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Greetings to all our members!

Below is a message from our Chairman, Marjorie Malkin:

With Local Government Elections being a few weeks away, Government has once again reduced our level of Covid Virus awareness to Level 1, permitting larger gatherings .This does not reflect a lessening of our exposure to the virus.

Sadly we have all experienced personal losses of family and friends, since the spread of the virus across all of South Africa's communities. For this reason as well as restrictions on numbers for gatherings, we have had to suspend U3A gatherings. With the recent relaxation, your committee is trying to find a suitable venue. The Newton Park Library is no longer open to us. We will however, not hold physical meetings while we have to apply the present rules of signing in, taking temperature and physical distancing.

*Looking forward to seeing you all in happier times.
Marjorie*

FUTURE MEETINGS

Seeing that we do not currently have a meeting venue and are not yet comfortable with big gatherings, the committee will continue to look at alternative solutions.

In our previous communication to members via our newsletter in January, we called for feedback from members who would be interested in participating in virtual meetings such as Zoom, which might not be quite as foreign to many of us as it was eight months ago.

At the time, positive response was received from only three members. We are therefore making another call for response from interested members. All you need is a Smartphone, computer or a tablet.

If you are interested or have any input, kindly respond to Merlene via any of the following platforms:

secretary@u3ape.co.za
merlene.robinson09@gmail.com
WhatsApp message Merlene 083 653 3099

All feedback will be forwarded to Lynda Connellan who will be co-ordinating future Zoom Meetings.

Below is some basic information on how to participate in a virtual meeting. (Information courtesy of U3A SA).

To join your first webinar or meeting:

- It is advisable to download Zoom before attending your first Zoom meeting, otherwise you will be prompted to do so when you join a meeting
- Click on the link that was sent to you and follow the instructions. (You may see a message that you must wait in the virtual "waiting room" until the meeting starts). See also: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting> for more information.

Further information on "**Zoom Tips for New Attendees**", will be uploaded to our website and be attached to your email.

U3A SA has also kindly shared their October schedule of Zoom meetings with us. If you'd like to join a meeting, email the contact for a link to the meeting. The document will also be posted on our website.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was due in May 2020, but due to the national lock down we were unable to hold this. Once we have assessed interest in the virtual meetings, we will notify members of arrangements for a delayed AGM.

POPI ACT (Protection Of Personal Information Act)

The purpose of the act is to protect personal information, to strike a balance between the right to privacy and the need for the free flow of, and access to information, and to regulate how personal information is processed. All businesses/organisations were expected to comply by 1 July 2021.

We therefore need acceptance from you to hold your personal information such as phone number and email address. If you wish to withdraw either, kindly communicate with Merlene on:

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merlene.robinson09@gmail.com
WhatsApp message Merlene 083 653 3099

and your personal information will be deleted from our data base and mailing list.

LAST WORD

CONFUCIUS DID NOT SAY:

- Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient
- Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement
- Man who eats many prunes get good run for money
- Man who stands on toilet is high on pot

Anon

Keep well

Merlene