

Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees

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October Newsletter

Hello Folks! These cool nights with early darkness are sure signs that summer is behind us and the glory of fall will soon be upon us. Why not plan to join us on the first Sunday in October? You can catch some of the fall foliage on your ride in to Boston and the view from our gathering spot is quite lovely, too. Our upcoming meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2011 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 some delicious refreshments and good conversation.

At our September meeting, our president Bob Mehrman surprised members with his very recent TEP (tracheal esophageal puncture). We were delighted to hear Bob capably using tracheal esophageal speech after having used an electrolarynx for so many years. Bob had struggled unsuccessfully with a TEP several years ago. Given recent advancements in voice prostheses Bob decided to try it again. Go, Bob! You sound great!

Our newsletter will now be published four times a year, rather than 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 just receive the newsletter, then the dues is only \$5.00.

Please join us on October 2nd. We draw strength from one another's presence. Our September gathering was small in number, yet, we welcomed a new member as well as visited with family members of two people who were still in ICU after just having had their surgeries. Whether you are a new member or a "veteran", coming together to share the "ups and downs" of life as a "lary" is affirming and inspiring. We are not only living, but thriving, as cancer survivors and their loved ones.

'Hope to see you in October!

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