

# **Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees**

**243 Charles Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

## **Newsletter for September and October 2017**

Hello Folks! We hope this newsletter finds you soaking up this beautiful summer weather...These lazy, hazy days of summer are just delightful. 'Hard to believe, but it is that time again...It's time to come together and begin a new season! Our first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2017 in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor cafeteria at MEEI in Boston. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting at 1:30PM. Please join us for light 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 resume meeting on the first Sunday in March, April and May and then recess for the summer. These newsletters are published four times a year.

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.

Sadly, we share news of the passing of a wonderful long-time member, mentor and friend, Bob Dahl. Bob passed away on April 29<sup>th</sup> after a period of failing health. Bob and his lovely wife, Marie would often attend meetings accompanied by their daughters and grandchildren. He is dearly missed. We wish to sincerely thank Bob's family and friends for the many very generous donations made to the BCCCL in his name. We are honored and humbled and so very grateful, that in Bob's memory, those wonderful contributions will continue to support laryngectomees and will facilitate their rehabilitation, so as to not only survive...but to thrive.

Atos Medical, Inc. which is one of the major suppliers of laryngectomy devices and supplies has been offering presentations in various locations. Their upcoming Laryngectomy Community Support Event will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM in Raynham, MA. To register or for more information contact Abby Butterfield at [abby.butterfield@atosmedical.com](mailto:abby.butterfield@atosmedical.com) or call her at 800.217.0025 x6405 . Territory Sales Manager Dave Barry is conducting these presentations. He can be reached at

[dave.barry@atosmedical.com](mailto:dave.barry@atosmedical.com). For more information regarding additional events in other locations around the state and country visit [www.atosmedical.us](http://www.atosmedical.us) .

We would like to add a personal note regarding our appreciation for the support we have received in attending the BCCCL meetings these past nine 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 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". Well, here we are...both of us are recently retired...and grateful to be able to say that. We are overjoyed to share that we have just become grandparents for the second time....2 beautiful grandsons...We are so blessed! Yes, life changed dramatically for us nine and a half years ago but that just makes the joys in life that much sweeter....We gratefully and sincerely say, "Life is good".

Please join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> and again on October 1st. We draw strength from one another's presence. We are not only living, but thriving, as cancer survivors and their loved ones.

Enjoy these waning days of summer.  
'Hope to see you in September!

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One moment at a time, one day at a time...always hoping for the best...

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