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Dear Member,

Please accept my apology that this mailing greets you with a Flyer rather than a full Newsletter but we are having some problems with its production. However, we hope to have this resolved soon and it will be sent to you shortly along with our Annual Review. The Newsletter will contain all the details of your fundraising events and relevant information.

GRAND SUMMER DRAW

Following on from the items published in the charity "August Flyer" the Summer Charity Draw has been held and a list of the prize winners is included. My grateful thanks are offered to all the members and supporters who bought or sold tickets for the draw. Trustee, Catherine Risley's partner, Andy, drew the tickets not realising that any gripes for not shaking them up etc., is now fully directed at him! The art of delegation is a wonderful thing.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

I know we have sent out Christmas card order forms with the August Flyer but another one is enclosed. As well as your own order if you feel you can sell a few more packets of cards to friends or work colleagues please let us know. The income from the cards is a vital contribution in funding our projects and there are some new developments that we wish to finance. New members may wish to take this into consideration for the more we pull together the more we will be able to get things done. Our older members have heard all this before but then I'm good at beating the same old drum if it helps!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH OUR WEBSHOP



Don't forget to use our webshop for your internet shopping especially over the Christmas shopping period! www.buy.at/myositis is home to over 100 retailers including; Marks & Spencer, John Lewis, Amazon, HMV, Goldsmiths, Superdrug, Tesco, Littlewoods, Mothercare, and Thorntons. Christmas can be a financially difficult time for many of us but by shopping through our webshop you will find great offers and the Myositis Support

Group will benefit from all your Christmas shopping indulgences, does that make you feel better? To date this shop has raised over £200 through your purchases.

Just to get you in the Christmas mood Thorntons have offered some exclusive discount codes: at the checkout simply enter BY17 for free delivery (when you spend £30 or more) or BY27 to get 10% off all orders over £30.



RECLAIM IT

Thank you to everyone who has recycled their printer cartridges and mobile phones. We have received over £60 in payments for them. Enclosed is another envelope but please let Irene know if you would like further bags.



CONFERENCE DVD



The talks at the conference this year were filmed and are now available on DVD price £10 including postage in the UK (please make cheques payable to Myositis Support Group). There is no other definitive record of Myositis presented in this format and if you ever wondered what was going on in the medical world of Myositis then this DVD will give you not only an insight but also a reason to share in the optimism, enthusiasm and hope that was delivered on this day.

Conference presentations 2007 included on the DVD:

What has Genetics taught us so far about Myositis
Autoantibodies in Myositis - New Findings
Myositis 101: An Overview of Myositis from the Patient Perspective
Developing the Tools to Assess People with Myositis
Iris Hazel Memorial Talk Studying with the Open University
Insights into the Search for Treatments for IBM
Update on Paediatric Juvenile Dermatomyositis
Myositis: an Update
The Birth of Clinical Trials in Myositis: The RIM Study

Dr Robert Cooper
Dr Harsha Gunawardena
Dr Chester Oddis
Professor David Isenberg
Anne Ali
Dr Michael Rose
Dr Clarissa Pilkington
Dr Ernest Choy
Dr Chester Oddis

POST SCRIPT

Thank you for your letters, emails and private financial contributions in support and in appreciation for the charity. You are very kind. In closing I would like to remind you that if you have a "Good News" story or article of interest for inclusion in Newsletter 64 please drop me a line by the 15th January 2008. For it is this information that makes the Newsletter interesting reading.



I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and my best wishes for 2008!

Les Oakley

Chairman



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