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*We welcome all visitors to Stilbaai, and wish our members and visitors an Enjoyable Festive Season and a Peaceful 2017.  
Please drive safely during the festive season.*

## BOOK LAUNCHES

By two well-known Afrikaans authors

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

17h30 for 18h00.

Bring a bottle and glasses to enjoy sundowners with us at both these events.

### WEDNESDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2016

**Marié Heese** talks about her new book “Maestro” – a novel about the formative years of 17<sup>th</sup> century Italian sculptor and architect, Gianlorenzo Bernini.

You can buy a signed copy her book at the talk at a specially discounted cash price for U3A of R300.

### TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2017

**Hermann Giliomee** introduces his recently published “Historian – An Autobiography”, and talks about writing an autobiography.

A signed copy of the book will be sold at a specially discounted cash price for U3A of R250.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend the talk, admittance is free, but we will pass round a ‘hat’ for contributions to the Jagersbosch Fund.

## MEMBERSHIP

U3A Stilbaai just cannot stop growing. At our November meeting 10 new members joined bringing the total to 141. Members are reminded to wear their name tags to all U3A Stilbaai events. Thanks to all our members for their support and for encouraging friends and family to join up.

## THIS AND THAT ...

### General Meeting on 28 November

David Carter took us on an unforgettable journey to South America and the Antarctic. In February and March David and Sal went on this fascinating trip, and at our monthly meeting they shared their photographs and experiences with us.

### Jagersbosch Fund

In the previous newsletter we reported that we had purchased a new data-projector; however, when this arrived we discovered it did not conform to the advertised specifications. The projector was returned and we subsequently bought a known brand projector for R6,750 – the machine was delivered in time for our November monthly meeting.

Thanks to Marlene van der Merwe for donating the bottle of wine for our November raffle; the raffle brought in R285, and we had further donations of R200 on the day. Thanks to Chris Pretorius for another R100 donation; a week after the meeting David and Sal Carter surprised us with a R2,000 donation – our sincere thanks to them.

For a full list of contributions to the Fund, please view the 'Jagersbosch Fund' page on our website: [www.u3astilbaai.org](http://www.u3astilbaai.org). Donations to the Jagersbosch Fund from any member or organisation are welcome. Donations may be made at the monthly meetings or paid into: ABSA Business Savings Account:- Name: U3A Stilbaai; No: 9321782429; Code: 632005. Please enter 'Jagersbosch Fund' as the reference, and email us at [bank@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:bank@u3astilbaai.org) to confirm the payment.

## **U3A STILBAAI COURSES**

Courses are for members only. The following courses are offered or being planned:

- **Beginners Art** : Draw or paint in medium of choice. Meet first Thursday of the month. Contact Julie at [wilson.julie222@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.julie222@gmail.com).
- **Hiking Groups** : The group walks every Friday morning, but they are taking a break until the new year. Thanks to Cheryl's superb organisation the group ended the year's activities with a walk and breakfast at Bottterkloof. Contact Cheryl at [cheryl@kmintsa.co.za](mailto:cheryl@kmintsa.co.za).
- **Historical Tours** : Tours of Stilbaai, Jongensfontein, Riethuiskraal & Melkhoutfontein are in the planning phase, these will be conducted in Autumn 2017 when the weather is more amenable. Numbers for the tours are limited. Indicate your interest now to Hella at [dockel@vodamail.co.za](mailto:dockel@vodamail.co.za). Dates and times will be finalised in March.
- **Italian Cooking** : Reinette's first three cooking lessons were much enjoyed by all participants. She will continue her courses and Euchie Yazbek will show us how to cook moussaka in January 2017. Numbers are limited to 8 per course. Please book your place with Stefan at [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org).
- **Art Appreciation** : Bonnita Davidtsz is offering this course which begins in early 2017. Contact her at [wingover@myconnection.co.za](mailto:wingover@myconnection.co.za).
- **Bird watching for beginners** : This popular course will be offered again early next year. Please contact Johan van Rooyen at [rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com](mailto:rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com); numbers are limited and this course is quickly filled.
- **TED Talks** : The TED talks will commence on 18 January with the first of three monthly talks in the field of psychology; more about this early in the new year. Contact Stefan at [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org) for more information.

[TED is a non-partisan non-profit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues. More information on [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com).]

Please feel free to give us feedback on any of the courses that you have attended, or proposals for any new courses you would like to see introduced to U3A Stilbaai. Email: [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org).

## **TALKS TO COME ...**

We are working on our monthly programme for 2017. A possible speaker for the February meeting must still confirm availability; and in March Max Döckel will give his annual talk on the Budget. The January newsletter will have more details about the talks next year.

- 27 Jan 2017: Stefan Pretorius talks about how he survived the Iranian uprising and civil war of 1979.

Our programme for general and special meetings is on the notice boards at the Library, Spar and OK Grocers.

*U3A Stilbaai improves the quality of life of people of mature age, especially retirees, and encourages the maintenance of intellectual capacity through stimulating programmes of learning and teaching and the social contacts derived therefrom.*

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