

HAPPY TALK

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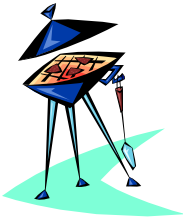
I WISH UPON A STAR

GAMES FOR WHEN WE ARE OLDER

- ❖ Sag, you're it.
- ❖ Pin the toupee on the bald guy.
- ❖ Hide and go pee.
- ❖ Red Rover, Red Rover, the doctor says bend over.
- ❖ Musical recliners.
- ❖ What did Simon say?

VOICE MASTER'S

PICNIC



This year our picnic will be held at Budd Terrace, our usual meeting place, at 7:30 P. M. The club will provide food and drinks. There will be a \$5.00 charge per person to cover the cost of food and drinks. Bring your picnic blankets and your summer plans or memories to share.

We will visit with one another while putting together our visitor kits. We finally have the goodies we've needed. Thanks to Atos, InHealth, Web Whispers, the Cancer Society and the IAL. The visitor kits provide items and encouraging information to people in the hospital. We all can remember our first visit from an experienced laryngectomy and the joy and encouragement we felt after their visit.

Jane Del Vecchio was my visitor. She floated in just like an angel. My husband missed her visit. After I was home I suggested he call Jane so he could hear her voice. When he called Jane he was so amazed with her voice. He said, "Wow your voice sounds good!" Jane replied, "Honey I don't just sound good, I sound sexy."

Janet from Eagle Med is going to join us, and I hope that the most gorgeous PhD, Caryn Melvin, will be able to escape from Columbia SC. in time to "break bread" with us.

This will be our last club meeting until September. SO make sure you are with us to join in the fun. Before we leave we can sing " See you in September"

*There is only one thing in the world
worse than being talked about and
that is not being talked about
..... Oscar Wilde*

Make sure you are with us June 9th, because we are going to talk about those who are not.



MAY MEETING

Melissa Thompson is a valued member of our club. Not only is she our secretary, she helps plan our meetings, she is a friendly face and hostess at every meeting, and she keeps our president, Janice Hayes, in line.

Melissa always sends me her notes and the minutes the day after every meeting. She is so resourceful, one night the only paper she could find to take notes on was a paper plate. Since I was unable to make the May meeting Melissa sent very detailed notes about the meeting and the relay for life.

FROM THE PEN OF MELISSA THOMPSON:

Dan Lewis prepped everyone on what to expect at the Relay for Life.

Janice told us she spoke to 500 young people at the Sydney Marcus Jewish Community Center. Our President also went to a stop smoking fair at Georgia State University. Janice has also been very active trying to establish a smoking ban in all public places in Cobb County.

A new state law takes effect July 1, 2005; which bans all smoking in restaurants that serve any one under 18.

Boris Jovanovic has visited 5 new laryngectomees at Emory hospital.

14 people were at the May meeting. Pretty good crowd for the day before the Relay for life.

Charles Hubbard and grandson Damien, Dan Lewis, Willard Brown, Ruben Velez and Joyce Velez were there and told everyone they are moving to Florida. Boris and Ljerka Jovanovic, George and Annie Tsvetkov and Melissa Thompson were all at the meeting and made the evening fun and entertaining.

People we missed at the meeting and Relay:

Rita Brown – out of town

Kim and Dan Gordon – out of town

Tina Long – playing her cello at the Pops Concert in Athens.

Janice showed the video [Fatal Addiction](#) at the meeting, the one she stars in. It was great to see her in action. For further information on the video go to www.fataladdicton.com

The Relay For Life at Adams stadium took place May 13, 2005.

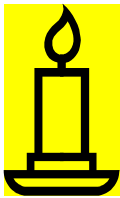
Dan Lewis and Polly, George and Annie Tsvetkov, Willard Brown, the whole Jovanovic family, Melissa, Craig and Jessie Thompson and Janice and Jim Hayes all came out to join in all the activities. There were luminaries for Judy Naglit,

Mark Crowe and Jane Del Vecchio on the track. Judy Naglit's luminary was right across from our campsite. Almost like she was letting us know she was there.

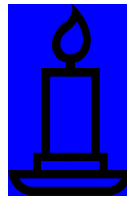
Boris, Janice, Dan and Polly all took part in the survivor lap.



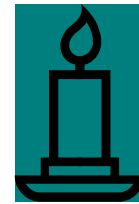
Go to our web-site www.voicemasters.org to see pictures of the Relay for Life and other pictures of our group at play. While you're there sign up and post a message on the Forum Board. This web page is a great way to keep up with one another during the summer. It's easy to get to and easy to post messages, you can even read an issue of *Happy Talk* you may have missed.



Jane Del Vecchio



Judy Naglit



Mark Crow

Relay For Life – relay for life

(By Boris J.)

When I first came to a Greater Atlanta Voice Masters meeting everything revolved around the upcoming Relay for Life 2000. Jane Del Vecchio, Charles Ruppe, Dan Lewis, Tina Long, Janice Hayes and others talked about our team's participation in the event. Relay was talked about with enthusiasm, but I did not share it then. During that time I went to radiation therapy every day after work and I was very fatigued and I could not even imagine doing laps at Adams Stadium. I could not wait for the weekend to rest and gather strength for yet another strenuous workweek. That was how I first found out about Relay For Life.

Next year, in 2001, Ljerka and I experienced a relatively serious car wreck that made it impossible for us to participate. We received a good wish card from the

Voice Masters meeting at which preparations for the Relay were made. I was sorry that I was not able to go to Relay For Life.

Our champion for Relay For Life 2002 was Judy Naglit who raised more money than all of us combined. Judy persuaded me to start raising money for the American Cancer Society myself. I did that for Judy but I did not enjoy it. But that May night when the flood lights at Adam's Stadium went out and when all of us, with candles in our hands, made a lap on Luminary Avenue, I felt I was a part of something big and noble and for which it is worth to do something we don't particularly enjoy. I found another reason for my relay for life.

In 2003 and 2004 I was a part of Relay For Life.

Relay For Life 2005: for the first time Judy Naglit and Mark Crow did not do the survivor lap but they were there with us together with all the other dear people on Luminary Avenue. And not just them but all other Masters who due to illness or any other reason could not be there. For each of them I walked a lap, because all the people that I met at Budd Terrace in spring of 2001 have been an important reason for my relay for life.



*IF YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE, LET OTHERS
LIGHT THEIR CANDLES AT IT.*

*AFTER TWO DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL,
I TOOK A TURN FOR THE NURSE*

_____ *W.C. FIELDS*

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

I will be glad to write the newsletter July and August, but I need help! Please send me stories about vacations, past or present. Articles you find and want to share. Short Stories...all you writers out there must have a story to contribute to the cause. Poems are good. E-mail me pictures of your pets along with a tale (tail) about them. Grand Children are great subject matter. Be creative and have fun, while giving us all a new and fresh perspective.

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“OLD” IS WHEN.....A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

“OLD” IS WHEN.....Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

“OLD” IS WHEN.....”Getting lucky” means you find you car in the parking lot.

“OLD” IS WHEN.....Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you’re barefoot.

**HAVE THE GREATEST SUMMER
EVER!**

