

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

Member of IAL

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:40. In attendance were 10 members and friends as shown and named below.



**Standing: Larry Powers, Larry Velez, Jay Hauben, Frank Deppolder, Leslie McDonagh, Saul Silver  
Seated Clarissa Bushman, Don McDonagh, Leola Glover**



**Ace Photographer Gerry Silver**

We missed Cecilia Wennerstrom who was at another trial with her little dog. She is having a great time with showing her dog.

We missed David Koslofsky who emailed to say his Parkinson's disease was acting up.

We missed Jimmy Pappalardo who just getting home from the hospital. He had been in for several days.

Larry Powers read "The Prayer for Laryngectomees", then Gerry Silver led off the round table.

Saul was happy to be able to attend the meeting. He thought the after effects of his cancer treatments would prevent him coming. The members sang Happy Birthday to him. He turned 75 on 2/22..

Clarissa talked about her ongoing treatments. She travels to New Jersey and stays in a hotel while getting several days of treatments. She feels pampered at the hotel and enjoys eating the M & Ms.

Larry Powers told us his latest scan was good.

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In the February newsletter we had a lot about the ATOS educational event coming up on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Well, it did come up and it was a great success! The Nu-Voices club was well represented (see the proof below) and there were gaggles of young SLPs getting educated. We were able to connect with several new laryngectomees and SLPs. Leslie extended an invitation to all at the meeting and we hope some will show up at future meetings..



**Standing: Don McDonagh, Larry Velez, Leslie McDonagh, Jay Hauben, Saul Silver**

**Seated: Gerry Silver**

**Larry Powers was also at the meeting but had to leave early**



**Ronda Hauben, pinch hitting**

All the Nu-Voices present felt that the ATOS event was very worthwhile. Meaghan Benjamin gave an interesting and informative presentation. There was a panel consisting of Doctor Cutler (ENT/HNS) and experienced SLPs Anne Weisenberg and Yvonne Knapp to answer questions from the attendees. Finally, there was a breakout session where groups of young SLPs and laryngectomies worked with experienced SLPs to deal with issues such as hands-free speech and leakage through a prosthesis.

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

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!

The March meeting 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>. We will meet at 1:30 PM on Sunday, 3/20/2016.

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