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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015.

Greetings members,

The sun is shining, the birds are singing and yesterday the Black caps went one up in a close game in Nelson that ended in a rush of big hitting. I am working inside to get this newsletter ready for mailing having been busy all week working on an outside building project. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the fine weather.

Member Function:

The committee decided at it's last meeting of the year that rather than adding to the rush of Christmas and all that is associated with the end of year that the next member function would be held over to the start of 2015.

A booking has been made for an early evening meal at the **AQABA Bar on Broadway Avenue** which is located opposite the AA office.

The plan is to gather **from 5.30pm on Sunday 1st Feb to eat at 6pm.** There is plenty of free parking behind the building with wheelchair access from the rear.

The committee has agreed to offer a \$10 meal subsidy for members attending whose subs were current as at 30th Nov 21014. Please phone one of office holders whose numbers are at the top of the page **by Tuesday 27th Jan** so that numbers attending can be confirmed.

2015 Subscriptions:

The new ASM year started on 1st of Dec 2014 and at the last committee meeting subs were confirmed at \$5/year for both amputee and able bodied associate members.

Subs can be mailed to the treasurer Elaine Potbury or paid by internet banking to the ASM account: BNZ 02 0719 0142317 000 Put your name in the reference.

Whanganui members new support: Janice Frost who attended conference in 2014 and is on the committee has recently relocated back to Whanganui. She has been a strong promoter of ASM and is keen to lift the profile of ASM in her home town. As well as being available to offer help and support she is planning to hold a monthly coffee get together for members to attend. Janice has a contact list of all members so please consider the support you might give and receive by attending a get together as arranged. Janice Frost 0277 345674.

Amputee Society Manawatu Brochure:

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the brochure outlining what the society is about with contact details. At times members meet fellow amputees or have

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friends who have recently become amputated and this brochure is something that can be given to allow new members to make contact.

Purpose:

The most recent "Purpose" the publication of the National federation of Amputees is enclosed containing many useful articles offering interesting reading. As always you are invited and encouraged to contribute to the next edition.

Visiting on request:

As always the secretary or other committee members as appropriate are available for either hospital or home visiting on request. Please make contact to request this support if help is needed.

68th Annual Conference 2015 Wellington:

The national conference will be held at the Amora Hotel in Wellington on the weekend of 17-19th April 2015. As part of the weekend time will be made available to visit TePapa or as an alternative to participate in a tour of the Weta Workshops made famous by the Peter Jackson movies. Funding as described below has been sourced so an invitation is extended to all members to get sorted and make a decision to go. The plan will be to coordinate transport so there should be no excuses. Contact a committee member in January if you are interested or need more information.

Pub Charities Financial Help:

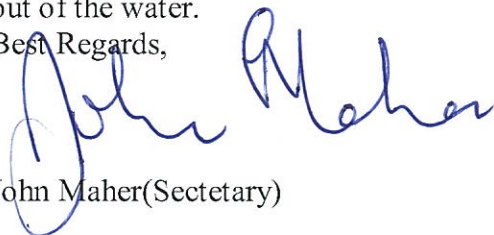
A successful application was made to Pub Charities for 6 of ASM to attend National Conference allowing travel and accommodation costs to be paid for. The committee are now seeking interest from members to attend conference and at the committee will be confirming who will be registered at its next meeting before the dinner meeting on Sunday 1st Feb. It would be great if interest was such that there were more members wanting to attend and the society had to look for additional funding. Please give this serious consideration. There is also funding available for youth amputees to attend the GIAG Give It A Go youth activity as part of conference.

Disability Expo:

An expo entitled "Show Your Ability" has sent out initial advertising to be held in Palmerston North on 26th Feb 2015 from 9am-3pm at Arena Manawatu. The Expo will also be presented at 5 other centres in NZ and will look to promote aids and technology available for people with disabilities. A wide range of apparatus are listed so hopefully members will see benefit in attending. A date to keep free.

Blonde Man Funny: A blonde man takes his goldfish to the vet and suggests the fish could be suffering from epilepsy. The vet observes the fish swimming for a minute and says the fish seems fine to him. But explains the blonde man you haven't taken it out of the water.

Best Regards,



John Maher (Secretary)