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Next Coffee Morning

The next Coffee morning is on Friday 3rd May at 10.00 am for 10.30 am. It will be held in the Seniors Hall in Tawonga Crescent as usual. Our guest speaker is, member, Hugh Skey who will deliver part 2 of his fascinating talk about Iceland. Hugh and Nola visited Iceland last year and based on part 1 of Hugh's talk they had a fascinating and very educational trip. We heard many details about the natural environment of Iceland which is certainly very different to what I imagined. This time we will hear about the various regions that they visited with plenty of illustrations. Having visited Alaska a few years ago I was intrigued to hear about the glacier flows in Iceland viz:



May Film

The May monthly film is **"The Mouse that Roared"** starring Peter Sellers and based on the book by Leonard Wibberley. It is on **Wednesday April 10th at 7.00pm at the Seniors Hall.**

This being a film of the late 1950s reminded me of cycling to central London as a student to see it at the

Leicester Square Odeon. I have since read a comment on the film by Marwan Bishara of Al Jazeera in 2016 when he was writing of the Trump campaign for Presidential election and I quote:



"Wibberley's 1955 Cold War satirical novel came to mind, as I listened to Trump talk nonsense about "extreme vetting", "ideological tests" and establishing a "commission on radical Islam", while invoking Cold War comparisons and insisting that the US must shun refugees and abandon "nation-building" abroad.

To make a long satire short; The Mouse That Roared is about a small country, the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, which decides to go to war against the US with the aim to lose, and prompt the US to provide vast financial aid to rebuild the country. Except, to their surprise, the Fenwick's sort of won the war after a series of coincidences, defeating the whole purpose of waging it in the first place. Not so different from Trump, who launched his campaign last summer in a press conference without any means, plans, vision or the will to win the Republican nomination, let alone the presidency. He just wanted more publicity and perhaps better TV exposure. But his racist, sexist, fear-mongering discourse worked, and now he's stuck, basking in the limelight and talking about stuff he doesn't necessarily understand. Like the Fenwicks, he could also get his hands on the "nuclear football".

This is a great film and unfortunately, I shall miss the first part due to the need to attend a scientific online webinar at home, but, do come and enjoy the evening.

Courses & Activities

We have now entered term 2 and most courses have resumed although the walking groups never stopped except for Anzac Day. Table Tennis on Tuesdays is very popular and the members of this group have now commenced playing on Sundays, the hall having become free from the beginning of the year. I have even heard whispers that the members of this group would like an additional table! I visited the hall last Tuesday and caught Ann and Sandra

demonstrating their skills and energy with great aplomb!



Sorry about the photo quality. For a change I used a camera instead of my iPhone and for the camera one requires good skills!! I will endeavour to visit other classes in coming weeks.

Related to our intensive program of classes is the lack of a Web page for Alpine U3A. How is this related you may ask? The new web page is under development by Linda Parkinson with some help from the U3A Network and on the home page you will find this fantastic photo from one of the walking groups taken at the SEC lookout on the Tawonga Gap.



Oh what a feeling!!

Thank you Linda for the hard work that you are putting in to the Web page and you will all hear when the page goes live.

From the Secretary.....

Three items of recent correspondence may be of interest:

1. Victorian Seniors Festival and Seniors awards for 2019. The Victorian Seniors Festival will run for the whole of October

this year and we have been asked if we wish to list events for the Festival. We usually present a film show but other ideas are welcome. Please give me your ideas before mid-May.

2. We have also been asked if there are people whom we may consider nominating for one of the "Victorian Senior of the Year" awards. Remember that last year our President, Rollo Kiek, received one of the awards; let me have your nominations please.
3. I recently distributed information to all members about subsidised 1st Aid training places with the Shire providing the subsidy. The cost is \$30 and I shall be recommending to the Alpine U3A Management Committee that the U3A carry the \$30 cost. As a result of my earlier notification I have received applications but there may still be one place available for Mt Beauty. Let me know if you are interested and you must provide justification about why you should be chosen.

And Finally – Doctors know everything!

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next check-up, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep! "She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night."

Don't Forget the Coffee morning on Friday 3rd of May.

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