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Hello Folks,

'Thinking of you and hoping all is ok with you and yours. We are grateful to be home and healthy. Hopefully, we will start to see some improvement in this horrific pandemic sooner rather than later.

Elissa Hatton LICSW and Anna Choi-Farshi MS, CCC-SLP have contacted us about doing laryngectomy support remotely. Not knowing when we will have access to the hospital for meetings, we are in the process of organizing our first online meeting for Sunday, May 3rd at 1:PM. We recently "met" with a new patient and his wife through the use of Zoom which is a way of connecting face to face through a computer, tablet or smart phone. It went really well. We are very grateful to Anna for taking the lead in setting up an online Zoom meeting for our BCCCL group. We cannot meet at MEEI, so we are very fortunate to have this opportunity to check in with one another. Once we have used this online format with our regular attendees we look forward to expanding our outreach to include folks who haven't yet been able to attend one of our meetings.

Included at the end of this letter is the invitation from Anna Choi-Farshi MS, CCC-SLP to join the Zoom meeting on Sunday, May 3rd at 1:00PM along with the directions for connecting online via computer, tablet, smart phone or regular phone. It has been our experience in using Zoom that the easiest and most effective way to connect is through an email address on a computer or tablet.

We are so grateful to Anna who has graciously offered to host our meetings. If you would like to ask questions of Anna we ask that you send them to us, either via email, text or phone call and we will forward those questions to her. . **It is important that you let us know if you will be joining us and whether you will be using an email address or phone number.**

We are also anxious to reach out to newer folks who haven't yet had contact with our group. We are planning to expand our outreach following the May 3rd meeting with another meeting on May 6th at 1:00PM. It would be wonderful to have you join us at that time, as well. One of our favorite parts of our meetings is witnessing the heartwarming response our seasoned members offer to the new folks...We'll be able to do that on the 6th!

So...mark your calendars!!

Sunday, May 3rd...1:00PM BCCCL "re-union"

Wednesday, May 6th...1:00PM BCCCL expanded outreach

Be well dear folks.

With caring thoughts,

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