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March Coffee Morning

The March Coffee morning is on Friday 6th March 2020 commencing at 10.00am. The venue is, as usual, the Seniors Hall in Tawonga Crescent. You can enjoy a coffee or tea and biscuits with other members including new members.

Our first guest speaker for the year is John Stanley from the Museum of Early Motoring, Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga South. John will speak on his collection of vintage and veteran cars which are on display at the museum. Professionally, John is a geophysics scientist and he was involved in the development of the first atomic resonance device in Australia which is an instrument used for the precise measurement of the Earth's magnetic field. Since his teenage years John has had a passion for the restoration and maintenance of cars. His particular fascination is with the pre-WW1 German Stoewer car and one of these will be parked outside the Seniors Hall on Friday for all to see.



Please arrive early to see this splendid car on our lawns.

From the Secretary (Judith Falle)

- A reminder that the 2020 Annual Membership Fees are now overdue. We have had a great response so far this year, but we are missing some people. Financial membership is mandatory for participation in all Alpine U3A activities (including coffee mornings and film nights). A reminder, also, that if you have enrolled in an activity but cannot attend on a particular day, please, as a courtesy, notify the course convenor/tutor by phone, SMS or email.
- I have been told that Jill Heberle was a Foundation member of Alpine U3A. Over the years she has served on the Management Committee in various capacities and has convened several groups. Even though Jill has retired from committee responsibilities she has remained active, and a force to be reckoned with. Her commitment to Alpine U3A is much appreciated and valued.
- I am sure there are many other members who have had significant involvement on the Management Committee as well as being course leaders from the earliest times of Alpine U3A. But records are hard to find – if they exist at all. We need to find those members, so I am asking for information from anyone who has a reliable memory of those early days. I would love to hear from you; just email me (secretary@alpineu3a.org.au) with details and stories.

Alpine U3A Courses

The Alpine U3A courses are now well under way but it is still not too late to sign up. Please call Sue Woods on 0409700678 if you wish to discuss any of the courses. In my earlier days I managed to participate in the Wednesday walk program guided by the late Dennis Wykes but for me those days are long past. My memory is that the coffee at the end of the walk was always good as it is for the Thursday group which in normal circumstances for me is my level of walking today. Judging by the activities in the hall the various programs are well subscribed. This photo for the Wednesday walking group suggests that they enjoy their frequent rests!



Time to relax on Mountain Creek Rd about 3km from the car park.

The Seniors Honour Jill Heberle

Secretary Judith Falle mentioned that Jill Heberle was a foundation member of the Alpine U3A. Likewise Jill is a foundation member of the Mt Beauty Senior Citizens organisation and I understand that without the work of Jill the Seniors, as we call it, including management of the Hall, would have ceased to exist long ago. In recognition of the outstanding work of Jill over very many years, the Seniors have conferred Life Membership on Jill and it was with great pleasure that a small group from the Seniors Committee was able to present a Life membership certificate to Jill. Jill has been poorly recently and the presentation was made at the local hospital



David Wood, Secretary, Laraine Zejbrlik, Hall Manager, Helen L'Huillier, Treasurer and Graeme Caulfield, Committee, presented the certificate. (Helen was the Photographer)

As Judith mentioned above, we are very fortunate to have a group of long-standing members who have made an enormous contribution to the Alpine U3A and we owe them a great debt for the current strength of our organisation.

March Movie

Sandra now has an almost complete program of movies for the year. Remember that the movies are shown on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Seniors Hall commencing at 7.00pm. I was fortunate to see Rocketman in February and whilst I do not care for the music of Elton John, it was an excellent movie which I thoroughly enjoyed.

The March Movie is Green Book which is a 2018 American biographical comedy-drama film and is set in 1962. The film is inspired by the true story of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley and Italian American bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard.



Elene and I saw this film when it was first released and it contains a lot of humour and many racial undertones which are handled very well.

It will be shown in the Seniors Hall on Wednesday March 11th at 7.00pm. and it is a movie to be enjoyed.

The full movie program will be displayed in the Seniors Hall as soon as it is finalised.

A Lovely Gesture

Our new speakers coordinator, Christina Callinan, called in to "Gather & Harvest" in Hollonds St to purchase some attractive labels to go with the gift that is presented each month to the guest speaker. Christina found what she was looking for and to her delight she was told that they were free to support The Alpine U3A. The Age of Chivalry remains and many thanks to "Gather & Harvest".

Membership Numbers

A close friend of Elene is the Chair of the Newsletter Team in a Melbourne suburban U3A group. This Group has over 2,000 members and the Newsletter consists of approximately 10 pages. Imagine the task of coordinating the courses! This makes me happy that our membership is approximately 160 members.

Peanuts relived

Some of you might be old enough to recall....October 3rd. 1950 when:

"Peanuts" first featured in seven newspapers under the United Features Syndicate. Developed by Charles M. Schulz, who was raised a Lutheran in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota. "Peanuts" ran for nearly 50 years and was published in 2,600 newspapers, 75 countries and 21 languages.



Not Peanuts but good for a laugh:



And Finally:

I am looking at restructuring the newsletter so please give me your ideas for a makeover at dgwood4@bigpond.com