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Newsletter

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Date Claimers

Members Day and Xmas Afternoon Tea Thursday
19th December 1.30 to 3.00pm, (includes display of
course items, Guest Speaker and Raffle).

Sign On Sizzle: Friday 17th January 2014, 10.00am
to 1.30pm. Members sign on day with FREE
Sausage Sizzle, tea and coffee. Come along, sign up
for 2014 and pay your 2014 membership fees, and
have a chat. All Welcome.

**2014 Annual General Meeting Friday 28th March
starting at 10.00am. (Includes election of new
committee members and office bearers for 2014).
To be held at Centacare, 25 Petersen Street,
Beaudesert.**

New Members

A big welcome to our new members:

Denese Kennedy
Paulette Watson.

We hope that you enjoy being a part of the U3A
and look forward to your participation.

Editorial

Are You a Ho! Ho! Ho! Person, or a Bah! Humbug!
personality? Do you like to see the glass as half
empty or half full? Maybe you are somewhere in
between....I think that is where I fit, and perhaps it is
healthy to have a mix of both.

It seems to be a natural progression to become a
little more cynical as we get older, and our life
experiences mount up. Having said that, I believe
that we should remain optimistic about the
possibilities the future holds.

The coming Festive Season for 2013 holds
opportunities for all of us – the chance to enjoy
family gatherings and catch up with friends. We
should also reflect on other issues, perhaps
remembering those who are no longer with us, or
sparing a thought for those not as fortunate as us to
live in a wealthy country, free of the violence and



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strife in so many other parts of the world. While we may no longer have the wide-eyed innocence of the very young, we still have much to be thankful for. Not least is the enjoyment of company of new friends and like minded people in the U3A organization. For those participating in one or more activities or courses, I hope you had a good time in 2013 being a part of our community. For those who are not active in a group or course, take the time to get involved, it is why you are a member of the U3A. You will be warmly welcomed in any group or course, and you might surprise yourself as you learn new skills or expose hidden talents!

I look forward to your company in 2014, and wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

KEEP SAFE.

Andy Fechner, Co-Editor.

Membership Fees 2014

Membership fees for 2014 remain the same as 2013- \$25 per single and \$40 per couple.

You are reminded that fees are due and payable as of 1st January each year. Participation in courses and activities offered by the Beaudesert U3A is open only to financial members.

Remember, we are a not-for-profit Community Group, and all office bearers are volunteers. We depend on timely payment of fees to fund purchase of equipment for our members use and enjoyment. Help us to help you...please pay your fees promptly. To this end, we are hosting a FREE Sausage Sizzle Sign On Day at Centacare, 25 Petersen Street Beaudesert on Friday 17th January 2014, from 10.00am to 1.30pm.

Come along, Sign up, Pay up, and Eat up!! Have a chat with friends, fellow members and committee members on the day.

Results Of Survey

We have had a healthy response to the survey distributed with last month's newsletter and an analysis of the results show that those who responded were satisfied with the way the organisation is performing. Suggestions for improvements were in the areas of the marketing and advertising of U3A so that more people know of the

organisation and its aims.

Also suggested was that we have more get togethers to enable members to meet with those members who attend different courses and this has already been organised with Member's Days happening once a term with guest speakers and afternoon tea.

Activities suggested are for cookery or food related, poetry reading writing and appreciation, Tai Chi, Indoor Bowls, Monthly Social Outings and Geology of the Region. That should keep us busy trying to arrange.

We received only three offers to assist with the running of courses and a few offering assistance with the running of the organisation but these were mostly from those who are currently assisting.

The main aim of the survey was to find out from those who are not currently attending any activity if they consider that their membership fee was well spent. I am afraid the results have not satisfactorily answered that question and the management committee are keen to hear from the many members who are not currently attending activities. This may be because they have achieved what they wanted or many reasons but we would like to hear from you so that we can provide a service worthy of the tradition of U3A's everywhere. To this end the survey will not be finalised until after the end of the year so there is time for you to let us know your views.

Tricia Edward
Secretary

Friends of the Library

A preliminary meeting was held on Thursday 28th November to establish a Friends of the Library Group. This is an initiative of the Beaudesert Librarian, Renee Mason, to assist in publicising and promoting the Library and its many functions and also to assist in fund raising and helping to set up the book sales which the Library holds periodically. It is also envisaged that the group members will assist in the Library from time to time.

