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Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't

Congratulations

Darryl Johnston, our Region 1 representative, on being awarded the QSM in the recent honours list.



Are YOU looking for Income Protection Insurance ?

Recently you may have seen in the media, advertisements for Income Protection Insurance.

Before committing yourself elsewhere check out our deal with Aon Risk Services. It is more extensive and covers firefighters.

Ring 0800 505152 for a quote

Benefit Claims

If you don't let us know that you are sick/in hospital/need assistance we can't help – just ring the office at any time or if it is outside of office hours leave a message.

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening.

He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms - Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names".

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

New Member Promotions

All new members who join the Welfare Society in the 2004 calendar year will go in a draw to win three free nights stay at one of the Society's Holiday Homes

We will be having four draws for new members over the year . Members joining between

- 1st January – 31st March** will go into the first draw
- 1st April – 30th June** will go into the second draw
- 1st July – 30th September** will go into the third draw
- 1st October – 31st December** will go into the fourth draw

subject to the following conditions

The free nights must be taken consecutively, and are subject to the availability of the homes at that time
If the free nights are applied for during a ballot period, the normal ballot procedures shall apply

Winners will be notified individually and they may be named in the Society newsletter, the Gazette or the Star Magazine

If you'd like more information

Either check out our website ie www.firefighters.org.nz or ring the office on 0800 653 473 to have an Information Pack posted to you

Board Elections

Reminder

Region 1 (Greater Auckland area & North) & Region 3 (Hawke Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui) come up for election this year.

We hereby give notice that we are calling for nominations for these positions. Nominations may be made on the appropriate form signed by a proposer, a seconder & the nominee (*the regional reps must be nominated & seconded by a member in that region*)

Nominations close with the returning officer at 4pm on 11th April 2004 & should be posted to:

***The Returning Office
Private Bag 31 999
Lower Hutt***

NB – nomination forms are available to download from our website ie www.firefighters.org.nz

A new young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not the original manuscripts. So, the new monk goes to the head Abbot to ask him about this, pointing out that if there was an error in the first copy from the original, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son". So, the Abbot goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscript is held in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for centuries.

Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot. So, the young monk gets worried and goes downstairs to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall. His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, "The word is **celebrate**".

Next of Kin / Beneficiary

When you have any changes in your family circumstances remember to update your records at the office. When you join the Welfare you nominate your next of kin and the person to whom we should pay the funeral assistance benefit if necessary. It is important that you keep this information up to date eg if you marry you may wish to change your next of kin/beneficiary

'Healthcare 99'

AGM

To be held on Tuesday 29th June 2004
At 1130 hours
At Hutt Fire Station Waterloo Road Lower Hutt

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2003 AGM
3. Annual Accounts
4. Secretary's Report
5. Chairman's Address
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. General Business

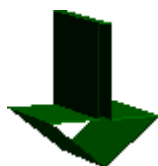
At the conclusion of the AGM we would cordially invite you to partake of light refreshments with us

If you have any queries please ring the office on

0800 653473

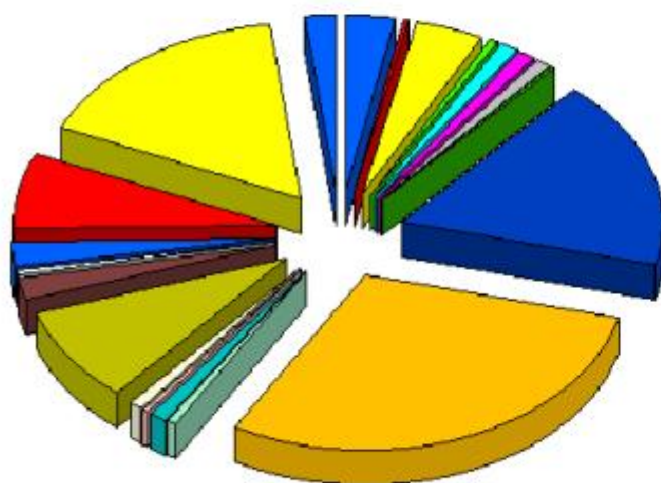
between 9am-3pm weekdays

NB *see overleaf where your contributions have been spent over the last 11 months*



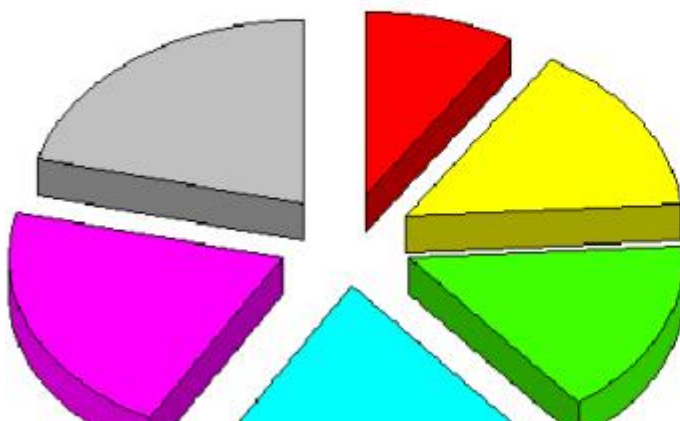
TOTAL SPENT ON TREATMENT

Period from 3-Apr-2003 to 29-Feb-2004



Acupuncturist	0.2%
Anaesthetist	4.3%
Cat Scans	0.5%
Chiropractor	1.1%
Dental Treatment	1.2%
Dermatologist	0.8%
ECG Echo Cardiogram	0.3%
General Practitioner	17.4%
Hospital - Other Costs	29.4%
Mammogram	0.6%
MRI Scans	1.1%
Optometrist	0.5%
Osteopath	0.6%
Pharmaceutical	9.1%
Physiotherapist	1.9%
Podiatrist	0.5%
Radiology	2.1%
Specialist Consultation	6.9%
Surgeon	16.6%
Ultrasound	1.8%
Total:	100.0%

Average Amount Claimed Per Person In Each Age Group
Period from 3-Apr-2003 to 29-Feb-2004



- 19	8.9%
20-29	15.1%
30-39	15.5%
40-49	18.5%
50-59	20.9%
60+	21.1%
Total:	100.0%

