



MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, 28 August 2017: 09h00 for 09h30

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

Social attributes and challenges of learners with autism.

Antel van Deventer

Antel has a Master's degree in Educational Support from the University of Stellenbosch, and will talk to us about autism with the focus on the social aspects thereof and specifically about children with Highly Functional Autism (previously known as Asperger syndrome).

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend; admission is free.

THIS AND THAT ...

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting on 31 July was well attended with 65 members present (including those that joined at the meeting). The chairperson delivered his report and as Treasurer also tabled the financial report for the previous year – the documents are available in the Administration section of our website. The meeting elected the following members to the Committee: Lawrence Barltrop, Hella Döckel, Carol Malan, Niel van Wyk and Cheryl Worth. Johan van Rooyen, currently co-opted onto the Committee to represent the Bird Group, was not available for election, but will be available for co-option. The committee will elect the office-bearers at its next meeting on 4 September.

July Monthly Talk.

Petra Daneel, manager of Jagersbosch Community Care Centre, gave a highly informative talk about the work and services of Jagersbosch. Stilbaai is in quite a unique situation where this organisation provides care services to the local populations of Stilbaai, Melkhoutfontein and Jongensfontein; in most cities and towns these services are normally only available in retirement villages or care centres. At the meeting a plea was made for people with suitable experience and expertise to make themselves available to serve on the board of directors of Jagersbosch.

Jagersbosch Fund

The July raffle yielded R225, and the TED talk on 26 July R104. The fund now stands at R3,738.67.

For a full list of contributions to the Fund, view the Jagersbosch Fund page on our website. Our banking details are also on the website if you wish to make a contribution. www.u3astilbaai.org

Membership

Fourteen new members joined at our monthly meeting in July; since the meeting 2 new members joined, bringing the total to 207 members. Welcome to all our new members.

Please renew your R30 membership fee for 2017/18 before the end of August; members who have not paid by then will be removed from our membership list. They will no longer receive the newsletter or notifications about U3A events; they will also not be allowed to participate in U3A courses. You will of course be most welcome to re-join U3A Stilbaai again at any time in the future.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for the current year – we sincerely appreciate your support.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for members only.

- **Hiking Groups** : The group walks every Friday morning. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Historical Tours** : There will be no tours of historical Stilbaai for the next few months; Hella will be away for a while, but on her return we will start planning again.
- **Cooking Courses** : For ReINETTE's cooking course contact her at reinetteanastagi@gmail.com.
- **Bird watching for beginners** : The current course is nearly finished, the next course in August/September is full. There will be an English course early in 2018, but there are only 2 places still available, contact Johan at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com.
- **Armchair Travel Group** : The Armchair Travel Group will commence later in the year.
- **Photography Group** : A photography group has been established, anybody interested can contact Lawrence at barltrop@vodamail.co.za.

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.

TED TALK : CLIMATE CHANGE

Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at 09h30; Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch.

The TED Talk by Al Gore is titled "The case for optimism on climate change" in which he asks three powerful questions about the man-made forces threatening to destroy our planet – and the solutions we are designing to combat them. This TED talk is facilitated by Niel van Wyk, who will give a short presentation on the effects of climate change in the Hessequa district.

Lawrence Barltrop is coordinating TED Talks; please contact him at barltrop@vodamail.co.za if you have an interesting topic, or if you want a presentation about a specific subject.

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 **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment and **D**esign converged, and today covers almost all topics – from science to business to global issues. More information on www.ted.com.

MEETING OF U3A STILBAAI BIRD GROUP

The Bird Group is meeting on **Wednesday 23 August at 19h00** in Die Waenhuis to discuss various matters of interest. There will be feedback on the Atlasing project in Hessequa, presentations of bird photo's by members, and a discussion on outings, etc. Members of the Bird Group, as well as other interested persons, are welcome to attend. A fee of R5 per person will be charged as for normal U3A courses.

OUTINGS

The outings to the historic mountain passes in the Langeberg north of Riversdale have proved extremely popular. Photos of the outings are on the Gallery on our website.

There will be two more outings to the passes, one on 30 August and the final outing during late September or early October. The outing on 30 August is already full, but please email us at info@u3astilbaai.org if you are interested in the final outing; we already have a number of bookings, but not enough vehicles at this stage.

Please note that the outings are primarily for members of U3A Stilbaai, although members have been allowed to invite guests along. We have had a few requests from people with no association with U3A to go on the outings, but, while refusing these requests, we have encouraged these people to join U3A Stilbaai.

TALKS TO COME ...

The programme for monthly talks for the next few months is as follows; please note that this may change due to unforeseen circumstances:

- 25 Sep 2017: Esma Marnewick talks about the ups and downs of travel writing.
- 30 Oct 2017: Anna Hattingh will talk to us about Living Wills.
- 27 Nov 2017: We have two possibilities lined up for November, but will confirm the talk later.

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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