Membership costs a nominal \$2.00 per year. The first Annual Meeting to elect a committee will be held in February 2014, date to be advised.

While this is not solely a U3A project, we intend to support the Library and Renee with this group. U3A



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members wishing to know more about the Friends of the Library scheme will be able to learn more at our Members Open Day on the 19th December where Renee will be our guest speaker.
Peter Chapman

Book Club

In response to our recent Members Survey, a number of U3A members expressed an interest in forming a Book Club. I will be contacting them individually to ascertain the format that the group should follow. Anyone who has not advised us that they are interested in a Book Club, but would like to be involved, please phone me on 5541 3660.

Peter Chapman

Merry Christmas

My one indulgence when it comes to magazines is a monthly splurge on a popular cooking one.

Reading recipes is a real buzz for me, I put my feet up on the couch and the rest of the world passes me by for an hour or so. As I read I can feel the calories going straight to my thighs and my arteries becoming more clogged without even cooking then eating the delicious concoctions.

All the Christmas recipes for a large gathering get me excited and I plan all these dishes, some to be frozen in November, others prepared on Christmas Eve and the rest done on the day while I swan around the kitchen with a glass of Chardonnay dressed to the nines and looking like Nigela. The euphoria soon wears off when I finally realise the temperature on Christmas Day is likely to be in the mid 30's and the humidity 80 plus. Reality sets in and it is cold meats, salads and chilled fresh fruit.

Mind you, you can go mad with salads nowadays and present some delectable delights. Remember the "olden days" when a salad was iceberg lettuce and tomatoes with oily mayo and Christmas Dinner was roast stuffed turkey or chicken, at least three roast vegetables and thick brown gravy, then a real home made Christmas pudding with sixpences inside, thick yellow custard and pavlova. Don't forget no air conditioning then or supermarket with every thing precooked for you. I remember my paternal grandparents always toasting the King with

a glass of sherry at the end of our Christmas Day

lunch. Then the adults had to have an afternoon nap to settle the food and we children were left to play with our presents.

My childhood Christmas stocking at the end of my bed always held a book, perhaps a second-hand doll with new knitted clothes or a second-hand jigsaw, new underwear or nighties. At the very bottom would be an orange, every year an orange and I hated citrus of any kind and still do. I think Mum was able to find a pomegranate one year and I can still feel my mouth watering when I think about it. No pomegranate has ever tasted so good.

Once we were settled in New Zealand Christmas was different. More and nicer presents (Dad was earning more there), no snow turning to brown sludge, the afternoon spent at the beach but I did miss my grandparents.

(Member contribution)

The Hallelujah Chorus



(at 20 Lincoln Court in Queensland)

Someone said to me recently "it must be so nice were you live, so far from the city and so quiet". That comment really made me laugh. Traffic noise is very low, we are not on any flight path near the airport and there are no noisy pubs or entertain areas etc. BUT we do have two small dams on our property and our neighbour has a large one almost on our boundary fence, this means we are a haven for frogs. The Whirring Tree frogs, Eastern Sedge frogs, Striped Marsh frogs and Green Tree frogs have all been heard. I am sure we have a Froglet out there to but have not had that confirmed.



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Interesting Cooking Course

We are in the planning stages of developing a new cooking group, designed to share and try new recipes. We are looking for expressions of interest from members who would like to be involved in this program in 2014.

Two current members have offered their large kitchens as potential venues, and the group will be able to cope comfortably with around 8 to 10 people. There will be a "hands on" approach, with everyone having a role to play in the preparation, cooking, and then of course the tasting of the finished product. If this appeals to you, and you would like to be involved, please ring me on 5541 0745, or speak to me at the Members Day, (Christmas theme), on the 19th December. In addition, if anyone has had prior experience in these types of cooking groups, and would like to help with advice or organizing, your input would be most welcome. Places will definitely be limited, so get in early.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 19th December at Centacare for our Members Day Afternoon tea from 1.30pm. Come along and enjoy our group displays, and listen to our Guest Speaker Renee Mason the Beaudesert Branch Librarian, (a young lady with a bubbly nature and a passion for Libraries and much more). The Mosaic group will also be conducting a raffle, with proceeds going to the Centacare Staff Christmas Fund.

See you then.

Margaret Kendrick,
Tutor/Course Coordinator. Phone 55410745.

