



UNIVERSITY of the THIRD AGE
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FORMAL NOTICE OF U3A CAPE TOWN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please accept this as formal notification of our **2012 Annual General Meeting** to be held at 10h00 for 10h30 on Thursday 29 March at the Baxter Theatre.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of minutes of previous AGM
3. Chairman's Annual Report & Adoption
4. Treasurer's Report & Adoption
5. Appointment of Honorary Auditors
6. Election of Co-ordinating Committee
7. AOB / General

Nominations for the committee should be submitted by **22 March** in writing to U3A Cape Town, PO Box 2135, Clareinch, 7740. The nominations should include the names and addresses of the proposer and seconder as well as the signed consent of the nominee. All members of U3A CT are encouraged to make themselves available for the Committee.

The AGM will be followed immediately by a regular General Meeting.

FORTHCOMING U3A GENERAL MEETINGS

CAPE TOWN

10h00 for 10h30, Baxter Theatre

23 February: Chantell Ilbury – 2020s: SA in the Global Environment
29 March: AGM: Maciej Soltynski – Wonders of the Solar System

ATHLONE

10h00 for 10h30, Belthorn Recreation Centre, c/o Turfhall & Belgravia Roads, Athlone

16 February: Arthur Clarke - Panel Presentation on Walking Groups

ATLANTIC

10h00 for 10h30, St Peter's Anglican Church Hall, Park Drive, Camps Bay

9 February: A Mountain – The destruction of the Zulu Kingdom 1840-1884
8 March: Dr Cleeve Robertson (Medical Director, Emergency Service, Metro Control) – How Metro Control co-ordinates all services in the W Cape
12 April: Alan Dunnell – Count Rumford, spy, statesman, soldier, scientist

BLAAUWBERG

10h15, Milnerton Library Hall, Pienaar Road, Milnerton

28 February: Jos Baker - Wolraad Woltemade house in Brooklyn
27 March: Albert Glass - Behind the Barrier

FALSE BAY

09h30 for 10h00, Muizenberg Pavilion

2 February: Robin Hammond - Phoenicians – who, where, when & why
1 March: Jacqueline Clayton - Salvadore Dali

STOP PRESS! U3A INDABA 2012

Indaba project split into two!

Firstly, you are invited to join Kath Green on a bus trip up the Garden Route and exploration of the area. As the George Indaba will not take place in April, we will be taking advantage of the special on 'Dinner, Bed and Breakfast' at *Carmel by the Sea* and the very low fare negotiated by Derick - under R2 000 in total. Kath is organising a full programme for the trip from 16 - 20 April.

PHONE NOW. Reservations will be strictly first come first served, and places are booking up fast. Kath 021 531 2650 will take calls until 2 February after which please phone Brenda on 021 686 4668.

Later in June, during the Varsity vac, the relocated and expanded Indaba proper will probably be held at UCT. This will include two sessions, chaired by Karen Marshall, devoted to proposals on a future U3A, SA. The first will be a brainstorming session for committee members and those with ideas to contribute; the second, a plenary report-back.

Please join us for both projects, but if it is impossible for you and you've already registered and paid, send us your banking details and we'll refund you in full immediately via EFT. Email: u3a.ct@sybaweb.co.za ; Tel: 021 686 8922.

Recent Baxter General Meetings Report

Prof Alec Erwin: The South African Economy in Africa, 27 October

Prof. Erwin stressed that mineral exports and tourism alone cannot bring prosperity to the masses, so South Africa must manufacture more, process minerals and diversify industry. The BRIC group of Brazil, Russia, India and China needs massive energy and raw materials found only in Africa and Central Asia. China and India are offering to build African infrastructure in return for minerals. The global balance of economies is BRIC-driven, with the key objective being raw materials not exports. So South Africa must

export to Africa because her inclusion in BRICS was political not economic. Success in increasing manufacturing will increase our economic strength.

Prof Elizabeth Trichardt: Cape Town City Ballet, 24 November

Prof Trichardt gave an amusing and modest account of the triumphs and tribulations of this unique troupe. A charming demonstration by two delightful young dancers was included. We were very pleased that the money collected as a donation amounted to R9 500!

Summer Programme 2011-12 COMPETITION

On Thursday 1 December 2011 the Summer Programme started with a day of crafts; the final event, a 'bring and share' lunch, took place on Sunday 22 January.

Were you part of this ninth programme - playing Bridge, discussing the Bible, learning about computers, crafts or cryptic crosswords, dancing, watching DVDs, geocaching, having lunch, listening to music, playing Scrabble, singing, enjoying tea, talks, train trips or walks? Were you on the bus trip to the Fossil Park or at the Percussion Lec-dem at ArtsCape? There were about 50 events in all on this free programme, presented by 28 convenors. Thank you, convenors: without you there would be no programme!

As the Summer Programme draws to a close, I issue a final invitation to you, not (this time) to attend an event, but to take part in ***The Summer Programme Competition***.

To enter:

1. Write one sentence, positive or negative, about what the programme means to you.
2. Suggest a new 'event'.
3. Give your estimate of the number of people who attended the 2011/12 Programme.
4. Send your entry to brendasheer@telkomsa.net – subject line "U3A Competition" (or, if not on email, 021 686 4668).

Results and winners will be announced at the February Baxter meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Brenda Shear

Summer Programme Co-ordinator

Book theatre for yourself

50% off for any Pieter Toerien production at Theatre on the Bay or Artscape on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some matinées. Currently *Nutcracker on Ice* until 12 February. Phone 021 438 3300.

