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SEASON'S GREETINGS and BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

SUMMER SCHOOL SEMINARS

The Australian Constitution

24 January 9.45 a.m.

Enrolments for this course will still be accepted up to 16 January 1995, the date from which recommended reading material will be available. Reading of this material will enable more meaningful discussions during the workshop sessions, and participants are urged to collect their material from the U3A office during the week commencing 16 January 1995. (January office hours 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

The Environment—Expanding our awareness **30, 31 January, 1 February**

Enrolment for this course is limited to 30 participants. There are just a few places left. If any who have enrolled find that they are not now able to attend, would they please notify the office.

Those participating meet at 24 Wakefield Street on the first day at 9.30 a.m. to walk together to the Swinburne venue. Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee provided. Recommended reading material for this course is now available from the U3A office.

No acknowledgements will be given for these course enrolments. Just turn up at the appointed time and place for each seminar.

COMPUTER SUMMER SCHOOL

AN INTRODUCTION TO MS WORKS **Wednesday 18 January, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Tutor Lisa Bolton (Swinburne Tutor)

Cost \$25 (4 hours' tuition)

Venue Swinburne TAFE Building, Wakefield Street, Hawthorn

Please complete an enrolment form in the usual way, marking it clearly 'Computer Summer School'.

Also, would you please state if you have had experience with Microsoft 'Windows'.

Payment will be received on the day (prior to starting), and made to Hawthorn Community Education.

Enquiries to Judith Elsworth, 819 8824.

OBITUARY—Frances McCallum

We sadly announce the death of Frances McCallum, Chairperson of your Executive Committee. Her death was on Tuesday, 25 October, after a long illness, during much of which she courageously continued to play her part in the management of this campus and in the conduct of the courses which she tutored. Farewell and thank you, Frances.

IMPORTANT

YOUR 1995 SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE:

\$25 SINGLE, \$40 DOUBLE

It would be very helpful if you could advise us if you do not intend to renew your subscription.

SUNRAYSIA CONFERENCE

A report from Jill FitzGibbon and Alexe Gale

Two hundred U3A members from all over Australia gathered in Mildura at the end of September for a Spring School on 'Myths and Cultures—New Perspectives'. They travelled from Alice Springs, Hobart and all points in between. Hawthorn was well represented, and all agreed the four days of the school were very well spent.

It was a model for all U3A campuses, showing how a small group of enthusiastic people (there are about 60 members of Sunraysia U3A) with community support, including the help of the TAFE College Mildura, can organise a very smooth and well run event. Sunraysia is to be congratulated. The TAFE residences were comfortable, the lecture theatre was good, and the dining facilities (under the care of William Angliss students) were excellent. There was a good balance between social occasions and academic input, and a lot of good fellowship and laughter.

The highlight was the day-trip to Lake Mungo, about 95 km over the New South Wales border. We travelled by carefully staggered buses to see what could be described as a 'lunar' landscape. Anne Brown, an expert in Aboriginal pre-history, told us of the importance of the area archaeologically, in particular the finding of two skeletal remains in the sand dunes which form the 'Wall of China' surrounding the dry lake bed. One was the skeleton of a young woman. Her bones were delicate and had been smashed up, cremated, then gathered together and buried some 26,000 years ago. The other, a much heavier skeleton of a man, dated between 30,000 and 32,000 years ago, was buried on its side, with the hands clasped together. Most significantly, it had been coated in ochre. Anne Brown pointed out that this is the first evidence anywhere in the world of thinking, caring, communicating humans. It is believed that the two skeletons probably represent different waves of invaders who crossed the land bridge to Australia, and contributes to evidence that the Aboriginal race has occupied the same land continuously for some 50,000 years—the oldest continuous culture on earth.

The following day Anne Brown gave a further lecture on Aboriginal pre-history and culture, which include other findings at Lake Mungo that prove they were sufficiently versatile as a race to change their way of living from a fishing, water-focussed environment to dry plains living.