Members Suggestion

We have been asked to consider including "For Sale" and "Wanted" columns in our Newsletter. Some time ago, Co-Editor Bernie Brown included a section listing items available "For Loan" and "Wanted to Borrow". We will certainly be only too happy to include any or all of the above in any Newsletter issue. Just remember to include contact details and then provide feedback about subsequent results of those "advertisements".

All requests and notices should be forwarded to the "Co-Editor":

e-mail: andyfechner@bigpond.com
Post: Beaudesert U3A Inc., P.O.Box 561,
Beaudesert, Q. 4285.

You may also wish to consider notices such as 'Help Wanted' or 'Services Available' or similar items. Our U3A Newsletter reaches many parts of the wider Beaudesert community in addition to our current membership base.

Course Coordinators Report

Success in 2013!

Courses on offer in 2013 have generally been well attended, with members reporting a high level of satisfaction and enjoyment in their chosen activities.

Our Discussion group has had a lively year, with members now off to various other community obligations, including choir for Christmas Carols, and being a community "Father Christmas", (good on you Santa George)!

Line-dancing is also over for the year, now enjoying their summer break, re-starting in March 2014 after the hotter weather. Perhaps members will swell the Aqua Aerobics ranks who will only be off for the 2 weeks of Christmas and New Year.

Limners Art Group are planning another bus excursion in 2014. The 2013 trip was full in no time, so a bigger bus is planned for this new trip. Of course the Art Appreciation Group will continue with their meetings and popular excursions.

Our computer group has been boosted by the loan from the Jimboomba U3A of 7 laptop computers and associated printer, screen and other equipment. This will assist our group in learning the skills of computer networking. Hennie thanks Bernie, Val and Dianne for their valuable assistance in making this group viable, offering one to one time with members. Most of the current attendees are beginners, and focus is on new devices such as smart phones, I Pods, I Pads, Tablets and broadband access problems.

Looking forward to some exciting new courses in 2014!

Margaret Kendrick.



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Beaudesert U3A Course Outlines 4th Semester, 2013

Term 4: Monday, 8th October – Friday, 13th December 2013

*** [Art Group](#) Art Group "The Limners"

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00am, at the Centrecare rooms, Peterson Street. Phone Denise Knight or Margaret 5541 0745

*** [Art Appreciation](#)

Third Wednesday each month, nominal time 10.00 - 12 noon if not visiting, Centacare Bistro - usually involving art gallery visits with Tricia. A chance to look at and discuss works of art on display in the Scenic Rim and Master Pieces from around the world. Phone Tricia 5544 1462

*** [General Discussion Group](#)

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am. General Discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here. At Kath's House. Phone Peter 5541 3660

*** [Computer Group](#)

Mondays 10am to noon, at Centacare Bistro room. Hands on Computer Application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.

The aim is to help solve computer related problems through the group. Where the need becomes evident specific additional courses will be held. Phone Hennie 5541 0745 for more information.

*** [Conservational French](#)

Continuing Conversational and written French. Text required costs \$31 approx. Every Monday, 1.00 pm - 3 pm
Phone Bernie 5544 2042

*** [Genealogy Club](#)

Meetings and excursions arranged as appropriate.
Phone Tricia 5544 1462

*** [Mosaics](#)

Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at 20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle.

A hands on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects.
Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

*** [Card Making Group](#)

Lively group of creative people meet at Centacare, Thursday at 10.00am. Contact Margaret, 55410745.

*** [Jigsaw Library](#)

20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle. Come along and select one to use from the library. Phone Margaret or Hennie 5541 0745 to arrange selection and collection.

*** [Aqua Aerobics](#)

This popular class will begin on 15th October. Call Margaret for details, 5541 0745.

Social Activities

*** [Line Dancing](#)

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm, held at the Uniting Church Hall. This is a great form of exercise, helps balance, movement and is great fun. Come along and have a go. Phone Val or Trish - Mobile: 0417 440 584

All courses are held at the Centacare rooms, 6-12 Peterson Street, Beaudesert, unless otherwise indicated.

All participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25.00) per annum (couples \$40.00) and each session has a minimum fee of \$2.00 towards Centacare expenses (tea/coffee, aircon etc). If necessary extra Course costs for photocopying will be set by Tutors.

Course Co-ordinator: Margaret Kendrick

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Cost \$50. Sell \$25. Never used.
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