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or negative - something not achieved can nevertheless be put to practical use and teach us something. Let me give you an example of this:-

When we started classes in October 1991 we optimistically included Japanese on the syllabus. Class numbers were disappointing but we persevered and tried again in 1992 with the same result. So we abandoned the subject. What we learned from this exercise was that the study of Japanese as a subject for this USA was not required in this area and that our course organisers should be more attuned with the needs of the members of this USA and the community at large.

I can now report to you that we have over 150 financial members and approximately 200 class enrolees. From the retirement villages in this area we have the following members:-

TEMPLESTOWE ORCHARDS RETIREMENT VILLAGE	27 members
Other retirement villages	31 members

making up over 33% of our overall membership.

3.2 History of Medicine

Have you ever sat in a group of people (be they students of whatever age or not) and they show that they are really bored with proceedings? I know that I have (and have been). And yet in our History of Medicine classes I have never seen so many students sitting rivetted for 1 1/2 hours at a time just absorbing facts. The scene was set in the first class when Dr Peter Jones raced through 5000 years of medical history in one hour and then only got up to the end of the 18th. century. Then came Dr. Laurie Simpson!!! By taking the History of Medicine as a series of separate topics or aspects of the subject and discoursing on each of them historically in time Dr Laurie Simpson has built for us a fascinating picture of different aspects of medicine as it was and as it is now.

Class members are discussing their classes for the week following - with each other and with their friends. Surely this is truly what USA is all about.

3.3 Incorporation

DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE USA is almost now an incorporated association under the Associations Act and relevant regulations. We have had some difficulties with the people from the Corporate Affairs Office because they have had a 'ministerial directive' regarding the use of the name 'University.' Hence, our papers have been held up until I contact them regarding the decisions made at our Annual General Meeting this year.

3.4 Affiliation with Victorian USA Network

During 1992, the Committee reversed a Steering Committee resolution not to affiliate with Victorian USA Network and to join the state organisation. This means that your USA now has a voice and say in Victorian USA affairs as we can be an active presence (as is our right) at USA Network meetings. Initial discussions etc will be occurring with respect to a National USA Network at a Conference in Adelaide at the end of September 1992. As our age group is the largest in Victoria, as well as in Australia, we need to make use of all avenues to let out collective voices be heard.

2.5 D-T USA Office.

This USA was given office space (and facilities) by the Board of Management of the TEMPLESTOWE ORCHARDS RETIREMENT VILLAGE for which we thank them. Our office hours are nominally from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. If the office is not manned during these hours, and we are trying to have it so, the receptioniste of the Village will always take a message. Our telephone number during office hours is:-

842 8433 (ext 15).

From time to time I will have to call upon the membership for volunteers to man our office. As you will understand, it is not always practical for me to be 'on duty' in the office all of the time, but it must be manned. When 'the call' comes please be ready and available.

CLASSES

In 1992 we commenced a number of new classes including the following:-

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS
HISTORY OF MEDICINE
EUROPEAN HISTORY
WATER COLOUR PAINTING

ARCHAEOLOGY OF BIBLE LANDS
PUBLIC SPEAKING
BASIC CALLIGRAPHY

Some of these classes were more enthusiastically attended than others but I realise that individual tastes do vary. Please tell us which classes you would like - it is YOUR USA.

The classes that we have attempted, and most are still running, are as follows:-

APPRECIATION OF ART
APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE
ARCHAEOLOGY OF BIBLE LANDS
BASIC CALLIGRAPHY
CONTRACT BRIDGE
CURRENT AFFAIRS
EUROPEAN HISTORY
FAMILY HISTORY
HISTORY OF MEDICINE
ITALIAN
ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS
PHILOSOPHY
PUBLIC SPEAKING
SHAKESPEARE
TRAVEL
WATER COLOUR PAINTING

4.3 FUTURE CLASSES

In the future it is envisaged that classes will be held in the following subjects:-

CONTRACT BRIDGE (BEGINNERS)
INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS
FAMILY HISTORY

4.4 TUTORS

Tutors play an important part in the organisation of every USA and we are indeed thankful for all of the time, effort

and energy that they put into their classes. Without their efforts we would indeed fail in our objectives. We have a need for more of our members to volunteer to serve as tutors. If you have knowledge, skill, or experience in any area that you think that other USA members may be interested please let the Chairman of our Tutors' Subcommittee - Mr. Neville Heffernan (he who tutors in Italian) now.

