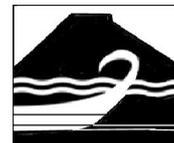




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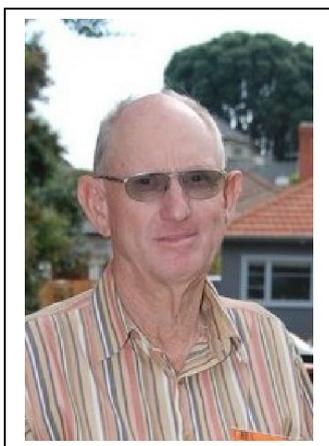
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Hello from your 2011 Treasurer



I was born in Christchurch just before the war. After school at CBHS I enrolled at Canterbury University in English, French, Latin (I belong to the U3A Latin group) and German and somehow finished with an accountancy qualification and a degree in Economics from Victoria. I spent some years working for various large companies before purchasing an accountancy practice based in Katikati. I became involved in the kiwifruit industry with my own orchard and for many years as a director of Seeka, now a local listed company. I also spent a stint as a councillor on the Tauranga County Council. I merged my much reduced practice with a leading Tauranga firm, Wood Walton CA Ltd, and in 2003 they put on a retirement function for me. However I still find I go into the office occasionally!

I have 3 children from my first marriage; James a Civil engineer in Hong Kong with one grandson, Joshua 2; Helen an architectural draughtsperson in Kent, England with another grandson, Dominic, 4; and Nicola who has recently returned to live in Tauranga after 15 years in Australia where she had a successful business as a marriage celebrant.

There is a tenuous connection to the foundation of U3A in Tauranga; our life members Pam & Roy Hayward are my sister and late brother-in-law.

I am happily remarried to a Thai lady, Suthin, who looks after me very well.

I am still not sure why I volunteered to be Treasurer.

Peter Benson

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Archives *Can you fill this position? Just a little bit of time and space.*

Items from Groups

McLaren Falls. From the Digital Camera Group



On Tuesday the 19th of April the Digital Camera Group met the Rotorua U3A Digital Camera Group at McLaren Falls Park. We had morning coffee with them and then enjoyed a few hours taking photographs of the park. Eventually we made our way to the Kaimai Café and the two groups had lunch there.

The Rotorua group showed us some of their work which was of high quality and we were very interested to learn how they operated their group. On a

personal note I was very pleased to learn just how well the Rotorua U3A was progressing as I was responsible for holding a public meeting and starting the U3A at Rotorua some years ago. They are now over 200 members and going strong.

Ken Rose.

FILMS: Festival & Foreign B. This year we have viewed two movies. The first was 'Tracker' an Australian film that just squeezed into the 'foreign' category! Set in the mid 1800s and in a south Australian National Park with beautiful scenery, it told the story of an aboriginal tracker accompanied by soldiers and police, tracking a supposed aboriginal murderer. The interplay and attitudes of the men as the chase moved to the conclusion were well drawn and gave us insight into roles and prejudices of the time.

In month April we watched 'The Last Metro' about a theatre company in Paris in WWII which kept going, even although it's founder was Jewish and in hiding. This starred a young Gerard Depardieu.

Each month we discuss the films over a cuppa and enjoy the stimulation of learning how different cultures deal with problems that most societies have in common.

There are currently eleven on our roll, but we find that with holidays, family commitments and illnesses we rarely have everyone present! U3A-ers are busy people!

Alison & Ken Leonard, Conveners. Phone 544-8567.

Pen Whisperers: This year we are accepting writing challenges, learning figures of speech and exercising our passion for words with quizzes. We may try our hand at modern poetry or read a heady piece from a particularly memorable book.

Could you state what Shakespearean play or work 30 famous' bardisms' came from? Can you give an example of alliteration, or assonance, or antithesis, or hyperbole? The group regularly has five or 10 mins. to write a quick story – and then are fascinated by the creativity when read.

This is an active, fun loving group who work with respect for each other and joy for the written word.

Ann French, Convener. Phone 576-5624

Christchurch Earthquake Appeal

During April 2011 U3A Tauranga Inc held an auction of donated Art Works. At the end of the auction President Ken, on behalf of U3A members, thanked those who donated goods, purchased art and who participated in any way.

Other U3A Tauranga groups are continuing to raise funds using their particular skills and contributions. Please ensure donations are received by the Treasurer soon as possible. All donations and the Book of Condolence will be forwarded to an appropriate group in Christchurch, on behalf of U3A Tauranga, during August.

