

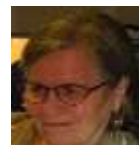
Nu-Voices Club of Mt Sinai Hosp, Inc
Member of IAL
June 25th, 2017

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 L-R: Saul Silver, Cecilia Wennerstrom, Leslie Getz McDonagh with Sophia, Jay Hauben, Erle Raterta, Seated L – R: Don McDonagh, Leola Glover



**Ace Fotog
Gerry Silver**

We missed

- Frank Deppolder who is suffering with his rheumatism.
- Jim Pappalardo who sends his regards.
- Joe and Cindy Fontanez. We haven't heard from them. We hope all is well.
- Clarissa Bushman. Her son came out as transgender and she is marching in the gay pride parade to show support.
- We had hoped to have a new attendee that Jay visited in the hospital. Unfortunately, he is back in the hospital.
- Nobody has heard from David Koslofsky. We all send him our best regards.

Belated Happy Birthday to Larry Velez who celebrated his birthday on June 27th. He is enjoying the summer music scene.

Leslie Getz McDonagh read the "Prayer for Laryngectomees" and Gerry Silver led off the round table. Our round table this month had a series of reports from the members about themselves.

Congratulations, Leola. Our senior member just turned 85 and has been a member since 1992! All her doctors say she is in great shape.

Leslie brought in some orange medical alert bracelets and distributed them to those who wanted them. She says she is all good and still working on selling her dance collection.

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Jay got a new prosthesis because of a leak. He and Ronda enjoyed their trip to Germany and were happy to see old friends and meet new ones. They were especially touched by their warm welcome from the Korean community in Germany. Jay shared a video of one of his talks with several of our members and everyone was impressed. Jay spoke about his sister and the treatment for her cancer. We all sympathise and wish her well.

We were happy to see Cecilia who had a break from her trials with Sophia. As you can see in the photo, Sophia also attended the meeting. She was content to sit on Cecilia's lap and enjoyed the attention everyone gave her.

Erle is going on vacation to Florida in July. He had problems with a leaky prosthesis, but it was replaced and the new one is working fine.

Saul's ATOS Vega prosthesis is still OK after 8 months. Because of the immunotherapy for his lung cancer his doctor wants him to have a PET scan every 3 months to track his progress. Saul was told Medicare may refuse to pay for the PET scan, but a call to Medicare revealed (after many disclaimers from the Medicare rep) that the scan is covered as long as the doctor deems it medically necessary. Never a dull moment with the beaurocracy.

Saul has been corresponding with Dr. Itzak Brook and Dave Barry of ATOS Medical about Dr Brook making a presentation at our meeting under the sponsorship of ATOS. We haven't got the OK for the expenses yet. When/If we do, we will finalize a date with Dr. Brook.

The Silvers will be "on tour" at the time of the September meeting. In their absence, our treasurer, Leslie will preside.

Saul and Gerry had hoped to attend the IAL meeting but found it conflicted with a previously planned "bucket list" trip and Saul's treatments. They are looking forward to attending next year's meeting.

It was suggested that we skip a couple of monthly meetings each year since some of them get low attendance because of bad weather, etc. The consensus among the members present was that we should have meetings every month regardless of the attendance.

Attached are two emails that Saul received. One was from someone looking for a laryngectomee actor for a student film production. Anyone interested can contact the sender directly. The other email showed several online sources for info useful to laryngectomies.

We ended the meeting about 3:00 with our usual silent prayer and posing for Ace Photographer Gerry Silver. The July meeting will be on the 2nd floor, Seminar Room B of 1470 Madison Avenue, between 101st and 102nd. We will meet on Sunday, July 16th at 1:30

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