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Have a good idea or a helpful hint?
We welcome laryngectomees and caregivers to submit ideas that would be helpful for other laryngectomees!
WELCOME TO PHOENIX

Next month a lot of you will be attending the Voice Institute/Annual Meeting in Phoenix Arizona. Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the United States and the fastest growing metro area in the country. It is home to all four major sports and several Fortune 500 corporations. It is also home to many interesting activities.

One of my favorite places is The Desert Botanical Garden (19 miles from the hotel). If you think the desert is all sand and tumbleweeds, think again. Desert Botanical Garden is home to thousands of species of cactus, trees, and flowers from all over the world spread across 55 acres. It is a living museum with more than 50,000 plants, including rare, threatened, and endangered species. You can enjoy tours, workshops, exhibits, and special events.

Another uniquely Arizona place is the Phoenix Zoo (19 miles).

For more than fifty years, the Phoenix Zoo and its animals have amazed guests from across Arizona and around the globe. The Phoenix Zoo is one of the nation’s largest non-profit zoos, committed to conservation and providing unique experiences. Whether you are looking for large Asian elephants, or a safari to find the Sumatran tiger or towering giraffes, a day at the Phoenix Zoo will offer a great adventure. With cafes, shops, and experiences like Stingray Bay, Giraffe Encounter, Monkey Village, and many more, your visit to the zoo will be memorable.

The Phoenix Art Museum (11 miles) is the Southwest’s largest art museum for visual art. The museum covers 285,000 square feet and displays international exhibitions alongside its comprehensive collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, and Western American art. It hosts year round festivals, live performances, art films, and educational programs. It also offers an interactive space for children, photography exhibitions, a landscaped sculpture garden and dining at the Palette.

The Musical Instruments Museum (14 miles) is the number one item on the must do list in Phoenix. It contains a collection of nearly 7,000 instruments and other items on display. Learn about musical cultures from countries around the globe; celebrate beloved musicians such as Elvis Presley and Taylor Swift; along with all the groups and artists we all remember from our youth and make your own music in the experience gallery. The tour includes a headset and audio guide for a self-guided tour.

For the shoppers in the group there is Scottsdale Fashion Square (16 miles), the Southwest’s distinctive address for premier shopping, dining, and entertainment. Scottsdale Fashion Square offers the very best in every category from stores like Nordstrom’s, Neiman Marcus, Tiffany, Gucci, and Hugo Boss among others. Biltmore Fashion Park (17 miles) is known as the crown jewel because of its history and unmatched ambience. It is an outdoor shopping experience in a park-like setting and is home to some of the finest shopping in the area. Anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue, the selection of high end retailers includes Apple Store, J. Crew, Pottery Barn, Macy’s, and Williams-Sonoma.

Fantastic dining is around every corner with restaurants like Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Stingray Sushi, and Cheesecake Factory.
Chase Field (10 miles) is home to MLB’s Arizona Diamondbacks, and yes they are in town during the conference. The field has a retractable roof and is air conditioned, so you can enjoy a game in comfort, despite the hot summer temperatures. Chase field is home the 2001 World Champions and the 2011 MLB All-Star Game. It has several unique features including one of the largest HD video scoreboards in MLB, the DBacks pool in right field, and several restaurants including Friday’s Front Row.

For the foodies, around the Doubletree by Hilton, within ¼ mile there is everything imaginable from fast food to higher end steakhouses. While the restaurant in the hotel is more than adequate, there is available Longhorn Steakhouse and Black Angus in the steakhouse category. In the casual restaurant a partial list includes Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Chili’s, and Texas Roadhouse. The list of fast food is endless but some favorites are Culver’s, In N Out Burger, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Dickeys BBQ, so as you see you will not go hungry at the conference. An added note is that there is a Wal Mart less than ½ mile away for any of those important forgotten travel items.

There is a multitude of things to do in Phoenix and I think you will have fun exploring the city and surrounding areas. I have lived in Phoenix most of my life and never lacked for activities.

I hope you enjoy your visit to the Valley of the Sun.

By David Kinkead
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Certified Visitors for
New Laryngectomy Patients and Families

My perception of life after having my larynx amputated due to throat cancer was the single most terrify-
ing event I’ve ever experienced. But it needn’t have been anywhere near as bad as I allowed.

I’d been to a few support group meetings, done my research, and actually said the words “I’m
tougher than I look” when advised that a full laryngectomy was my last option.

