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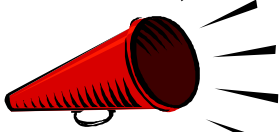
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THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE

Charles E. Blair

ARE WE READY FOR OUR FALL MEETING? YOU BET!

We are getting very excited about this October's Annual Meeting and the inaugural seminar of the Head and Neck Cancer Rehabilitation Institute (HNCRI) for professionals. The HNCRI replaces the previous VI and its primary purpose is to continue to support the FLA's outreach educational goals while expanding its curriculum to include most head and neck cancers as well as laryngectomy. The FLA's Executive Committee has selected Dr. Ed Stone as the HNCRI Director of Education, a position he held with the previous VI. His '02 Seminar's program will be listed in the next newsletter in Sept. On a more somber note I am saddened by the continuing loss of many of our state and local club's active members and leaders.

Joe Acosta of Broward County was one of the more recent losses. Our sincere condolences to his surviving wife Evelyn, his 3 children and his 5 grandchildren. Joe was a past president and the current 2nd Vice President of the FLA. He was also a past president of the Broward New Voice Club. His participation extended beyond the duties of elected office. He was a faithful member of both the state and local clubs. His wife, Evelyn shared his commitment to Laryngectomee support and has been an active member of the FLA Auxiliary.



The FLA will truly miss Joe!

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Proposed changes 4, 5, 6

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Membership

add... "2nd VP".... to the listing of officers

change .."Director of the Voice Institute"... To "Director of

Education of the Head and Neck Cancer Rehabilitation Institute"....

- change, ... "and up to three members-at-large" ... to "and up to four members-at-large"

Proposed changes 7, 8

ARTICLES VII COMMITTEES

-Add ... "2nd VP."... to the listing of officers..

-Replace existing par 3 with,

"There shall be a permanent standing committee called the Head and Neck Cancer Rehabilitation Institute (HNCRI) which will strive to fulfill FLA's outreach educational goals. Its director will be appointed by the FLA Executive Committee and will serve at their pleasure until terminated or the director resigns. The Institute will be operated and governed by the Director and his designated appointees, subject to broad and general oversight by the Executive Committee"

(Note: Copies of the current By-laws were distributed to all 2001 Convention attendees and is included on our website for review, download and copy.) Send comments to: Charlie Blair (727) 391-3473, cblair2@tampabay.rr.com. See Page 4 for address.



FLA BYLAWS PROPOSED REVISIONS

Drafted on 5-22-02

Proposed change 1.

Article II Purposes Add new paragraph as follows,

"6. Encourage and facilitate the formation and growth of local laryngectomee support groups within the state of Florida."

Proposed change 2.

Article II purposes Delete existing paragraph 2 in its entirety and replace with the following.

"2. To encourage and maintain an exchange of ideas and methods for the learning and teaching of alternative methods of communication. There will be an outreach educational program for the purposes of educating professionals and laymen in the rehabilitation of head and neck cancer survivors, including laryngectomees."

Proposed change 3.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Duties

Correct typo on second line, change

ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25-27, 2002
HOLIDAY INN DAYTONA BEACH SHORES

FREE SPEECH EVALUATIONS!!!!

New laryngectomees, or others wishing to improve their existing speech or to try another method, come to the **FLA Annual Meeting (AM)** for speech evaluation by **licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologists**. **The American Cancer Society** is sponsoring financial grants in the amount of **\$200** for those who request speech evaluations and need financial assistance in order to attend. A well-rounded program is being presented that is geared specifically to the Laryngectomee. The meeting will be held at the same location, the **Holiday Inn**, but a new program will be in place. **DON'T MISS IT**

Do you qualify for a grant?

Criteria for the American Cancer Society \$200 grants:

- *Must pre-register for the convention and attend all Annual Meeting instructional sessions or selected portions of HNCR Seminar (if approved at time of registration and space is available). (banquet and breakfast are optional).
- *Must pre-register for speech evaluation (see bottom of registration form).
- *Priority will be given to laryngectomees who are 5 years or less from date of surgery.
- *Laryngectomees beyond 5 years from surgery will be considered on individual merits.

Grants are limited and awarded on a first come basis. Priority will be given to those who would not be able to attend without financial aid.

