Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees 243 Charles Street Boston, Massachusetts 02114

March Newsletter

Hello Folks! We hope that you are faring well during this intense New England winter. At this writing, the snow piles are taller than the people standing next to them and the mercury is heading for below zero, with more snow on the way. Take heart, somewhere beneath all that snow are crocus and daffodil bulbs just waiting for the warmth and sunshine that spring is sure to bring.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 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. Our *presence* is truly a *gift* to one another!

At our last meeting in December, several members and their loved ones enjoyed our holiday gathering, complete with a delicious "pot luck" luncheon, holiday music and a Yankee swap.

Bob Mehrman, our president, recently met with John Fernandez, the president of MEEI. Bob presented him with a check from our group for \$2,000.00. Mr. Fernandez was very grateful for our donation and said that it would be used for research at MEEI. Pictures were taken and sent to the MEEI Facebook page. During the meeting, Bob also talked with Mr. Fernandez about possibly expanding the outreach of BCCCL to other hospitals.

Please help us update our mailing list. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, kindly notify us to have your name removed from the list. If you have access to email and would like to just receive the newsletter online, please let us know.

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 01746.

With our upcoming March meeting, we begin our 2011 series of meetings. Due to concerns of inclement weather, we do not meet in January and February. We do meet on the first Sunday of March, April and May. Aside from a summer gathering, we do not meet during the summer months. We meet in September on the Sunday after Labor Day and then on the first Sunday in October, November, and December.

Despite the mountains of snow, spring *is* coming....notice how the light is lengthening at the end of the day...hold onto the hope that comes with each spring! H O P E = Holding Onto Positive Expectations

Take care....Stay warm! Andre and Ginny Charpentier 508-285-7325 acharpen@umich.edu