

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010

## U3A TGA INC - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010

The Election of Officers will be held at the next Annual General Meeting – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

All members of U3A are eligible to be nominated for the 2011 year.

Please contact the Secretary for nomination forms and return by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**IT IS GOOD TO HAVE NEW BLOOD**

**PLEASE BE INVOLVED**

COMMITTEE POSITION	NAME	PHONE	AVAILABLE TO STAND NEXT YEAR
PRESIDENT	Martin Dumbill	570-0463	If new President elected Martin will be Past Pres.
VICE-PRESIDENT	Ken Gillan	572-3467	If elected he will be our new President
PAST PRESIDENT	Uli Hoppe	572-1008	If new President elected Martin will be Past Pres.
TREASURER	Paul Wooding	572-0686	<b>NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011</b>
SECRETARY	Sheila Forrest	544-4043	Is available for nomination - 2011
GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR	Thelma Cane	574-6222	" " " " "
GROUPS ASSISTANT	Doreen Anderson	576-3058	<b>NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011</b>
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Winn Tipping	570-2370	Is available for nomination - 2011
MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT	Janet Ormsby	576-5008	<b>NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011</b>
PUBLICATIONS	Janet Ormsby	576-5008	Is available for nomination - 2011
PUBLICITY	Angela Dold	571-6767	<b>NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011</b>
MEETINGS	Jim Taylor	543-0234	<b>NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011</b>
SKILLS REGISTER	Don McMillan	579-4916	Is available for nomination - 2011

\*\*\* See Page 5 for Job Descriptions

### NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

ARCHIVIST	No one appointed during 2010	
FUNDING	Peter Simmons	576-0952
ALMONER	Doris Hamer	571-8184
WEB MASTER	Alan Freer	576-5243
WEB ASSISTANT	Betty Clethero	544-2067

### Welcome

Welcome to New members who have joined U3A during the previous two months.

### In Memory

Mike GOULDEN, 89/8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tga. Ph 579-0131  
(Passed away June 2010)

Margaret TALBOYS, 1/26 Harvey St, Tga 3112  
Jack MATTHEWS, U3A Tga Life Member.

See page 6 for Jack's story with U3A Tga.

In respect for the widow/widower of departed members, it is important we be advised when someone dies.

Our apologies to bereaved members who have continued to receive U3A Publications.

**Contact:** Almoner, Doris Hamer, Ph 571-8184 **AND** Membership, Winn Tipping Ph 570-2370. Thank you.

### Next General Meeting Details

Wesleyan Church Hall, 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tga. 10 a.m.

Cost: \$3.00 per person. Please pay as you enter

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker: Peter Jackson will speak on:  
Tea – from plant to pot.

2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker: Peter Otway will speak on:

Ice Age Antarctica – but for how much longer?

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Speaker: Come hear this special person

Followed by U3A Christmas Lunch. Ticket entry only

Next Newsletter due 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2010

Last date to send data 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2010

First Newsletter for 2011 due 14 Jan. 2011

( This will include accounts for 2011 subscriptions)

Last date to send data for Jan 011, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

## IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE READ

1. Please take cups/glasses back to the kitchen windows at our General Meetings rather than leaving them on tables. Thank you.
2. Your committee says a grateful thank you to those who help set up chairs and clean the floor at our General Meetings.

## SPEAKERS

### GENERAL MEETING - 20 Aug 2010

**Shirley Brander** spoke on her life in Canada, a place of lakes and trees she said. Shirley gave a delightful and humorous account of her travels including her meetings with wild animals. She was lying inside her tent one night, heard a scuffle and snort directly on the other side. She realised it was a bear and decided, as the food was all packed in the boot of the car, she could go back to sleep – and she did! Shirley told of the different housing construction to cope with extremes of weather, up to 52° below. Imagine having to change a tyre in these conditions. Shirley and her husband often drove 1800 k's on weekend breaks. Her children's outdoor ice-hockey games were cancelled when the temperature reduced to 20° below. Brrr.

**Betty Penning** gave an informative talk on the hereditary of English surnames. A fascinating topic. Apparently surnames were first used in China. Elsewhere people were known by their first name, (ie, Jan elder daughter of ...) and then by their relationship to the family. Or the family name, then first names. Betty said there were only two surnames from the time of William the Conqueror in use today – Mollett and Gifford. Most surnames were taken from a persons' occupation, where they lived, their personal attributes or from their heritage. From 1066 50% of men had two names. A serious problem in the storing of past records is that where information has been stored on punch cards, in micro dots, in microfiche etc, the worlds' current technology has no way of accessing old records.

New technology, 'Facebook' in particular, is putting out so much information under an individual's chosen access name, that many of our young people are producing a whole set of new names to be known by. A fascinating topic.

