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U3A Christmas Lunch

Thursday November 28th 2013 finally arrived after much organising and worrying on the part of the committee and the participants from the many groups who booked over the past months.

The Ithaca Room on the second floor at City Hall is a lovely venue with natural lighting and we comfortably filled the tables. We had around 192 people attending, so it was a very busy foyer for nearly an hour.

Our guest speaker, Noeline Brown, arrived early and had a great time chatting with many guests while we had pre-lunch drinks.

This year, the food was very good, the service was excellent and all went well. Noeline was a great hit with members and she spoke very well.



Noeline Brown & Ian Lipke at the Christmas Lunch.
(Photograph from Greg Taylor)

From Ian Lipke - President: New Classrooms in Queen St

Following my announcement about our new teaching spaces at our Christmas Lunch, I wanted all our members to be aware of our latest venture. We have leased two large teaching spaces as well as a kitchen/ eating area and reception on Level1/ 344 Queen St just around the corner from our current Creek St rooms.. Surrounded by coffee shops, it has easy access and will be equipped with the most up-to-date equipment. New furnishings have been purchased and when we take over the lease on 16th December, we expect it to be an attractive, accessible space.

When this article was written, 128 classes had been scheduled just in the Creek/Queen St rooms in Term 1. There are more than 20 new classes across a wide subject area so there should be something for everyone. The Management Committee has been working very hard over the last few months to ensure the financial viability of this expansion and to provide an attractive addition for our existing and ever-growing number of new members. We hope that members, tutors and volunteers without whom none of this would be possible, feel the same sense of excitement about our growth and enjoy our new facility in 2014 - if you are lucky enough to have one of your classes timetabled there.

From Southside District - Expressions of Interest

Could anyone in the Carindale area who might be interested in joining a history group studying in Term 1 2014 the chronological history of India, please email Dalys at dafam2008@gmail.com

From the office - Annual Subs reminder

Don't forget to pay your annual subs before the term ends on 13 December 2013. This will save you time by avoiding the rush in the first week of Term 1 2014.

From Logan District

The Logan Christmas party was a lot of fun, with strumming and songs from the Ukulele group and entertainment from several classes. There were heaps of laughs. Many members enjoyed sampling English Country Dancing which will be held in the same hall as the party next year. The food contributed by members was delicious. Have a look at photos of the party on our blog and also on the U3A Brisbane Facebook page.

Trevor Scott and Janet Palmer have been appointed Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of U3A-Brisbane Logan District. Other members of the committee applauded their courage to take on the job and all promised to give their full support. See a photo of Trevor and Janet hard at work in the kitchen during our Christmas party. <http://u3alogan.blogspot.com.au/>. The blog will be updated regularly with information about next term's classes. You can contact Janet, Trevor or any of the committee members at u3alogan@gmail.com.

Kathy Roman, MC at the Christmas party, has agreed to be nominated for the U3A Brisbane Management Committee. If elected, Kathy will keep us even more closely in touch with Head Office.



Jean has expressed her sincere thanks to all members who contributed to the very generous parting gifts.

She remains on the committee along with Diane Bohlen, Kathy Roman,

Sheila Radcliff, Josie Wong, Michael Yip and Chris Simpson. Logan District U3A wishes everyone involved with U3A Brisbane a very happy holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2014 when there will be 40 classes, groups and activities on offer in Logan.

From Marilyn Wagland, Tutor Liaison Offr:

- The CSSC is available on line or if you receive a hard copy it will be posted on Monday 9th December.
- Think about enrolling in the class/classes you wish to attend in 2014 before the office closes on 13th December. The office will remain closed until January 13th 2014. You can enrol easily on line at any time.
- Tutors are always required particularly in Creative Writing, Beginners' Italian, Tai Chi and other forms of exercise, Korean, Indonesian and any other subject you think our students would enjoy. Contact tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au
- A mentor is needed for a Griffith University student who is taking a Poetry class next year. You attend each class, without paying, and gently guide the student by providing feedback and ideas, if required. It is not a difficult task and can be very rewarding. Contact Marilyn, as above, if you can assist.
- Some of our own U3A art class members are joining with others to hold an exhibition on Wed 11 Dec 10am to 2pm at The Multicultural Art Centre (ground floor BEMAC) 102 Main St Kangaroo Point. See the poster and support our creative students.
- Have you looked at our Facebook site yet? Support by checking it out and adding any interesting info or photos regarding U3A.
- Until we have an accompanist and conductor from amongst our ranks, we cannot get the U3A choir off the ground. Contact Marilyn if you can help. In the meantime, those who wish to warble, could consider singing with The Qld Irish Choir. Contact Sylvia Gregory 0423 496 400 or email at sylvia.gregory@hotmail.com

From Susan Baggio re new class - Outdoor Sketching in Brisbane City

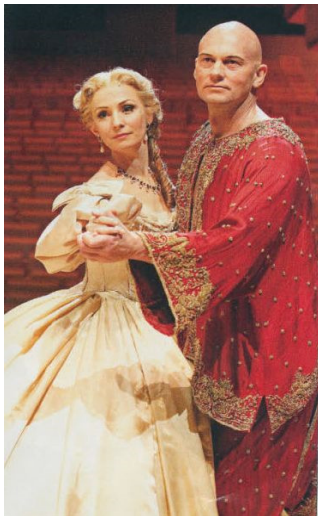
Locations such as Roma Street Parklands or the Old Botanic Gardens will be used. Artists are to bring their own supplies and share support and ideas for those wishing help, but otherwise, this is an untutored group. Meetings can be attended on a casual basis and there are no costs incurred. Meeting time is 9am at location chosen for 2-3 hours. Notification is by email to those attending. Bring along a snack or even lunch if you want to stay longer. I would suggest the day be Tuesday.

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The dates in January would be 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, meeting at 9am in the chosen location. Locations suggested in my first email Roma Street Parklands, Old Botanic Gardens or some suitable city location with space, shade and facilities. Meeting time is 9am through the morning until lunchtime or into the afternoon if anyone wants to. My email address is beachcombers_2000@yahoo.com

The King and I



Tickets to this musical are available from the office until the 13th December. Starring Lisa McCune and Teddy Tahu Rhodes, the musical's Australian Tour is commencing in Brisbane in April .

Date: Wed 14-May-2014

Time: 1:30pm

Where: QPAC Lyric

Cost: \$73.00

Call the office on 3236 3055 to book and pay. Tickets may still be on sale when the office reopens in January.

A very happy Christmas to you all. I hope your holidays will be safe and lots of fun. The Social Committee thanks you for all your support during the year and our thanks to the volunteers in the office for their assistance. We look forward to an interesting 2014.

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LATE NEWS

If you were around in the 60's, you'll remember the music of Neil Sedaka.

- ◆ Breaking Up is Hard To Do
- ◆ Lonely Nights
- ◆ Where the Boys Are
- ◆ Happy Birthday Sweet 16
- ◆ The Diary
- ◆ Stupid Cupid
- ◆ Oh Carol
- ◆ Calendar Girl
- ◆ Laughter in the Rain
- ◆ Hey Little Devil
- ◆ Love Will Keep Us Together and more....

Sunnybank Theatre Group is currently doing the musical **"Breaking Up Is Hard To Do"**. The rest of the season is sold out, but there are still some good seats available for tonight's show Wednesday 4th December.

You can book online at www.stg.org.au

Bar opens at 7pm, Show starts at 8.

Concession tickets are just \$21 !! **But be quick !**

