



## T.O.S. news

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### **Dates for your diary**

All interested people are invited to attend our **AGM** on **Saturday 3 December 2016** at 10:00 am in the T.S. rooms. A Healing Meditation will be held at 9:30, prior to the meeting. The AGM will be followed by a Christmas morning tea, so all participants are invited to bring a plate of goodies to share.

### **Donations for this financial year**

The Brisbane TOS has provided the following donations, totaling \$7,520, to support TOS projects internationally and locally.

- \$1,100 to our literacy home-school in Pakistan
- \$300 for two educational scholarships in Pakistan
- \$1,000 to the Golden Link College in the Philippines
- \$750 to the Olcott Memorial School at Adyar
- \$750 for mobility aids in northern India
- \$750 to the Animal Dispensary at Adyar
- \$1,000 to our local Domestic Violence project that offers free places in cooking classes organised by celebrity chef, Dominique Rizzo.
- \$625 to Women's House Shelta in Brisbane
- \$1,245 for emergency relief in Fiji, Queensland Farmers' Appeal and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

### **Thank you for supporting our two fundraising events**

**The social afternoon of book browsing in June to benefit Victims of Domestic Violence** was a great success both from a social and a fundraising perspective. The Annerley Community Bookshop is a warm and welcoming place with comfortable seating and a wealth of fascinating books to browse through. TOS members produced a delicious afternoon tea that was enjoyed by all attending.

Women's House provides support, emergency housing, advocacy and information to women experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault, so we were delighted to be able to send them a cheque for \$625.

### **Concert to benefit the Home-schools in Pakistan**

Once again our Concert was an outstanding success, thanks to Barbara Damska who organized the program and the excellent group of musicians, the assistance of TOS members and, of course, those who attended and brought friends. We raised funds for the Qandeel schools through concert tickets, a sale table of jewelry and jams and relishes, and a popular raffle with a seven prize draw, with winners having a choice of prizes.



*Our group of musicians who volunteered their time and expertise*

This education project is conducted by the TOS in Pakistan. The Qandeel home-schools enable children, young girls and women who have no opportunity to pursue even a basic education, to attend classes. Reading, writing and arithmetic are taught by a teacher who holds classes at her own house which is in the same locality as the students. The teachers meet regularly for professional development. These schools provide life-changing opportunities. All donated funds are spent on the schools, since administrative tasks in both Australia and Pakistan are done by volunteers.

### **Upcoming events**

Look out for two social events we have in the planning stages.

#### **Film morning and lunch at Southbank**

Everyone is invited to join us for this social opportunity to enjoy a movie and then each other's company at lunch. Details will be announced at the TS when we have selected a movie.

#### **Christmas sale table**

Look out again for our Christmas sale table at the TS Christmas Party. It's a great opportunity for Christmas shopping with home-made goodies and crafts.

*One has to forge oneself into an instrument of service. This involves a radical reorganisation of the whole nature, a work which lies less on the outer plane than on the plane of one's inner being. This reorganisation amounts to a spiritual rebirth, and Brotherhood is its basis.*

N Sri Ram