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Stroke Recovery News

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Greetings!

Happy New Year to all! As a new initiative, this newsletter is being sent, electronically, to all of the contact persons for the stroke groups in Alberta. We hope this will help our communications and allow all of us to share in our news, stories, successes, tips etc. in the future. Your suggestions for a catchy name for this newsletter will be most welcome, please send them in. Our plan is to publish a newsletter four times a year i.e. January, April, July, and October.

Group Updates

The last 18 months has been met with great success as there are now 10 active groups in Alberta, these are Grande Prairie, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Leduc, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge. Congratulations to you all and thanks to the leaders in those groups and to your dedication as a resource in your communities!

We plan on visiting each of you at least once over the next year, please let us know the best dates and times so that we can schedule these visits.

New Groups

Interest in starting new groups is still very high. Currently we are talking with people in High River, Strathmore, Fort McMurray, Drayton Valley and Slave Lake about starting a group over the next 3 –4 months.

Funding

We hope to have all of our funding for the next two years confirmed over the next month. We were successful in receiving funds from the Alberta government Community Initiative Program to match the funds already dedicated by our anonymous donor.

Groups News ?????

We need to hear from you. Please send us items of interest from your own group, which you wish to share with the others, and we will include this in future newsletters.

Workshop 2003

We are making initial plans to have our second workshop for group leaders this fall. Tentatively we are proposing the workshop to be held in Edmonton on September 26 – 27, 2003. Your thoughts and ideas for the agenda, speakers, format etc. will be most appreciated.

Web Site

Over the next while we will be working on improving our web site, www.strokerecoveryalberta.com. In this regard can you confirm your current contact information, address, phone numbers, e-mails, meeting places, meeting dates so that these will be current and up to date. In addition, your thoughts on items which should and could be added to the site that would benefit you as well as the public will be appreciated.

Thanks again for all of your support, we look forward to visiting all of you over the next 12 months.

Frank and Lou Nieboer