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## SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK FORUM

ADDRESS BY DR. DAVIS McCaughey

10.30 a.m. 25th March, 1993

In February 1986, as his first responsibility as Governor of Victoria, Dr. McCaughey addressed the inaugural USA Conference held at Monash University, so it seems appropriate that during his first year of retirement, Dr. McCaughey returns to address Hawthorn USA members and friends.

The Hawthorn Council have generously provided the use of the Hawthorn Town Hall for our forum, a fitting venue for such an eminent Senior Citizen and Speaker.

During a very distinguished career

Dr. McCaughey AC 1987, MA, DD Hon, LLD, F.A.C.E. has served as Governor of Victoria (1986-91), Deputy Chancellor of Melbourne University for two periods, 1982-85 and 1987-89, and Master of Ormond College 1959-79, in addition to his pastoral duties. His role in the Church included dedication and commitment to the foundation of the Uniting Church in Australia culminating in his appointment as President of the First Assembly Uniting Church in Australia 1977-79.

Dr. McCaughey delivered the Boyer Lectures in 1988 choosing as his subject "Piecing Together a Shared Vision". His Australian Companion Award in 1987 cited his "Lifetime of Community Service".

We are very fortunate to have such a speaker for our Senior Citizens Week Forum and anticipate a large audience.

## CHILDREN & TELEVISION

Children should learn from the beginning that television is not omnipotent, says Denis Prior. Mr Prior proved to be a very entertaining and interesting speaker at the end of year Forum in December, with firm ideas on children's viewing of the iniquitous box.

As an experienced critic and viewer, and with a young family of his own, he advises parents and grandparents to watch TV with their children and encourage them to think and react. He calls this 'noisy watching' or 'talking to the TV' and sees it as a way of desanctifying television.

Mr. Prior believes children should not be sat in front of the TV and allowed to just take it in in a mindless fashion, but trained to be critical from an early age with opinions on the credibility or possibility of what they are watching.

He also urged all TV viewers to protest personally, immediately, if they object to programmes. He suggests a list of station numbers should be kept in a prominent position near the telephone.

## THANK YOU, HELEN

Helen Gordon, our Latin tutor, is leaving Hawthorn U3A after 8 years of dedication and delight. We are fortunate to have had Helen's services for so long and join her students in thanking her and wishing her well.

## ART - PRACTICAL

A warm welcome to Lorna Noble who has consented to be our new tutor of the Art - Practical course and we do hope she enjoys being with us.

Also a very sincere thank you to Lorrie Conder for all her hard work during her involvement with the course.

## JUDY GOULD

U3A Network - Victoria has adopted a Minute of Appreciation for the wonderful work done by Judy as a member of its Executive and, in 1990, as President, a position which she held for two years.

Congratulations, Judy, you deserve all the accolades for your tireless efforts on behalf of U3A both for the Network and here at Hawthorn.

A copy of the relevant Minute is in the office should anyone wish to read it.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - FILM CLUB**

At an introductory meeting on 8th February, Film Club members discussed the types of films they are interested in seeing, days most convenient for film-going and cinemas most accessible.

We decided to arrange outings once every two months, with Mondays and Wednesdays being the preferred days. Sunday, 23th February was the first day selected, and "Chaplin" the film chosen.

The next outing will be around the first Monday in May. Please ring 818 2518 for details.

Members of the Film Club will be notified personally of the Committee's choice of film, cinema, date, time and payment arrangements. Where possible group bookings will be made.

The U3A office is also notified of the film viewing arrangements, and U3A members and their friends are most welcome to join us.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT THE OFFICE.

## **HAWTHORN COMMUNITY HOUSE - 'GRANDPARENT'**

The Childcare staff at the Hawthorn Community House in William Street require the assistance of an older person to spend time on a casual basis with a small group of young children (under 5 years). Activities could include reading or telling stories, playing simple games or just spending time together. (A member of staff would always be in attendance).

If this is of interest to you, please contact me on 819-5771.

Judith Elsworth

## **U3A - H.M. LIGHTFOOT CENTRE, KOORYONG**

One of our tutors, Wolfe Flack, who conducts our Current Affairs course, has also been conducting a similar course at the H.M. Lightfoot Centre.

