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 The TOS was founded by Annie Besant in February 1908

Dear friends

At the end of the TOS financial year (31 August) our donations to TOS projects totalled \$1,000 – sent in two lots of \$500 during the year.

Our contributions have been sent to TOS projects to assist Syrian refugees, the Besant Veterinary Clinic, Qandeeel Home Schools, Pakistan, HPB Hostel for boys, Women's Social Welfare at Adyar and the Pakistan Educational Scholarship which we support yearly for the education of one student and, a new one for us, the Odisha home to assist one girl.

As reported by TS President, Marie (page 6) the sale of some library books generated the sum of \$335. This amount has been gifted to the TOS Canberra to donate to TOS projects. We are very appreciative and grateful to the Canberra Branch's Executive Committee for this altruistic and generous decision.

Another unexpected donation was when Tony had his 85<sup>th</sup> family birthday celebration and relatives donated \$310 to his "favourite charity" which, of course, was the TOS Canberra.

At the start of the new financial year, after our \$1,000 donations have been sent, we currently have \$484.90 to start a new year of funds. Since our TS meetings are now in the Emeritus Faculty we are not allowed to have money exchange, and the TOS funds sometimes suffer a little as you can no longer put your spontaneous donations into the recognisable little wicker basket. You can still give donations, however small, to any of our TOS members who will make sure they go into the wicker basket!

### News from Kiva

Afaf in Jordan repaid this month's portion of the loan to buy the necessary goods for her home-based clothing business.

### Ideas

Barbara has been making easily foldable bags to carry around when making purchases from e.g. the veggie shop, instead of having to get a store bag, thus avoiding plastic



### The ultimate Airbnb

Barbara has introduced us to the art of making **Bee Hotels**. We can help native bees to find a nesting place by setting up a Bee Hotel in the garden. Over 99% of Australia's native bee species are solitary (not of the social variety) and do not live in hives. These species do not produce honey but they are pollinators and we need them. **The solitary bees live alone in individual nests in small holes or in the ground. Many varieties of these native bees will use a Bee Hotel.** See the site: <https://www.aussiebee.com.au/bee-hotel-introduction.html>

Barbara made her bee hotel by filling a mug with bamboo, easily bought in packets, then hanging the mug from a tree and positioned so as to not collect rain. Your imagination will dictate how you want to do this.

*From the TOS Team*

*Join us!*

Photos:  
The bee hotel mug (side view and from above)