### 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**Mary Klein** gave an excellent background and revue of Algeria and her time there during the 60's and 70's. With a population of 35.7 million with 5m living in the capital and drains created for a population of 30,000. Mary and her husband found life hard. After a coup her husband had to leave quickly. Mary stayed behind until she had accrued over 30 Governmental pieces of paper giving her permission to leave. Mary enjoyed teaching the Arab people whom she found friendly and helpful. Mary displayed finely woven work from the area, pottery, mats, clothing etc for members to view.

**Jim Middleton**, Avalon CEO. The 'Avalon Circus' gave an energetic mat display of plate & pole spinning, acrobatics, and 'tent' formation. A delightful interlude before Jim spoke to us. Out of the ashes of a large fire at the former I.H.C sheltered workshop run at Sulphur Point, Avalon Te Puna was born. Currently it is the only permanent mail house in NZ run by people NOT with specific disabilities, but with their 104 members with **specific abilities**. Presently a warehouse employs S.A. people to make aprons, work in the mail house, create made-to-order trellises, and any other 'self development' projects which will help serve the community, while they have fun. In the past, specific ability people were 'left in the shade' of a community. It takes 20 staff with 'heart', working full time to assist their friendly members to lead full lives, taking them out of the shade into the sunshine. They never pre-judge you and are totally, unconditionally, friendly. Jim stated Avalon does what it can for the community and asks the community, ie us, to do what we can for them. Call Jim on 552-4904 (ext 1) to offer your love, help and expertise. 'It's about loving and caring' Jim said.

Mary, Betty and Shirley highlight the skills and fascinating experiences some members within U3A have had.

If you know someone with topics or talents which would be enjoyed by our members at a General meeting please refer them to us. Please contact a committee member with your suggestions.

## CHARITIES COMMISSION

Secretary Sheila Forrest, Ph 544-4043 recently attended the Charities Commission Forum on behalf of U3A Tauranga Inc. A report is available on request. U3A Tauranga Charities Commission number is **CC25993**. [www.Charities.govt.nz](http://www.Charities.govt.nz).

## OLD U3A EQUIPMENT

The following items of equipment are owned by U3A but no longer used. Due to changing technology these are available to any interested member.

One only **Overhead projector** in very good condition. Plus spare lamp bulb. Projectors black + white and colour, easy to use. Transparencies on to a screen or wall, does not project opaque pictures. One only screen, 0.50m x 0.50m, discoloured with age, in plastic cover, self-standing. One only amplifier and microphone, both basic and fairly old.

Enquiries to Peter Simmons – 576-0952.

**FREAKY FACT:** X-rays of the *Mona Lisa* show there are three completely different versions, all painted by Leonardo da Vinci, all under the final portrait.

At the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept General Meeting, Ken Rose advised a current escalating crime - crims, pinching your number plate off your car, putting it on theirs, going to a petrol outlet, filling up, then taking off without paying. Who pays? Perhaps you! **GET YOUR PLATES SCREWED ON WITH SQUARE HEAD SCREWS ETC.**

# GROUPS NEWS

## NEW GROUPS

### **CREATIVE CRAFTS**

A crafty group. Come along to learn and share your skills in whatever craft interests you.

**Convener:** Margaret Douglas. Ph 579-4429  
**Venue:** 45 Harvey St, Tga  
**Meetings:** 1.00p.m. – 4.pm

This new group's first meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. They are beginning with Christmas crafts. Please contact Margaret if you are interested in joining the group.

### **CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS**

This will run as a course for the required length of time for members to learn to do cryptic crosswords.

**Convener:** Shirley Bonthron. Ph 579-5511.  
**Venue:** 127 Thirteenth Ave, Tga  
**Meetings:** Fridays (Frequency to be decided)  
**Time:** 1.30 pm to 3 pm.

## GROUPS WITH VACANCIES

**FRENCH GROUP:** The new FRENCH group which started this year as a beginners group has space for a few more members. They have progressed so well that you would need some basic French to join. The group has an excellent tutor.

**Convener:** Ann Sligo. Ph 579-1292  
**Meetings:** Every Wed. 7 to 9 p.m.

**POWER POINT GROUP:** Another Power Point Course can be arranged if there are enough members interested.

**Contact:** Thelma Cane. Ph 574-6222

**WORDSMITHS:** Do you enjoy writing? We have a happy group inspired with inventive ideas. Join us – write with us – learn with us.

**Convener:** Angela Dold. Ph 571-6767  
**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
**Venue:** Members' homes as arranged  
**Time:** 9.45 a.m. to noon.

