, 40 years

Date Joined Rotary

Russell Rolls 4th May 1996, 26 years ago

Hon Member Cec Ackerly 1st May 1987 [Charter Member] 35 Years

Tom Callander 1st May 1987 [Charter Member] 35 Years

Terry Cocks OAM 1st May 1987 [Charter Member] 35 Years

Herb Greenwood 1st May 1987 [Charter Member] 35 Years

Frank O'Brien 1st May 1987 [Charter Member] 35 Years

Guest Speaker

Fabiola Campbell was introduced by Suvam as a woman with a unique pathway into Australian life. She spoke about that journey. Interesting indeed; starting as a "reverse migrant", having been born in Australia and then leaving (with of course an Australian Passport) with her Venezuelan parents at the age of six months!

Fabiola's father, a nephrologist who had come to Australia as a doctor very keen to learn about kidney transplant procedures developed here. He was an enthusiastic "Ozophile" and Fabiola grew up hearing about the best aspects of Australian life. Safe. Beautiful. So was it any wonder that after studying to be a criminologist, Fabiola set out for a life in paradise.

Problems arose at the airport where presenting an Australian passport but having no English language raised a concern at the immigration counter. Her stated profession as a "criminologist" did not help the situation. But in due course after the required dose of tear shedding, she was deemed a pass. One wonders if that would be the case today...

This experience drew Fabiola to the conclusion that notwithstanding her passport, she was effectively an immigrant. Having poor English language meant she was unable to do a lot – from participating in small talk (a necessary part of assimilation) to applying for a job, preparing a CV, and attending interviews. She came to

realise that many people in Australia were not born here and many don't speak English very well.

In Venezuela, newcomers are accepted through conversations – eg. about one's home town or university. It's the same in Australia of course but not if your home is far away, your university has never been heard of and the whole process is hampered by language. "You can't even tell a joke." And of course, no one wants to lose their home country's identity but also of course newcomers always want to fit in.

Fabiola has now been here 18 years. She is older and wiser but knows too that she doesn't have to shed her Venezuela-ness. It is a matter of compromise. Speaking with an accent is fine.

Living this experience led to a decision to start Professional Migrant Women, PMW. PMW work at the three main barriers to their clients:

- Lack of personal connection. Loneliness.
- Lack of professional networks which "back home" would come through such as family, friends, school/university friends, and jobs.
- Lack of knowledge of the Australian job market. Obviously knowledge of the job market is contextual and without growing up here, specific training needs to be undertaken.
- The result can be that you become invisible, empty.

You are a professional and qualified. You should be able to get a job. Reality dictates that most often if migrants arrive as a couple it is the man who first gets a job and it is the woman who gets caught in "home duties" often to do with raising kids. And by the time that duty has lessened enough to consider a return to work, qualifications and experience have lost some of their value due to passing time.

So, PMW help women through this problem – help them find employment, and teach them skills, such as leadership and presentation.

In winding up, Fabiola remarked that her visit to Central Melbourne Rotary today had made her realise that Rotary is an excellent vehicle for helping migrants this way. It has connection and an ethic of "giving back". The thought doubtless going through many members' minds was that Fabiola should stay in touch and maybe here is another (yes, another) opportunity for mentorship. As one member said, "We're up for it!"

Member Announcements

Only one member announcement this week. A desperate call from DIK via Frank for volunteers for Thursday, 5th. A container has to be filled in one day and that's it. Volunteers to contact Frank O'Brien.

President Announcements

Elias thanked Fabiola for her presentation. He commented that we might have the world's highest-educated taxi drivers. And there is a huge disconnect between women of professional education and women at work. Thanks to all visitors.

Next week, the guest speaker **on Zoom** is: Mandy Robertson, to speak about "People and Dolphins and Whales, Oh MY!"

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



CLUB FUND RAISING - How You Can Help

Posted by Rob HINES

Voluntary contributions

To everyone that has made or intends to make a donation towards club projects, thank you!

If you are in a position to make a donation or even a series of weekly donations please

arrange to transfer those funds directly to the club bank account with the reference "Donation".

Bank Account Details:

BSB 033-000: Account number: 791085

Thank you for your support!

GALLERY



Guest Speaker - Fabiola Campbell



Chair - Suvam Ganguli



Guest - Mohan Kumar



Warwick Cavell & Guest - Mark Liner



Des Benjamin & Guest - Kristina Youseff



Exchange of banners with Mohan Kumar



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES
