

DONCASTER - TEMPLESTOWE U3A INCORPORATED

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1993

PRESIDENT

Mr Neville Heffernan
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our U3A has been operating for more than two years now, and as your newly elected President it gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to warmly congratulate all concerned on a job well done.

It is my belief that our classes and activities have been both stimulating and rewarding to all concerned, and I congratulate most sincerely our Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village hosts, our own committee members, our tutors, and of course the many participants involved in our courses.

Do look closely at our courses that we expect to offer in 1994. Above all share this newsletter with a friend. Remember U3A welcomes new members who are non-working mature adults and we will do our best to accommodate as many new participants as we possibly can. Too old at 90? Too young at ?? Let's see.

Please accept my very best wishes both for the forthcoming festive and religious season, and the imminent new year.

Neville Heffernan. December 1993.

REPORT A.G.M.

Secretary, Bill North, noted in the Annual Report we have 170 financial members, and approximately 240 class enrolees attending. Enquiries are received continuously regarding classes currently being run.

We are now an incorporated association and our next aim is to be recognised as an "Education Provider" entitling us exemption from payment of sales tax.

Tutors play an important part at U3A and we are indeed thankful for all the time, effort and energy they put into their classes. Without their efforts we would fail in our objectives. We need more of our members to volunteer to serve as tutors. If you have the knowledge, skill, or experience in any area, that could be of interest to other U3A members, please contact our Course Co-ordinator, Dr. Les Dale (842 5311).

The Executive and Committee members were elected and appointed as follows:

Executive

PRESIDENT	Mr. Neville Heffernan
VICE PRESIDENT	Dr. Les Dale
TREASURER	Mrs Ali (Barbara) Verrills
SECRETARY	Mr Bill North
MEMBER	Mrs Jan Wallace

General Committee

Mrs Ethel Beed	
Mrs Jennifer Hoffman	
Mrs Margaret Scott Pross	
Mrs Beryl Jarvis	
Mr Robert Whitecross	
Mrs Lillian Farran	
Mr Matthew Burke	(ex officio)
Mr Danny Carroll	(ex officio)

Whilst the attendance at the AGM was disappointing we look forward to member participation, comments and interest in the future.

A big thankyou to members who completed and returned their "Questionnaires" recently. Without your input the committee may not be able to meet your expectations and plan the type of classes that are of interest to you.

A "thankyou" BBQ lunch was held on Wednesday November 17th for tutors and committee members. A good time was had by all.

TUTORS COMMENTS

ITALIAN - 1994

Tutor - Neville Heffernan

Italian 1

I have reacted to comments of many past students by deciding to put more emphasis on basic grammar this year. Italian 1 will suit both beginners and students who have studied with me in 1993. Naturally basic conversation will also be included as an integral component.

Italian 2.

This course should suit those who have studied Italian 2 with me during 1993, have studied for say two years at adult level (e.g. C.A.E.) or took Italian at school for a few years.

We will spend 1 - 2 terms concentrating on basic grammar, and then ~~move~~ on to material designed to enhance our understanding and competence in written and spoken Italian

"Drop-Outs" from previous years would have no trouble if they would like to "Drop Back". Where^{are} you Margaret L, Marion A, Jan J, and of course Les D?

→ ENROLMENT DAY - 1994 - MONDAY 14 February, 1994 - 10.00 am - 3.00 pm ←

Enrolment for classes in 1994 should be done on this day, however, if you cannot come on that day PLEASE send in the attached Enrolment Form to our secretary Mr Bill North.

Tutors will be available for discussion and you will have the opportunity to chat with other members. If you have any questions regarding courses please contact our Course Co-ordinator Dr Les Dale - phone 842 5311. (Courses for Term 1, 1994 attached to this Newsletter).

MEMBERSHIP FEES; from Treasurer, Mrs Ali Verrills:

Unfortunately there has been a lot of confusion regarding payment of membership fees, which currently were due on 1st July this year. However, to eliminate this confusion we intend changing the due date to the beginning of each year, bringing them into line with the calendar year. .

In the case of members who have already paid the full fee of \$20 for the year ending June 1994, the fee for the year ending December 1994 will be reduced proportionately. For instance, if the \$20 was paid in June or July 1993, the payment required in January 1994, will be \$10.

TERM DATES FOR 1994 are as follows:

Term 1	Monday 21 Feb	-	1 April 1994
Term 2	18 April	-	1 July 1994
Term 3	18 July	-	16 Sept 1994
Term 4	3 Oct.	-	25 Nov. 1994

Classes this year 1993, will terminate the last week in November. Week ending Friday 26th November 1993.

Quality of life is the foremost concern as we reach the "third stage" of our lives, let's not have anything to do with retirement, let's keep active and involved in the community and cheerfully accept that there is always more to be done - always more to learn - always more to be shared with others.

Whether you are 50, 70 or more, the next years can be your most vital. These are the years ahead of you. The years that are behind are out of reach - they are gone. Growing older can be a great experience - how we maximise the possibilities is up to each individual, U3A offers many courses to help us achieve any goal we care to set, getting our minds to work better for us.

We invite your participation - become a tutor if you have the skills, join a class, meet others and stimulate your thoughts. Submit an article for the Newsletter, phone Beryl Jarvis, Editor, on 8427301.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A combined picnic for all members and tutors is being planned for Term 2, 1994. A "get-to-know-you" function enabling us to meet, mix, make new friends, exchange ideas and generally enjoy each other's company.

ONE-DAY-SEMINAR - March 1994.

'TOWARDS THE GREATER ENJOYMENT OF LATER LIFE'

Run by

EMERITUS PROFESSOR GEORGE SINGER and his wife LISL SINGER.

Both have distinguished careers in the areas of Psychology and Social Work.

Since his retirement as Director of the Brian-Behaviour Research Institute, Professor Singer has turned his research and teaching interests to improving the quality and enjoyment of life for people in their later years. Together with his wife Lisl, a retired Social Worker, they will present a program which is designed towards health and quality of life, to improve your ability to cope with ageing with regard to both physical and social factors. The aim being to understand better how to cope with existing or potential difficulties and a guide to make entry easier and increase the enjoyment in later life - an age of opportunity.

The actual date is yet to be set and you will be notified when classes resume in 1994.

The committee is excited about this forthcoming seminar and plans to open it to the wider community as well as for our own members

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND ATTEND

DONCASTER ART GALLERY NEWS: The final exhibition for 1993 consists of paintings, photographs and ceramics. View:

Saturday 4, Sunday 5 December	2.00 - 5.00 pm.
Saturday 11, Sunday 12 December	2.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday 7, to Friday 10 December	10.am - 5.00 pm.

MEMORY by Mavis Johnson

Memory, I used to have one, I wonder where it's gone,
 It used to be that bit of me that I relied upon
 To tell me where I had put things and where I had to go,
 But now I have to write it down or I would never know
 What day my friends would come to tea,
 And was it two o'clock or three?
 I have a whistle on my key so I'll always know where that
 will be, Reminder notes upon a slate help keep me up to date.
 But I can tell you if you want to know what happened fifty years ago,
 So some of that memory still is there and why should I worry, fret
 or care? Now - I'd write this poem in my book
 If I could find my glasses - I'll just have to look.

Christmas is a time of gifts - gifts waiting beneath the tree in bright paper and shiny ribbons, or stuffed into the toe of a stocking on the mantle, but the most wonderful, most heart warming gifts have no wrappings, no ribbons, no price tags, because they are given from one heart to another. These are gifts of friendship and love.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours and best wishes for 1994.