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Welcome to our last newsletter for the year, where we bring you details of our Christmas meeting to be held on Thursday 21st November, 2019. This will be our special \$15.00 Christmas menu, of which your committee have agreed to subsidise by \$5.00 so you pay only \$10.00 pp.

Festive Season's Greeting from our President ..

As we come to the end of 2019 and reflect on the turmoil around the world it is comforting to know that U3A membership continues to offer fun and friendship in a learning environment. My sincere thanks to my committee members for their support over the year of my presidency and also to all the dedicated conveners for running the groups. Attendance at coffee mornings with our guest speakers has been well attended and due to your support our environment has been enriched by the planting of 44 trees to help water purity.

Don't forget to tell your friends about U3A you are our ambassadors in the community and the catalyst for new members and groups.

Every best wish for Christmas and the New Year

Joan Sye ---- President, U3A Havelock North 2019



Our Christmas General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November, 2019 at the Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road, Havelock North commencing at 10am.

Come along and enjoy a morning of entertainment, light refreshment and chat with your friends and committee members.

Many thanks to Pure Caterers for providing us with their excellent Xmas themed morning tea menu and as this has been subsidised by our Committee, Members and Guests only pay \$10.00 per person as you enter.



This year we are showcasing our own U3A group activities with a program of light entertainment and presentations by some of our groups.

There will also be static displays compiled by our Conveners to showcase their interests and activities within our groups.

Perhaps you would like to invite a friend or family member to come along and see what we do - they may like to join U3A for next year's programs.



Obituary



Garth Cecil Thornton QC (d. 5.10.19)

Garth was a valued U3A member for 10 years and a committee member for five years from 2010 to 2014. He was a diligent minute secretary and newsletter editor during this time.

He was a modest, unassuming man with a brilliant career in Law which took him on travels to many countries. His memorial service was a fitting tribute to a much loved husband and father.

Our condolences to Judith his wife and to his children Roger, Nick and Rozz.

David Daysh (d. 31.7.2019)

David was a member of U3A for over 7 years and had participated in several groups together with his wife Valerie. Our condolences to Valerie and family.

John Phillips (d. 31.10.2019)

John was a member of U3A for 9 years and very much enjoyed the company of the group he and his wife Barbara participated in. Our condolences to Barbara and family.

Cherry Dingemans (d. 2.11.2019)

Cherry was a valued member of U3A Shakespeare group for the last two years. Sincere condolences to her husband Patrick and family.



U3A Havelock North

Christmas General Meeting

**To be held at the Havelock North Function Centre,
Te Mata Rd, Havelock North**

Thursday 21st November 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

"Let us Entertain you"

**A special presentation of items showcasing the
activities of some of our groups with entertainment in
mind and a finale of Christmas Carols from our own
Singing for Fun group.**

\$10.00 p.p. payable at the door
Includes morning tea
Spot raffle prizes for members.

Please do let Trish Loye know before 19th November if
you are coming along.

Phone 878 5920

Email: pals.bkh@nowmail.co.nz

Please note: If you find you are unable to attend once registered, PLEASE advise Trish by Wednesday night or before 9 am Thursday morning so as we can adjust the numbers with the caterers. It is very difficult when we find that we could be 10 or 12 short of the numbers catered for and payment is required.

HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

It seems as if we are being bombarded with phone calls and emails from unknown callers or scammers some supposedly from "Spark" in particular, so I have included this article for your information.

- * If you receive a phone call or unknown email out of the blue, even from a trusted organisation, stop to think about if it's legitimate.
- * Check with the organisation if the contact is legitimate. Do this using the organisation's official website or phone number – don't use the contact details provided by the caller and do not reply to any email where you do not know the sender.
- * Always protect your personal information, especially banking or payment details.
- * Never give out your account or password details. No legitimate organisation will ever ask you for these.
- * If you're not sure whether something is legitimate, contact Netsafe for free advice seven days a week on 0508 NETSAFE or visit www.netsafe.org.nz

Internet safety group Netsafe said iTunes gift cards were a popular and untraceable currency among fraudsters.

The scam typically involved fraudsters claiming to be from a government agency or department, contacting victims out of the blue to say they had been selected to receive some kind of offer or grant.

The victims are convinced to make a payment by buying iTunes cards from their nearby shops. Once they have bought the cards, victims are asked over the phone to share the 16-digit codes on the back of the cards.

This allows the scammers to spend the value of the gift card on Apple products.

Other popular scams include the offer of unclaimed pension payments.

"Scammers will ask the target for their details for some reason – for example, in order to process the grant. Scammers may ask for bank account details, name, date of birth, address, mother's maiden name, former addresses and credit card details.

"The scammer may use these details to call the target's bank and steal money from their accounts."

Remember if you are taken by surprise by one of these phone calls - Hang Up immediately and ignore - or check directly with the official organisation.

REMINDER

Have you changed your address, phone number or email address and are no longer getting our emails or newsletters.

Please remember to advise Trish in order to keep our records up to date. Thank You

Registrations for 2020

It will soon be time to renew our subscriptions and course fees for 2020 to secure places in your chosen groups and register for new groups as well.

With this in mind, I have attached a list of the courses available and membership forms. Please make sure you include the groups you wish to attend for next year and if you are no longer able to participate please let the Secretary know as we do have waiting lists and enquiries for some of our group places.
Your co-operation in this respect is most appreciated.

For those wishing to pay by Internet Banking the information is now included on the subscription form.

Please note: I still require you to return a completed form for our records if you are paying in person or on line. Online forms can be completed, saved and then emailed back to me. Please DO NOT scan as a jpg as I cannot file such a document.

For those that wish to pay their subs at the Xmas meeting on the 21st November -----
Please have your subscription payment and form separate to your \$10.00 morning tea fee.
We will have a separate table set up for these.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Our next AGM will be held on Thursday 13th February, 2020
Nominations for any position on our committee can be submitted but needs to be received at least 7 (seven) days prior to that meeting.
Please contact the Secretary for nomination forms and further information.

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On behalf of the President and Committee we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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