

Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc
Member of IAL
August 21st, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

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



Standing: Erle Raterta, Dave Barry, Saul Silver, Scott Goldman, Leslie McDonagh, Sarah Schoendienst, Margaret Schoendienst
Front Row: Frank Deppolder, Don McDonagh



Sarah is amazed by Scott Goldman's magic



He converted a \$1 bill to a \$100 bill



Ace Photographer Gerry Silver

We were very pleased to welcome 2 new friends. Sarah Schoendienst who was accompanied by her mom, Margaret Schoendienst. Sarah is a new SLP that had contacted us trying to get an electrolarynx for the Care One rehab facility she works in. In addition to picking up an electrolarynx from our "loaner closet", she had the opportunity to learn from the laryngectomies and special guest Dave Barry.

We missed

- Clarissa Bushman, who felt too sick to attend. We all love her and hope she is up to attending next month.
- Leola Glover who had just returned from visiting her sister in Texas.
- Cecilia Wennerstrom who is showing her dog at a 4-day dog show.
- Jay Hauben who emailed from Germany. He took Frank's advice and changed his prosthesis before leaving and all is well so far.
- Larry Powers who was unable to attend.
- David Koslofsky. Saul called him and left a message. We hope he is OK and enjoying the summer.

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Dave Barry read the “Prayer for Laryngectomees” and Saul started the “round table”.

Dave Barry distributed samples and literature about ATOS products. We had a good learning session about items available to help laryngectomies. Dave also told us he is working on another educational event for NYC similar to the one at Weill Cornell last year. He will keep us informed of his progress. Thanks to Dave for always being kind and generous to our group.

Frank Deppolder had a blood shot eye due to excessive coughing. Other than that he said he is feeling just fine.

Erle Raterta said he is happy to have found our group and he hopes his wife will come to a future meeting with him.

Scott Goldman put on an impromptu magic show and Sarah Schoendienst played the magician’s assistant to the delight of all. Scott told us he is a FaceBook friend of Larry Velez, who is having a great summer. He showed pictures of big fish he had caught and told us about a time he had made a big catch of tuna. He ate so much tuna that he got mercury poisoning and hasn’t eaten tuna since then. It turns out that Dave Barry is also a fisherman and he and Scott talked about the ones that got away.

We reminisced about past president, the late Art Powers and his love for fishing with his grandson.

Saul has been talking to Lucille Caputo of Mt Sinai’s ENT department and Shen Patterson of Mt Sinai’s conference center and the result is that our meetings will continue to be in seminar room B at 1470 Madison Avenue for all our 2017 meetings. We will meet on all the third Sundays except for April and June when we will meet on the FOURTH Sundays to avoid conflict with holidays. The third Sunday of April is Easter and the third Sunday of June is Father’s Day. Saul will continue to send email reminders shortly before the meetings and call those members who don’t use email. Saul distributed copies of Lucille’s email with all the dates of the 2017 meetings and has more copies available.

Thanks to Leslie for bringing the drinks and goodies for the meeting and another thank you to Sarah who brought cookies for additional goodies.

We wrote a formal thank you letter to Joe Mullaney who donated his late father’s electrolarynx and charger to our “loaner closet”. All the members present signed the letter.

We ended our August meeting at 3:00 PM with our customary silent prayer. The September meeting with special guest Talia Schwartz 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, 9/18/2016.

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