

Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees

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March/April 2019 Newsletter

Hello Folks! With the ever increasing light in late afternoon we are reassured that spring does most certainly follow winter. These relentless cold and gray days will eventually give way to sunshine, warmth and green buds...We are so looking forward to Spring!

It is also time for another season of BCCCL meetings to start. Please plan on joining us in the 7th floor cafeteria at MEEI in Boston on Sunday, March 3rd. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting starting at 1:30PM. Being with others who truly understand the experience of having a laryngectomy is both affirming and inspirational. Please join us for some tasty refreshments and good conversation.

At our November and December meetings, as at all of our meetings, members shared freely, in support of one another. Members agreed that living as a laryngectomee is not easy, but well worth the efforts involved. As always, members were uplifted by their mutual resolve to not only live, but to thrive as laryngectomees. Whether new to the group or seasoned, members walk away inspired by others and self-affirmed in their communal support, easing frustrations and celebrating challenges met and surpassed. Please come to share *your* story...or to simply sit and listen to others.

Sadly, we share the news of the unexpected passing of one of our wonderful members, Richard Scott. Richard and his wife Patti have been active members for several years. Richard worked very hard in his recovery from his laryngectomy and overcame many challenges in his return to the work he loved. He was an inspiration for sure and is dearly missed. We are sincerely grateful to his family and friends for their generous memorial donations.

Atos Medical continues to offer presentations of interest to laryngectomees and their families. The current topic is *Innovations in Laryngectomy Care*. Discussion will include:

- History of laryngectomy care
- How concepts evolve into products
- The direct link between patient feedback and the company's innovation process

You can go to the following website for more information and registration at one of the following events:

<https://www.atosmedical.us/laryngectomy/events/>

February 19th 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Holiday Inn Express Chelmsford, 8 Independence Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824

February 19th 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Springfield Holyoke, 229 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040

February 26th 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott New Bedford, 185 Macarthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740

Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Comfort Inn Auburn Worcester, 426 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA 01501

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Highland - March Workspace, 25 Braintree Hill Office Park, Braintree, MA 02184

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Manchester – Airport, 1298 South Porter St, Manchester, NH 03103

With the start of our 2019 season we remind you of our meeting schedule: We meet on the first Sunday in March, April and May. After the summer break we resume in September on the Sunday after Labor Day and then on the first Sunday in October, November and December. Due to weather concerns, we do not meet in January or February. This newsletter is published four times a year.

We also remind members that yearly dues, which is \$15.00 for laryngectomees and \$5.00 for family members, is due. If you are an inactive member and wish to continue receiving a copy of this newsletter, then the dues is \$5.00. Payments are to be made to our treasurer, Mike Moffi, 15 Lakeshore Drive, Holliston, MA 01746. If you have an email address kindly send that information along to us as this will reduce mailing costs.

Please join us on March 3rd and again on April 7th and May 5th. Our presence is a gift to each other and to ourselves!

‘Hope to see you there!

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A few of our favorite inspirations:

Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts...It's what you do with what you have left.
Hubert Humphrey, after cancer surgery in 1978

The pessimist complains about the wind.
The optimist expects it to change.
And the realist adjusts the sails.
William Arthur Ward

*The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles,
but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."*
Buddha