A list of tutors that have given their services is as follows:-

MR NEVILLE HEFFERNAN	ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS ITALIAN
MISS ROSA COMBES	FAMILY HISTORY
DR LAURIE SIMPSON	HISTORY OF MEDICINE
MRS DAWN HEFFERNAN	PHILOSOPHY
MRS BARBARA HAYE	APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE
MR ULRICH MOSSE	CURRENT AFFAIRS
MR GEORGE FIEDLER	CURRENT AFFAIRS
MRS PADDY GREEN	PUBLIC SPEAKING
MR LEWIS FREEMAN	CONTRACT BRIDGE
MR WILLIAM ORANGE	CONTRACT BRIDGE
MRS JANET CULLUM	EUROPEAN HISTORY
REV GORDON GARNER	ARCHAEOLOGY OF BIBLE LANDS
MRS PEARL LUBRANSKY	APPRECIATION OF ART
MR DANNY CARROLL	TRAVEL
MR BRUCE DRURY	TRAVEL

5 WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

5.1 USA

Where is USA going? What can it do? Within the state of Victoria we now have more that 36 campuses of USA

affiliated with the Victorian USA Network. We know that there are other USA's that are not so affiliated. We believe that, to quote, Unity is strength. At a forthcoming national conference to be held in Adelaide in two (2) weeks time, one of the topics for discussion is the possibility of the formation of a national USA Network. This, I believe, will strengthen our organisation. Governments must cater for all of the needs of our generations. Whenever you hear of government help to organisations working with our age groups it is always for physical activities. The USA reason for being is to stimulate and maintain the stimulation of our minds as well as our bodies. We may have to fight for it but the prize is worthwhile.

5.2 Doncaster-Templestowe USA

What is the future for this USA? With an older population in this municipality fast approaching 50% over 55 years of age in this area, I see a greater demand on our resources. Perhaps we ought to be setting up satellite campuses, running courses designed more for certain sectors of our community, or whatever? We need to consider further expansion of this USA well before we act.

5.2.2 On this site.

How can we grow internally? Some classes are very poorly attended. People who enrolled just have not showed up to these classes or did not let us know. This is not good enough. It is only by all members helping all members that we can achieve our aims.

5.2.3 To other sites

It is envisaged that perhaps in the not too distant future that we may be able to run specific classes in and on other sites in this community but governed and administrated from here. It is good to share the good things that we have and it is well within our Statement of Purposes to do so, even as other USA's have done.

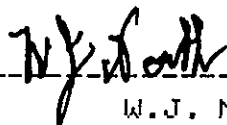
6 THANKS

As our first year of operations as a USA draws to a close, on behalf of the Executive Committee, the Ordinary Committee, and all of the members of the DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE USA, I wish to thank the Board of Management of

the Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village for making available these marvellous facilities to us. Without their help and encouragement we would indeed be struggling to continue, even if we could have been up and running.

Further, thanks must be expressed to the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council, without whose support, advice and practical support we would have great difficulty in operating.

Finally, thank you all for being such understanding members. In this first year of operations we have had a few little problems. I think that they have been settled satisfactorily. Let us go into the forthcoming year enthusiastically, knowing that we all have been part of a growing organisation that is serving its several community's needs well. It is only by our mutually helping each other in our efforts to keep our minds alert and active that we shall be able to confidently look through an uncertain future.



