THE BARBARA SMITH LARYNGECTOMEE CLUB

Please note Member of the IAL

Meeting schedule for 2007: 3rd Sunday of odd numbered months, i.e. Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

Meeting Date: Sunday January 18, 2009 at 2:00PM

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain

Parking at rear of the church and please use the rear entrance. We have been given the Library Room that has a kitchen

The meeting room is on the ground level, which is handicapped, accessible. **Family and friends always welcome to attend.

Saint Mark's Church at 147 West Main Street, New Britain

We do need help from volunteers for hospital visitations and to also help with the very important anti-smoking

School lectures as well as the school of nursing, post operative laryngectomee care, lectures. Please consider in providing a helping hand with these important activities provided by our group.

An editorial: that appeared in the Hartford Courant Newspaper on December 28th. written by Michael Good, M.D. reflecting his daily encounters with people attempting to quit smoking citing the enormous amounts of money being spent on patients that have smoke related cancers but Medicare and Medicaid will not approve medical treatments for a person to quit smoking nor will they pay for any of the required medication that is required make a person smoke free.

The Courts have allowed the state consumer protection laws to sue the tobacco companies on their deceptive marketing of "light" cigarettes.

The ACS has stated that second hand smoke kills and estimated 3,000 nonsmokers a year. An added note that they are Larygectomees who never lit a cigarette!

Cigna and the Aetna Insurance "companies" have issued a complete ban on smoking in their workplace!

For the past three months we have had no new Larngectomees locally which is great news however, there have been 102 new joiners to the larygectomee world.

BSLC Meeting Agenda:

1 The Treasurer's financial report.

. Acceptance of the financial report.

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2 Nominations committee:

A. To present its recommendations.

B. Acceptance of the recommendations by the nominations committee and a vote by the membership shall take place at the following membership meeting.

4 Items to be added to the agenda may be added by any member.

5. Guest Speakers will be allowed to make their presentations prior to the business portion of our meeting.

Should any member of this club become aware of a new laryngectomee please contact any one of the club's officers after obtaining the patient's permission so we can supply the "headlines article" that will guide the patient and his or her family members on how to obtain necessary supplies.

I hope we will see you all at the November 16, 2008 meeting.

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FYI : our location is accessible from routes 84 to 72. The 72 exit puts on Corbin Avenue just one block from West Main Street. Route nine south exit #26 is onto Chestnut Street turn left to Main Street and turn right to West Main and Turn left and St mark's will be on your right hand side two blocks up. Routes 91 to route nine and follow the aforementioned direction. Route nine from route 84 take the downtown exit which is East Main Street, turn right to Main Street, left to West Main and Turn right.

The ACS in Meriden mails our notice to **129** people and we email or fax it to the ACS in Springfield and nine area hospitals and the IAL. **If you no longer want our notice** or **know someone who would like to receive it** please let **Frank Smith** know.

If you have an email address please send it to Frank at S-NB@COMCAST.NET

Other Connecticut Clubs:

Danbury New Voices Club, Contact: Mary Burke 203-744-3586.

The Lost Chord Club of New Haven, website www.speakagain.org
Contact: Bob Herbst 203-468-1576(evenings) bobh@i2world.com

Tri County New Voice Club, Norwich,
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Websites

Somerset County Miracle Voice Club
http://pages.ivillage.com/njpatsy/
www.SpeechPathologist.org **http://www.webwhispers.org**

IAL: http://www.larynxlink.com CT Clubs list at http://larynxlink.com/Clubs/CT-Clubs.htm

For local sales and service of an electrolarynx or supplies contact:
Professional Speech Aid Service, 20 Hartford Road, Suite 30, Salem, CT 06420
(Roseann George) 860-859-2807 or 800-454-7778 FAX 860-8593102
Website: http://www.speechaid.com email: rzgeorge@sbcglobal.net

A reminder to you to be listed with SBC Enhanced 911 as speech-disabled. Information can be found in your local phonebook. **There are relay system phones for people who cannot speak clearly over the phone**. See the information pages of your local phone book look under TDD/TT for more information, call 711.

The Lauder book, "Self Help for the Laryngectomee" is available free to all new laryngectomees. All SLP's should have postcards for this purpose. If you need a supply of postcards call the Laryngectomee Information Foundation (LIF) at **1-800-356-1266.**

I hope you all get and read the IAL News which comes out three times a year, in Jan., May, and Sept. There are many interesting and helpful articles. To subscribe to (or remove name from) IAL News, email info to IALHQ@larynxlink.com or mail to IAL News, P. O. Box 691060 Stockton, CA 95269-1060 .