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2023 News Letter - Spring Edition

President's Report

There is little to report for Term 3.

As usual it has been very quiet with class numbers down. However with the end of winter and warmer weather approaching the grey nomads are drifting back and we can look forward to larger and more dynamic classes in Term 4.

At the time of writing this report work has commenced on outside work at the Lodge. NBN is being connected and we should shortly have access to the Internet. Concreting will be done in stages so as not to block access to the building. Hopefully the bulk of it will be done during the holidays.

Barbara Decker

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th October, subject to confirmation by the Committee at the September meeting.



Course Co Ordinator

There have been no French classes for several weeks due to the joint facilitators being overseas enjoying themselves in France. We will welcome them back later in October.

Meredith Radford has taken over from Margo Short as the facilitator for Craft and Helen Saxton is now the facilitator for the Gardening group. Long time facilitator Gwenda Bland has retired from the garden group after a nasty fall and we wish her well and thank her for putting in so much for so many years.

Barbara Decker

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Course Report

History

We have been earnestly following our 23 lecture long Yale course, The Making of Modern Ukraine with Prof Timothy Snyder, and will finally finish on the first Monday of the new term. I am thinking of awarding everyone an honorary degree in Ukraine History, and a hearty congratulation for sticking with it - coming from zero knowledge of that region, it was a hard slog, and served to show us how rich in history Europe is - how the Poles and the Lithuanians battled it out for power, the coming and going of the Habsburg Dynasty, the Ottomans rule, the making of modern Russia and the importance of Ukraine, so rich in resources.

Today we heard about culture, and the 1863 Valuev Decree which in part stated "a separate (Ukraine) language never existed, does not exist, and shall not exist, and the tongue used by commoners (i.e. Ukrainian) is nothing but Russian corrupted by the influence of Poland."

We remembered how the British forbade the use of the Welsh language - controlling language is a very powerful way of controlling people.

We so enjoy our Monday mornings, catching up with news of the week before, and discussions about current affairs - we are only small, but a very happy little bunch. New members are always welcome, not sure what we will go on with next term, but one thing is for sure - we never run out of History!



Jennie Towan History Facilitator

Film Group

Our Film Group is finishing 3rd term with a weekly 7 to 8 interested Movie Buffs each Monday.

In 2023, there have not been many new movies suitable for our group. Term 4 we hope to see "Miracle Club" with Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates and "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" both English



movies.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Anna Carter Pearse



Shibashi

A very big thank you to Jenny for taking the class while I was away.

Andrea

Scrabble

We have welcomed all the travellers back to our Tuesday Scrabble group and now have a full list. There have been some excellent single word and game scores this Term, which attests to the improved vocabulary and game skill of all concerned. Some of our players set themselves goals of 200 or 300 point games, others aim to get a Bingo-using all seven tiles in one move and the rest are just happy to use a triple word tile. We don't play for 'sheep stations' and enjoy the social aspect of the game with a coffee.

What Spring word do you think scores the best?

blossom babies wattle sunshine flowers weeds seedling

See Last page for answer

Happy Scrabbling

Jude Everett

Free Dance

Thank you Isabelle for taking the class while I was away it was much appreciated

Andrea

Garden Group

With another term over Spring is finally here and a welcome relief from the winter cold. We have enjoyed our winter crops and are looking forward to planting a variety of veggies for summer harvesting - And hoping that more rain is on the way after the driest Winter on record.

I have recently and now formerly, taken up the role of facilitator for our garden group so would like to let all U3A members know that we have a few beds available if anyone is interested in joining us.

You can ring me leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I can.

Helen Saxton - 0419119562

Photography

The photography group have several projects on the go and have been cruising the area for photo opportunities. We have been working on our calendar again this year. The next projects will include a steam train and the wild orchids, which always provide a challenge.

We have been given 2 digital cameras for use of U3A members who want to give photography a try.

Bruce

Mahjong

I will be back next term.

I want to thank the girls that kept classes going. We had a new girl last week, which is great, and there were 7 at Mahjong. Looking forward to catching up with you all next term.

Cheers

Rhonda

Playalong

Thank you to those who braved the chilly afternoons to "Playalong" and a big thank you to Bruce who offered to run the classes while I was away.

I've added some traditional American songs this year 'cos guess who has a 6 string banjo guitar?

We now have a violinist added to our repertoire of instruments and we love our clever tin whistlers.

