

Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc
Member of IAL
January 15th, 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. In attendance were 8 members and friends as shown and named below.



Standing: Saul Silver, Jay Hauben, Frank Deppolder, Larry Powers
Seated: Elizabeth Mathew, Leola Glover, Clarissa Bushman



Ace Fotog
Gerry Silver

We missed

- Erle Raterta who had a commitment at church. He said he attended the ATOS educational event and spoke with Dave Barry there. Dave sends regards
- the McDonaghs who had an out of town guest and Sunday was the only time they could spend together. Leslie said she had had no luck so far getting membership cards from the IAL, but will keep trying.
- Cecilia Wennerstrom and her little dog Sophie, but after the meeting Saul found a message on his cell phone that they couldn't make it.

Frank Deppolder read the "Prayer for Laryngectomees" to start the meeting and Saul kicked off the round table

Larry Powers told us he is getting hyperbaric chamber treatments for his dental problems.

Saul told the members about his immunotherapy treatments for a lymph node that had signs of metastatic cells. So far he is doing well on the treatment and hopes it continues.

Leola Glover told us that she needed an MRI, but didn't get it because her kidney function wasn't right. She has had lots of health issues, but she keeps calm and carries on.

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Jay reports that his prosthesis is lasting 6 months without leaking. Good news. He also shared an article about a man in France that had an artificial larynx implanted over a year ago and is still OK. The device still needs considerable research and improvements. Jay is still using his amplifier. He says he can give a long talk to a group and everyone can hear and it is no strain on him. Larry Powers said he would use an amplifier if he had one. Saul said he had one he wasn't using and would give it to him at the next meeting.

Thanks to Jay for acting as liaison to Web Whispers. He contacts potential members, posts answers to questions, etc. He also shared an email from Dr Itzak Brook about his books for laryngectomies which are available as free downloads.

Jay's sister still has serious problems with her teeth. She had paid many thousand dollars for implants, but they all failed.

Clarissa had sent "thank you" emails to Jay & Saul for reminders about ATOS' educational event. Unfortunately she was not able to attend the event. Clarissa told us about her ongoing issues with her meds. She is not letting them get the best of her and takes each day as it comes.

Scott Goldman had come across pictures he had of former president Art Powers on a fishing trip with his grandson. Art worked tirelessly to help his family and the club until his death, but the picture showed he could still enjoy some of the simple pleasures of life. Scott emailed pictures to Saul and several members and Jay brought in a copy of one of the pictures.

We were very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Mathew to our meeting. She is an SLP working at Bellevue Hospital (sometimes with another friend of ours, Talia Schwartz) and she understands the value of support groups. She had told a patient of hers to come to the meeting, but he never showed.

After the meeting, Liz did us a great favor. We had had some discussion about esophageal speech and the difficulty in finding someone who could teach it. Liz took the initiative to contact her teacher, Doctor Robert Volin, who she says is an SLP extraordinaire, and after a brief flurry of emails Doctor Volin is coming to our February meeting to tell us all about esophageal speech!

We ended the meeting about 2:45 with our usual silent prayer. The February 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, February 19th, 2017.

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