Advance notice: Gilbert & Sullivan's *Yeomen of the Guard* will be at Artscape in June 2012. Bookings for 17 and 23 June will be available at Cape Town U3A meetings in March and April, at your usual pensioner's discount; or email simoncatzbuxton@yahoo.com

A passage to India

Would you like to attend an international U3A Conference in India from 12-14 October 2012? Go to <http://worldu3a.org/signpost/november2011.htm> for details.

U3A Retirement Accommodation Directory

In order to update our Retirement Accommodation Directory (which is available at: www.u3a-retirement.org.za) please notify us if you hear of a new retirement home. Contact: u3a.ct@sybaweb.co.za OR tony.heher@gmail.com OR tel. 021 686 8922.

Derick Rule's tour to Kruger Park 14-20 April

The tour will depart from Cape Town Airport on Saturday morning and return on Thursday evening. The itinerary includes two full days in the Kruger Park, one of which will be in open Landrovers (valued at R800 pp), visiting areas where ordinary vehicles are unable or not permitted to enter.

The two remaining days will be spent visiting a silk farm, waterfalls, forest walks, Bourkes Luck Potholes and the Blyde River Canyon. Accommodation will be in the luxury Mogodi Lodge on the edge of Kowyn's Pass in Graskop.

The cost of the tour is R5700 per person sharing or R6700 for a single supplement. This includes airfare, coach hire, accommodation, breakfast & dinner, KNP Landrover Excursion, and entrance fees. The cost may increase slightly should petrol or airfares increase, but will remain within 10% of these prices.

Bookings are also now open for this year's star-watching tours to Sutherland.....

For further information call Derick on 021 532 0374 or e-mail mwemrule@iafrica.com

SUNDRY INFORMATION

Well saved! Frugal Friends have produced an excellent money-saving booklet, which is on sale for R10 at Baxter meetings. It is sensible, well-written and well-produced. *AND, if you are reading this on e-mail, you have saved yourself R20!*

An Appeal: Please keep us notified of changes in your *postal, telephone or email* contact details.

Email: u3a.ct@sybaweb.co.za

Post: U3A, PO Box 2135, Clareinch 7740

Telephone: 021 686 8922

Can you help? There have been requests for French and Italian conversation courses. If you would like to assist us, please contact Eve on 021 531 5604 or akdunnell@iburst.co.za

2012 COURSE INFORMATION : Time and venue details are on the course list

- ❖ **Look for this new course** on the enclosed course list:
 - Lois Harley "Practical Family History" on the first Thursday of the month at the Claremont Library
- ❖ **Armchair Travel**, Meadowridge, starts the year off on 20 February at 10h00 with Colin Sutherland - "Faces of France". Hoping to see everyone back, after a long break.
- ❖ **Film Study Group:** The leader is now Michael Welch, tel. 021 761 5355, e-mail: samantha@samanthabernhardi.com
The first film is *His Girl Friday* at Constantia Place at 15:30 on Monday 13 February.
- ❖ **False Bay Stompers** (a walking group) would love to have members of other U3As join them. Contact Fi Skennerton, fi-fishhoek@mweb.co.za, 021 785 4174.
- ❖ **The Fynbos Ramblers** will commence their walks in March 2012.
- ❖ **Gardening in Small Spaces** will run over 3 sessions on the mornings of 9 February, 8 March and 12 April. Jill Lawson, 021 797 4493.
- ❖ **History at Woodside Village:** Please note - now at 14h00 on the THIRD THURSDAY!
16 February - Eve Dunnell, "1812";
15 March & 19 April - June Botha, "Six Wives of Henry VIII".
- ❖ **Interfaith Group:** Speaker: Rabbi Seltzer, 1 February.
- ❖ **Literature:** Woodside Village Clubhouse, Rondebosch
29 February 14h30 - Eve Dunnell, "Shakespeare: Who done it? A Comedy of Errors".
- ❖ **Meditation sessions** with Linda Sealy will take place on alternate Tuesdays beginning 7 February and will run until the end of March, followed by a break in April, resuming in May.
- ❖ **Movies for Fun**, Friday mornings at 10h00. From 10 February the full original BBC production of *The Forsyte Saga* (26 episodes of 50 minutes each over 13 weeks) will be shown. This, by the way, was the first BBC production to be broadcast over state TV in Russia. Phone Sheehan 021 671 4543.

- ✧ **A Page of Fiction** meets on Wednesday 15 February at 10h30 and further dates will be negotiated.
- ✧ **Natural Science:** Monday 13 February, 10h00 for 10h30, Meadowridge Library.
The Natural Science class will start again in February – the second Monday morning of each month, barring public holidays. The first speaker this year will be course leader **Saranne Cessford** – with the promised talk on the **Southern Oceans**, following her amazing trip down there. She will send out a notice to the group members on email shortly. The group has gone from strength to strength, with the help of Maciej Soltynski, and now averages 40 attendees for each class.
- ✧ **The World of Opera and Ballet:** Peter Koster reports that due to an increased demand an extra Friday morning will be set aside each month as from February 2012 as follows: *The World of Ballet* to be presented on the first Friday of each month; *The World of Opera* to be presented on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Loraine and Peter Koster present these courses in their modest cottage at 17 Airlie Road, Bergvliet at 09h30 sharp. There is room for 15 participants in reasonable comfort and 18 at a squeeze.
It is essential that participants present their apologies in good time (021 715 8738 / peterkoster27@gmail.com) if they cannot attend a meeting. Stay-aways affect the seating arrangements, Loraine’s famous “breakfasts” and printing of the programme.

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