



University of the Third Age – Johannesburg

Newsletter

Second Quarter 2018

Retirement: “When you stop living at work and start working at living.”

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

****Tuesday 17th April****

Follow up talk to his last successful talk on Matjiesfontein.

Dean Allen

****Tuesday 15th May****

Insight into planned farm attacks and other crime waves

Silke Kaiser

(Author of book called “Gotcha”)

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.

COURSE NEWS

We have some interesting new courses this quarter – please phone the course leaders if you would like to participate. Please also refer to the separate list of courses.

Please let Beryl (berylu@telkomsa.net) or Rohan (rquince@global.co.za) know if you are interested or could contribute to any other course or activity. Even to lead a short course of a couple of weeks would be much appreciated.

Roads to the Cuban Revolution

Eric Dabbs recently spent two weeks travelling round Cuba visiting the places where Fidel Castro was born, educated, led his first insurrection, hid in the Sierra Maestra Mountains upon his return, and the Bay of Pigs – site of the failed invasion. This stay gave him a good appreciation of how things are in Cuba these days.

Eric proposes to give two talks at 10:00 on Tuesday 5th and 12th June at the Parkhurst Recreational Centre. If you are interested please email Eric at ericrdabbs@gmail.com.

Reviewing & discussing legal concerns

There is interest in increasing Stanley Sapire's monthly talks on current legal issues from once to twice per month. If you would like to see this happen please phone him on 011 483 1150

U3A Tuesday Hiking Group are shown rare Albertina Sisulu Orchid

This tiny little flower was the core of a marvellous quite-by-chance event, as seven of Pim's 'slow' walkers were ambling in Hobby Park on a beautiful day.

While admiring the landscape, two unusual objects on a walking trail came into view. There were two stationary cars, blocking our road.



Just then a young man came out of an upper area forest and introduced himself as Andrew, a Botanist, Conservationist and a lover of nature. He asked if we would like to see an almost unknown Orchid. We did!

He took us up into the forestry area to show us a wire-protected flower, named the Albertina Sisulu Orchid!

Andrew explained that the tiny little flowers 'were his babies'. He was trying to save them. In some places there were only four of them left because they are dying out.

A further story telling of our morning is that the two ladies (of the cars) are training their dogs to 'smell out the orchid'. And they aren't professional dogs, they are domestic animals, living in the homes of people who care and, like Andrew are trying to save an orchid.

Enjoy the pictures – we did.

From Maureen Spiro with thanks to Keith and Gillian Downing, for the pictures.

OUT AND ABOUT

SAB World of Beer



A great morning out was had by all who attended this outing, we had a very pleasant guide, and saw all the aspects of beer making, from the raw materials and plant products which are used in the various processes, up to the finished product. Although I have been before, I always enjoy this trip, the centre is clean and well maintained, the audio/visuals were very good, and the staff are most helpful.

A very good lunch on the roof completed our experience.

Geoff Tibbitts

Future Events for Second Quarter 2018

There will be an outing to Ghandi house on 28th March

Other outings are in the planning phase.

Lion/Safari Park

Planetarium

Pilanesberg day trip by coach

Confirmation of these dates and full details of these and other events will be sent out by e mail to all members on the Outings Data base well in advance. If you are not currently on this data base and would like to be added, please email Ken Norman kennorm@gmail.com. Please communicate with the organisers of the events by email.

Members are free to invite guests to join outings but we cannot accept non-members without a member.

Gauteng Recreation Summit



Marcia Leveson was invited to represent U3A at the Gauteng Province Central Corridor Recreation Summit which was held on Friday 2 March 2018 at the Danie van Zyl Recreation Centre, Newlands, Johannesburg. This was very well attended and she gave a short presentation on the importance for retired people of keeping their minds active by participating in the learning, social and recreational activities that U3A offers.

Membership

The membership fees for 2018 have been retained at R50 per annum.

All people attending courses or outings should also be a member of a U3A branch. It is expected that those people benefitting from the activities should support U3A by becoming a member. The costs are kept to a minimum but there are expenses that need to be covered. Visitors at monthly meetings can pay R25 per session.

If you know of anyone or who is currently a member but not receiving a newsletter, please could you send the details to Sharon Hasty sharonhasty1@vodamail.co.za.

Please renew your membership for 2018. The renewal form is on the website:

http://www.u3a.org.za/U3A_JNB/JNBmemform.pdf . Application forms are also 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). 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!

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