



**Est. May 2004**

**Committee Members**

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**APRIL 2017**

**25 APRIL MEETING – 10h00 – 11h00. Joanne Anthony-Gooden on 'Our Children – Digital Natives'**

Our speaker will be attorney and lecturer, **Joanne Anthony-Gooden**, who will address us on 'Our Children – Digital Natives' which will revolve around the pitfalls of social media.

**30 MAY MEETING – Trevin van der Walt on 'Organic Gardening'**

Full details to follow.

**APRIL OUTING – Visit to NMB Art Museum Friday 21 April at 10h00 (UPDATED)**

We will view the SS Mendi exhibition which is on display for a limited period. The exhibition of over 200 sketches by artist Hillary Graham, honours the 607 black SA soldiers who perished when the troopship sank in the English Channel in 1917.

Thereafter, we can meet at 'The Coffee Shop' in Bird Street where Marjorie has negotiated a special price of R15 for tea/coffee, and R22 for a scone.

**MAY OUTING – Tour of the Bagshaw Shoe Factory on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 10h00**

William Bagshaw pioneered tanning and footwear in South Africa. For a century thereafter, Bagshaw Gibaud were SA leaders in tanning and footwear manufacture until they were unwillingly victim to unscrupulous UK based asset strippers.

Hear the rest of the tale when we meet at the factory which is situated at 2 Paterson Road. Please note that a Health and Safety prerequisite is that we wear flat closed shoes

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

The outcome of our AGM held in March is that we are left with only five committee members. Portfolios are as follows:

Treasurer: Debbie Morris

Secretary: Merlene Robinson

Speaker Co-ordinator: Pam Lewis

Outings Co-ordinator: Marjorie Malkin

Audio Equipment: Aubrey Bradfield

So it's obvious that we are in need of more committee members.

I'm sure that there must be a few members who have a bit of extra time on their hands, so why not give it a try? We have a committee meeting once a month in the week after our open meeting. The venue is my home in Summerstrand where you can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a cookie if you're lucky!

In addition, committee members do travel from time to time and at times may be otherwise indisposed. Therefore we are starting a list for volunteers who can be called on when needed to assist with front of house tasks. In particular, we need someone to shadow Aubrey with regard to setting up the audio equipment, and assist when Aubrey is not available

If you are willing to volunteer to come onto the committee or assist with tasks when needed, please speak to a committee member or contact me on:

041-5831568; 0836533099; merlene.robinson09@gmail.com

## 2017 SUBS

2017 subs are now due. Remember too that the fee is now R50 per individual, including couples. New members are R50 plus a once off registration fee of R10. Fees can either be paid at the meeting or if you want to skip the queues, via an EFT. If the latter is chosen please make sure that we know who is making payment and send confirmation of payment to [merlene.robinson09@gmail.com](mailto:merlene.robinson09@gmail.com) so that we can have your membership badges ready at the next meeting.

As a consideration, each meeting at the library costs at least R745, sometimes more when we have to subsidise a speaker for travel costs, so we really do need to have subs paid to sustain this.

## BANKING DETAILS

U3A, Nedbank, Branch: 198765, Savings Acc: 2007311232

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOU HAVE PAID YOUR SUBS FOR 2017, PLEASE CONFIRM AT THE DESK AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

## COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Several members have expressed an interest in joining a Basic Skills Computer Interest Group, so we are looking for someone to lead such a group. Please contact me if you would like to share your skills with fellow members.

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## FOR THE MUSIC LOVERS

Venue: NMMU South Campus Auditorium

Theresa Cunliffe (041-5042250)

Starting time: 19h30 (Mon – Thurs) and 15h00 on Sunday – DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

## **Monday, 8 May - Brandenburg Trio from Germany**

Founded in 2014, the **Brandenburg String Trio** is comprised of South African violinist, **Avigail Bushakevitz**, German violinist, **Ernst-Martin Schmidt**, and Spanish cellist, **Andrea Casarrubios**.

## **LAST WORD:**

*As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a R600 or R60.00 watch, they both tell the same time...*

*Whether we carry a R600 or R60.00 wallet/handbag, the amount of money inside is the same;*

*Whether we drink a bottle of R600 or R60.00 wine, the effect is the same;*

*Whether the house we live in is 60 or 600 sq.m. the loneliness is the same.*

*Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down, you go down with it..*

*Hopefully, one day you will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.*

*Therefore..I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, parents, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with,*

*have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven & earth,*

*.... That is true happiness!!*

*Unknown*

**See you at the meeting.**

**Merlene**

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