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Notice is given of the 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Location** St John's Anglican Church Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell (Melway 59 J 1)
- Date** Wednesday 28 April 2004
- Time** 10.30 a.m.
- Agenda**
- To receive apologies and proxies
 - To confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2003
 - To receive Annual Report for 2003
 - To receive Audited Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2003
 - To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for next twelve months
 - To appoint an auditor for the year ending 31 December 2004
 - Other business

All executive and Committee positions are declared vacant. Nomination forms and proxy forms (both available from the office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk by our guest speaker.

Time 11.00 a.m. approximately.

Light Lunch Sandwich lunch at 12.00 noon. To assist us with catering, could you please notify the office of your intention to attend **BEFORE Wednesday 21 April.**

Cost There will be no charge for this entire event.

St John's Church is just south of Camberwell Junction and is therefore very well served by public transport (the best bet, or you could park and finish by tram). There is also a variety of 2-hour parking close by, with longer periods available in the carpark to the west behind Burke Road.

As mentioned above, the light luncheon is free, and all paid-up members are most welcome.

AND DO PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!

NOTICE TO UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

This is the final issue of the *Newsletter* for members who have not renewed their subscriptions for 2004. Our annual rates are:

\$65 for a couple/two at the same address

\$40 for single membership

\$25 for students enrolling in our classes whose U3A membership is paid elsewhere.

If the label on your *Newsletter* is marked above your name with **XX** (these are NOT kisses!), this indicates that you have not yet paid your 2004 subscription.

FROM OUR OFFICE MANAGER

OFFICE MOVE

When you receive this Newsletter, we will have moved to our new office. It is certainly not easy to move years of documentation and memorabilia, as well as furniture. Thanks are due to all those who volunteered their assistance. It will take a while to settle in and find items in their new storage places; we will try to get up to speed as quickly as possible. We are of course aware that we may all experience inconvenience from the major works over the road.

CURRICULUM

Please file your copies of the Curriculum carefully. You need these if you are to keep track of details of venue, times, course numbers, etc. so that you can fill in your Class Enrolment forms correctly. We are spending much time and money sending or handing out *second* copies to a growing number of people. If the loss trend continues, we will be forced to charge the cost of replacement—please help to save us from having to take this step.

CLASS ENROLMENT FORMS

A special thank you to those members who are including their membership number and course code details on these forms. This is a great help to our volunteer desk staff and is much appreciated. As a further incentive and reward for your help, your enrolments will be processed ahead of those where we are left to do the research work!

Meg Adams

FIRST ORCHESTRAL CONCERT FOR 2004

Thursday 22 April at 10.30 a.m.

St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell

Programme Crown Imperial Coronation March (Walton)
 Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso (Saint-Saëns)
 Romance No. 2 in F (Beethoven)
 Symphony No. 53 (L'Impériale) (Haydn)
 Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach)

Conductor Christopher Martin

Soloist Holly Piccolini (violin)

Donation of \$5 to cover music copyright expenses and tea/coffee after the concert
Please book with the office to help with arrangements for seating and catering arrangements.

CONCERT CALENDAR FOR 2004

Thursday 22 April	Orchestra, St John's, Burke Road, Camberwell
Tuesday 22 June	Choir, Salvation Army Citadel, Bowen St, Camberwell
Thursday 29 July	Orchestra, Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn
Thursday 11 November	Orchestra, venue to be announced
Wednesday 8 December	End-of-year party, venue to be announced.

MUSIC FESTIVAL—a reminder

Musicians from U3A Hawthorn will be taking part in a Music Festival for U3As from the Eastern region during Seniors Week 2004. The Choir, the senior Recorder Group, and a quintet from the Orchestra will each present a short bracket of items. This will be on Wednesday 17 March at 2.00 p.m. at the Whitehorse Performing Arts Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. Admission is \$5; bookings should be made with the Centre on 9262 6590.

MUSIC-MINDED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer workers are sought for the Boroondara Eisteddfod in June 2004. For further details, ring Jan Semp, Cultural Services Officer, City of Boroondara, 9278 4374 (B.H.).

ANNUAL REPORT for 2003 / 2004

I am pleased to report that U3A Hawthorn has had another successful year. The last 12 months have been eventful and challenging on many levels; we have responded well and the organisation is thriving.

The situation which has impacted most on us has been the need to vacate 24 Wakefield Street, the home of U3A Hawthorn since inception 18 years ago. As preparation for this change, we transferred more than 30 classes from Wakefield Street and other venues into Erasmus School. Through this process we also accomplished a parallel objective of bringing our accommodation rental expense under better control. We are currently preparing to move into our new office at 31 Wakefield Street, provided through the generosity of Swinburne University of Technology. These moves have proceeded smoothly so far, with no significant effect on our core operations: the provision of diverse and interesting courses. The Committee of Management is currently pursuing other accommodation options for the long term, as the premises at Erasmus School will not be available from the end of 2005.

Another major goal of your Executive over the last 10 months has been to improve our administration. Consequently we have established and documented policies and procedures on many aspects of our activities, such as Guidelines for Tutors, Publicity and Promotion, and Financial Control. We also have a major ongoing programme to modernise and streamline our systems and procedures for class enrolments, class records, etc., which involves our office management and information technology services.

Late in 2003 the Committee made the decision to disaffiliate from U3A Network, because of concern with the direction being taken by Network management and a perceived lack of value to U3A Hawthorn. We maintain a cordial relationship with Network and will review our position in the future.