By making the colossal mistake of declining the opportunity to meet with an experienced larynx
cancer survivor and laryngectomy, I put myself in the worst position possible: that of not having
any idea of how to get by day to day, much less how to regain any form of speech and consider what
the long-term impact of such radical surgery would become to me. That best of teachers, hindsight,
served to give me an impetus to give the gift of my knowledge to prospective or newly-treated laryn-
gectomies with a chance to see living, breathing, speaking proof that life after the surgery is not only
possible and complete, but also enjoyable on levels we never knew before as normal speakers and
breathers.

Once I’d progressed along the healing path and been fortunate enough to acquire a fairly good
TEP voice, an opportunity arose to become involved in our local laryngectomy support group, the
Nu Voice Club of Greater St. Louis. All the different issues that confront us as a unique little universe
of our own came into focus. One need stood alone above all others to me, and that was to try and
offer the pre- and post-op laryngectomy the comfort of knowing that this traumatic surgery is defi-
nitely only a life-changing event, and not a life-ending one.

After having the privilege and benefit of completing several patient visits, it seemed natural to or-
ganize the visitor effort in such a way as to be available when needed, and effective for any given new
patient that came into our world. It made sense that we should have diversity in terms of gender, race,
and culture so that our club’s intent of helping as much as possible be realized. We operated on the hope of mak-
ing our club members’ lives as safe, easy, and fulfilling as possible for each of us.

I visited the IAL website and found their Visitors Certification Program tab on the right side of their home
page, just as now. After reviewing it once, twice, and going back again, it seemed at first blush a bit of buro-
cratic/regulatory overkill. Must be conducted by a PhD? Suggested duration 3.5 hours? Separate components de-
lineating anatomy, ethics & responsibilities, suggested materials for distribution, specific visitor qualifications
as to their speech quality and appearance?

Seemed a bit much........until a number of visits proved to me these preparations have great worth
to the new patient in so many ways. A properly prepared laryngecomee visitor is invaluable to the
patient and their family. This has a 100% unanimous approval from every patient we have seen. The
magnitude of the impact this visit has for the patient cannot be matched: not by any doctor, nurse, or
SLP. We, as recovered patients, are the living proof that this treatment can be dealt with successfully
and in a manner that allows many of us to continue with little more than a big hiccup.
Most of the rest of us continue to enjoy nearly all those activities we loved pre-cancer. The guidelines to restrict the information given by the visitor and the types of advice offered are critical in that we must not look to be medical advisors or indicate that any other patient’s experience should be expected to follow our results. We all know so well that we are all different and can respond in an entirely different way than the next person to the same circumstance. Our biggest service as a certified laryngectomy visitor is to provide hope and encouragement, the details of the patient’s treatment and choices are between them and their health care providers.

We are blessed in our community to have a true wealth of highly talented, dedicated and generous health care professionals. Our SLP’s and surgeons are second to none, and for that we need give thanks.

Our Visitor Certification Program was completed in a single Saturday, over about 4 hours. We certified 5 laryngectomees, one laryngectomee spouse, and four SLP’s at our workshop. Our format was produced by Dr. Dennis Fuller, PhD. CCC-SLP, who also was kind enough to conduct the workshop itself. Dennis has been active in the laryngectomy community here in St. Louis since the ‘70s, has distinguished himself at Washington University Medical School, the VA Center, as well as St. Louis University Medical School. His latest, and presumably last, employment is with the St. Louis Zoo as an Engineer for their sub-10mph train. We are certainly willing to share our materials and experience with any club interested in emulating our Visitor Certification workshop.

Don Ries
President, Nu Voice Club of Greater St. Louis

Attention SLPs
If you are listed in the IAL Directory of Alaryngeal Speech Instructors please check to make sure your information is current. If you wish to be included in this resource, please notify the IAL of your interest to serve as a resource using the same email. There is no cost to you.

Report any problems or interest to: theialoffice@gmail.com

IAL Loan Closet is in Need
The IAL Loan Closet is available to laryngectomees in need of an electrolarynx. The closet is presently quite low on loaner devices. If you have a spare electrolarynx that you are not using or no longer need, please consider donating your device to the IAL using the actual office address at:

18 West College, San Angelo, TX 76903.

The IAL will make it available to a laryngectomee in need.

