

School of Philosophy

# Good Company



## Yajna Barometer 2010

Our target in 2010 is \$70,000. The total raised in 2009 was **\$68,000**.

As interest rates have now continued an upward trend the pressure on the School's generous contributors to meet higher monthly payments.

Regular donors have, however, fallen over the last year therefore your generosity in helping reduce the current outstanding debt of \$170,000 is encouraged and most welcome in the current economic climate.

Fund raising events are now being considered, so if you have any suggestions please let me know.

## Fund Raising Events for 2010

**Philosophy Expo 2010**  
Sunday November 21

**Plato Summer School**  
January 4 & 5, 2011

If you have any ideas for Fund Raising Events please give your suggestion in writing to :

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## Festival of Spirit

### September 2010

Two weeks in September saw the School of Philosophy worldwide celebrate the one hundredth birthday of the School's founder Mr Leon MacLaren, in London and the UK with a series of workshops, lectures, residential weeks and a wonderful concert.

Eleven students from Perth made the journey to England to participate in the celebrations and attend the lectures and residential weeks.

Dianne and Phillip Kruger, Peter and Jean Wyder and Gai Kroczek attended the 'Sanskrit Week' at Nanpantan while Jason Hughston attended the 'Care of Nations' week at Waterperry and then along with Rob Ord the 'Meditation' week at Nanpantan. Surinder and Kuldeep spent the two weeks in London attending the many workshops and lectures on offer at the School's main venue Mandeville Place. Other weeks included music, dance, economics and law, renaissance studies, and Plato as well as a Young Professionals Weekend.

The study on the Sanskrit Week was based around a verse from the Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad starting with 'Rupam rupam..' and the English translation is like this: "*Form by form he transformed Himself in accordance with each form. That form of His was for the sake of making Him known. Indra by his magic powers is perceived as manifold, for to him are yoked ten organs, nay hundreds of them.*" It was a wonderful week and Nanpantan Hall with its surrounding grounds was a magnificent place in which to partake of the Sanskrit study.



The 'Care of National' week was largely attended by people within the School that have an interest in economics and that have attended previous Economics weeks conducted by the London School. Mr Ian Mason, the head of the Economics stream in London and the leader for the week, had decided to expand the subject beyond economics, as years of study of the subject had echoed the experiences of the founder Mr Leon MacLaren that economics is only one part of a greater whole. To that end the overall theme for the week was to look beyond the economic and political realm and to look for higher manifestation in things such as culture, spirit/religion and humanity.

The week was very different from other residential programs in that a diverse array of participants gave presentations on a range of topics including but not limited to '*How History has Shaped South Africa and Its People*', '*Education and the Development of a Teaching Philosophy*', '*Movies and Culture*', '*The Power of Observation in Politics*', '*Law & Reason*', '*The Life & Works of Alexander Pope*', and "*The Difference Between Credit & Money*".

There was also a day excursion to attend the opening of the new St James Senior Boys School. There it was amazing to learn of the fortuitous circumstances by which the School came to own the 400 year old school building on over 36 acres, and were able to renovate and move all within 15 months. Visitors were given tours of the buildings and grounds by both staff and students before being served a sumptuous lunch and witnessing a truly remarkable opening ceremony.



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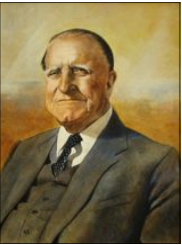
*The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of fund raising and social events within the school and also to keep you informed of the progress at Teague Street. As students of the School you are the school and without the support and generosity of your time, effort and money the school could not exist.*

*This then is your newsletter. It is hoped that it can be published both on the web and in print for the beginning of each term. The events of the previous term will be reported and coming social and fundraising events will be advertised.*

*We look forward to receiving your suggestions and support.*

## Festival of Spirit (con't)

The second week of the Festival of Spirit featured the Meditation Residential at Nanpantan in Leicestershire. The week was lead by Mr Bernard Saunders, one of the most experienced members of the School. It was a terrific opportunity for approximately 65 people from all over the globe, to join together in examining the finer points of the central practice of the School of Philosophy.



Perhaps rather unexpectedly for a meditation week there was only the prescribed two half hours actually devoted to meditation. The week was really about bringing people to stillness in body, mind and spirit to more greatly appreciate how that supports the meditation. There was time each day devoted to exploring the Conversations between His Holiness, Santananda Sarasvati, and Mr Whiting of the London School of Meditation and examining the importance of posture and physical stillness in meditation.

There was also time dedicated to private study of the Bhagavad Gita & Upanishads, reflection and time to walk in the beautiful countryside surrounding the estate. Not to mention the wonderful opportunity to enjoy sumptuous fresh food and enjoy the finest of company in a remarkable setting.

**For more photos and to read more about the Festival visit our website [www.philosophywa.com.au](http://www.philosophywa.com.au).**



## Philosophy Expo November 21, 2010

The **2010 Philosophy Expo** (formerly Cultural Day) is being held again this year at Christchurch Grammar School on November 21, 2010 from 8.30 am to 4pm. We again have an amazing variety of lectures on offer and our guest speakers include **Dr Craig Hassed**, senior lecturer in Health at Monash University and **Dr Gary Grohmann** lecturer at Sydney University in the area of infectious diseases. The cost for the day is \$75.00 and includes lunch.

**Registrations are now open and filling fast, you can register on-line at [www.philosophywa.com.au/events/expo](http://www.philosophywa.com.au/events/expo).**

