“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” Confucius

“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exit. Be curious.” Stephen Hawking

“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.” Eleanor Roosevelt

MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held at 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. in the Auditorium, Rosebank Union Church, corner of William Nicol Drive and Sandton Drive

The meeting on March 17th was regrettably cancelled due to concerns around the coronavirus. We will inform you timeously if future meetings also have to be cancelled.

***Tuesday 21st April ***

Arthur Goldstuck

The Shape of the Future

Technology is advancing at an increasingly rapid pace, giving people the sense that it is out of control, or that they are being left behind Arthur presents a gentler vision, that shows the dramatic improvements in convenience, communication and access to resources.

***Tuesday 19th May ***

To be advised.

***Tuesday 23rd June ***

Please note that this meeting has been moved one week because of the public holiday on the 16th.

Due to unforeseen circumstances speakers sometimes have to be changed at short notice. We appreciate your understanding of this. The monthly meeting is normally held on the third Tuesday of each month.
Please arrive early for the meeting to allow for parking and if you want to discuss membership, outings, courses etc. The tables will close at 9:50 so that all the support volunteers are able to attend the meeting.

Disclaimer

If you attend or participate in any U3A activities including tours, outings, walks, courses, lectures and meetings, you do so at your own risk. U3A does not take any responsibility for your safety.

COURSE NEWS

Individual course leaders are taking their own decisions regarding the health risk of the coronavirus.

Please refer to the separate list of courses.

Writing Group

The Writing Group would like to thank Marcia Leveson and the U3A committee for their support when we offered 'Heads and Tales' for sale at the October and November meetings last year. We had fun producing the book, and have decided to try to make this an annual happening.

On 30 January we had a delightful meeting at the Delta Cafe in Craighall Park. We usually meet in the homes of various members, but treat ourselves occasionally to a restaurant outing, where we also write! On this Summer morning there were masses of white butterflies drifting past like snowflakes over a swollen Braamfontein Spruit. Two gleaming horses cropped the lawn next to our table, adding to the charm of the bucolic scene. Our mentor for the past five years, Barbara Adair, has handed over the reins to Jeremy Clark, who has taken on this task with enthusiasm and skill. This occasion also gave us the chance to thank them both for their guidance, and to bid Barbara 'au revoir'.

Helen Joughin
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Shakespeare Group in 20th Year

The Shakespeare seminar under the inspired guidance of Hilary Semple is one of the original U3A study groups.

In 2000 a small group met in Ray Smith's apartment in Killarney. Now 35 keen members, with a pressing waiting list to join, meet each Friday morning for more engaging play. Three of the original members, Ray Smith, Sandy Stromin and Ida Karsteadt, are still enthusiastically participating.

Hamlet - the play's the thing
Jaques - all the world's a stage
Hamlet - what a piece of work is man

In the photo Hilary Semple is in the centre with Sandy Stromin on the left and Ida Karsteadt on the right. Ray Smith should have been included but was unfortunately not captured in any suitable photo.

Donald Tindale
083 325 5787
Introduction to Geoffrey Chaucer

The “stremes hede”: the first great English poet, Geoffrey Chaucer.

There will be three seminars, on 10th, 17th and 24th June, at 10.30 a.m., at the Parkhurst Recreation Centre.

The first seminar will be a brief overview of the life and times, and the works, of Geoffrey Chaucer (+, 1340 – 1400 C.E.).

The second seminar will outline one of Chaucer’s greatest works, his Canterbury Tales, and the third will be a closer discussion of one of the Tales within its context, probably the Tale of the Nun’s Priest.

We will read Chaucer’s works in the original Middle English, with a Modern English prose translation.

I will be away from 17th May to 4th June 2020, but can be contacted by phone and e-mail in Jhb. before and after those dates.

I hope to hear from you.

Eugenie Freed
082 564 0008
eugenief@netactive.co.za

Outings and Events

In November there was a showing of a documentary on Leonardo da Vinci, which attracted several people.

Upcoming outings are planned, without fixed dates yet;

Holocaust Museum (now completed and fully operational)
Walter Sisulu Gardens – a guided tour with a focus on the local geology.
The Origins Centre.
Midrand Mosque.
Gandhi House.

Some of these have been visited before, but with so many new members, we can easily afford to revisit them.

I have an offer from Marion Jill Bregman to assist with outings – thanks MJ.

The “Events” newsletter seems to be very well received by our members, so that will continue on a regular basis.

Additional help with hosting various outings is always welcome, so if anybody is able and willing to assist, please contact Geoff (gtib22@gmail.com)

Other events

There are a great number of musical and theatrical events taking place around Johannesburg. We send out a regular notice about these. The ballet/opera films being shown at Killarney, by Nebula Productions, are now running smoothly. In addition, the Cinema Nouveau at Rosebank has now re-opened after an overhaul, and is showing a lot of art and culture type movies.
NOTICE

Of course, with the current restrictions on group gatherings, many of these events will, or have been, curtailed. As this situation seems to changing daily, it is important to check with the various venues as to whether the show will still go ahead. Most theatres and concerts have been suspended. Cinemas are running a very much reduced program.

