

Report on SA-TOS activities in April-May 2015, Adelaide Lodge

Sunday at the TOS

On 19 April the TOS held a Sunday at TS function focused on the theme of Ethiopia. The idea was to inform attendees on some important humanitarian work in the area and to raise some funds for their causes. The afternoon meeting attracted some twenty attendees who were most impressed by the presentation of a young couple Lexi Keneally and Aidan Glasby who gave an illustrated talk on their involvement as part of the Adelaide-based Barefoot Initiative which for the past decade has been visiting the Afar area annually where they have helped erect an aid post, introduce mobile carts to relieve the tedium of water cartage by women, and established a grassroots agricultural initiative. This inspiring talk was followed by a delicious repast furnished gratis by the Addis Ababa restaurant and some home-made goodies by our members. We then regrouped and World Families Australia presented an equally inspiring talk through the presentation by Sandi Petersen. The focus here was also on medical and other social initiatives by this group. Some \$200 was raised on this occasion, shared between the two groups. The importance of this occasion, however, was that we were able to present an example of hands-on dedication to those who suffer by some very young and loving people.



Autumn Dinner

On Sunday 3 May we held our annual dinner that was much more effective as a fundraiser for three causes: The Mental Illness Fellowship of South Australia (MIFSA), TAD (Technical Aid to the Disabled) and Catherine House. Some twenty seven folk braved a cool evening of music supplied gratis by four MIFSA guitarists and vocalists, plus the solo performance by Ngarrindgeri guitarist and singer Maurice Karpany from Radio Adelaide. Dinner was of course a labour of love by the TOS team. An unusual and very cheery raffle format led to many prizes finding new homes. Conviviality was the spice that made this a very successful evening with everyone pitching in to clean the hall and kitchen. Over \$600 was raised and shared equally between the three organisations targeted by TOS on this occasion.

Our profound thanks to all participants, attendees, performers and workers behind the scenes.

We would like to thank the TS for the use of the hall, and the donation of \$60 that went towards the purchase of food for the Dinner.

The South Australian TOS team.

