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NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A DAREBIN INC. WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY
8th DECEMBER AT RSL RAILWAY PLACE FAIRFIELD. VIC.
AT 1.30 PM.**

Main business of meeting to be election of committee of management of U3A Darebin Inc. All financial members are eligible for election.

All nominations must be made on the nomination form and signed by two members of U3A Darebin. NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY 1ST DECEMBER 2003

THE NOMINATION FORM IS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have much pleasure in presenting the 12th Annual Report to the members of Darebin U3A. This is my second term as President and I must thank all Committee members for their efforts over the last 12 months.

For most of this year we were without a Secretary. Mr Peter Kinden recently offered to take up this position. Unfortunately he was unable to continue, so once again we are looking for a Secretary.

We were fortunate to obtain the services of Elizabeth (Liz) Wilby who agreed to be the new Class Coordinator. Prior to this, Claudia Sanzin had taken on this workload in addition to her work as Office Coordinator Thank you Claudia for this sterling effort.

A dinner was organised for our Volunteer Tutors to meet with the Committee, at Fairfield RSL. The new Class Coordinator, Liz spoke to our Tutors and got to know them. It gave me the opportunity for me to express all members thanks for the valuable time they give up to impart not only their knowledge but also the vast experience behind that knowledge. During the past 12 months we have benefited from "new" Tutors offering their services enabling us to make new courses available to you. Again my thanks to all our Tutors.

During the year we joined the "Cluster" with Hume and Yarra Valley U3A. All Cluster meetings are held at Fairfield and our David Elder is the Chairman of the Cluster.

The three-year accreditation period with ACFE is coming to an end, and we were subject to their audit for a further 3-year accreditation period. I have to thank Claudia, Luciano and Basil for taking on this responsibility successfully.

David also has to be thanked for making his experience available. We were also successful in our submission to the City of Darebin for funding both cash and kind. Claudia, Luciano and Basil my thanks for a job well done and to David, thanks for readily making available to them your experience in this area.

I would be remiss indeed if I did not commend the efforts of Judy Bennett and Doreen Ivanovski in producing our Newsletters, which is our chief means of communicating with you. Judy and Doreen thank you. Judy and Doreen will be leaving the Committee to pursue other interests and we are looking for new editors for next year. To Luciano a special thank you for keeping Fairfield clean, following up with the Council all building repair requirements, and ensuring all our classes have the equipment they need available.

I am looking forward positively to the future and to new classes and Tutors to move and inspire all of us.

Last but not most importantly, on behalf of all members the Committee and myself, I acknowledge the support and encouragement we receive from the Mayor of Darebin City, the Councillors and Staff. To the Northern Metropolitan Regional Council of Adult and Further Education, their Director Julie Herbert and her staff my thanks for their ongoing support and funding. Also I express my thanks to the President and Manager of Fairfield RSL for making available the car park to our member.

I wish each of you good Health, enjoyment in your classes, and the Seasons Greetings.
Charles Keele,
President.

TUTORS LUNCHEON

On Friday September 19 a luncheon was held at Fairfield RSL for Tutors and Committee Members. There were 28 present.

Charles Keele President welcomed the tutors and thanked them for their work during the year. He then introduces Elizabeth Wilby as new Tutor Coordinator. A vote of thanks was acknowledge to Claudia Sanzin for her commitment in juggling both the position of Office Coordinator and arranging schedules and classes during the past 12 months. Well done Claudia . Tutors were handed a form to fill in asking for details of courses and subjects for 2004. Some positive comments were received, and it was obvious that both tutors and committee appreciated the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.
An enjoyable lunch followed.

ARMCHAIR AEROBICS

A new form of Aerobics has arrived. It is called **ARMCHAIR AEROBICS**. Suitable for young and old, fit and unfit. Come along to the AGM and view the video to show you how it is done.
Cost of Video only \$20

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY CANASTA?

The University of the Third Age invites you to play Canasta on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at Fairfield Railway Station from 1.30 p.m. onwards. If you would like to be part of the group contact Claudia on 9610 2102. Bookings are essential due to limited spaces.

TRAVELS WITH JONI

Our popular Tutor Joni Gaillard will be giving a talk on her travels at the Northcote Town Hall on 12th November at 10.00 a.m. Ground Floor. Come along and drool over Joni's travel stories as only she can tell them. Free entry.

MAKE A NOTE -

NEW POST OFFICE BOX ADDRESS FOR DAREBIN U3A; NOW P.O. BOX 44 FAIRFIELD 3078

PROPOSED COURSES - 2004

Improving your English
English Conversation
German
French
Italian Language
Italian Literature
Shakespeare
Writing for Radio
Book Discussion
Classical Studies
Cinema Appreciation
Discussing Dreams
Canasta

Computers:-

- 1. Introduction to Microsoft 'Windows'**
- 2. Further 'Windows' & Internet skills**

Art Galleries and Museums
Discovering the World(Traveller's Tales)
Finance & Budgeting Made Easy
Crime and Law Enforcement in Melbourne
William Blake and Industrialised England
The Art of Friendship
Painting and Drawing
Choir - Singing for Pleasure
Needlecraft
Tai Chi

SCRABBLE

Are you interested in Scrabble? We are looking to form a group and someone interested in teaching us the finer points of the game on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month. Ring The Office and put your name down..

