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The President's Report from Jeannette Lewis-Hill

This is the last month of a year that many of us thought would be explosive. If we think about it, there was quite a bit going on - Kevin'07 was dumped, the Koreans are at it again, etc - but this is all pretty normal stuff. It was the dollar that we were most expecting to tumble - and yet mercifully for those of us on super, it has not happened. Yet!

What was more extraordinary and probably Plutonic about our year was what happened to Mother Gaia. Oil leaked massively into the Gulf of Mexico, Russia cooked and burned, and Pakistan had enormous floods. Indonesia and Iceland had major volcanic activity. We had a very, very dry winter too!

Next year there are still many astrological happenings to ponder; the

Mountain Astrologer has a mighty list of them in the current issue. So we won't languish in boredom! Ingresses into Pisces and Aries make 0 degrees of those signs important, and remember that the eclipses are still happening in land-and-housing-oriented Cancer and governmental Capricorn.

All of the movement of outer planets does one thing in particular: it shakes us up - and puts us in the best position to make changes both personal and collective. This is empowering, and we might all say "Carpe Diem" - seize the day!

We started our astrological month with the AGM in the quaint "A Place Just To Be" in East Fremantle, and our committee has largely returned into service [bless them!]. Only our MM editor, Carol, is leaving, after years of very

excellent service. Many thanks, Carol, and well done!

Joanna Clifton is the new committee member to replace Carol, and Joanna is a person whom we know to be delightfully committed to astrology. We look forward to having her on board.



Hello to All and Happy Holidays

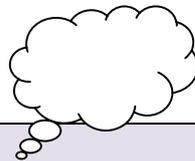
Please note that Patricia Johns has revised the constitution for final approval, and we need members to look at this once we get it online - [we will let you know when it is posted - our quota has been exceeded for the month].

Many thanks go to Patricia for tackling this job. To give you a sneak preview for next year, I was chatting with the popular speakers Joy Usher and Mari Garcia a couple of days ago, and they are planning a trip to Perth for the cooler months – probably June or August. These two ladies have gone from strength to strength, having been mentioned as growing forces in the international scene on none less than Skyscript. I reckon that's a gold endorsement! Mari lectured in Amsterdam this year, and Joy again spoke at the Regulus Conference of traditional astrology. So you can look forward to a weekend of superb astrology next winter.

Once again – warmest greetings of the holiday season and a very happy solstice indeed!

Keep well and happy, everybody.

Jeannette



A message from Zane Stein

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Dr. Brian Marsden on November 18, 2010.

In the astronomical world, Dr. Marsden was one of the most influential comet investigators of the 20th Century, and was the Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Minor Planet Center, and Associate Director of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics from 1987 to 2003.

But he was also a major benefactor to the astrological world. Perhaps you may remember me mentioning him during my talk.

In 1977, he provided us with the first ephemeris of Chiron (before it was named....it was called Object Kowal at that time), and continued supplying ephemerides as Chiron's orbit was more and more well understood. He provided us with ephemerides of several significant asteroids, such as Eros and Psyche. He was instrumental in assisting astrologers in getting the names of several Centaurs approved (such as Nessus.)

And he did all of this, knowing full well that we were 'astrologers'.

I had a personal relationship with him over the years...Christmas Cards, family news....and had the good fortune to meet him in person a few years ago. He was not only a very intelligent person, but a warm hearted gentleman as well.

I'm wearing black today, spending the day in mourning. I will miss him.

Upcoming events planner for 2011

(please watch this page - events may change)

Tuesday 15 th February	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Barbie's place
Tuesday 15 th March	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Joanna's place
Sunday 27 th March	Event: <i>(proposed)</i> 3 Speaker's Day Venue: <i>(proposed)</i> 7 th Avenue Bar & Restaurant, MIDLAND
Tuesday 19 th April	Event: Committee Meeting Venue: Jeannette's place
Sunday 1 st May	Event: Professional Development Day Venue: Margie's place – (2 nd half day meeting) start 1pm
Tuesday 17 th May	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Margie's place
Sat or Sunday 17 or 18 th June	Event: <i>(proposed)</i> Joy Usher and Mari Garcia Venue: <i>(proposed)</i> 7 th Avenue Bar & Restaurant, MIDLAND
Tuesday 21 nd June	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Patricia's place
Tuesday 19 or 26 th July	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Jeff's place
Sunday 14 th August	Event: Professional Development Day Venue: Margie's place – (3 rd half day meeting) start 1pm
Tuesday 16 th August	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Jeanette's place
Thursday 15 th September	Event: Astrochat with special speaker <i>(to be advised)</i> Venue: <i>(to be advised)</i>
Tuesday 20 th September	Event: Committee meeting Venue: Joanna's place
Tuesday 3 rd & 4 th October	Event: Committee meeting Venue: <i>(to be advised)</i>
Tuesday 19 th October	Event: Committee meeting Venue: TBA
Sunday 20 th November	Event: AGM Venue: <i>(to be advised)</i>

Presenting your new FAA WA committee for 2011

Back row: Edith, Jeannette, Barbie, Joanna, Jeff, Front Row: Lt to Rt: Margie, Roslyn, Patricia



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The Orion Academy

Presents two courses in astrology for 2011

Foundations of Astrology A Comprehensive Course for Beginners



This course presents the basic building blocks of astrological practice along with theory, culture and history of this profound and fascinating subject.

Some calculations are required, and the course entails homework.

Syllabus on request.

Classes will be on Monday nights from 7 – 9 PM
from 7th February 2011.
First Semester: 16 lessons: \$500.

Horary Astrology: The Traditional Art of Answering Queries

[Some experience of astrology needed]

Horary astrology is a traditional technique for answering questions, and one that provides an entrance into the disciplines of traditional astrology for those who have not yet trodden that path. Horary is succinct, vital and addictive. It also covers most client work and much of what astrology is employed to achieve.

This course follows the teachings of John Frawley, an English Master who now lives in Poland. The course material however is that of the Orion Academy of Astrology. There is homework in this course including reading and writing, - the written work will be marked.

Classes will be on Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 PM, with an introductory session on Sunday evening 20th February at 5:30 [light meal provided].

1st Semester: 17 lessons: \$600

2nd Semester: 9 lessons: \$350

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**A Very Happy
Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year to
All Our Members**