He has received a letter from Mary Longman, the co-ordinator, asking if it would be possible for other tutors from Hawthorn to conduct courses.

They are very interested in an Australian History course but would be pleased to discuss any suggestions for interesting courses.

Mary Longman is visually impaired - she only has peripheral vision - consequently her letter was written from remembering how to write, hence her comment that she cannot read her own writing. Please come into the office and read her letter which will give you an understanding of the problems suffered by these people.

If you could assist in this worthy cause, please contact Wolfe Flack, telephone 813 1330.

## CURRENT COURSES

Although a class may be full, people do have to withdraw for various reasons, so a waiting list is kept for each course.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM A CLASS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OFFICE, OR YOUR TUTOR, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen

HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART

Group 1 22nd February - 28th June, 1993 - FULL

Group 2 16th August - 29th November, 1993

Continuing study of the major arts of Western Civilization starting with the later Renaissance and Mannerist arts through to the Baroque styles of the 17th Century.

Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART HISTORY Convener: Martin Merchant

The reason and need for art expression in the changing generations of mankind will be developed, together with an appreciation of the styles, methods and materials used.

Tuesdays, 11.15 a.m., fortnightly, 24 Wakefield Street

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorna Noble - WAITING LIST ONLY

The group will cover the mediums of oils, watercolour, pastels, etc. You may do your own thing, or follow topics suggested. Help will be given on request with regard to techniques, colour combinations, and imaginative approaches you may wish to use.

Thursdays, 1.00 p.m., Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS & SOCIETY - WAITING LIST ONLY  
Convener: Pamela Rogers

This course includes thought provoking discussion on subjects such as the relationship between the writer and society, and concerns of modern men and women as they are explored in contemporary writing.

Short stories, poetry and some classical literature will be introduced.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

CALLIGRAPHY - An Introduction Convener: Reg O'Loughlan

WAITING LIST ONLY

Covers the teaching of at least one alphabet using a broad edge pen or calligraphy fountain pen ('Osmiroid' brand is recommended). Also a description and demonstration of the many inks, paints and tools available today. Pupils will need a pad of unruled bank paper, a 'Speedball' C2 nib, pen holder, and a bottle of non-waterproof ink. These will be available from tutor at first lesson, fountain pens excepted.

Fridays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre, 8 sessions, 26/2/1993 - 16/3/1993

CHESS FOR PLEASURE Convener: Egon Donath - WAITING LIST ONLY

"You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" to enjoy playing chess.

Fridays, 11 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

Simple beginners 'hands-on' course of 6 sessions - no maths necessary - ample notes will be provided.

Courses for 1993 - 25th May - 29th June - WAITING LIST ONLY

5th October - 16th November

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., 89 Power Street, Hawthorn

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

Ours is a discussion group which deals with Current Affairs, whether Australian or international; items are taken from the Media or raised by members. Sessions commence by the convener reading selected items from press cuttings. Members are then free to raise other items which are of especial interest. On occasions, visiting lecturers are invited to give their views on subjects which may have been particularly controversial. Members of the group are encouraged to take the chair, so gaining experience in another aspect of discussion.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Uniting Church, 8 Power Street, West Hawthorn

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings

A light-hearted approach to drama with readings of verse and prose and performances of short plays at the centre.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., Uniting Church, 8 Power Street, West Hawthorn

DRESSMAKING Convener: Patricia Morris - WAITING LIST ONLY

This is an opportunity for ladies with sewing skills to enjoy a pleasant few hours with others who have the same interests under the guidance of an experienced teacher/supervisor.

Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3 p.m., Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Sts.

ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS Convener: George Charles

A discussion and look at the hidden pictures within the Economy. It is free of figures and in plain language that all can follow and understand  
Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m, Kew Library.

GARDENS, SCENERY AND HISTORY OF EUROPE Convener: Maurice Stratton

A series of sixteen talks, the subjects of which will include the Moorish Influence in Spain, a visit to Berlin, a tour of the French and Swiss Alps, several tours of France and scenic Britain, great gardens of Europe and a visit to world famous rose gardens, a journey through the romantic towns of Germany and a wander around Vienna - all accompanied by 150-180 slides and researched annotations backing up personal visits.  
Wednesdays, 2 p.m, Balwyn Library.

