



The T.O.S. Village News

(The Theosophical Order of Service)

12 December 2016

Coming Events

- * **Taizé Meditation** - Friday, 16 December 2016 @ 6pm Liberal Catholic Church, Lacey St Perth
- * **Taizé Meditation** - Friday, 23 December 2016 @ 6pm Liberal Catholic Church, Lacey St Perth
- * **Movie "Red Dog"** - Wednesday, 28 Dec 2016 @ Cinema Paradiso, Northbridge. Movie session - To Be Advised. Join us for Coffee at the Dome across the road.
- * **Movie "A United Kingdom"** - Sunday, 8 Jan 2017 @ Cinema Paradiso, Northbridge. Movie session— . Join us for Coffee at the Dome across the road.

Welcome to the Village

This is the final newsletter for this year. There will be 2 movies during the Christmas break and you are invited to join us.

Red dog is sure to be a charming and up lifting movie, while A United Kingdom addresses the perennial topics of love and being true to ourselves, at a personal level and the political level. It is a true story recording one nation's journey to peace, prosperity and democracy.

2016 has been a troubling year for many nations and individuals. It is time to find the path of hope and peace. There is no better example than the Colombian President, Juan Manuel Santos, who received the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize "for his resolute efforts to bring the country's more than 50-year-long civil war to an end". This peace was gained through negotiation, not war.

Juan Manuel Santos said during his acceptance speech "Perhaps more than ever before, we can now dare to imagine a world without war. The impossible is becoming possible." May his words be true for 2017.

I wish you a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas.

Best wishes

Rhonda Phillips,
TOS Chairperson tospert@gmail.com

India Calling

Press Release: TOS Fundraiser Tour to Southern India - 05 Jan - 17 Jan 2018

The National Australia TOS is planning a 12 night tour of Southern India.

The tour is scheduled to depart from Adyar Campus immediately following the TS International Convention 31 Dec 2017 to 5 Jan 2018

This Tour will visit spiritual sites such as the Ramana Maharishi's Ashram and Vivekanda Rock Memorial at the very southern tip of India. An Ayurvedic resort stopover and a cruise on the Kerala backwater canals, plus major temple sites

A detailed itinerary with costing will be available at our TS Conference in January 2017.

Taize Meditation

Taizé meditation was created by Brother Roger Schutz in 1940 for all Christian traditions (both Protestant & Catholic). This was during World War 2 and he was working for World Peace and to reconcile the Heart of the World.

He rode a bicycle from Geneva, Switzerland to Taizé, The town was in unoccupied France, just beyond the demarcation line with the zone occupied by German troops. He bought an empty house, where for two years he and his sister, Genevieve, hid refugees, both Christian and Jewish.

In the spirit of Brother Rodger, the TOS and the Liberal Catholic Church offer Taize Meditation each Friday leading up to Christmas. You are most welcome.



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 advising of the deposit including your name, address and phone number.

If you need an office chair, this one is available for a
\$15 donation to the TOS.

Please contact Rhonda on tosperth@gmail.com
and we can arrange delivery/collection.



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 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.



December movie fund raiser **RED DOG: TRUE BLUE**

The sequel begins with a wait-a-sec-what's-happening-here - as harried businessman, Michael Carter (Jason Isaacs), takes his two young sons to the movies...to see Red Dog! After the screening, Michael reveals to his young son that he was actually the first owner of the pooch that would eventually become famous for uniting the disparate residents of a WA mining town. The film then unfolds in flashback, as we meet young Michael (Levi Miller), who is shipped off to the remote farm of his grandfather (Bryan Brown in a wonderfully taciturn but deeply sensitive turn) when his father dies and his mother suffers a nervous breakdown. There, he learns about Aboriginal customs and land rights through indigenous farm-hand, Taylor Pete (Calen Tassone); romance through his comely tutor, Betty (Hanna Mangan Lawrence); and the rigours of male competitiveness through macho helicopter pilot, Stemple (Thomas Cocquerel). But mainly, Michael learns about the joys of companionship that a canine like Red Dog (originally called Blue) can bring.



With its pre-adolescent hero and near plotless coming of age narrative, Red Dog: True Blue instantly announces itself as a more distinctly family friendly affair than its predecessor, but it's still loose and freewheeling in the best way possible, jumping from plot point to plot point at will. In any other film, such narrative playfulness would feel odd, but here, it just adds to the film's colourful individuality. Coupled with a hard-edged sweetness and lots of humour, it makes for a winning mix. A classic boy-and-his-dog tale, Red Dog: True Blue has a big heart and bundles of charm.

When: Wednesday 28th Dec – **Time TBA**

Where: Cinema Paradiso

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



TOS - January movie fund raiser 'A UNITED KINGDOM'

In the hands of a lesser director than the hugely talented Amma Asante, "A United Kingdom" might have been nothing more than another inter-racial romance cloaked in a veil of sickly sentimentality but, this remarkable film works both as a genuinely moving love story and, more significantly, as a powerful political tract that draws attention to a very shameful period in recent British history.



It is the story of Seretse Khama, heir to the throne of Bechuanaland, now Botswana. As a student in London, he fell in love with Ruth Williams, English and white. He brings her back to his homeland as his queen, much to the chagrin and disapproval of both the British and South African governments and his own people. However, like all good love stories, Ruth's tenacity soon wins over the people of Bechuanaland while the jaundiced, racist government of the UK proves a somewhat greater obstacle.

The events portrayed in the film actually took place but until now haven't been discussed. Even today inter-racial love stories can be unpopular and sadly racism remains a major issue that has yet to be eradicated. It is testament to both Seretse and to Ruth that their actions were finally instrumental in bringing democracy to Botswana.

In these roles both David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike are superb and there is sterling work from an outstanding supporting cast. It is still heartening to see a movie about love and about race that is largely unsentimental and politically astute. It is also gorgeously shot by Sam McCurdy and is a credit to all involved.



When: Sunday - 8th January – **Time TBA**

Where: Cinema Paradiso

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