

Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc

Member of IAL

October 16th, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

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



Standing: Erle Raterta, Saul Silver, Jay Hauben, Lorraine Faustino, David DiToro
Seated: Leola Glover, Leslie Getz McDonagh, Don McDonagh (her better half), Frank Deppolder



Ace Fotog
Gerry Silver

We missed

- Cecilia Wennerstrom who is showing her dog (Sofia) at a dog show. We saw Cecilia on Facebook running Sofia rapidly over an obstacle course. Well done Cecilia and Sofia!
- Scott Goldman who is away on vacation.
- Margaret Race said the meeting conflicted with her church service.
- Jay read an email from Clarissa who continues to have challenges and was unable to attend. We all hope and pray for Clarissa's recovery.

Lorraine Faustino read the "Prayer for Laryngectomees" and Frank Deppolder started the "round table".

We had some discussion about the November meeting which will be our annual party. Saul and Gerry are investigating an alternate to the caterer we used last year. We will try to find one that delivers and provides the food in a more usable format.

We heard from the Mt Sinai conference center that our usual meeting room (Seminar B) is unavailable in May of next year. After some back and forth emails we settled on another room in 1470 Madison. We will meet in room 501 which is set up as a boardroom with a great big, long table with chairs all around.

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Erle told us his diabetes is acting up. He may have to give up beer.

At the September meeting we had some discussion about esophageal speech, Dr Blom's presentation at the IAL meeting in June, and the difficulty in learning it. Talia Schwartz, our special guest said she couldn't teach it. Erle, Jay and Saul expressed an interest in learning more about it. After making some inquiries we found out that Latimer Kells, SLP at the VA does know how to teach it. We hope to invite Latimer to a meeting so she can tell us more and perhaps find someone else who can teach it, even if she is too busy. Latimer agrees with Dr Blom that learning it is difficult and many people can't learn it.

Leslie had obtained some yellow emergency cards from ATOS and handed some out to those who wanted one.

Saul and Gerry told us about their trip to France. It was very interesting and great fun.

Jay Hauben reported that his latest scan for Thyroid cancer was clear, and that he had found the solution to his leaky prosthesis. It turns out that orientation is very important. The prosthesis is round, but it has a top and bottom, and if it isn't upright, it will leak.

A big Thank You to David DiToro for sacrificing his Sunday afternoon to be our "special guest" and give us all the information about InHealth products.

David gave us an excellent presentation about InHealth products for laryngectomees, gave out catalogs and samples and signed people up for their new "Speaker's Club", a renewed quarterly publication of topics relevant to laryngectomees. He also asked that anyone wishing to share their story to write it up and send it to the Speakers Club for publication.

After the meeting, David emailed details of the advantages of InHealth products and a copy of his email is attached. Also attached is a copy of the form to get on the list for the Speakers Club publication. You can email InHealth or fill out the form and mail it to them.

We ended our October meeting at 2:55 PM with our customary silent prayer. The November meeting will be our annual party and 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, 11/20/2016.

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