## NEW GROUP HAS STARTED



**BUCKET GROUP.** Where members create their own caskets, receive a pack to record their final wishes and learn tools to help their family's grief. This will be run as a 'course'. As caskets are completed new members can be admitted. Contact Thelma to put your name on the list. The course is held with dignity, confidence and respect. (Fun & friendship come as a bonus).

## 2011 AGM & COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

You will have noted all positions be vacant for next year. If you can help us for a year in this growing and happy organisation, please cut out the form below, complete both sides and post to: Nominations, U3A Tauranga, PO Box 14453, Tauranga 3143 By 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011. **WE NEED YOU.**

U3A TAURANGA Nomination:

I WISH TO NOMINATE: .....  
Name of person nominated. (Please print)

FOR THE POSITION OF: .....

U3A NOMINATOR: .....

SIGNATURE: .....

U3A SECONDER: .....

SIGNATURE: .....

**P.T.O**

## SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW GROUPS

**SINGING FOR JOY.** If you enjoy 'just singing' old songs, new songs, whatever, then please contact Thelma 574-6222. We'll start next year if sufficient members are interested.

**APPLE MAC GROUP:** If you are a Mac user and would like a group to offer help and support and to share updates about Apple products, contact Thelma 574-6222.

**SHARE MARKET GROUP.** Contact Thelma 574-6222.

**BRIDGE – MOUNT/PAPAMOA AREA.** I have seven interested members so one more needed to start this group. Phone Thelma 574-6222.

**INSTRUMENTAL GROUP:** Are there any members who play musical instruments who would be interested in forming a group?  
Ph Thelma 574-6222.

**CHI KUNG GROUP.** Dr Alastair Bourne is offering classes in Chi Kung which is somewhat like Tai Chi. Chi Kung is not based on slowed down fighting movements. It is entirely based on movements which generate and develop ones 'Chi'. Alastair is the Grand Master of Chi Kune Jow Do Kung Fu and one of the highest ranked martial artists in the world. Chi Kung is part of that system. Classes will be held at his home in Bethlehem @ \$4 a class for a start. If interested contact Thelma 574-6222.

**YOGA.** An experienced yoga teacher is available to take classes for U3A members. Individual tuition for small classes to be able to take care of participants. Cost: 4-6 \$10 each per session. Class of 8 - \$8 each. This cost depends on any venue charges. If interested please contact Thelma Ph 574-6222.

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### **CLASSICAL FILMS:**

Convener: David Gordon. Ph 544-4179

Venue: 8 Sunridge Estate, Welcome Bay

Time: 3rd Thursday, 1.15pm-4pm (approx.)

**October 21st** 'THE JAZZ SINGER' (1927)

Al Jolson. Famous as the first 'talking film'. Don't miss!

**November 18th** Either 'FRIENDLY PERSUASION' (1956) with Gary Cooper, OR 'BONJOUR TRISTESSE' (1958) with Deborah Kerr and David Niven.

**December 16th** A Comedy-to be chosen

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** 2011. A Musical- " " "

Other films voted for future enjoyment include- 'HIGH NOON', 'TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD', 'ANASTASIA', 'PORGY AND BESS', 'THE GREAT DICTATOR', etc.

### **WAR FILM & DOCUMENTARY'**

Convener: David Gordon Tel. 544-4179

Venue: 8 Sunridge Estate, Welcome Bay

Time: 2nd Thursday, 1.30pm-4pm (approx.)

**October 14th** 'THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY' (1957) Hardy Kruger, Colin Gordon. True WW2 story of escape by Luftwaffe pilot Franz von Werra. Crackerjack suspense thriller. My latest acquisition.

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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION TAURANGA:**

Convener: David Gordon. All welcome.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the (Historic) Village Hall, 17th Avenue.

No subscription. \$3 at the door.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>.** Adrian Muller on 'THE IMPACT OF THE EDGE CUMBE (1987) AND CHRISTCHURCH (2010) EARTHQUAKES AND A COMPARISON BETWEEN THEM.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>.** Professor David Hamilton, University of Waikato, on 'THE SCIENCE UNDERPINNING MANAGEMENT OF THE ROTORUA LAKES'.

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### **U3A TAURANGA NOMINATION FORM.**

**I CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION (over):** .....  
(Please print full name)

**SIGNATURE** .....

**CONTACT DETAILS: Ph** .....

**Address:** .....

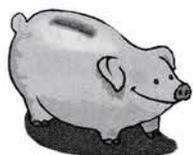
**Email:** .....

**TO BE RECEIVED BY: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS

We have four main positions available for the 2011 year. The current committee members are either managing two positions, or will be unavailable to serve.

**Vice-President.** This person assists the President and trains to become President in the following year 2012. This is a 'light' responsibility. Management skills are an asset.