Other lectures were: The Heroic Ideals of the Indo-European traditions as in the Homeric poems and Celtic sagas, by Professor George Russell, Emeritus Professor of English, University of Melbourne; Greek Myths and their persistence in English literature, by Mrs Isabel Russell, MA, Dip.Ed; History of the Paddle Steamers on the River Murray systems, by Captain Frank Tucker, with an excellent slide presentation; Video History of the River Murray Trade by Ken Berryman, BA, Dip.Ed; Local History as it pertains to the irrigation of the settlement, by Mrs Freda Antcliff, Mildura Historical Society. We were fortunate to be able to obtain copies of the various lectures, which gave the opportunity to digest the material at leisure.

Dr Dorothy Serrity gave the address at the final dinner. She is a very vital person who sees herself as an encourager of people to continue being active, both physically and mentally: 'We need never give up and say we are too old'.

The Sunraysia Spring School demonstrated the role that U3A plays in the community. The participants were friendly and helpful; new friends could be and were made and interests expanded.

DO consider going to the next conference in Canberra in 1995!

RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr Harold Flamer, Senior Lecturer in Geriatrics at Monash University, is beginning a research project on age-related circadian (day/night) rhythms in alertness and water balance. He requires voluntary participants in good health, preferably over the age of 75 years. Anyone interested in helping should ring the Department of Geriatric Services, Alfred Group of Hospitals, 276 6267, and ask for information on the Reaction Time in the Elderly Project.

CASSETTE RECORDER

A cassette recorder with dubbing facilities has been purchased for the use of the language classes. Tutors needing to use this should enquire at the office.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We heartily welcome all the following tutors and conveners who are joining us for 1995, and give our resounding thanks for their past services to those tutors and conveners who are not be able to be with us in the coming year.

COMING

Phillip Anderson, who will probably convene 'The Philosophy of Henry George' this year.

Barbara Balfour, for a proposed course: 'People in History'.

Linnell Barelli, 'Recorders—Beginners and Advanced'.

Ruth Grady, the new convener for 'Social Activities'.

Win Gould will convene the 'Spanish Intermediate' class.

Theresa Gunn, 'The Message of the Early Church'.

Rion Jennings will lead the 'Art Practical' class.

Ernestine Lobb (after a year's absence), 'Herbs and Spices' to delight you again.

Sheila O'Neill and Margaret Miller, who will be conveners for two of Dymphna Coleman's 'Ramblers'.

Colin Scott, for a new course: 'Mathematics and Philosophy'.

Ron Taft, who will be Wolfe Flack's co-convener for 'Current Affairs—Australia and the World'.

GOING

George Charles will now conduct 'Elementary Economics' at the U3A Lightfoot Centre.

Lorna Noble, after many years of teaching 'Art Practical', has put her palette and brushes away.

Shirley Ramsay, after a many enjoyable social activities, has decided to hand over.

Lois Thomas, convener of Mahjong, has decided to lay down her tiles.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The U3A office at 24 Wakefield Street will close on Friday, 9 December 1994. The office will re-open on Monday, 15 January 1995 for the restricted hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then from 5 February 1995 the usual hours of 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 pm. will apply.

SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON

Venue: Rio's Brazilian Restaurant, 313 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Date: 17 February 1995, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Menu Price: Approximately \$19.00 (drinks extra, of course).

Bookings and full price to U3A office, Hawthorn, by 10 February 1995.

This is Australia's first typical Brazilian Churrascarie (pronounced Shoo-hus-ca-ria) (Grill); the menu consists of grilled meat and chicken, salads and delicious desserts.

BADGES

Name badges will be issued to all financial members of Hawthorn U3A. These will help us to know each other. They have provision on the back of the insert to include the names and telephone numbers of your nearest relative and your doctor.

The badges will be distributed by the Tutor/convener of the first class or activity for the year. Lost badges can be replaced at a cost of 50¢, and new inserts can be provided free of charge.

GOLDEN OLDIES RADIO PROGRAMME

We recently ran a publicity piece about Hawthorn U3A on this programme, which included a suggestion that a year's subscription would make a great gift for a friend. Why not think about it?

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF SENIORS

We have now received the 1995 Domestic and Overseas programme from the Australian College of Seniors; anyone interested in reading it is welcome to peruse it in the office.