**Condensed Program
FLA Annual Meeting (AM)**

**Friday, Oct. 25, 2002
AM**

9:00- Vendor Set up

Craft Sale
SIGN-IN Table

10:30 Refreshments

PM

1:15 Presidents Welcome
1:30 FL's Hearing Impaired
Program
2:30 Refreshments
2:45 Effective AL Phone Use
3:15 Joint Rap Session I
6-7 Reception (cash bar)

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002

Option A
8:00 *Esophageal Voice*
9:00 *Use of AL*

Or Option B
8:00 *Joint Rap Session*
9:30 Refreshments
10:00 AL Problems –
Maint. & Repair
11:00 Club Panel

12:00 Lunch
1:00 Pulmonary Function
2:00 Refreshments
2:15 TEP
6:30- Banquet-Raffles
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002
8:00am Brkfst/Bus mtg



**FEATURED
Speakers**

- Mark Finrock, Kapitex
- James Forstall, Director, FTRI
- Joy Gaziano, M.A., CCC-SLP
- Matt Griffin, Griffin Laboratories
- Lenny Komar, Siemens Repair Mgr
- Jim Lauder, Lauder Enterprises, Inc
- Lisa Proper, M.S., CCC-SLP
- R.E. "Ed" Stone, PhD., CCC-SLP

**FLA ANNUAL MEETING (AM) REGISTRATION FORM
COMPLETE AND RETURN BY OCTOBER 1, 2002**

Event Fee (Advance) # Amount
 General Registration includes Reception Fri. night \$10 ___ ___
 Banquet Saturday Night \$25 ___ ___
 Breakfast/Business Mtg. Sunday Morning \$10 ___ ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____
 Name for **each registrant** as it will appear on the name tag: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ___ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Club _____

Make Check Payable to: **Florida Laryngectomee Association**



Mail to: Charles Blair, Pres.
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Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn Daytona Beach Shores, 800-722-3297 by Sept. 25, 2002. Rates are \$62 for standard, \$72 for oceanfront or efficiency based on availability. Rates are based on up to Quad occupancy. Local taxes 11.5%.

Complete the following:

- I want an individual speech evaluation during the convention (circle one) Yes No
- First time attendee Yes No
- I am requesting financial assistance Yes No (must include phone # for contact if requesting aid)
- I would like to attend Option A B of the Saturday morning Program (see program above)

CLUB TALK



JAMES M. SULLIVAN FLA 2nd VP

We are pleased to announce that Jim Sullivan has recently been elected to the position of 2nd Vice President of the Florida Laryngectomee Association by the FLA Executive Committee. He will be completing the term recently vacated by the loss of Joe Acosta.

Jim is currently the President of the **Chatterbox New Voice Club** in Tampa. He had a total laryngectomy a little over 2 years ago and attended his first FLA Annual Meeting at that time. He is a recent, 5 months, user of TEP for communication. Initially, he used an artificial larynx.

After leaving the military service he worked for his current employer in Asia and then transferred to Tampa where he has been for the past 15 years and working full time as a Sales Engineer.

We welcome his business background and his recent experience with modified communication in a demanding setting.

VETERANS

New support groups have been established at VA Medical Centers in Miami and W. Palm Beach. Meeting times and contact information is shown in the following column. For more info call listed contact.

We will feature more detailed information on both in our next issue.

VA Medical Center

1201 NW 16th St.—Miami
3rd Thursday-11am—Monthly
Daphne A. Santa MS CCC-SLP
305-324-3148

VA Medical Center

7305 N Military Trail
West Palm Beach
2nd Wednesday - 11am— Monthly
Loreen H Blumenthal MSPA
CCC-SLP 561-882-6552

Call first—but please attend one!!

FLA AUXILIARY



The banquet theme this year is **Hawaiian Luau**. How appropriate to use a theme based on our 50th state for our 50th Anniversary!! So find those flowered shirts, long skirts—grass if you dare— and join us for a casual evening of fun and celebration.

Be sure to bring your crafts for the craft sale. Remember this is the way we raise money to support the FLA program and operating expenses. Bring all kinds of crafts, jellies, pickles and used books. Sorry, only used books can be sold. No other “white elephants” invited.



LUAU BUFFET

Watermelon Basket & Tropical Fruit
Mixed Salad with Tropical Dressing
Maui Cole Slaw
Sweet 'n Sour Pork
Hawaiian Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Red Bliss Potatoes
Oriental Blend of Vegetables
Ambrosia Fruit/Pineapple Upside
Down Cake/Key Lime Pie
Coffee/Tea

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