

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

Member of IAL

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks to Leslie Getz McDonagh and Jay Hauben who ran the June meeting and took minutes for the newsletter, respectively, while Saul and Gerry were in Texas for the I.A.L. meetings. They did a great job.

President Saul Silver called the July meeting to order at 1:35. In attendance were 7 members and friends as shown and named below. We were very pleased to welcome a new member, Erle Raterta who was recommended to us by his SLP. We told Erle that he and his family or friends are all welcome to our meetings.



**Back Row: Don McDonagh, Saul Silver, Jay Hauben, Erle Raterta**  
**Front Row: Frank Deppolder, Leslie Getz McDonagh**



**Ace Photographer**  
**Gerry Silver**

We missed

- Clarissa Bushman, who had tickets to an event. She misses her laryngectomy friends and hopes to join us next month.
- Scott Goldman who was out of town attending a family reunion and hopes to see us next month.
- Cecilia Wennerstrom who is showing her dog at an important trial.
- David Koslofsky who was not up to coming because of his Parkinson's disease.
- Leola Glover. Saul called several times to remind her of the meeting and got no answer. Leslie volunteered to make follow-up calls to see if she is OK.
- Larry Powers. Saul thought he said he was coming.
- Larry Velez, who we assume is enjoying summer activities.

Katrina Hanton, Elaine Hudson's daughter reports that her mom is doing well at the facility in the Bronx, although she has some issues with memory and talking.

Leslie McDonagh read the "Prayer for Laryngectomees" and Saul started the "round table".

Saul received a call from a man named Joe Mullaney that his late father was a laryngectomy and he wished to donate his dad's electrolarynx and charger to the club. Saul will meet with him to receive the equipment.

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Jay Hauben reported that it has been about three years since his laryngectomy and he is doing well. His prostate issues are resolved for now and he is able to deal with his leaky prosthesis. He and Ronda are off to Europe soon. Happy Trails.

Saul and Gerry reported about the I.A.L. meeting to the members.

### IAL-TLA joint meeting

- It was actually a joint meeting of the IAL and the Texas Laryngectomy Association.
- There were about 175 in attendance from the U.S., Canada and Costa Rica.
- Doctor Blom (of Blom-Singer) spoke about the history of TEP and prostheses and his work with Dr Singer. He would like to see more esophageal speakers, although he acknowledged that a high percentage of laryngectomees can't learn it.
- Dr Brian Mitchell gave an in-depth talk about the anatomy of the head and neck and the treatments for their cancers.
- Saul and Gerry received a totally unexpected certificate of recognition which must be shared with the members. They couldn't have done it without the members.
- At the Web Whispers dinner there was a dedication ceremony to our dear departed Pat Sanders. It was slide show prepared and narrated by her son. She was a single mother, avid archer, etc. Whatever project she took on, she made it a success.
- It was a great meeting with new and old SLPs and graduate students. Many of them have the same difficulties we do: getting doctors to refer new laryngectomies to them.
- There were fewer members and vendors at this year's meeting. Probably because a new club had a meeting in Houston the week before and some of the regulars went to that meeting. We expect that there will be no conflict next year and attendance will be back up.
- Our friends Herb and Sally Simon of the Silver Springs, MD club were new Grandparents and were not at the meeting.

### Club Delegates meeting

- A new president was elected.
- The IAL had allowed the tax exempt status to expire, but they are working to get it back.
- Next year's meeting will be in Newport News, VA the week of June 11 – June 17.

Saul suggested the club treasury subsidize at least a portion of transportation costs for members who would like to attend the IAL meetings but find it a financial hardship. The IAL itself and WebWhispers also have grants for registration fees and possibly transportation costs. To be discussed at future meetings.

We ended our July meeting at 2:45. The August meeting with special guest Dave Barry 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, 8/21/2016.

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