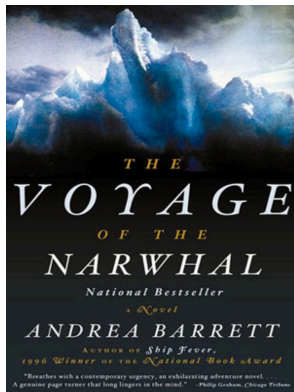
All our music has guitar/ukelele chords as well as the music.

New members are welcome. What a great way to finish off the day playing and singing along with others.

Carol McDonald

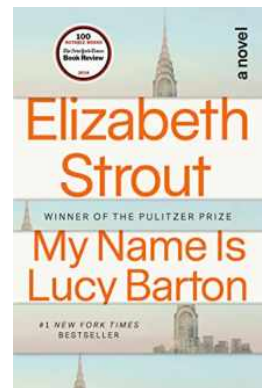
Book Club

The Voyage of the Narwhal by Andrea Barrett was the first book for this term. A Denver Post reviewer writes, "A luminous work of historical fiction that explores the far reaches of the Arctic and men's souls". That pretty well captures it. The book tells the story of a fateful expedition but manages to weave in some romance and family relationship issues. We learn a lot about early Arctic exploration and the Inuit people. Our group almost universally loved this book. Also throws up ethical issues which are still relevant today.



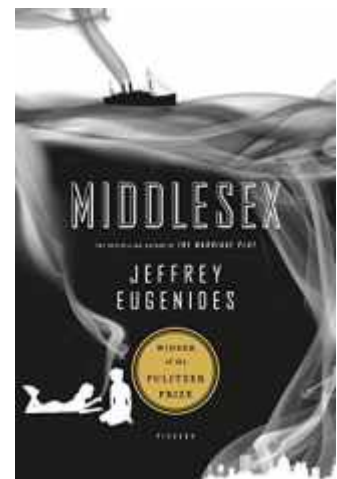
My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout was second on our list. Not so well received on the whole with some criticising the style of writing. Conversely, others praised the author's skill and even found the book worth a second visit. It takes place over 5 nights in a hospital but reignites memories of poverty, abuse and social exclusion. Mother daughter relationships and love being expressed in many and varied ways is the thread

of the narrative. A book perhaps too easily dismissed by some of us and others managed to see its brilliance.



Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides is the story of Calliope who was born intersex, raised as a girl but who during adolescence becomes Cal, a male. This is a very big book and spans almost a century from war torn Greece and Turkey, to Detroit and finally suburban Grosse Pointe in Michigan. A mixed response from our group with some loving it, others finding it had too much detail. I think we all appreciated the author's work in covering so much ground and educating us on so much, particularly the intersex issue. This is a family drama of three generations of Greek Americans who carry a family gene leading to a complex outcome. It really is a book worth reading but it does take time.

Our group continued smoothly throughout the term with everybody helping out as usual when I was away
Beth Harrison



Craft

Like to have a yarn??

Then join us at the craft group on Tuesdays at 1015.

Many a pattern had been exchanged and lots of stories told.

Don't be shy- there is only a few of us and we have plenty of empty chairs to fill.

Bring your Knitting
 Crocheting
 Sewing
 Weaving
 Beading

Anything crafty is welcome.

Meredith Radford



Ukulele

Thank you to the many people who kept our ukulele group going while I was away. By all accounts the sessions were well attended, and some new songs were introduced. It was such a joy to attend last week to play with everyone again. We have a few performances coming up at the Aged Care facilities which we really enjoy doing as we can see the pleasure that music brings to people of all ages and abilities. Also coming up in October, is the yearly Uke Muster at Briagolong, where many talented players from Melbourne and interstate freely share their skills by running workshops and performing. In the past it has proven to be very educational and a great learning day for our players.

Our Lakes Entrance group has been invited to perform at the final concert, which is a great honour and a testament to the level of skill which our players now display.

Thank you again to everyone who contributes to our most enjoyable sessions on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month.

Sue Wilson

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Cryptic Crosswords

Occasional guests and other personnel comings and goings change the dynamic weekly but on the whole, we are getting better, stronger, faster, louder and nicer.

Term 4 may be uneven with the facilitator away but puzzles will be distributed on Tuesday for the Wednesday collaboration at the Lodge. Newbies to Cryptics can be found a place – please advise the facilitator by email and we'll ready a chair.

Join us on Wednesdays, 10 AM at the Lodge and learn the cryptic skills and fire up the grey matter.

