

Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc

Member of IAL

March 20th, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:35. In attendance were 10 members and friends as shown and named below.



**Standing: Leslie McDonagh, Don McDonagh, Talia Schwartz, Saul Silver, Larry Powers
Seated: Cecilia Wennerstrom, Jay Hauben, Frank Deppolder, Scott Goldman**



The sorcerer's apprentices - Scott shows his magic to Talia, Frank, Cecilia and Larry



**Ace Photographer
Gerry Silver**

We missed David Koslofsky who was not up to attending. He hopes to join us next month.

We missed Clarissa Bushman who emailed to say she had good news and bad news. The good news was that her doctors reported that her tumors were shrinking. The bad news is that as soon as she left their offices she started to feel very weak and nauseous and it has persisted for 3 days. The members present all signed a get well card for her and hope she can join us next month.

We heard from Elaine Hudson and her daughter Katrina Hanton who hope to come to the next meeting

Scott said he had missed recent meetings because of health issues.

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Scott Goldman read “The Prayer for Laryngectomees”, then Larry Powers led off the round table.

Saul was contacted by Bruce Medical who sent catalogues of their products for laryngectomies. Saul gave out the catalogs to the members present and has more to distribute at future meetings. Saul also gave out a “Neck Breather” pin made by Bruce to Jay Hauben.

Larry Powers is finally getting his first replacement prosthesis. We all await the report of how it works after having the original one for so long.

A big thank you to Talia Schwartz for spending her Sunday with us. She is a new SLP at Columbia Presbyterian, but has been in the field about 6 years and is dedicated to her head and neck patients. Talia had questions for the members about their needs and their experiences with SLPs. This led to a long discussion about the importance of counselling for patients, especially before laryngectomy surgery. Some of the members present were fortunate to have had counselling and work with an SLP before their surgery, others had not. Unfortunately, it is not universally done.

Jay gave us an interesting overview of the March 4th ATOS event that several of our members attended.

Saul shared his health news that a CT scan after his chemo and radiation were done showed a significant shrinkage in his tumors. He is scheduled for a PET scan on April 8th to see what the next step will be.

We ended our March meeting at about 2:30 PM.

Thanks to Leslie for buying the refreshments for the February and March meetings. She also gave out stamped IAL membership cards to those who were current on their dues.

The April issue of The Voice of Montgomery county is posted on the IAL website, here’s the link’

http://www.theial.com/ial/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=42&Itemid=73

Happy Birthday to Frank Deppolder and Scott Goldman – both March babies!

The April 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, 4/17/2016.

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