

Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees
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May Newsletter

Greetings and Happy Spring! As we witness our world reawakening from its long winter's nap, we seem to be able to start each day with a bit of a "spring" to our step. Why not plan on heading into Boston for our next meeting? We will gather on May 1, 2011 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the 7th floor cafeteria at MEEI in Boston. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting starting at 2:00PM. Please join us for refreshments and good conversation. It is so affirming to be with one another, sharing the triumphs and trials of living as a laryngectomee. Our *presence* is truly a *gift* to one another!

At our April meeting we welcomed new members Mike Priest and his wife, Lorraine. We also welcomed back Myles Milch who has been successfully using esophageal speech since his laryngectomy 36 years ago. Our president Bob Mehrman called the formal meeting to order at 2:00PM with 20 people in attendance.

Bob spoke about the recent two day professional development conference on the improvements in voice restoration, particularly using the TEP, following a laryngectomy. Dr. Daniel Deschler, Director of Head and Neck Oncology and Glenn Bunting, head of Speech and Language Pathology, organized the event here at MEEI which drew healthcare professionals from all over the country. Bob, along with Martha Clelia and Andre Charpentier attended. Bob was pleased with his new HME (humidity moisture exchange) filter which he was fitted for at the conference as well as information he gathered about the possibility of having a TEP. Martha worked with Dr. Deschler sharing information on the skin flap procedure as well as demonstrating a voice prosthetic placement. Andre worked with Pamela Harvey, a speech and language pathologist from Brigham and Women's Hospital, in a question and answer session on HMEs and TEPs.

Please help us update our lengthy mailing list. If you have access to email please send us your email address. In an effort to reduce copying and postage costs we would like to get most of our communication online. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, kindly notify us to have your name removed from the list. .

We also want to remind members that yearly dues, which are \$15.00 for laryngectomees and \$5.00 for family members are due. Payments are to be made to our treasurer, Mike Moffi, 15 Lakeshore Drive, Holliston, MA 0146.

Take care everyone...Enjoy the sunshine!

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"Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but, peace within it."
Author Unknown