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## **GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2021 AT 9:30 A.M**

**St. Heliers Church Community Centre - Centennial Hall - 100 St Heliers Bay Road**

### **THIS MONTH, WEDNESDAY, 3rd February - MAIN SPEAKER – Miriam McCombe – Education Programmes**

#### **Facilitator – Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.**

Before working with the APO, Miriam lived in the UK working as a singing teacher and community choir conductor. She will be presenting information on the various events and projects run by APO Connecting the Orchestra's community engagement department. Through live concerts, workshops, scholarships and education programmes, APO connecting engages with communities, families, schools and aspiring musicians from all areas in Auckland with the aim to inspire a lifelong love of orchestral music.

Miriam will be joined by a group of **"APO Aspiring Musicians"** who will give a short performance prior to the presentation.

**Study Group Presentations:** No presentations on this first meeting of the year.

**Mini Speaker:** No mini speakers this month.

**Kitchen duty:** Global Issues; Famous and Infamous

### **NEXT MONTH – Wednesday, 3rd March**

**Main speaker:** Raveen Jaduram – ex Water Care CEO.

**Study Group Presentations:** Word Puzzles; Famous and Infamous

**Mini Speaker:** T.B.A.

**Kitchen Duty:** Classic Films; Poetry and Prose

**President's Message:** February 2021 has arrived. I do hope you have been able to enjoy quality time with family and friends and are refreshed for whatever the New Year may bring. Our vice-president, Kay Eady, has been working hard to obtain speakers for our month meetings. She has already confirmed speaking arrangements as far away as August. Thank you Kay. Looking at the list I am impressed with the variety and quality of those who will have input into our lives. Our speakers will inform, challenge, and inspire us.

Unfortunately I won't be able to join you for our first meeting. Annette and I will still be in quarantine! At the time of writing we are in Sydney with one of our families, but no matter how hard we tried we couldn't get a managed isolation slot starting before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Kay will be leading our first meeting while we count down the days to freedom

Let's all work hard to make our U3A hear another great one. Here is my equation .... A challenged mind + warm friendship and care = the best U3A around. Warm regards to you all, Barry.

**2021 Subscriptions:** February is the last month our treasurer, Alan Hay, will be collecting 2021 Subscriptions. If any of you are unsure whether you have paid, please feel free to contact him and he can let you know - mob. 210476650. An additional form is attached to this Newsletter giving payment details just in case you have mislaid the original.

**Study Groups:** Your Committee is always keen to learn of any subjects or topics for Study Groups that members would like to be considered for inclusion in our Schedule. Please contact our Study Group Convenors, Gary Preston [gcpwpreston@gmail.com](mailto:gcpwpreston@gmail.com) or John Hole [johnhole2011@gmail.com](mailto:johnhole2011@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**Famous and Infamous Study Group:** The list of members of this group has gone astray. A new list will be available at the February meeting so please re-sign up if you wish to belong this group in 2021. (Or contact John Hole 021 529098 [johnhole2011@gmail.com](mailto:johnhole2011@gmail.com) or Gary Preston 021 2973087 [gcpwpreston@gmail.com](mailto:gcpwpreston@gmail.com) )

**Membership Contact Details:** An updated membership contact list will be sent out to members shortly. If you have changed any of your contact details please advise our Membership Secretary at [janicefigge@gmail.com](mailto:janicefigge@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

**Morning Tea arrangements:** A reminder that we have two morning tea outlets; one at the back of the hall and a second one in the Welcome area. Once you have your tea or coffee please feel free to circulate to either area and socialize with other members.

**St. Heliers U3A Website:** Our website [www.stheliersu3auckland.com](http://www.stheliersu3auckland.com) is updated every month by Kathy Slater. Newsletters, recent photos, relevant information on study groups and much more can be found on this interesting site.

**U3A On-line Courses:** These are available to all members. The online contact details are: [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au) There is no requirement for payment to access the course content. Access will enable a review of the study content and further details relating to independent or supervised study. If you are interested in any of the papers, please let Kathy Slater know, [kathyslater@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kathyslater@xtra.co.nz) or phone 5783232, and she will download the material as Auckland U3A network has already been registered and paid.

**Name Badge:** A reminder to all members, and especially our new members, that you should put the name and contact details of your preferred contact person on the back on your name badge in case of any emergency. Please ensure that you wear your Name Badge to all U3A meetings.

**U3A St. Heliers History Booklet:** This interesting booklet was updated and reprinted for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is available for purchase for \$10. Copies will be available at the February meeting. Highly recommended especially for our new members.

**U3A Lapel Badges:** We are now able to offer 'pin' as well as 'magnet' lapel badges. These will be available for purchase (\$5 each) at the February meeting. See Heather Baigent.

**Almoner:** If you are aware of any member who is ill or incapacitated, or suffering bereavement, would you please contact our Almoner, Susan Soper, (09) 578 3305 or email [suesoper2@yahoo.com](mailto:suesoper2@yahoo.com)

**Monthly Meeting Protocol:** Please ensure that you register at the Greeting Table when you arrive. Please send any apologies to Robin Bowkett, at [robin.bowkett@gmail.com](mailto:robin.bowkett@gmail.com) tel. 521 1953 or 021 956 909. (Not to the Newsletter Editor)

**DEADLINE for March Newsletter & Study Groups Update:** email to [jill.thom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jill.thom@xtra.co.nz) by Sunday, 21st February 2021 (or earlier which is my preference).

**The Aim of U3A**  
**Those who teach shall also learn and those who**  
**learn shall also teach.**

**Peter Laslett, founder of U3A UK, 1981**