

Well known to us all is Neil's long standing and honorable association with AFL. His relationships in this sphere have served the Foundation well over the years and have resulted in valuable contacts in a predominantly male world. Time has come to attract a larger female market to our support arena and with that in mind November 9th 2010 saw the launch of the First Step Ladies Lunch series. Thanks to our valued sponsors, The Sebel Playford and Wintercreek Wines we invited 12 influential Adelaide women to a lunch to introduce them to Neil, Jay, the Foundation and its work. Only three of the invited guests were familiar with the work we do so some invaluable messages were relayed to the "well connected" forum. After enjoying lunch the ladies listened to a ten minute presentation from Jay and the floor was then open for questions. The interest was more than apparent with questions continuing for over an hour. The concept will continue across 2011 with another 5 lunches and will culminate in a large scale fundraising event in November 2011.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our valued supporters in 2010. It has been a year of new beginnings and exciting progress for the Foundation. The Business Directory has proven to be an enormous success and I am looking forward to seeing the network grow in 2011. Witnessing the Back to Basics program launch into primary schools is certainly another highlight for me as we spread the word about playing safely and prevention of Spinal Cord injury.

I'd like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe festive season and look forward to your continued involvement in 2011

Neil Sachse

Founder and Director



This edition of the supporter update is sponsored by the Hon. Bob Sneath. Bob is a long term supporter of the foundation and we thank him for his continued dedication to the cause.

Bob was elected as a member of the legislative council in 2000 and moved into the presidents role in 2006, a position he stills holds today. He was born and raised in the South East of South Australia where he worked as a shearer and an organiser with the AWU. His interests are fishing, family and grandchildren, raising funds for The Neil Sachse Foundation, being a patron for the Down Syndrome Society of SA, helping those less fortunate and supporting legislation that makes life easier for the battlers. He enjoys discussing issues with people in rural SA and visiting country areas. Bob would like to wish all supporters of the Neil Sachse Foundation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Read more about Bob here:

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Business Directory continues to grow

The first of our Business Directory networking lunches was held at The Highway on September 15th. With over 120 guests in attendance the afternoon was a great success. Special guests on the day were SANFL and AFL legends, Rod Jameson, Nick Chigwidden and Dennis Sachse.

It was wonderful to see the Sachse brothers back in action together again as they provided entertaining anecdotes of their past to the guests.



Guests: Mark Sharovglazov from LJ Hooker, Rebecca Bennet and Greg Rowan from Backcare and Seating.

The Highway put on a fabulous feast and it was rewarding to see active networking going on amongst the patrons with over 70 business were represented on the day. To date the Business Directory boasts over 180 registered partners and this figure grows daily thanks to the efforts of Cliff, Trent and new team members John and Andrew.

Pedal Power....and your chance to help!

March 23rd 2011 will see 12 courageous cyclists make their way to Melbourne along the Coast Road to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation. On their way they will make regular visits to schools and sporting clubs to talk about the Back To Basics education program and raise much needed funds for the Foundation. We are pleased to announce that Bruce McAvaney has promised his support by hosting a gala reception lunch when they arrive in Melbourne. These boys are donating their time and effort to make a difference, if you would like to make a donation to assist with their costs of accommodation, meals and general expenses you can do so by contacting the Foundation on 8227 1777 and your donation will go straight to this fabulous cause. Entering a team in the Golf day is another way to assist and sponsorship is also available with great benefits to associated companies .

There's no horsing around when it comes to research....a heart warming story

Eli the donkey's recovery from incomplete quadriplegia could be the most important breakthrough in traumatic spinal-cord injuries and for the stem-cell treatment that restored his mobility—a breakthrough that could impact not only equids but all mammals, including humans.

On May 13, little Eli was inexplicably savaged by his long-time companion. The attack caused severe spinal-cord trauma midway down his cervical spine.

Over the next few days, as Eli's spinal cord swelled from the trauma and he experienced a rapid weakness in his limbs With his condition quickly deteriorating the attending veterinarian recommended that Eli be sent about 30 miles for specialized treatment.

On May 25, Eli's owner was presented with the option of euthanizing her beloved pet or opting for the experimental stem-cell therapy. She chose to give Eli one last chance.

With the little donkey's life hanging by a thread, there was no time

to harvest and process stem cells from Eli's bone marrow so they used donor stem cells for a neighbouring horse.

Within 48 hours, Eli improved and began to show some movement. His owner drove 60 miles round trip daily to visit and to provide lots of carrots and TLC.

The effects of the first stem-cell treatment began to decline on June 10, so a second treatment was administered.....with the same damming result.

A third and final dose was tried on July 2 and the big moment of celebration came on July 31, when attendants found Eli standing in his stall. Eli was released to his owner on September 15 and today he continues to improve on her Santa Barbara farm.

Not only has this case opened the door for use of stem-cell therapy in treating traumatic spinal-cord injuries in all species, it has provided important knowledge to further this research.

Education update

We are pleased to announce that the time has come for the regional roll out of the Back to Basics education program. All regional schools in South Australia will be in procession of the kits by the middle of term one 2011. This is timed nicely for school visits planned for Murray Bridge, Meningie, Kingston and Mount Gambier as part of the Adelaide to Melbourne Bike Ride.

Event Update

February 18th—First Step Ladies' Lunch -2

March 2nd - Business Directory Luncheon

March 11th - Golf Day - REGISTER NOW

March 23rd - April 3rd - First Step Bike Ride to Melbourne