

2012 Report - Significant Times and Significant Events

This past year may prove to be a watershed year for Reiki in WA.; the culmination of years of steady progress, the opening of an exciting possibility and the realization of an envisioned dream.

Since the beginning of RA(WA)'s collaboration with Stuart McDonough (IIRT), our shared values, practices and mutual respect have continued to develop; they have now reached a significant point and a merger of our two organisations is being explored. Over recent years, we have found that we share so much more than any differences and that our primary motivation centres on providing the best of Reiki practice to as many people in need as possible. Our intention is to combine and form a single reference point for Reiki in WA, representing both the Western and Japanese forms, and to further work together to respond to community requests, continuing professional development programs and the promotion of Reiki through a variety of activities. One of the spiritual foundations of the Japanese form is the understanding that one proceeds *for one's own benefit and the benefit of all beings*; could there be a better basis for our personal and public practice?

A couple of years ago, the possibility of creating a Reiki Centre, where treatments could be provided seven days a week, was envisioned. That centre would be based on the style of clinic run by Dr Hayashi and is now coming into fruition. As the Cancer Support Association – based in Cottesloe – morphs into the Cancer Wellness Centre, they intend to provide a dedicated treatment space – overlooking tranquil gardens – that will be available to us. This will enable us to provide extended training and treatment experience to volunteers and practitioners, whilst patients and their carers are offered as much support as they require; it's such an exciting prospect! The ten million dollar renovation and additions will take a year or so, but when complete will provide a world-class complementary centre catering to the needs of patients from a variety of cancer support groups. And again, it is apparent that the spiritually based life and motivation of the centre's CEO will be a powerful force for good service to the community.

As a part of our energetic and financial support of the centre, all meetings will now be held there. As the renovation works proceed through various stages, we will be using whatever room is available; currently that will be the IIRT'S training and treatment room, beautifully set up for Reiki with massage tables etc. Please note the venue details: Cancer Wellness Centre, 80 Railway St, Cottesloe. (near Greenham St).

Two other initiatives aimed at supporting our Reiki community – both energetically and through information – are slowly proceeding. Phyllis advises that technical work is under way for her tele-conferencing programs describing the “Nine parts of the Form of the Usui System of Reiki Healing”. When complete, we intend to offer this to teachers and practitioners to give them a deeper understanding of, and connection to, their practice. As Phyllis is no longer travelling to Australia, I have invited Paul Mitchell, head of discipline, to come to Perth to present his: “Healing through the Four Aspects of Reiki and Family Constellation”. This would be an interesting exploration of some other parts of the practice and our personal place within it.



Chairman's surprise 70th Birthday Celebration



Renovations at Cancer Wellness Centre, Cottesloe.

*At the last meeting for 2012, there was discussion about further publicity to promote Reiki. One idea was to participate in an annual expo'; however, investigations showed this to be an expensive option. Following on from that was the possibility of joining smaller, local events/expos'/fairs; this seems like a better way to spread our message throughout a number of communities. Members are asked to alert the committee of forthcoming events in their area, so that we can consider participating in them.

*Another more radical idea would be to find some locations for a 'Pop up Reiki shop'; staffed with rostered volunteers to provide treatments and an explanation of our activities; once again, please advise us if you know of a possible venue or would like to participate.

*Members were busy providing treatments to community groups throughout the year and it seems likely that 2013 will be just as busy. Requests for volunteers for each event will be emailed throughout the year.

*As a consequence of OAMP's premium increase, Professional Indemnity Insurance was re-negotiated with another provider, Insurance House; members can complete their proposal on-line.

*By Jan 2013, we hope to have found, and initiated, a software program to process membership applications, renewals and to distribute certificates etc via PDF format. This program will incorporate electronic payments, probably by PayPal and bank transfer.

*Meeting dates for 2013: Mar 17 (AGM), Jun 9, Sept 8 and Nov 10. (All at CWC Cottesloe - 1pm to 4pm)

*The 19th Annual Reiki Day is on Jun 23rd; and the 7th Annual Teachers' Gathering on Jul 21st

An Indian teacher once said: "To those for whom much is given, much is required", and that is definitely the other side of all these exciting prospects; we will need practitioners to commit to their realization. This won't necessarily mean a life of servitude but will require a realistic contribution from a number of practitioners; please consider how you will be able to help. Following any amalgamation with IIRT, there will be a number of structural changes to our organizations, but one thing will remain the same - we need younger members who are willing to participate, and progressively take over, the organization.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you well; enjoy your practice and create a rewarding 2013!

Roger Weston