GEOLOGY Convener: Michael Plier-Malone

Introducing beginners to the science of Geology and will, if necessary, cover more advanced aspects, such as groundwater, structural geology, mapping and petrology. It is expected that the course will be informal, with maybe some excursions later on.  
Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

HISTORICAL WOMEN IN BYZANTINE & MOSLEM SOCIETIES

Convener: Andrew Ehrenkreutz

A collective enquiry into the sources containing information about Byzantine and Moslem women whose lives made an impact on the history of their respective societies. Participants will study and present informal essays dealing with the "Heroines" of their choice. Working knowledge of French and/or German may prove helpful but is not essential.  
Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre.

A HISTORY OF EASTERN EUROPE IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Convener: Dr. Z. Derwinski

This course will cover 6 main topics over a period of 18 sessions.

1. The period of revolution and the approaching European War (1904-1914)
2. The First World War and the establishing of the new states in Eastern Europe (1914-1918)
3. Democracy and dictatorship in Eastern Europe in the 20s and 30s.
4. Nazi Germany and Eastern Europe.
5. Between Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviets.  
Eastern Europe during the Second World War.
6. From Stalin to Gorbachev.  
The Soviet influence in Eastern Europe after 1945.

Fridays, 3.00 p.m., Kew Library.

ITALY - Italian Immigrants in Victoria 1850-1900

Convener: Charles D'Aprano

This course is for eight sessions and covers:-

Why they came and why; The ships that brought them here; The gold-fields; Settlement in Daylesford, Yandoit, Castlemaine & Bendigo; North-Eastern Victoria; Walhalla and Gippsland; Western Victoria; Melbourne  
Thursdays, 10.30 a.m., Augustine Centre, 2 Minona St., Hawthorn

INDEPENDENCE OF THE U.S.A. Convener: Alf Floyd

INDEPENDENCE & BEYOND

This course covers the following:

How Britain lost the American Colonies

Expansion of U.S. Territory

e.g. Louisiana Purchase, Mexico, California & Oregon.

Slavery Issue:

Ante-Bellum; Civil War; Reconstruction.

Thursdays, 12 noon. Recreation Centre, excluding school holidays.

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY Conveners: Greta Burman & Frances McCallum

Topics include: The life of cells; the skeleton; joints and muscles; how food and oxygen are distributed and utilised; how wastes and toxins are eliminated; the body's defences; systems which control and co-ordinate body functions; the brain, nerves and hormones. (15 sessions only).

Thursdays, 10.30 a.m., Kew Library. Commences 4th March, 1993

JUNG AT HEART Convener: Felix Carrady

An examination and discussion of Jung's thinking and life -

including "Memories, Dreams & Reflections"

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH (Year 2) Convener: Mary Parker - WAITING LIST ONLY

On-going course for those who completed last year's beginners' French

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

FRENCH (Advanced) Convener: Adele Chambers - WAITING LIST ONLY

This course includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation

Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

FRENCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS Convener: Anna Ghiurekian

This course is for advanced students and covers reading and discussion of "Le Nouveau Sans Frontieres, No.2", 1989 or 1991 edition.

Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

GERMAN (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

Up to date conversation, discussions, grammar. Members should be willing to prepare written homework for correction & class discussion.

Thursdays, 11.15 - 12.45, 24 Wakefield Street

LANGUAGES (Continued)

FIRST-TIME ITALIAN Convener: Nan Inglis WAITING LIST ONLY

This course is designed to introduce students to Italian.

The textbook used will be "Italiano Vivo" by Giorgio Milesi, which is used in the continuing Italian classes at Hawthorn U3A. The tutor will provide extra material to show that learning a language can be fun.

Tuesdays, 11.15 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

For students with no previous learning or very limited, willing to face a new start.

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre

ITALIAN (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

For students with 1-2 years' work

An interview with Tutor may be necessary to assess level.