Geoff Tibbitts

Membership

You can register or renew your membership for 2020. The annual membership has been retained at R50.00. Application forms are available at monthly meetings or from your group leader. Your membership fee can be paid with cash at the monthly meetings or by EFT (U3A Johannesburg, First National Bank, Rosebank Branch, code 253305, a/c 62036135706). Please enter your name as the beneficiary reference. Fax or email a copy of the deposit slip to sharonhasty1@vodamail.co.za. Please do not pay by cash at the bank, because the bank charges are almost as much as the annual fee!

All members (new and renewals) can complete the membership form (on the website) and ensure this reaches Sharon or, if it is easier, send an email to Sharon clearly stating your First Name, Surname, email address and telephone numbers and the date of the R50 deposit or attach the bank deposit slip. It is imperative that Sharon is able to reconcile the deposits into the U3A bank account with your details.

Your membership card can be collected at the desk in the foyer at the next monthly meeting if you register or renew on line.

The following new members have paid money into the bank account without the necessary contact details (membership form). If anyone knows who they are, please could you ask them to contact Sharon Hasty sharonhasty1@vodamail.co.za.

Bruce Lange
Norma Maddocks
Johan Morris
Mr & Mrs Stielautuchten
Laura Tylrer-Encor

Enthusiastic New U3A in Dundee

We have 22 members to date and grow every meeting. For now, we will be holding 10 monthly meeting per year and are getting speaker volunteering from the members.

 Needless to say, U3A was totally new to all Dundonians but the members LOVE it. I have a close friend who is a member of the Knysna club, attended a U3A meeting in Epsom, UK and got more info from our friend Google.

Bev Garner
0832331777

Annual General Meeting of U3A Johannesburg

The AGM for U3A Johannesburg was scheduled to take place on 17th March. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to concerns around the coronavirus.
Separate reports covering the Chairperson’s Report, Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements have been circulated to all members. The committee for 2020 is reflected in the table below.

## COMMITTEE LIST

**U3A Johannesburg**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*website: [www.u3a.org.za](http://www.u3a.org.za)*

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“Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares? …… He’s a mile away and you’ve got his shoes!” Billy Connolly

**Advertorial**

Currently we have a studio unit – for sale or rent, and a midcare bedsitter and frail care room available for rent.

Anyone interested can contact me on the email and telephone number below for more information.

Noeleen Brown  
Sales and Administration  
Rosehaven Retirement Village  
Office (011) 883-2872  
Fax (011) 883-9038

**Spotters Network**

The Spotters Network aims to create an online space that is free from hate speech, harassment and incitement, whilst simultaneously promoting truthful and accurate/credible news. In this way, the programme will build people’s critical and digital literacy skills, and make the work of credible journalists much easier. The dispelling of false narratives will do well in servicing underserved communities who often times are victims of both frauds and false narratives.

If you are interested, please contact:

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www.mediamonitoringafrica.org

**David Krut Bookstore & Gallery**

“David Krut Bookstore and Gallery” located at THE BLUE HOUSE – 151 Jan Smuts Avenue, Parkwood – is an exciting space filled with knowledge, books and art. We are an organisation dedicated to sharing knowledge and information across disciplines. Our Saturday Talks at 151 aim to spread ideas, usually in
the form of engaging talks presented by individuals who are passionate about their practice. David Krut Projects began as an organisation where art, literature, media & design are able to converge. This allows for a diverse audience to enter our realm and engage through information sharing.

At our **151 Lecture Venue**, we offer a talks room equipped with a projector, sound system and chairs. We believe in the power of knowledge to enrich and inspire. Our *Saturday Talks* initiative is building a collection of ‘free’ knowledge from our community – a community of curious thinkers who can join us and engage with ideas and each other, on intermittent Saturday’s in a beautiful location surrounded by books and art.

Visit us at 151 Jan Smuts Avenue, Parkwood weekdays from 9am – 5pm and on Saturdays 9am – 4pm”

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We understand that the talks are all free! AP

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Dance Exercise class with Andrea Wildt On Thursday MORNINGS. Cost R75 for an hour’s lesson  
Address 1 Jessie Rd Norwood  
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**Exercise Classes**

Since 2010, U3A, kindly placed a small notification after the program outlining the courses, about my Senior Exercise classes for U3A members, which over the years has grown into a loyal group, I would be delighted to once again offer this fitness program to U3A in your new advertorial section .

Lily Fisher <lilydarling@icloud.com>