

New Voice News

February, 2003

New Voice Club of Broward County

www.newvoiceclub.org

Main Meetings Held at Catherine Young Library

5810 Park Dr, Margate

12:00

1:00

4blks N of Atlantic Blvd-2blks W of 441
Refreshments after Meeting

Therapy &
Rap Sessions

Meeting &
Program

President's Message

Even if you're on the right track... You will still get run over if you just sit there! - Will Rogers

We have a large and successful club compared to most areas... the biggest by far in the FLA and one of the largest in the IAL... We must be doing Something Right? "This is Correct!"

But, that does not mean we cannot do some things even Better? This is how I look at my role in accepting the presidency of our club... I want the New Voice Club of Broward County to be the very Best, it can be!

Last month I reviewed many terrific changes & additions our club has achieved in the past 2 years... This month I would like to focus on my personal goals for the next 2... Already being implemented, thanks to Joe Esposito and Gary Morey's hard work, we have a new student orientation for Nova... The transition at Boca Raton Community Hospital seems to have gone quite smoothly all on its own and Lynn Clements, the new SLP Facilitator, is very well-qualified and a welcome addition... I see the opening of the new Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center's Broward facility as a terrific means to improve a working

**** VALENTINE'S LUNCH ****
Sandwich party after the general meeting this month!

relationships with them... They are currently performing over 90% of all laryngectomies in our area and can provide us with the best contact information possible... I also have continually had a goal to arrange some form of workshop or, "mini-institute" to provide more concentrated training and help for the newer laryngectomees... Especially since this is not currently the focus of the annual F L A meeting... I believe the new Sylvester unit in Deerfield Beach can become a real ally in this endeavor... Finally, one of my most important goals, is to establish a more clearly outlined set of Roles & Responsibilities... Defining various duties and considerations, also for training and sharing them, so we may have a constant group of successors... and, I want to accentuate the POSITIVES... We are a "Support" group and we need to always try and stay on that side of the street!

Hoping to see you the 16th!

Larry Jo(>);



NEXT MEETING
Sunday
February
16th

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CLUB NEWS

To the strains of "It's not for Me to Say" we crooned our way into 2003... a fitting statement, but some singers felt the cadence was a little s-l-o-w... I would remind everyone that the sing-a-long is truly meant for Therapy as well as Fun, and all voicing techniques need to be considered... Case in point, Aaron Smith, a repeating visitor from NJ, kindly read the "Laryngectomy Prayer" Aaron has a wonderful TEP voice, but he's quick to remind everyone that it's "Practice - Practice - Practice!"


We welcomed two new members into our group, Raul & Rose Raposa, and Robert & Carmen Sumpter... Bob just two weeks from surgery, and then welcomed Tonya Edwards, MS CCC-SLP, from the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach who gave a most excellent program regarding Swallowing Problems & Techniques... Tonya's father attended our meeting to observe his daughter, and must have left feeling on top of the world, because her presentation was positively outstanding... Thanks Gellmans, for making these arrangements!

Larry Thanked the New Voice Club for all it has done for him and remarked on his first meeting as president, the uncanny coincidence that January 19th was six years to the day since Earl Mogk met him and loaned an A/L to a voiceless laryngectomy of three months! Followed by a review of both Lynn Clements, the new SLP who will be facilitating our group sessions through the Boca Raton Community Hospital... and he & Gary Morey's tour of the new Broward County offices of U of M - Sylvester, which they have just opened in Deerfield Beach... Pam Cintron, who is the new charge nurse was very helpful and had already welcomed Ralph Freidman as their first patient! They will provide scheduled appointments and non-surgical procedures at this new facility, but importantly will also provide a new shuttle service between Jackson Memorial in Miami, and Deerfield Beach... Patients can park and ride which will make those harrowing excursions to the Miami Medical Center much easier!

Earl announced that it's not too soon to be making plans to attend the I A L Annual Meeting in Atlanta, which is early this year, in June... The Voice Institute will again be at an easy drive's distance, and it's hard to stress enough the wonderful benefits these learning seminars provide for the newer laryngectomy! Also the more Social F L A "Spring Fling" being held this May in Jacksonville...

Special Presentation

Frank J Penedo, PhD
Jackson Memorial - U of M - Sylvester CCC

Dr Penedo is in charge of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Centers Behavioral Research Program, for studies to help both cancer survivors & sufferers to better cope with the on-going side effects... This is the second time Frank will address our group, and he is a very interesting and knowledgeable speaker, so I urge all members to attend ! Thanks again to Sid and Barbara Gellman for making arrangements... 

February Birthdays

Hilda Demps - 3rd; Frank West - 5th; Kathy McFadden, Irma Schad & Larry Wiederhorn - 9th; Sue Rosenkranz - 12th; Lope Herman - 15th; Paul Margolis - 21st; Thelma Falk - 23rd; Betty Dyer- 25th; Maureen Williams - 27th; Rita Verdiglione - 28th

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ? **FREE SPEECH THERAPY** (1st Thursday)
(Coffee) with **Bonnie Pastor** *(Donuts)*
The Rehabilitation Institute of Florida
Florida Medical Center - Auditorium
5000 W Oakland Park Blvd
Next Meeting - Thursday, March 6th - 10:00AM
More information: (954) 735-6000 Ext 5307
- ? **FREE SPEECH THERAPY** (3rd Wednesday)
With Lynn Clements, CCC-SLP
Boca Raton Community Hospital
DAVIS THERAPY CENTER
OAKS PLAZA - Glades Road at 13th Street
Next Meeting - Wed, February 19th - 10:30AM
More information: (561) 361-7430
- ? **F L A - SPRING FLING** - May 16 - 18th
Jacksonville Laryngectomy Association
JAX Riverfront Hilton - \$69.00 per night
1-800-HILTONS under FLA Spring Fling
See the F L A Newsletter for more details
- ? **I A L CONVENTION 2003 - ATLANTA**
June 24th - 28th
- ? **SEE YOU THERE!**