

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

Member of IAL

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Dear Members and Friends,

President Saul Silver called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In attendance were 8 members and friends as shown and named below.



L-R: Erle Raterta, Larry Velez, Saul Silver, Frank Deppolder, Jay Hauben, Larry Estridge, Larry Powers



Ace Fotog Gerry Silver

We missed

- the McDonaghs – Don has been ill and Leslie has been providing the tender, loving care
- Cecilia Wennerstrom who was away at a trial on Long Island with Sophia
- Clarissa Bushman – the meeting was on the last day of her medicine cycle when the side effects are strong, so she wasn't up to coming
- Leola Glover - had intended to come, but wasn't feeling well. Not serious fortunately, just an upset stomach.

Larry Velez read the "Prayer for Laryngectomees". Great to see Larry looking well and happy. Keep on enjoying life, Larry.

Saul led off the round table. We were very pleased to welcome Larry Estridge to our meeting. Larry has a throat condition that may need a laryngectomy and he wanted to hear about the experiences of some who have been through it. The members responded by turning the meeting into a greatly expanded round table to describe their experiences as laryngectomees. We all tried to tell Larry everything that might help him make his important decisions about treatment.

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The members present all signed a get well card for Don McDonagh, who has been ill. Gerry and Saul have been in touch with Leslie and will keep the members informed. We all hope Don is up and about soon and back to his usual jovial self.

The latest IAL News gave additional info about the annual meeting on June 14 – 17 in Newport News, Virginia. If anyone has not received their IAL News, all the details are available on the IAL website, <http://theial.com/ial-voice-institute-and-annual-meeting/>.

Erle Raterta said that he had not received the last 2 emailed newsletters. Saul checked his email list and Erle's address was there. He emailed Erle copies of the last 2 newsletters and they were received. So the mystery continues ...

Saul and Gerry received an email from Katrina Hanton, Elaine Hudson's daughter, saying that Elaine is doing well at her nursing home, although she gets frustrated when her dementia prevents her from remembering things.

Recently, Talia Schwartz, SLP at Columbia, asked for a member to visit with a patient of hers at the hospital. She was a brand-new laryngectomee whose procedure had been performed by Dr. Caruana, the same surgeon who had done the procedures for Saul Silver and Frank Deppolder. Saul and Gerry visited with her and she is doing very well after her procedure and she and her husband plan to attend our April meeting.

Saul also spoke to the wife of another patient of Dr. Caruana who has been advised to have a laryngectomy and is considering alternative treatments as well as surgery.

We may have two other new faces at the April meeting. Saul has recently been contacted by Elana Carp and Sojung Kwon, graduate students in the Speech Language Pathology program of the Columbia Teachers College. They would like to attend and meet some real live laryngectomees to further their education.

### **Happy Easter, Passover and Spring to ALL!**

**NOTE: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April is Easter, so our April meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

We ended the meeting about 2:45 with our usual silent prayer and posing for Ace Photographer Gerry Silver. The April meeting 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, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

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