

Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees

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Newsletter for September and October 2015

Hello Folks! As we sit on our backporch, overlooking the birds and the flowers, our gardens are reminding us that we are indeed heading into late summer. Which means it's definitely a good time to think about our upcoming season of the BCCCL! Our first meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2015 in the 7th floor cafeteria at MEEI in Boston. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting at 1:30PM. If you can't make it in September then do plan on coming the following month on October 4th. You may even win the "door prize"! Whether new to being a laryngectomee or a true veteran of the lifestyle, those who attend find inspiration and support. Topics range from the very mundane to the merry! So often, a member will bring up a particular issue he/she is dealing with and someone else has some insight which helps to alleviate the concern. 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. Other than a possible summer gathering, we do not meet in June, July and August. Newsletters will be published four times a year.

Meeting others who have experienced a laryngectomy is truly inspirational and has tremendously helped many individuals and their loved ones adjust to all the changes necessitated by such a surgery. It takes time to find the "new normal" and while it isn't easy to live as a laryngectomee it is certainly doable. Yes, life changes dramatically but that just makes the joys in life that much sweeter....We gratefully and sincerely say, "Life is good".

Please join us on September 13th. 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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Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts. It's what you do with what you have left."

- Hubert Humphrey, after cancer surgery in 1978