**Treasurer.** Thank you Paul for filling this position during 2010. Paul is unavailable for 2011. If you can count and add please have someone nominate you. This is a

desperate call for help. **PLEASE.**

### **Groups**

#### **Co-ordinator**

Thelma has restructured this position for easy management. The assistant would need to be a 'people person', passionate to see U3A grow and help establish new groups. The assistant trains to become the Groups Co-ordinator for 2012 when Thelma will not be available.

#### **Assistant.**



#### **Membership**

**Assistant.** Janet has held two positions on the committee for the 2010 year and

wants to reduce back to one. **Data entry** on spreadsheet (Vista), on the U3A owned laptop with its own printer, is the major requirement of this job. Printing labels bi-monthly for the Newsletter is a minor task.

#### **What an opportunity to**

Serve U3A by taking a small amount of time each week to fill one of the following 'smaller' positions.

**Archivist:** List and manage assets & records.

**Meetings:** Arrange informative and interesting speakers for the General Meetings.

**Publicity:** Advertising U3A as necessary

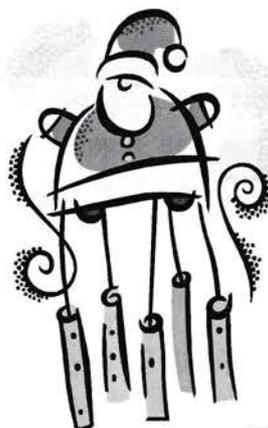
## **Ludicrous laws**

**Sarasota, Florida,** It is illegal to wear swimwear while singing in a public place.

**Florida.** Men may not be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.

**Florida.** If an elephant is left tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid.

*Florida must have some interesting Council Meetings don't you think?*



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

19<sup>TH</sup> November 2010  
(After the General Meeting)

**ONLY \$15.00 EACH.**

Tickets will be available at the next General Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**NO DOOR SALES ON THE DAY**

The menu is yummy. Our caterers will care for anyone with specific dietary needs. Contact Ken Gillan (our current Vice-President), on Ph 572-3467, for answers to any questions.

Have You Visited The Web-site Lately?

Have You Seen Anything New?

Have you Found Something Interesting?

Go have a look!

[www.u3atauranga.org.nz](http://www.u3atauranga.org.nz)

### **TAURANGA U3A STATISTICS**

**AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2010**

Membership	629
New Members during 2010	107
Subscriptions – fully paid up	629

U3A Tauranga is only as healthy as the number of active happy members it has. Our growth proves how much this organisation is needed in Tauranga. Your Committee is under the best leadership from those who offer to serve you. For 2011 could you serve on the committee to help maintain these praiseworthy standards?

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**JOHN TREVOR MATTHEWS (JACK)**

**20 Jan 1927 – 25 Aug 2010**

After a very full life as a geologist and a Doctor, Jack and Joan retired to Tauranga in 1994. He joined U3A in 1995 and wrote the U3A Constitution which has stood the test of time with only minor alterations.

Jack was President of U3A from 1996 to 1998 taking over from the founding President Roy Hayward. During this period his wife Joan served as Secretary Treasurer.

His interests were many and varied, graduating with a degree in geology in 1954, followed by a Doctors degree in 1960. He served as a doctor in Taihape and Te Awamutu for many years and was in charge of Hospital Medical Services at the Palmerston North Hospital for five years.

Jack was passionate about genealogy, coin collecting and model trains. He was also involved with the community where ever he was living: helping to build tramping huts in the Tararuas to being a member of Rotary. He was also a volunteer at the Museum at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tauranga.

Jack was the tutor of the Tauranga U3A geology group since its inception. To the many people who passed through that group, we owe him a debt of gratitude for his tutoring and knowledge.

No matter where we go in the world and see some natural feature of the landscape the response is "I know what that is. Jack told us about it". Be it a rock from the beach, a mountain, a road cutting or a pile of salt at the Mount Wharf.

Over many years he accumulated a large collection of mineral samples which he presented to the Museum. His collection of geology books have been given to the U3A Geology group where they are being used for research and projects.

Field trips of the Geology group are eagerly looked forward to. Many and varied were the places Jack took the group to see things and features we had been discussing.

In 2008 Jack was made a Life Member of U3A and was given a special award by the Polytechnic for his services to them as a tutor.

Our group would also like to thank Joan for her, and Jack's, hospitality over many years. Thank you Joan.

It was with an intense feeling of sadness that eight members of the Geology group gathered to farewell Jack at his funeral.

Goodbye Jack. Our meetings will never be the same and you are sadly missed.

*Jim Dearlove*  
*U3A Geology Group Member.*

*There is nothing which must end, to be valued for its continuance. If hours, days, months, and years pass away, it is no matter what hour, day, month, or year we die. The applause of a good actor is due to him at whatever scene of the play he makes his exit.*

*Si Richard Steele.*