

ASSOCIATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS

30 Devonshire Street, London, W1N 2EB

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To:- Members of Local Associations

The following information has been received from the Spastics Society:-

LITERARY CONTEST FOR THE HANDICAPPED

January 3rd - April 9th, 1977

Open to: Any child or adult who was born with any type of handicap or who acquired that handicap in early childhood.

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The Spastics Society's annual Literary Contest has always been a popular event among cerebral palsied people. NOW, to help celebrate its 25th Anniversary, the Society is opening its seventh Literary Contest to anyone born handicapped, or who became handicapped in some way in early childhood.

Categories: There are four categories; i.e., a children's section up to and including 11 years of age; another section for those aged 12 to 17; an adults' section aged 18 and over; and a poetry section open to all age groups. Those wishing to enter may write about any topic that appeals to them.

Winners and second prize-winners receive cash prizes, with autographed books for the runners-up. Winners, plus one escort, also attend a celebration lunch in London, followed by a prize-giving ceremony where they meet the judges. All expenses are paid for their trip to London.

Special memento: Lady Wilson, the wife of the former Prime Minister, who has served generously as one of the judges since the Contest's inception, is this year presenting a Silver Cup which will be awarded to the winner of the poetry section. The winner's name will be engraved on the Cup.

Judges: There will be an independent judging panel of well-known personalities, including Lady Wilson. In addition to the prizes in each section, Mr. James Loring, Director of the Society, will award a special prize for what he considers to be an outstanding contribution.

Entry forms are available from the organiser of the Contest, Mrs. Nina Heycock, 27-33 Harrington Gardens, South Kensington, London, SW7 4JT. Her telephone number is 01-370 6913.

This contest BEGINS on Monday, January 3rd, 1977. CLOSING DATE for entries is Saturday, April 9th. The prize-giving ceremony will take place in the latter half of May.