Christchurch welcomes this support. Their situation is still desperate.

Sincere thanks from President Ken and the Committee to all individuals and groups who donated funds or supplied thoughts for the Commemorative booklet. Knowing people 'care' gives comfort to those who are grieving for the loss of loved ones, property, jobs or standard of living.

Facts & Figures to date

Next Newsletter: Due out 7th September
Copy to Editor, *Janet Ormsby, phone 576-5008*
Or email janet.L3@xtra.co.nz
By **29th August 2011 please**

615 Membership as at 15th June
20 New members for May/June 2011
72 Number of active groups
6 U3A Tauranga Inc Life Members

Waikato Rivertones.

Around 70 members of Waikato Rivertones 4-part harmony, acapella womens chorus 2011, **NZ champions**, will perform at Bethlehem College on Aug 7th, with supporting acts. Tickets, \$20 each, available from Baycourt, or from U3A member Vee Turton, phone 571-6976. Vee travels each week with 5 others to Hamilton for rehearsals. This concert is one of a series to raise funds for a trip to Denver USA late 2012 for the 'Rivertones' to represent NZ at an annual International contest.

Secrets of the \$Wealthy\$

What Many Millionaires have in Common?

Thomas J Stanley, former professor of marketing at Georgia State University, is the author of the bestseller, *The Millionaire Next Door*. In his book, *The Millionaire Mind*, he surveyed over 1,000 people who earn \$1M a year or more. This is a summary of his findings.

- They live far below their means and have little or no debt. Most pay off their credit cards every month.
- Many are frugal; they prepare shopping lists, resole their shoes, and save a lot of money; but are not misers.
- Most live in fine homes in older neighbourhoods. Only 27% have built their 'dream home'.
- 92% are married. Millionaire couples have less than 1/3 the divorce rate of non-millionaire couples. The typical couple has been married for 28 years and has three children.
- Most are first-generation millionaires who became wealthy as business owners or executives; few inherited their wealth.
- 90% are university graduates, with 52% holding Masters or Doctoral degrees. However, few graduated top of their class – most were 'B' students. They learned two lessons from university; discipline and tenacity.
- Most live balanced lives; they are not workaholics; 93% listed socializing with family members as their #1 preferred activity.
- A large % of those surveyed share five secret ingredients to success: integrity, discipline, social skills, a supportive spouse, and hard work.
- 64% contribute heavily to charities.
- Their #1 worry: Taxes! Their average annual income tax bill is \$300,000. The top zero point one percent (0.1%) of U.S. income earners pay 14.7% of all income taxes collected.
- Not one of these wealthy 1,000 millionaires had anything good to say about gambling.

To all Language Experts: *What does the following say and from what language is it from?*

Des Dieh ai gat noe epitutus ko Roe wiek ai ap fe gu naawi Daun'Taun.

Answer: On page 7

At a recent General Meeting Kathy Fathers mentioned items necessary in our Emergency Kit. The following was recommended: **Solar Dynamo Radio with Torch**, powered by the sun, dynamo or battery. Code is 54317. Clear radio reception AM/FM. Earphone socket 3.5mm. 20x12 cm. Order from:
New Zealand Nature Company Ltd, 107 Bolt Road, Nelson 7011. Ph 0800 771133.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

1. *We received your email and newsletter at our Committee Meeting last Friday and we were really amazed at the number in your group as well as the number of interest groups, it must all take some managing.*

We had no bother in printing off your newsletter and would like to be included on your newsletter distribution list for the future. Our newsletter can be accessed from our website – www.u3aporthill.org.nz

*Kind Regards. Pam Lawson, Secretary. **U3A Bishopdale Christchurch***

Ivan Lawson, Chairman & Camp Quality New Zealand.

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2. *To U3A Tauranga Inc.*

Recently one of your U3A 'study groups' took up the offer of coming to the Tauranga Library for a tour/workshop that focused on their area of study. The effectiveness of this seemed to surprise them and it was a worthwhile time as they learnt how to use the Library resources to find information for their study, and of course, for their needs. What I'd like to propose is that you consider this a 'promo' in your newsletter for other groups to do something similar. I have spoken to the U3A group a couple of times (my name was previously Read) and enjoy linking in with your organisation and the great 'work' you do.

Kind regards:

Jocelyn Mist, Information Librarian, Tauranga City Libraries. Ph 07 577-7179.

Jocelyn.mist@tauranga.govt.nz.

(An excellent service – can your group make use of this offer? Ed.)

