

## Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc

Member of IAL

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:35. In attendance were 7 members and friends as shown and named below.



**Lurking in back, David DiToro of InHealth. Standing Larry Velez, Jay Hauben, Frank Deppolder, Saul Silver. Seated Leola Glover.**



**Ace photographer Gerry Silver**

We missed

- The McDonaghs who were busy with an out of town guest.
- Cecilia was away hiking.
- Jim Pappalardo said that he would love to attend the meetings, but health problems are keeping him away.
- Clarissa Bushman was still in Paris. She emailed the pictures she had taken at the September meeting. See page 2.

Larry Velez read “The Prayer for Laryngectomees”, then Leola Glover led off the round table.

A big thank you to David DiToro who gave us an excellent presentation about InHealth products and how they can help all our laryngectomies. He told us that all InHealth products are made in the USA.

He spoke about InHealth HMEs and adhesives. He also sent a follow-up email about them (see page 3). He told us about InHealth’s electrolarynges, which are inexpensive and use easily available 9 volt batteries and their dual valve prosthesis.

We had considerable discussion about hands-free speaking. Saul said that he was very impressed with Richard Crum, who is a hands-free speaker and an InHealth consultant. He was at the last IAL meeting, which Saul and Jay attended and the quality of his speech was amazing. David said that it took Richard about a year to learn to speak as well as he does.

Some other points that came up were that many laryngectomees have a deep-seated stoma and for them, putting a foam ring around the stoma can be a great help. It fills some of the space under the adhesive and makes a flatter surface to hold a hands-free valve. Also, pressure to open the valve for speech is very important and it can be measured using an instrument called a monometer.

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We ended the meeting at 2:35 after our ace photographer rounded everyone up for a group picture (above).

**Exciting news. In the August newsletter we mentioned that we had invited Andrea Leone, SLP to be our special guest. She is teaching a dysphagia class at Hunter College and just emailed that she and her students will be our special guests at the November meeting/party. So we can party and also educate some students!**

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* Please let Saul know (phone number and email below) if you plan to attend the November meeting/party so we can get the right amount of food and drink.**

The November meeting/party will be in our usual place; seminar room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 1470 Madison Avenue, between 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will be at 1:30 PM on Sunday, 11/15/2015.

Pictures from the September Meeting, not received in time for the September newsletter



**L-R: Don & Leslie McDonagh, Jay Hauben, Kelly Boyd, Frank Deppolder**



**Pinch Hitter fotog Clarissa Bushman**

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Saul, Jay and the Group,

I wanted to thank you for having me present at your Nu Voice Club meeting on Sunday afternoon. Could you share this with the other members of the group? It was my pleasure and I look forward to working with you into the future. If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to contact me.

**As a follow up to our meeting, here are the benefits that the Easy Touch HME with the integrated Mucus Shield Technology will offer your patients:**

- New 24 Hour Use
- Easy Touch Occlusion for Speaking
- Reduced Coughing and Mucus by 60%
- Humidified and Filtered Breathing
- Increased Airway Resistance
- Antimicrobial Agent to Inhibit Bacterial Growth
- Improved Pulmonary Function
- Compatible with a wide variety of Accessories
- Improved Quality of Life
- One filter will last all Day
- Cost less than the Competition

**Here are the benefits that the Contour Adhesive Housing will offer your patients:**

- Breathable and Flexible Material
- Improved Adhesion for an Air Tight Seal
- Translucent in color
- Multiple shapes and sizes
- New "Low Profile" Contour
- Cost less than the Competition

**You can feel confident that your patients are getting the best products that will improve their overall health. Blom-Singer was the originator of the voice restoration market and continues to be the leader by designing products that will benefit your TL and TEP patients. I look forward to hearing some feedback regarding your patient's trial of the new Blom-Singer Easy Touch HME and Contour Adhesive Housings. Patients have been sharing their positive feedback on the products and they feel it has made a big difference in their Quality of plus they are saving money as well since it costs less than the competition. Thanks and have a great weekend.**

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