Our financial position is healthy, thanks to the rationalisation of rental expense, as above, and also the Committee's decision to

increase 2004 subscriptions by a modest amount to cover our expenses adequately.

Membership throughout the last year has remained stable at around 1100. We offered 82 full-year courses, 30 short courses, and the Saturday series. The recent Summer School was very successful, with better than usual attendance.

Special thanks are due to a number of people whose efforts are essential to our success. Derek Readman organises most new classes and provides the Summer School and Saturday series virtually single-handedly. Meg Adams runs the office, is a very active Committee member and is spokesperson for the Accommodation Subcommittee. Course Co-ordinator Joan Donlon organises all aspects of the curriculum and classes, including Tutors and venues. Jean Giese and Pam Anderson assist Joan, and Jean also arranges the catering for all our functions. Hans van Dorssen ensures the computer system provides the data we want. Ruth Muir organises every last detail of our musical events. Our Secretary Peter Anderson and Treasurer Brian Adams give liberally of their time and professional expertise, and other Committee members contribute their skills and experience. Thanks too to all our Tutors, who are central to our activities, and to all our members who volunteer for administrative and technical duties.

These people make me reflect on the central value of the U3A movement. I am reminded that several times during the last year members have asked me if there is any remuneration paid to Committee members, to the Executive, or to any of our workers. This suggests that many members wonder how so much gets done by volunteers. To dispel any doubts, I would like to make it quite clear that nobody in U3A Hawthorn receives any payment whatsoever for their services. It is a guiding principle of the U3A movement that there are no paid staff. We are a self-help group in which every member is expected to participate as required and according to their abilities. It takes a huge amount of work to arrange the courses and organise and manage over 1100 students engaged in excess of 100,000

student-contact hours per year. At present this work is done by a small number of people giving selflessly of their time and talent. I am sure that there are many more of you who would find contributing a pleasure. We will develop programmes this year to involve the majority of the membership in some volunteer capacity, as is the practice in other U3As.

As a tribute to such a contribution, Pamela Rogers, a long-term Tutor and Committee Member, who retired from tutoring at the end of 2003, will be awarded an Honorary Life Membership at the April AGM. Congratulations and many thanks to

Pamela for all her endeavours on behalf of the membership.

In the past few months we have been greatly saddened by the sudden deaths of two of our Tutors: Francis Chu and Fred Rosedale. Both Francis and Fred will be greatly missed; short obituaries appear below.

In closing, I repeat our thanks to all those who have made and continue to make this organisation a success and we look forward to another great year.

Christine Watters,
President

FAREWELL TO TWO TUTORS

Francis Kwong Deh Chu

Francis Chu taught Tai Chi, Qigong, Relaxation and Meditation to appreciative U3A Hawthorn students in 2002 and 2003. His death caused a great spontaneous wave of grief among the members who knew him. Mrs Angela Chu, Robert and Stella greatly appreciate the many messages of support and condolence received from U3A members.

Those who attended Francis' classes have made a collection to honour his memory. Mrs Chu has been deeply touched by this gesture and, after consultation with her family, has asked that the tribute be donated to the University of Melbourne Department of Psychiatry for medical research.

Fran Cassar

Fred Rosedale

Fred Rosedale taught Philosophy and Physics for 12 years to loyal and enthusiastic students. Originally from Berlin, he went to Switzerland and England, then became one of the 'Duneera boys' (although a voluntary passenger), and spent the war here as an army cook. He was a successful businessman with a consuming passion for philosophy, physics and music; he forged many close, enduring friendships with his students.

I have never met anyone like Fred. He was a unique personality, mixing a universal amiability with intellectual conversation laced with humour. He leaves a wife Beth, a son Mark, and two grandchildren.

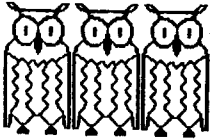
Michael Clark

A THOUGHT ON OVERSEAS TRAVEL

If you feel you look like your passport photograph, then in all probability you are in need of the trip.

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You are invited to attend our

2004 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

First Semester

27 March A WAR CORRESPONDENT'S EXPERIENCES DURING WWII

Jack Friedman

Jack served with the South African Air Force in the Western Desert; he also covered the extensive activities of the SAAF in the Mediterranean theatre of war.

24 April ORCHESTRAS and THE ROLE OF THE CONDUCTOR

Brett Kelly

Brett, a member of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, will let us look at the unique functioning of a major symphony orchestra and the role of the conductor in assisting the orchestra to achieve its potential.

29 May COMMEMORATING OUR WAR DEAD—a debt of honour

Alan Heggen

As Director of War Graves, Alan bore responsibility for war cemeteries, war graves and memorials, both within Australia and in many places around the world. His illustrated talk will deal with the concept of official commemoration and the various means by which the concept is given effect.

LOCATION FOR ALL LECTURES Lecture Theatre TD 121, ground floor, TAFE Building TD, Swinburne University of Technology, junction of Wakefield and John Streets. Enter from Wakefield Street or Park Street (see map over)

TIME 2.30–4.00 p.m.

COST Free to members, who may each bring one friend only.

BOOKINGS **IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A BOOKING** to ensure entry to these talks; however, bookings are now accepted only during the month of the talk, e.g. bookings for April's talk will be taken only in April. This can be done on weekdays between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. only) by telephone (9818 3466 or 9818 7371) or personally at the office, 31 Wakefield Street. **There will be no written confirmation of bookings; please therefore keep your own record of your bookings.**

BADGES **PLEASE** remember to wear your **NAME BADGE!**