TUTORS COMMENTS

WRITING FOR THE SPOKEN WORD with Leigh Hay

This very interesting course is about Writing for Community Radio.

We had a morning at the 88.6FM Plenty Valley Community Radio Studio while a programme was actually "going to air". This gave us an insight into the workings of Community Radio. While there we were able to "RECORD" some of our stories for transmission over the radio at a later date. We are hopeful of having a "Darebin U3A Hour". One of the Class will be the Panel Man (he pushes all the buttons) and another one of us will be the Announcer.

Under Leigh Hay's expert guidance, we have been able to learn how Writing for the Spoken Word, "Radio", differs to the Short Stores we usually pen. The encouragement given to us by Leigh has enabled our writing to grow, and has given us a new and very exciting avenue for our creative endeavours. Many thanks Leigh for your time and effort.

As from the beginning of 2004, Leigh is prepared to lead a writing group once a month, for those people who may be interested in writing and recording for Plenty Valley FM. Plenty Valley FM is particularly interested in broadcasting short stories, poems, books reviews, short pieces on local history or traveller's tales. Martin Wright, Manager of Plenty Valley FM, has agreed to record works once a month and authors may wish to read and record their own work, or have their work read by someone else. The writing for Radio Group and all recordings would take place on a Friday between 10-12. For more details, contact The Office.

IMPROVING YOUR ENGLISH with Kaye Dineen

I've enjoyed taking this class very much - the group members are very keen to discuss issues, share memories and to write about their lives, producing some delightful and thoughtful and well-written work.

I plan to continue along the same lines next year.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE - CHOIR

This lovely group of talented people sings their beautiful songs each Friday at Jika Jika expanding their lungs and uplifting their spirit. They would love to see new members who would like to do likewise.

CLASSICAL STUDIES With Kerry Eccles

The Classical Studies class has journeyed through a range of periods- from the Neolithic age, focusing on early cults, the development of religion, the Battle of Troy, Mycenae, the rise of Athenian democracy and finally, the Classical Period, 750BC -400BC.

The group was lively, friendly and full of curiosity and thoughtful, good questions.

We will all remember the wonderful offerings of the late Robert McLaughlin, particularly on the origins of Bone China. He was a lively class member and is much missed.

Attendance has generally been very good, and I look forward to next year's course, which will progress along similar lines, with more focus on the literature, art and architecture (now the projector is fully operational).

We have enjoyed the entry of new students during this semester, and will welcome new travellers on our wandering through the Ancient World.

Happy Christmas and New Year. Kerry Eccles.

NEEDLECRAFT With Jean

Our class started out small this year, but as the first term went along our numbers increased.

Some of us have been making patchwork knee rugs with lots of help from Val, while the rest of the class did their own thing and Lorraine guided us through making crochet coat hanger covers. At present we are making Christmas decorations, thanks to Lynne and Valerie.

Plans for next year are already in the pipe works, with more cross stitch and ribbon embroidery. Thanks to everyone for all their help this year and look forward to the next.

BOOK DISCUSSION With Chris Honig

Our book discussion group has had a most interesting and fruitful year, due in no small way by the contribution from each and every member of the group. Our last novel "Spies" by Michael Frayn was of great interest being set in England during the second World War and as well as a critical discussion of the book, we enjoyed the many memories that it evoked from our own childhood. Our thanks go to Arlie who organized a room at her Retirement Village when the ceiling collapsed at Fairfield Station. My thanks also go out to Arlie and the Group for stepping in when I was on holidays earlier in the year.

Our last meeting in November we use as a chance to discuss and set the book agenda for next year, giving everyone a chance to be prepared for 2004.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT With Rod Settle.

A small but very keen group of U3A members, meeting each Monday at Northcote Library, have completed a solid sixteen-week study of the criminal justice system. The focus was on what *actually* goes on in crime and law enforcement as opposed to the picture we get from the press, radio and TV. It was a grim study but, as usual for U3A tutorials, we had some chuckles. The course culminated in a three-week 'simulation exercise' in which, on the roll of a dice, members were charged with various offences. If the dice tell us anything true, there are some grounds for worry about Darebin U3A where our President (Charles) is often arrested for being Drunk & Disorderly and one of our Tutors (Adriana) is acquitted of a serious charge 'on the grounds of insanity'. But we learnt a lot from it.

AND FINALLY

This has been our final Newsletter, which has now become known as THE FLYER. We have enjoyed our 2 year stint as Editors but feel it is time to now move on. The FLYER is an important part of U3A and we do hope there are people out there who would seriously consider taking on our positions as Editors and between ourselves you do get tremendous satisfaction in seeing it in print.

WE WISH EVERYONE THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.