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Greetings members,

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be less than 6 weeks until Christmas and I hope you have been keeping well and enjoying the start of daylight saving. While Oct was a rough month weather-wise for many parts of NZ I think overall the greater Manawatu area has not fared too badly.

Member Functions: The next member's function is an end of year lunch at the Hotel Coachman on Fitzherbert Avenue in Palmerston North on Sunday 1st of Dec with a chance to gather after 11am to eat at 12noon. There is good access and parking and we will have the sole use of a function room. A fixed menu meal will be available at a cost of \$30 and the committee has decided to subsidize the meal by \$10 for all members that are current financial members on the day. **Please contact one of the office holders by Fri 22nd Nov so that numbers can be confirmed.** The committee is keen to involve as many members as possible and if transport is needed then help is available. So I hope to meet more of you at this occasion.

Survey Responses: A limited number (6) of members sent replies to the survey included with the last newsletter in July and the committee discussed suggestions made and future events:

- Three members of the committee have offered to assist with transport of members to the Limb Centre in Wellington but a measure of warning and planning will be required.
- The challenge to meet with and compete against Taranaki Amputee Society will not go ahead at this stage because of a lack of interest. It was intended as a means of connecting and involving even as supporters members living in Wanganui.
- Home visiting by the secretary is available both locally and further afield.

Conference 2014:

This will be held in Nelson 15-17th March next year. The format is to hold the AGM on Friday evening leaving Sat morning free for those attending to visit local markets and places of interest in Nelson. The Give it a Go for youth amputees is again being offered so I encourage all members to consider attending this weekend.

Purpose: Please find enclosed or attached the latest copy of "Purpose". The executive are to be congratulated on changes to the format of Purpose and the very professional presentation. As always they are looking for contributions from members so maybe you have something to share.

Subscriptions for 2013 now overdue: An "Invoiced" stamp on your newsletter is a reminder that your 2013 subs remain unpaid.

Kind regards
John Maher