

# The T.O.S. Village News

(The Theosophical Order of Service)

30 July 2016

## Coming Events

- \* **Taizé Meditation** - 5 August 2016 @ 6pm  
Liberal Catholic Church, Lacey St Perth
- \* **Movie "Truman"** - Sunday 14 August 16 @ Cinema Paradiso, Northbridge. Movie - TBA. Coffee at the Dome across the road
- \* **TOS Healing Meditation & Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, 21 Aug 16 @ 2pm & 3pm. TS main hall, 21 Glendower St, Perth.
- \* **TOS AGM** - Sunday, 18 September 16. TS Main Hall, 21 Glendower St, Perth.
- \* **TOS Yoga Day** - Saturday 24 Sept 16 @ Mt Helena. Register in the TS Library or email [tosp Perth@gmail.com](mailto:tosp Perth@gmail.com)

## Welcome to the Village

The TOS thank Matthew and Dug from RUAH Homeless drop in Centre, who gave a dynamic and powerful educational presentation on the evening of Tuesday, 26 July. These two men explained the reality of homelessness in a vivid and heart wrenching way. The audience was stunned into quiet compassion.

Dug's distinguished presence belied the suffering he has experienced. He is a compelling speaker as he shared with us his past as a Rabbi, a UN worker in Bosnia (where he was shot and blown up), followed by a small business as a defence truck driver. As a driver, he was targeted and assaulted by an outlawed motorcycle gang, which caused Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This event started his descent into homelessness and illness.

Eventually, Dug found his way to Matthew and the RUAH team and his life turned around. Dug now has a home and has a small business walking dogs.

Dug explained how important and useful the TOS backpacks are to homeless people. The backpacks may be the person's only possession. Items such as torches, ponchos and socks are very well received.

Imagine being homeless right now. This winter has been bitterly cold and wet. I think of the mornings when it is 1 degree and I debate getting out of my warm, cosy bed. Apparently, the nights are the most dangerous time if you are homeless. There is always the risk of being assaulted and of course the cold. Nights are long, and the cold ensures illness is never far away. We honour RUAH, Matthew and Dug. They are changing the world into a better place right here in Perth. There is a photo on the next page.

### Best wishes

Rhonda Phillips,  
TOS Chairperson  
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## TOS FUND RAISING STALL

The TOS has recently been given a large collection of metaphysical and esoteric books, all of which were previously owned by the late Mr. Marmaduke (Duke) Herford-Alley. The donation was organised and delivered to our door by the granddaughter of Mr. Herford-Alley, Shea Halge, and we thank Shea and her family for their generous contribution to our TOS fund raising efforts. We shared these books between the TS Library and our TOS gift stall.

As a result of the new input of stock, we have been able to turn over and regenerate the books on the gift table, and sales were brisk at the recent TOS night (July 26). We have a wide ranging variety of topics, including health, healing, meditation, various religions and traditions, karma, reincarnation, etc, everything from astrology to Zen, as they say.

One of Mr. Herford-Alley's many interests was palmistry. His teacher was the renowned palmist Noel Jacquin, and we have got several books by this author, as well as a number of other excellent books on the subject.

Another interesting book is Barbara Thiering's Jesus The Man. Barbara Thiering was an Australian historian, theologian and biblical scholar. She wrote this non-fiction book as a new analysis of the life of Jesus as gleaned from her study of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The book attracted a lot of attention when it was first published in 1992 and was well reviewed across a range of media.

Also, if you are familiar with the 'New York Times bestselling author of Medicine Woman', Lynn Andrews, we have a copy of her book Windhorse Woman. This takes her on her spiritual quest into Nepal and the Himalayas, accompanied by her mentor, the Native American shaman Agnes Whistling Elk.

To conclude, here is a quote from a Quest book titled Reincarnation, an east-west anthology of many quotations on the subject:

"We have all some experience of a feeling, that comes over us occasionally, of what we are saying and doing having been said and done before, in a remote time—of our being surrounded, dim ages ago, by the same faces, objects, and circumstances—of our knowing perfectly what will be said next, as if we suddenly remembered it!"

From David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

Cheers from Becky, hope to see you at the next TOS night.

## TOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname)  
wish to join the Theosophical Order of Service – Western Australian Incorporated.

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

My email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

My Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee: \$5.00

Cheque to: "The Theosophical Order of Service"  
Mail to: TOS, C/- 21 Glendower St, Perth, 6000

Or

EFT \$5.00 in to the TOS Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000 Account: 116559105  
Reference: Your full name

And send an email to [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) advising of the deposit including your name, address and phone number.



**RUAH talk  
26 July 2016**

**Matthew, Rhonda  
& Dug.**

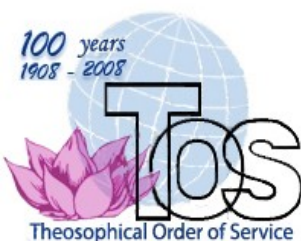
**(From left to right)**

**The TOS  
donated \$200  
to RUAH in thanks for  
the compelling presenta-  
tion by both men.**

## The Link of Hearts Healing Meditation

Anne Bower is coordinating a team of Meditators who will provide long distance healing to people on our TOS healing list. The person's name will remain on the list for one month and during that time the team will regularly send healing energy.

Contact Anne on [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) or 0408 784 443



## The Theosophical Order of Service - WA Inc.

We are a humanitarian service group who work to help others, near and far, and in the process transform ourselves.

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New members are welcome, however it is not necessary to be a member to attend our functions.

**You are welcome.**



## TOS - August 16 movie fund raiser



### *Truman* (109 mins)

When theatre actor Julián (Darin) receives an unexpected visit from his childhood friend Tomás (Cámara), the encounter is bittersweet. This reunion is their first meeting in many years, triggered by Julian's failing health. Tomás is baffled by his friend's decision to forgo treatment and instead focus on putting his affairs in order: distributing possessions, reconciling past disputes, and, most importantly, finding a home for his beloved Boxer, Truman. It's this task that is causing Julián the greatest concern.

Over four days, the two men walk the streets of Madrid, visiting bookshops, restaurants, doctors, and veterinarians, and examine their lives – their loves, successes and failures – speculating on what the future holds.

In this jewel of a film, Cámara and Darin deliver a master class in screen acting, convincingly depicting the ease and rapport that only a life-long connection allows. With characteristic understatement and sensitivity, Gay finds great dignity and humour in ordinary lives, delivering a witty, moving and hugely entertaining reflection on male relationships, and a reminder that the best friendships are indeed, forever.

**When:** Sunday 14 August: Time to be advised

**Where:** Cinema Paradiso, Northbridge

**Note:** Meet before the movie at the *Dome café* across the road for a cuppa and socialising.

