



U3A Tauranga Inc.

NEWSLETTER November 2011



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This is the last newsletter of the year. We hope you have all enjoyed the group activities you have been involved with. Remember you can have a change next year and try something new or you may rather stay with your existing groups **and** try other groups. This is also the last time you will see the notice for the '*end-of-year event*'. Come along and enjoy yourselves and feel free to dress up for the

Sportacular at the Tauranga Citizens Club in 13th Ave, 11.30 to 2.30pm.

Lyn and I hope you have approved our efforts with the newsletter and we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPORTACULAR Rules of Play

Dress-up is not obligatory but would add to the FUN!

The Luncheon is suitable for ALL

No physical effort required - just bring your reading glasses

Buy your drinks at the 'Refreshment Tent'

Come with your U3A Group

OR

Mingle with Others

COME EARLY to 'RESERVE' seats

Get your \$20.00 TICKETS now!

A Correction

Please note a correction to the September 2011 U3A Committee meeting minutes, amended at the 14 October 2011 meeting and ratified, re a trip by Angela Dold to Christchurch to present, on our behalf, a \$4000 cheque and Condolence Book to the Mayor.

In the above it was noted that Angela had asked for a contribution towards this trip. This is not correct. This was a motion put forward by another committee member and seconded. At no time did Angela ask for money. She offered to pay for herself because she wanted Christchurch to be fully aware that U3A Tauranga had worked very hard to raise this money, and make the book, and simply parcelling it up and posting it didn't seem the right thing to do.

There have been some quite personal and negative comments which have caused considerable stress to Angela and the committee. She has consequently withdrawn her offer.

HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?

I guess there are some things that the brain cannot handle.

You have to try this please, it takes 2 seconds. I could not believe this! It is from an orthopaedic surgeon..... and it will keep you trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. It's pre-programmed in your brain!

1). With no-one watching you (they will think you are GOOFY....) lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

2). Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction I told you so!

And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.

Groups' Celebration Meeting August 2011

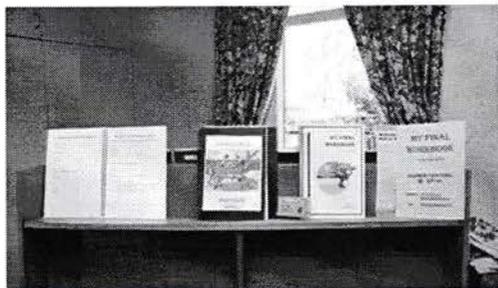
Report from Groups' Coordinators

**Thelma Cane and
Monica Cox**

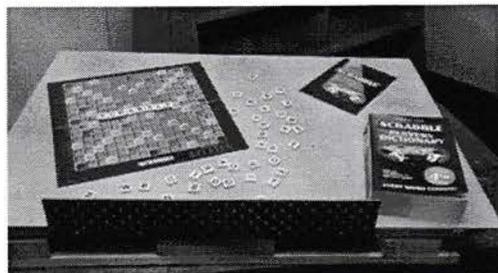
This was a very successful meeting with 18 groups participating. We have received a number of thank you notes and congratulations from members.

A big thank you to the conveners and their groups for all their hard work and enthusiasm; that is what made the event. The items, static displays and powerpoint presentations created variety to the programme.

Also thanks to the U3A members for attending and filling the hall. We were thrilled with the numbers who came along.



The Bucket Group



Scrabble



Beginners French



Antiques and Collectables

At our meetings each member brings any article of interest. We go through the alphabet starting with ABC for February, ending with WXYZ in November. The article is presented with the member telling of its origin if possible and told how it is acquired. It may be an old piece of jewellery or porcelain, granny's night gown, a porcupine quill box, old bibles or newspapers, grandpa's infant dress from 1909, old machinery parts, a leather bullock whip, just to name a few exhibits. As we can't transport around old furniture or large pieces, our meetings are pretty much low-key, and a little research is done by computer. We are a laid-back group of ladies out for a good laugh, have a nice afternoon tea, and an end of year visit somewhere in December. If anyone is interested, they would be very welcome to come and join us.



Laurel Nixon - Convener.



Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Book Lovers 2

Betrayal by Claire Francis; The Third Twin by Ken Follett; The Pathfinder by Margaret Mayhew; The Power of One by Bryce Courtney; what do these books and many others have in common? They are a diverse range of titles covering fiction and non-fiction and a variety of genre and they were all read by members of Book Lovers 2 recently.

Each month we talk about the books we have read and enjoyed (or disliked). Unlike some book clubs we have no set book to read and critique. Our members have diverse reading interests, some focus on non-fiction, some on crime, others seek out the newest releases and others read old favourites. Discussion around a book can lead in all directions and we often set the world right.

Our books come from a variety of sources; libraries and book fairs, and we share freely among ourselves. Book Lovers 2 is a friendly, not too serious group who enjoy reading and books.

We do have one or two vacancies for like-minded people so come along and check us out.

Diana O'Brien – Convener

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Science Today

This group starts with the latest items of interest and the main agenda which is either a presentation by one of the group, a DVD or other recording. Some of the topics we have covered include bioluminescence, genetics of haemophilia, ion engines, building the Taipei 101 tower and a North Sea oil platform, selenium and health, eye surgery, variable focus spectacles, updraft solar towers, NZ fossils, and climate change. Of great interest is the potential use of ammonia made on-site at petrol stations as an alternative to petrol - the U.S. military is funding much of this research since 80% of their casualties in Afghanistan are from protecting the fuel train.



We have also had practical sessions extracting DNA from kiwifruit and examining eyelashes for mites that live in the hair follicles.

Peter Long – Convener - Ph 579 1590

Groups with vacancies

Geography Group

This group has some vacancies. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:15 pm in members' homes. We study a country each month and members research topics within that country e.g. flora and fauna, ethnicity, religion, import and exports etc. It is most interesting and we all learn a lot of important facts about each country. If you are curious please contact:

Judy Jones - Convener - Ph 576 9740.

Creative Writing

There are still vacancies. In the last newsletter it was stated that this group meets in the afternoon. This is incorrect, it meets on 1st & 3rd Monday of the month in the morning. Please contact:

Angela Dold - Convener - Ph 571 6767

IMPORTANT

HOW TO FORWARD E-MAIL APPROPRIATELY

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names. **As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds and builds.** How do you stop it? Well, **there are several easy steps:**

- (1) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, **do NOT use the To: or Cc:** for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the **BCC: (blind carbon copy)** field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.
- (2) Remove any 'FW ' by high-lighting and then deleting in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.
- (3) ALWAYS hit your 'Forward' button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By 'Forwarding' from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

Facts and Figures to Date

Membership: 640

Groups: 77

The next newsletter is due in the middle of January. If you would like to contribute an article or advert in the January newsletter please have it in by 6 January 2012:

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General Meeting 18 November 2011

The first speaker will be Ken Rose doing a power-point presentation. The second speaker will be Matt Crawford from Zespri.

Groups Closed

Festival and Foreign Films B has closed. A new venue and convener were not available when Ken and Alison Leonard resigned their position. A big thank you to them both for their years of providing a venue and convening the group.

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

NB Because of space constraints contributions may need to be shortened and/or edited to fit.

