

New Voice News

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New Voice Club of Broward County

Serving the tri-county area

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NEXT
MEETING
Sunday
December 26th
2004

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Directors:
Evelyn Acosta

Sidney Gellman

Jim Kimling

Earl Mogk

Gary Morey

Mike Rosenkranz

Main Meetings Held at the Margate Community Center

6199 NW 10th Street, Margate, FL

12:00

1:00

4 blks N of Atlantic Blvd.
2 blks W of 441 (St. Rd. 7)

Rap Sessions Meeting & Program
Refreshments after Meeting



Lary, our friendly giraffe,
wishes all a happy and healthy
holiday season

From the web

**Becoming a laryngectomee is
a learning experience with
very few teachers**

Web Whispers post by Gerry Rice 11-12-04

We all have experiences we can relate, which attest to the accuracy of that statement. That is why the mission of our club is to spread the word throughout our local medical profession, and to find every single laryngectomee who is isolated in the community. As part of that mission, and through the cooperation of Mrs. Nancy Lewison, Clinical Director of Speech Pathology at FAU, a panel from our club will address a class of student SLPs next month, to demonstrate the various methods of alaryngeal speech and to acquaint them with the special needs of laryngectomees.

The \$20 Bill

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In a room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill"? Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well", he replied, "What if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground

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and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value: dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you"

**The worth of our lives comes not
in what we do or who we know,
but by who we are.**

You are special - Don't ever forget it !

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Score another one for Jim Lauder. We took a Servox from our loaner closet to the AM for service, but no one was servicing E/Ls. Rick took it back to Lauder Enterprises. They rebuilt the sounding head, attached a new cord and shipped the unit back at no charge. That Servox is now being used by a new laryngectomee. Thanks, Jim.



CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to the following who were elected by the members unanimously.. Please join us on the 26th as we install them for a new two year term..

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Our thanks to Doris, Gary, Evelyn and Jim for their services during these past two years.

Sunshine: Pat Hopping is recuperating from surgery to remove a tumor from his kidney. The tumor was small and they were able to save most of the kidney. **Gene Kimble** is being treated for a kidney problem and would appreciate cards and emails. Please, no visits or calls.

Larry Switzer has completed another round of chemo in his battle with a recurrence. **Doris Littlefield** has been battling an infection, but says the battle is almost won. She expects to be back at our meetings in January.

New Laryngectomy Visits: On November 11th, **Earl Mogk** and **Mike Rosenkranz** visited **George Hill** one week after his laryngectomy, while he was still confined to the ICU at Plantation General Hospital, and left a welcoming kit with him. On November 19th, Ramon Cruz was visited at his home by **Mike Rosenkranz** who left him a Servox from our loaner closet. Ramon's new prosthesis had failed, and he was voiceless.

Lynn's meeting: Present were **Gary Morey, Warren Goodman, Lenny Weinstein, Seymour Platt, Matty Matthews, Mike Rosenkranz**, and, newly arrived for the winter, **Florence and Paul Margolis**. Lynn conducted a discussion which ranged from lost prostheses to the Teli-Talk to how to get Medicare to pay for a second electro-larynx after five years. Lynn told us **Dr. Aaronson's** first laryngectomy is scheduled since he relocated here.

Margate meeting: Present were **Mike Rosenkranz, Jim Kimling, Pat/Mary Hopping, Robert/Ruth Henegan, Frank Recca, Ralph Friedman/Micki Lindenbaum, Patty Sewell, Leonard Weinstein, Carl/Dottie Kilmer, Al/Beth Kreisler, Richard Willenborg, Mollie Rapchik Sid/Barbara Gellman, Clyde/Betty Dyer, Earl/Wini Mogk and Al/Gloria Smith**. We know there were a few more, but these are the only ones who signed in. After the elections, **Earl Mogk** signed up seventeen members as ACS Advocates. This is the political arm of the ACS, so if you have not yet become an ACS Advocate, please see Earl. Installation of officers is scheduled for the 26th.

Pascale's meeting: Present were **Al/Gloria Smith, Carl Kilmer, Elaine Brown, Al Kreisler, Mike Rosenkranz, Earl/Wini Mogk, Lenny Weinstein and Pat Hopping**.

Pascale read an intriguing article about a Laryngectomy Culture which led to a lively discussion. As an encore, Pascale then installed Pat Hopping's handsfree valve.

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*** TIME TO PAY OUR DUES ***

**Please make checks payable to the
New Voice Club of Broward
\$7 for laryngectomy**

\$10 with spouse or significant other

Bring to the meeting or mail to our treasurer

Leonard Weinstein

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December Birthdays

1st Rick Roughsedge	11th Mary Hopping
4th Pamela Cintron	11th Martha Levine
4th Anne Kapiloff	12th Pascale Bourne
6th Florence Goodman	16th Clyde Dyer
6th Bob Henegan	24th Robert Brawley
6th Mary Hochreiter	25th Helen McGiff
8th Joe Esposito	26th Louis Beato
10th Sylvia Rosenkranz	28th Aaron Miller
	29th Barbara Kimble

Happy Birthday to All

UP-COMING EVENTS

? **FREE SPEECH THERAPY (1st Wednesday)**

(Coffee) with Pascale Bourne (Donuts)

**Florida Medical Center - Auditorium
5000 W Oakland Park Blvd**

**Next Meeting - Wednesday January 5th
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

More information: (954) 735-6000 Ext 5307

? **FREE SPEECH THERAPY (3rd Thursday)**

With Lynn Carrier, CCC-SLP

**Boca Raton Community Hospital
DAVIS THERAPY CENTER**

**OAKS PLAZA - Glades Road at 13th Street
Next Meeting - Thursday, December 16th
10:30 – 11.30 a.m.**

More information: (561) 361-7430

UM/Sylvester/Deerfield

? **Tuesday, December 14th 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Mort Silverblatt Head and Neck

Cancer Support Group

Facilitated by Penny Fisher

**Topic: Advocacy participants are asked to
Bring your favorite holiday recipes.**