

HAPPY TALK

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GAVM January 11th, 2007 meeting

Our January meeting went really well even though we didn't have a scheduled speaker. Luckily, Alma Owens, speech pathologist at Emory came to introduce us all to her colleague, Lindsey Slaughter. Lindsey will be taking over some of Alma's duties at Emory. She will now handle the GAVM loan closet and seeing patients in the hospital. It was great to meet Lindsey. Don't worry though. Alma is not retiring. She assured us that she will continue to work with laryngectomees as long as she is able. Alma moved her office down the street from Emory. She is now at the Emory Rehab Center just past Egleston Children's Hospital. Alma also told us that the 3rd annual Yul Brynner cancer survivor's banquet is scheduled for April 12. The place and time will be announced at a later date. We had a large turn out for a January meeting. It was good to see all the regular attendees at the

meeting. Especially, Rita Brown who has been in and out of the hospital this past year. Rita looked as beautiful and upbeat as she always does. Tina Long is looking well too after her heart attack that she suffered in November. We were happy to welcome Gregory "Fuzzy" Buck and his wife Emily to their first GAVM meeting. It was great to find out that Emily is a legislative ambassador for The American Cancer Society. We hope that Emily will come to another meeting and speak to us about what she does in her day to day job at a future GAVM meeting. Janice Hayes, GAVM president, spoke to 200 8th graders about tobacco education at Dodgen Middle School on December 21st. Boris Jovanovic visited 1 laryngectomee in December.

"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."

~ David Viscott

Relay For Life 2007

We are getting a team together again this year to participate in the Relay for Life at Adams stadium on May 18th at 6pm. We need 10 people to sign up for our Voice Masters team and pledge to raise at least \$100 each. For The American Cancer Society.

Melissa Thompson will be the relay captain again this year. If you are a cancer survivor and would just like to participate in the survivors lap and dinner, you may do that also. If you wish to sign up please contact Melissa Thompson at 770-788-3882.

"The entire law is summed up in a single command, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

~Galatians 5:14 (NIV)

Donations

The monthly newsletter that you have been receiving is costly to produce. We are asking that anyone who enjoys the newsletter to please make a donation to help cover GAVM's expenses. If you wish to make a donation please make a check or money order to: Greater Atlanta Voice Masters. You should mail your donation to:

Tina Long, GAVM treasurer, 2051 Little River Drive, Suwannee, GA. 30024. We appreciate any and all donations to help with the production of Happy Talk.

“Never pretend to love which you do not actually feel, for love is not ours to command.”

~ Alan Watts

Loan Closet

Anyone interested in donating a new or used voice instrument may do so by contacting- Melissa Thompson at 770-788-3882 or mjcthomp@bellsouth.net. These donated instruments help give new laryngectomees a “new voice” after surgery.

“To love deeply in one direction makes us more loving in all others.”

~Anne-Sophie Swetchine

Our People

Mary Glynn Spivey, who was a member of GAVM, passed away on December 14, 2006. Mary Glynn was active with the Athens voice club that the late Mark Crowe started. GAVM expresses our deepest sympathies to the Spivey family for their loss.

“To love and win is the best thing. To love and lose, the next best.”

~William M. Thackeray

GAVM Meeting February 8th, 2007

Our February GAVM meeting will be at Budd Terrace at 7:30 pm. We are happy to have Dr. Inge Thomas, a speech pathologist at the VA hospital in Decatur, come and speak to us about her work. We hope that you will all join us

Upcoming Events

March 8th meeting-7:30pm Budd Terrace

April 12th- Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation Banquet

May 10th meeting - 7:30pm at Budd Terrace

May 18th Relay for Life at Adams Stadium, 6pm

June 14th meeting-7:30pm at Budd Terrace

July 11-14 IAL Convention in Burlington, VT