3. *U3A ART AUCTION (April 2011)*

TO AID CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Belated thanks to the many artists who willingly gave such lovely paintings and sculptures for the Auction. No one refused my request, some even donating more than one item. They came over to deliver works from Rotorua and Hamilton and many were not members of U3A but wanted to help. Although the Auction was not well supported by members of U3A on the day, we still managed to raise \$3550.00! Thank you to the Committee members who helped set up the Auction on the day and Bay Auctioneers for giving their time without charge.

Mary Brooks



(Mary asked that her letter of thanks be included in this Newsletter).

Group News

New Groups Formed

Ethnic Dining

A group of members who enjoy convivial dining in the various ethnic restaurants in our area.

Convener: Noel Burns Phone 218-1263

Venue: Restaurants as arranged

Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month

Time: 6.30 pm at chosen restaurant

The group is full and a waiting list is started for another group. Phone Thelma 574-6222 if you are interested.

Computer 'one-to-one' mentors

Members with computer expertise will visit your home and mentor one to one to improve your computer skills. We have mentors in most areas and will match members according to locality where possible. Mentors will be available for sessions of up to 2 hours with a \$5 charge per visit. (Travel, expenses etc). Please contact Thelma Cane Phone 574-6222 if interested.

Bridge: Mount/Papamoa

A friendly group of Bridge enthusiasts meeting to enjoy playing the game. Some experience of the game is necessary. This group meets in the Mount/Papamoa area.

Convener: Richard Hammer Phone 572-3612

Venue: Members homes as arranged

Meetings: Every Tuesday afternoon

Time: 12.45 pm – 4.00 pm

Suggested New Groups

Modern History.

Possibly from the 18th Century onwards. The suggested format could be a discussion type group. Contact Monica phone 579-3616.

Computer AppleMac Support Group.

Some members who have AppleMac Computers would like to form a support group similar to the support groups we already have. If you are interested please contact Thelma phone 574-6222.

Mahjong.

This group would welcome new members. If you are interested and have some knowledge of the game please contact Christine McLeod, phone 570-2638. This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons, 1.00 pm to 4 pm.

Computer 'One to One' Mentoring Group is in need of Mentors for Apple Macs. Please ring Thelma 574-6222 if you would like to help.

Website: As Newsletters are published every 2 months there may be occasions when special notices need to be issued. Please keep in touch with our website for up-to-date news. www.u3aTauranga.org.nz

U3A TAURANGA INC



End of Year Sportacular

9th Dec. 2011

11.30am to 2.30pm

Tauranga Citizens club, 13th Ave.

Guest speaker

World Sports Personality

Luncheon Tickets \$20.00 pp

On sale September 2011

More news in September Newsletter

July/Aug General Meetings

Held the third Friday of each month, except January and December, from 10 am to noon, in the Wesley Church Hall, 13th Avenue, Tauranga. Entry fee \$3.00 for a light morning tea. Expect interesting speakers each meeting.

15th July 2011 Speaker 1: Jocelyn Hicks.
Subject: Cruise ship Guides & 'Historic Elm House'
Speaker 2: Nicky Wilkins
Subject: The Acorn foundation & how it works

19th August 2011 **Celebration of groups.**
An informative and fun meeting is expected



Bring a friend along

Answer
from
Question
on pg 4.
This
morning I
have no
get up and
go,
because
Roe woke
me to go
swimming
at
Kingston.
Written in
Norfolk
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The
language
of Norfolk
Island.



Preparing for 2012

With our continuing growth we need to plan early, so the 2012 incoming committee will be ready to pick up the reins.

Please help by:

- Returning the questionnaire quickly, (*for inclusion in September Newsletter*).
- Offer to serve on the Committee. (*Tell the President*)
- Offer to help your committee by being 'back-up' for non-committee positions. These people are valuable.

N.B. All positions are open for nomination for the 2012 year.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Committee has been working toward future growth

- By ensuring equipment is functioning correctly, or replaced.
- Updating job descriptions
- Splitting some positions into two, thereby sharing the tasks.
- Implementing a 'back-up' person for Committee members.
- Contacting other U3A's in NZ re their management styles, groups etc
- Encouraging new interest groups to accommodate growing membership.



Now, could YOU be involved? Please tell us.

Me. I'll do
it.
I'm willing,
ready and
able.

See *Committee phone numbers on the front page.*

URGENT : The Bucket Group needs a carter to deliver finished caskets.
Small delivery payment offered for petrol costs.
Please contact Henri Limacher 578-3554 or Janet Ormsby 576-5008.