

Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc

Member of IAL

January 17th, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:40. In attendance were 9 members and friends as shown and named below.



**David Koslofsky, Clarissa Bushman, Jay Hauben, Leslie Getz McDonagh, Frank Deppolder, Saul Silver
Seated Larry C. Powers, Don DcDonagh**



Ace Photographer Gerry Silver

We missed Cecilia Wennerstrom who was off in Pennsylvania.

Jimmy Pappalardo sends his regards to along with his dues. He can't praise the club enough for all they did to lift Susan's spirits.

Frank Deppolder read "The Prayer for Laryngectomees", then Saul Silver led off the round table.

Saul had an announcement about himself. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is in treatment. The treatments are quite debilitating and he might miss a meeting or two while they are underway. Even if he does, he will continue to produce the newsletter. Gerry will attend the meeting and take pictures, Jay will take minutes and Gerry will bring the pictures and minutes to Saul. Eveyone wished Saul well.

Clarissa Bushman told us about her recent trip to France and her adventures there. She even ended up in the American hospital in Paris! She is still experiencing new problems but her unquenchable spirit refuses to allow them to get the best of her. She is a true inspiration to all of us.

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Jay told us about his recent trip to China to attend “netizen” meetings. He and Ronda have made good friends in China and they had a wonderful time. Jay had prepared by obtaining laryngectomee supplies so he could change his prosthesis if necessary, but fortunately it wasn’t necessary. The extra HMEs he brought were necessary because of the air pollution. He showed us one he wore to go outdoors. Yuck!

Larry C. Powers told us he has not changed his prosthesis in years and he feels he is doing fine.

David Koslofsky told us that his Parkinson’s disease is affecting his balance, so that he isn’t steady on his feet. The members suggested hiking poles, canes, etc.

We had a lively discussion of today’s presidential politics. Some of us are wondering what country will accept us if Donald Trump or Senator Cruz becomes president.

We ended our January meeting at about 2:45 PM.

We have heard from Dave Barry about the Voice Institute! Everyone is invited, but you have to reserve a place. Here is Dave’s announcement. I have attached the instructions he sent for reserving your place. Highly recommended! It’s a free lunch if nothing else.

I have good news. We have set our date for our 2016 NYC Voice Institute. On March 4, Meaghan Kane Benjamin will be presenting at Weill Cornell Medical Center. This a very nice program for patients and caregivers. Please extend this invitation to your patients. They will learn valuable information and tools in addition to care tips, samples, etc. There will be plenty of instruction provided from our clinical team and food will be provided.

Please respond to the event link on the invite as soon as possible so your patients will be assured a spot. They need to register for the program.

Herb Simon posted the latest newsletter for his group on the IAL website. A good read!

Don’t forget everyone – 2016 Dues Are Due. The next time you are at a meeting, just hand \$10 per person to our able treasurer Leslie McDonagh or make out a \$10 check to “Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai” and mail it to Leslie. Her address is at the end of this newsletter.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all!

The February meeting will be in our usual place; seminar room B, 2nd floor at 1470 Madison Avenue, between 101st and 102nd. We will meet at 1:30 PM on Sunday, 2/21/2016.

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