Thursdays, 2.15 p.m., Recreation Centre

JAPANESE (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Learning to read, write and speak simple Japanese to survive in Japan. Students will learn Hiragana, Katakana & simple Kanji and to relate Japanese to everyday situations.

Mondays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 1st March, 1993

JAPANESE (Intermediate I & II) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intending class members should have completed at least U3A Japanese Beginners class (or equivalent) before undertaking Japanese II. They should have some fluency in reading and writing Hiragana and be prepared to learn and use Kanji as appearing in lessons.

Other material for class use will be supplied as required.

Easy conversation will be practised in class.

Mondays, 1.30 - 3 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

SPANISH II Convener: Janine Clauss

A continuing course based on "El Espanol Practico" by J.P. Fitzgibbon & J. Poldan and cassettes of the same. Students should come equipped with this book, paper and pen.

Fridays, 12 noon, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 5th March, 1993

READ BOOKS IN ALL LANGUAGES! Tutor: Charles Russell

Seven languages are now available. Hopefully, more to come.

Read the Bible in Hebrew, in Greek (Septuaginta) and in Latin (Vulgata).

These three can be mastered within a year (about one hour reading a day).

The Oxford English dictionary contains over 12,000 Latin and (would you know it?) even more Greek words and you already know about half of them!

Read the tales of Andersen in German or in French. German and French are really hidden English - you know thousands of German and French words already - very short time to learn!

Read the folk-tales of Java, Malaysia, Kalimantan in Indo-Malaysian - a very easy language to learn - less than a year!



READ BOOKS IN ALL LANGUAGES (Continued)

Read folk-tales in Japanese. Learn to read and write Chinese-Japanese characters. When you are learning to read Japanese, you are learning to read Chinese as well - two of the most important languages of the near future - 2-3 years to learn - very rewarding!

When I say "read", I mean "read and understand" - of course.

Thursdays, 3.15 p.m., Kew Library

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS: Convener: Lois Thomas

A fascinating Chinese game popular in many countries. The basic method played by most Chinese is the game followed by this group.

Bring your own mah-jong set if possible.

Fridays, 1.45 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course is a general (non progressive) study.

New students welcome at any time providing the quota is not full.

Tuesdays, three courses, 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. (WAITING LIST ONLY) and 3.00 p.m. Hawthorn Community House

NATIONAL GALLERY GUIDED TOURS

The National Gallery of Victoria is providing a volunteer guide to take up to 20 U3A Hawthorn members on a tour of the exquisite decorative arts, paintings and sculptures. A wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of our cultural heritage.

Numbers strictly limited, so enrol early and be sure.

Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 12 noon - eight sessions - COURSE FULL

This course will be repeated later in the year, details to be advised in subsequent Newsletters.

NEW SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY Conveners: Barbara Hadkinson, Geoffrey  
Guilfoyle & Fred Rosedale

This course will explore the many faces of chaos - discovering an emerging science of wholeness.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre

OIL PAINTING Convener: Charles Russell

You will be working on board or canvas with oils in still life, portrait and landscape, experimenting in style from 'traditional' to 'modern' - and we all learn from each other. TERRIFIC!!!

A model is required for portraiture, please apply to 24 Wakefield Street. telephone 818 3466, Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Hawthorn Artists Studio, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree  
Roads, Hawthorn

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES Convener: Charles Russell

Very few people know OF the OLD TESTAMENT, let alone KNOW IT.

We are going to learn to read the Book in its original HEBREW, and also in the two most famous translations: the GREEK "HEBDOMEKONTA" and the LATIN "VULGATA". You will learn the three languages at home (with my help, of course) and we shall discuss our findings in "class".

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Kew Library

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker - WAITING LIST ONLY

This course explores poets and poetry throughout the ages and occasionally a play that is relevant. It is a relaxed class in which enjoyment of poetry is enhanced by sharing with others. For the first meeting, please bring a poem that, for whatever reason, appeals to you.

Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Kew Library

PSYCHOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Alex Gale

A book is chosen with a philosophical/psychological component for us to question the meaning of our existence, and how our upbringing and culture determines attitudes and behaviour.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP Convener: Frances McCallum

It is proposed to form a group appealing to people, with and without a scientific background, who are interested in the urgent scientific issues of our time. This could include genetic engineering; the IVF programme; environmental issues, including survival of the planet. Discussion will be on the scientific viewpoint of contemporary issues rather than on technological matters.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Wakefield Street

SOCIAL ISSUES Conveners: M. Black, G. Triaca and J. Jackson

This course continues to have interesting speakers and a variety of topics. Last year was no exception, and subjects ranged from youth unemployment to the transfer of Hong Kong to China and an Australian family living and working in Saudi Arabia to the wild animals of Kenya and Zimbabwe. Members are encouraged to ask questions of the speaker and discussion usually follows at the end of the talk.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre

"SPEAKING" Convener: Felix Carrady

Speaking - to others - communication - voice - gestures - feeling - having fun.

Mondays, 3 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

SOPHOCLES TO SHAKESPEARE Conveners: P. Rogers & R. Grouse

A short course of nine (9) weeks duration, which will introduce the following plays:

- \*The Oresteian Trilogy - Aeschylus (in particular Agamemnon)
- \*The Theban Plays - Sophocles (in particular King Oedipus)
- \*Julius Caesar - Shakespeare
- \*Antony and Cleopatra - Shakespeare

No previous knowledge or experience necessary but enthusiastic participants may like to do some preliminary reading, if so please ring 826 1956 for advice.

Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12.30, Uniting Church, 8 Power St., West Hawthorn commencing 5th May, 1993 to last week in June.

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS Convener: Beryl French

An informal group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to today's society.

Fridays, 10 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

TRAVEL Convener: Betty Burstin

We are still looking for 1 or 2 individuals who are willing to act as Joint Conveners with Betty Burstin for the 1993 programme. The main requirements are an interest in travel and an ability to help in arranging guest speakers for the monthly meetings. The atmosphere is informal and warmly appreciative of the various people who have told us of their experiences through the years. The group is now in its 4th year of existence so please help us to make it through to the 5th.

Betty's two other helpers have withdrawn from the group for personal reasons and Betty is unwilling to carry on completely on her own.

It would be a great pity for this course to cease so anyone interested should contact the office as soon as possible.

THE WRITTEN WORD for READERS & WRITERS Convener: Rae Alexander

Prose and poetry from the world's literary storehouse will be explored for greater understanding and enjoyment of the way writers present themes, ideas and characters through their use of language and individual styles. It will cover works from the U.K., South Africa, Russia, India, Europe and Australia and include women writers, e.g. Doris Lessing, Emily Dickinson and Anita Desai and Australians, Christina Stead and Rosemary Dobson will be considered. Time will be available in each session to assist students develop skills in writing creatively.

Fridays, 12.15 p.m., Kew Library. Commencing 5th March, 1993.

YARRA RIVER GROUP Convener: Dympna Coleman COURSES FULL

This active and enthusiastic band of members meets monthly for walks in the Yarra River area visiting points of interest.

Group A. Wednesdays - 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. including 2 1/2 hour walk and lunch

Group B. Thursdays - Last Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. incl. 4 1/2 hours walk, lunch and afternoon tea

Group C. Wednesdays - Four short river walks - Last Wednesday of each month, March to June, starting at 11 a.m., 1 1/2 hour walk, B.Y.O. lunch

## NEW COURSES

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THESE COURSES WHEN WE RECEIVE ENOUGH ENROLMENTS FOR A CLASS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE ENROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FRENCH - BEGINNERS Convener: Edward Petraki

This new beginners course will commence in June on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Date and venue to be advised.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION Convener: Annamaria Galbiati

Reading of contemporary Italian texts from magazines or literature. Thursdays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

JESUS THROUGH THE AGES Convener: Theresa Gunn

This course of 10 sessions will discuss the developments in teaching about the life and work of Jesus in early church documents and in 20th century thinking.

Later courses will cover the political, social, cultural and religious settings on New Testament scriptures and the writings of Paul and the Acts of the Apostles.

Tuesdays, time and venue to be advised.

### PLEASE NOTE

Enrolment forms are found at the end of the News Notes. It is essential that one form should be completed for each course you wish to take, accurately including telephone number and postcode, and returned to the office at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 without delay.