W.J. North,
Secretary,
DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE USA

APPENDIX I LIST OF MEMBERS 1991-1992

Marion Allen	Ethel Beed	Grace Brice
Fay Bucton	Betty Bell	Mary Burnett
Doreen Benskin	Eileen Burgess	Beverly Barry
Anne Brolly	Eva Braham	France Botterill
Gordon Bowen	Bill Breeland	Jack Bayliss
Margaret Bayliss	Jean Bryce	John Brown
Rosa Combes	Jean Calder	Beryl Cunningham
Vi Clements	Thelma Davis	Les Dale
Bruce Drury	Anne Driesen	Thelma Dowell
Ina Dodson	Mary Davidson	Dorothea Davenport
Evelyn Evans	Kath Eaton	Barrie Edwards
Bob Elsworth	Norma Farmer	Lillian Farran
Mina Green	Neil Graves	Anne Graves
Helen Grainger	Maurice Green	Edith Green
Margaret Green	Edith May Graham	Eugenie Halls
Maureen Healey	Janie hannah	Jennifer Hoffman
Valmai Howie	Adrian Hauptman	Merle Haggart
Joyce Izzard	George Iredale	Jan Jenkyn
Margaret Johnson	Peter Jarvis	Beryl Jarvis
Joan James	Elaine Keenan	Pat Klingenberg
Joan Lambert	Pam Land	Margaret Lingham
Christine London	Thelma Miles	Ulrich Mosse
Lina Magor	Douglas Murphy	Heather Murphy
Ruth McKeon	Pat McDonald	Joy Murphy
Joyce Mason	Clare McHardy	Joyce Mason
Ted Mitchener	Brunhild Niezen	Bill North
Claude Nelson	Alice Nelson	Eva O'Brien
Win Occo	William Orange	Gwen Orange
Therese O'Connor	Dolores Patey	Kate Peters
Wynnie Pennells	Frank Pennells	Pat Robertson
Helen Raw	Mary Read	Clem Rees
Mary Robinson	Mary Riordan	Margaret Scott Pross
Frank Sterndale	Vivienne Sterndale	Lesley Smith
May Stevenson	Gwen Sanderson	Glad Stewart
Judith Sanderson	Mary Smale	Daphne Sutton
Barbara Stevens	Douglas Shannon	Joyce Summers
Carmelo Sgrno	May Smith	June Sinclair
Elizabeth Templeman		Edith Tuttleby
Lesley Thomas	Audrey Thompson	Ray Verrills
Ali Verrills	Elsa Warner	Robert Whitecross
Bernice Whitecross	Marjorie Wilkins	Lorna Wilson
Trixy Wilson	Merlyn Whitten	Sheila Wehrens
Lita Whitechurch	Patricia Wilson	Margaret Werny
Frank Woodward	Judy Zimmerman	Henry Zimmerman

Total of 131 financial members as at 30th June, 1992.

Appendix II ... LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS 1991-1992

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT Mr Bruce Drury. Vacant from June 1992
VICE PRESIDENT Mr Neville Heffernan
TREASURER Mrs Ellie (Barbara) Verrills
SECRETARY Mr William (Bill) North
Member Mrs Jan Wallace

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Mrs Ethel Beed
Mrs Lina Magor
Mrs Margaret Scott Pross
Mrs Grace Brice
Mr Robert Whitecross
Mrs Lillian Farran
Mrs Pat Robertson
Ms Ann Clendinnen (ex officio)
Mr Danny Carroll (ex officio)

UNIVERSITY OF THE 3RD AGE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30/6/1992

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees	2650
Interest	44
Donations	210
Tea Money	53
Other	180

	3137

PAYMENTS

Advertising	202
Bank Charges	9
Corporation Papers	20
Donation	150
Equipment	298
Registration Fee	85
Stamps	30
Stationery	170
Telephone	328
Travelling	20
Video Hire	10

	1322

Surplus	1815
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Represented by:

Bank of Melbourne	1784
Petty Cash	31

	1815
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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

The above Financial Statement of The University of the 3rd Age was audited in accordance with Australian Auditing standards and gives a true and fair view of the Income and Receipts of the organisation for the year ended 30/6/1992.

A. Lane 21/7/92

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