Gary Chapman call 0438 501 023 or email
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Course Schedule for Term 4 2023 2nd October – 20th December

Monday:	Time:	Facilitator:	Contact Ph:	Venue/Room:
History	10.00-12.00	Jennie Towan	0407 550 306	Room 2
Film Group(not 3 rd Mon.)	1.00-3.30	Anna Carter-Pearse	0429 978 587	Room 1
Folk Guitar	1.30-4.00	Bruce Wilmshurst	0456 611 416	LTB Angling Club

Tuesday:

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Shibashi Qigong	8.30-9.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Criminology	9.00-10.00	Judy Pillinger	0427323667	Room 1
Craft and Sewing	10.15-12.00	Meredith Radford	0414 463 556	Room 1
Scrabble	10.00-12.00	Jude Everett	0409528070	Bowls Club
Mahjong	1.00-3.00	Rhonda Biddle	0416035564	Room 1
Ukelele (1st&3 rd Tues)	3.30-5.00	Sue Wilson	0409389658	Room 1
Sessions Tunes (2 nd Tues.)	3.30-5.30	Barbie Roach	0402117540	Room 1

Wednesday:

Gardening	9.00-11.00	Helen Saxton	0419 119 562	Baptist Church
Cryptic Crosswords	10.00-12.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	Room 1
Current Affairs	1.00-3.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	LTB Angling Club
Getting into Guitar	12.00-1.00	John McMillan	0428546094	Room 1
Rock On	1.00-4.00	Leigh Davies	0457317993	Room 1

Thursday:

French for Beginners	10.00-12.00	Irene/Sandy Yeats	0417547944	Room 1
Book Club	11.00 -1.00 (last Thurs.)	Beth Harrison	0409012726	Room 1
Celtic Plus	3.30-5.30 2 nd Thurs.	Barbie Roche	0402117540	Room 1
Play-a-long Music	3.30-5.30 1 st &3 rd Thurs.	Carol McDonald	0429383909	Room 1
Free Dance(not 2 nd Thur)	2.00-3.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Bird Watching	9.00-10.00 1 st Thurs.	Sue Grima	0427281445	LTB Outside

Friday:

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Line Dancing	9:30 - 12:00	Judy Collins	0418 677560	Senior Citizens
Photography	10.00-12.00	Bruce Wilmshurst	0456611416	Room 1
Canasta	1.30-4.00	Joy Wilmshurst	0427323910	Room 1

**All classes at Masonic Lodge 10 Rowe Street
Lakes Entrance unless otherwise specified.**

**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 12th October,**

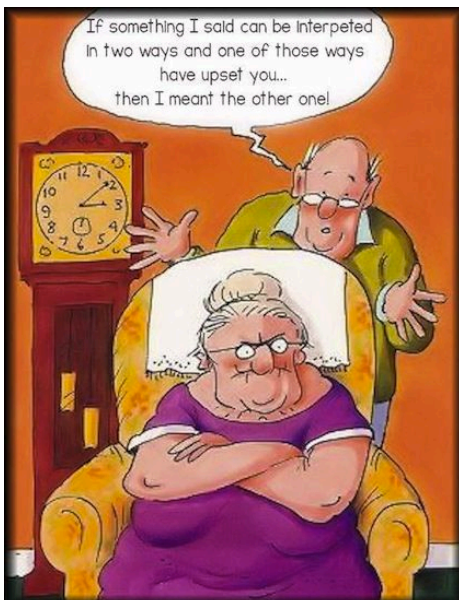


Scrabble answer:

- Both blossom and sunshine score 61 points! 11 points for the word itself and 50 bonus points because they use seven letters. (Bingo)



The official winner of the "not my job" contest...



For the past 21 years my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste.



Last anniversary, I decided to change this bad habit and make my wife happy. For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste. I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did it. Finally last night, she turned and looked at me and said: "Why have you stopped brushing your teeth?"

Marriage is a difficult relationship, I tell you.

I'll *never* complain about my job again



Current Affairs Group

Term 3 2023

Quality of discourse has greatly improved since renaming our group and newcomers are offering fresh insights.

And it's worth a mention that some of our high end members now arrive at the LTB Angling Club in quality cars.

Newcomers can join us on a Wednesday afternoon but **please note** that we are in recess in Term 4 2023 due to the absence of the facilitator.

Time: Wednesdays 1 PM to 3 PM Venue:
Lakes Tyers Beach Angling Club
Facilitator: Gary Chapman 0438 501 023
garychapman03@gmail.com



U3A Newsletter

After 10 years its time to retire (escape) and let someone else put his or her own style on the newsletter



I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter over the years.

All your reports and photos have made my job so much easier to produce an interesting and informative newsletter.

Thanks again to all readers and contributors

Margaret Sawyers