

Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees

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Newsletter for September and October 2012

Hello Folks! It's that time again, to come together and begin a new season. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2012 in the 7th floor cafeteria at MEEI in Boston. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting at 1:30PM. Please join us for refreshments and good conversation. Free validated parking in the MEEI lots is available to attendees.

Our schedule for the upcoming series of meetings is as follows: We will meet in September on the Sunday after Labor Day and then on the first Sunday in October, November and December. Due to weather concerns, we will not meet in January or February. We will resume meeting on the first Sunday in March, April and May. A summer gathering in June or July will take the place of a formal meeting at MEEI. Newsletters will be published four times a year now, instead of the previous eight.

Due to the ever increasing cost of copying and mailing, we ask that those who have an email address notify us so that you can receive this newsletter online. Also, we remind members that yearly dues which are \$15.00 for laryngectomees and \$5.00 for family members can be sent to our treasurer, Mike Moffi, 15 Lakeshore Drive, Holliston, MA 01746. If you are an inactive member and wish to continue receiving the newsletter, then the dues is only \$5.00.

We would like to add a personal note regarding our appreciation for the support we have received in attending the BCCCL meetings these past four years and a half years. Meeting others who have experienced a laryngectomy is truly inspirational and has tremendously helped our adjustment to all the changes necessitated by such a surgery. Andre has found his "new normal" and while it isn't easy to live as a laryngectomee it is certainly doable. At the time of his diagnosis, he said he just wanted to do whatever he had to in order to be here for "the long haul". We are overjoyed to share that we have just become grandparents for the first time...Our daughter and son-in-law have just adopted a precious two year old boy and our family could not be happier! Yes, life changed dramatically for Andre but that just makes the joys in life that much sweeter...We gratefully and sincerely say, "Life is good".

Please join us on September 9th. We draw strength from one another's presence. We are not only living, but thriving, as cancer survivors.

Enjoy these waning days of summer.
'Hope to see you in September!
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Cancer does not define me, but how I live and fight with cancer DOES define me.