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October/November 2013



### From the President

#### CHATS FROM THE CHAIR - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2103

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings all,

Recently I had a lovely day out with one of my two daughters, two grand-daughters and two great-grand-daughters – and Ernie, who came along to pay for everything! I am pleased to say he enjoyed the day as much as I did. We had lunch outside at the Honey Centre, then went to my daughter's bush-block to enjoy the view and go hunting for Powelliphanta (and bears!).

I was reminded of Erikson's developmental stages - we ranged in fact, from Infancy (6 months) to Integrity (81 years). I was led to think of the tasks associated with each stage, and felt we were coping pretty well.

Our stage is considered the stage of Integrity, and Erikson defines our task as learning to accept that we may need to be dependent; for some of us that is quite a learning curve. For instance - when you find yourself hunting in the hot-water cupboard for stuff that is usually kept in the fridge, consider it a learning task! It is also a time to look back and consider the decisions we made and the consequences; or the things that we just had to learn to live with – and what we learned from that. Quite an interesting exercise! The main thing is to enjoy every minute of every day. As I read recently - treat every day as though it is your last because one day it will be. Happy thought!!

Cheerio  
Valma

## A Plea to Members

I would just like to remind members that the next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and nominations are open for the Committee. Chris Hoogerwoof has been an excellent Secretary for five years now and is looking forward to retirement (again), so that position is open but there are also other vacancies on the Committee. If you would like to be involved in the management of our U3A, please put yourself forward or be prepared to accept nominations from others. I can recommend the involvement with this committee. I accepted my nomination with some reluctance, but have found it to be a most enjoyable experience, and it is good to put something back into such an organisation. Please consider it.

Valma Gidman  
President

A NOMINATION FORM IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

### **Editor's Notes:**

#### INTEREST GROUPS – OCCASIONAL VISITS

The following groups were not keen on the idea for the reason that numbers were limited by the space/seating at the home being used.

Local History\*

Art Appreciation\*

Music Appreciation

Medical Developments

Current Affairs

\*These two groups travel and could welcome additional members to fill a coach.

However if a member was interested it could be worth contacting the Convenor beforehand to see if it was possible for another to attend.

Jazz Listening & Play Reading would also welcome the occasional visitor but again check with the Convenor that space is available.

**Please Note: Newsletters have been sent from a Gmail address but ALL contact with me should be via the stated Cleartnet address.**

#### **'Blind' email addresses**

There have been suggestions that some (by individual choice) or all email addresses of members receiving the Newsletter should be suppressed. Opinion will be sought at the next meeting as to preference.

I was at an ATM machine yesterday when a little old lady asked if I would check her balance so I pushed her over.

For the sceptics amongst you Richard Dawkins video 'Enemies of Reason' is an interesting watch. Available from the Library

**Nigel E Swaffield, Editor**

**Month: AUGUST  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Monday *August 12th* ,  
11.00a.m. at Stables  
Restaurant, Matakana  
Lunch commences at  
about 12:00 a.m.**

## **Guest Speaker: (October)**

*Claire Brunton of UNICEF*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new member: Glyn Williams

### **Mini Speaker:**

There is no speaker this month.

### **Group News:**

#### **Group 1: Creative Writing**

This group no longer functions as unfortunately Members either left or were ill or unable to come. It has been put on hold for a year.

#### **Group 2: Music Appreciation Group News**

This year we have been delighted to welcome 5 new members, enriching the group with their musical contributions and insights. The longer standing members continue to share their knowledge and enjoyment of music. We have travelled in time and space during the year, listening to music by 20<sup>th</sup> Century British composers, modern composers, dance music through the centuries and music of Richard Strauss. We have heard about the "Quest for Violin Virtuosos in Queenstown" and a program of "New Zealand's Got Talent". We have been introduced to some unusual music and in the next few months will be listening to interesting instruments, music by Gershwin and by "an Australian Original".

We have been challenged to share the memories and emotions evoked by music and to decide whom we consider to be the greatest composers, the most popular composers and the most significant composers in a particular field. We also tried to decide which composers are heard more now than they were 40 years ago and which are now heard less than they were 40 years ago.

It is great to learn something new every meeting as well as to enjoy listening to a variety of music. It is also fun to be in the company of such interesting friends.

Mary Miller

#### **Group News submissions for December/January:**

Please e-mail to Editor at [n-dswaff@clear.net.nz](mailto:n-dswaff@clear.net.nz) before November 23<sup>th</sup> 2013

#### **Interest Groups**

#### **Group Programmes for December/January:**

Please e-mail to Editor at [n-dswaff@clear.net.nz](mailto:n-dswaff@clear.net.nz) before November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Interest Groups – Meetings Schedules

I understand that some members who receive this be e-mail would like to have a printed copy but do not possess a printer. Printed copies will be made available at each General Meeting. This is the best that can be done without reverting to a conventional mail sending for all members.

#### Contact details:

Please advise the Membership Secretary, Mary-Alice Ryburn (425 0536) when you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, so that we can continue to communicate with you.

### GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting is on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Duty Groups:

**October:** Food for Thought

**November:** Jazz Listening

#### DID YOU KNOW

There are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)

#### DID YOU ALSO KNOW

'New Zealander Colin Murdoch invented the disposable syringe, tranquiliser dart gun and childproof medicine bottle, while Ernest Godward invented the rotary eggbeater, burglar proof windows and world's first spiral hairpin.

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