Can You Sew or Crochet?
The IAL office gets frequent calls re-questing stoma covers. The office has need of stoma covers that are sewn or crocheted. There are patterns available, and some volunteers who make the stoma covers are quite creative. If that is your talent, please consider making/donating stoma covers to the IAL office. It is a great service project for active laryngectomee clubs. The stoma covers will be carefully distributed to those in need.

Mail to: IAL Office, 18 West College, San Angelo, TX 76903
Thank you!
Susan Reeves
President’s Message

The 2019 VI/AM In Phoenix, Arizona is quickly approaching. May 15 will be here before we know it!!! If you have not made your reservation yet, please go to the our website at: www.theIAL.com and register. There is a link to the hotel on our site as well.

The hotel offers a very affordable rate of $89.00 and is good for two days before and two days after our conference.

You can plan to come early or stay late and plan a day trip to the Grand Canyon. Phoenix is a beautiful city and there is much to do and see. We have arranged a tour of the Heard Museum for Friday afternoon with bus service to and from the museum. To learn more about the museum you can go to Heardmuseum.org

Our Voice Institute director, Caryn Melvin, has engaged some excellent speakers. From Bill Brummel, an award winning documentary producer, director and writer to Dr. David Lott from the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. In addition to being Director of the Laryngeal Surgery Program at the Mayo Clinic he is also the Director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. Surely these men will be very interesting and Informative.

We are urging all laryngectomees to sit in on the Voice Institute classes. There is a lot to be learned, even for a seasoned laryngectomee. You can ask questions and in so doing help SLP’s better understand some of our problems. We surely can help each other.

The most important part of our conference is the great feeling you get just sharing with other folks like yourself. Many lasting friendships are made and we look forward to seeing each other every year. To take a more active roll, you can always volunteer to be a member of the Board of Directors. We also need a treasurer so please consider this as well.

Looking forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

Helen Grathwohl
President, IAL

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To reserve a room, call the reservation system at 800-972-2590 and ask for the IAL Annual Conference Group Block. The special rates are available until April 12th.
# Registration Form

**Annual Meeting and Voice Institute**

*May 15-18, 2019*

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Self Help for the Laryngectomee,
by Lt. Col. Edmund Lauder

Lt. Col. Edmund Lauder (USAF retired), himself a laryngectomee, and also a Speech Pathologist, authored and published a book titled “Self Help for the Laryngectomee.” The book was, and still is, the best and most widely known instruction book for esophageal speech, and is referred to as “The Blue Book.” In 1989 Lt. Col. Lauder became incapacitated and could no longer mail out his book so the company he founded “Lauder Publishing,” was going to come to an end.

Lauder Enterprises, Inc. (LEI) was started in 1989 by the son of Lt. Col. Lauder. It was founded by his son Jim to be able to carry on the legacy of his father. Jim knew that he had to do something more to be able to get his father’s “Blue Book” into the hands of the people who needed it most. Under his guidance the “Blue Book” was updated to not only clear outdated information from it, but also to promote LEI.

The product line was expanded to include Laryngectomee supplies and artificial larynx. Over the years the “Blue Book” gained popularity and was purchased largely by Medical Universities, the government, hospitals and the Laryngectomee community, thus establishing a wide recognition for the Lauder name. This helped LEI to grow not only as a supplier of goods and services.

Jim became the guru for fixing and repairing any artificial larynx. He has worked tirelessly to help all IAL clubs obtain loaner instruments, has repaired many instruments at little or no charge to clubs and folks that simply could not afford the repairs. Jim visits many clubs and attends many conferences and/or schools of instruction each year. He is always available to help with any problem instrument. You will find him online at www.electrolarynx.com or as “The Servox Guru” on Youtube.

When Jim was recently asked for his comments about LEI, he replied, “It is now 2018. In 2019 LEI will be 30 years old and I will have been at the helm for all 30 of them. The market has changed dramatically. People that I absolutely love have gone and have been replaced with sales and marketing managers, customer service departments, and call centers. Small companies have bit the dust or are currently feeling the pinch. I will close with a plea for the future. Long live Esophageal Speech.”

Visit our FaceBook page - and use the resources on our Website!
OBITUARY
Richard Wade Louis Hampton
February 18, 1947- March 21, 2019
By Katherine Lee Hampton

Wade Louis Hampton 72 of Norwood died Thursday morning, March 21, 2019 at his home surrounded by family and friends.

Wade was born February 18, 1947 in Washington DC to the late Archie Wade and Josie Williamson Hampton. He was raised in Scotland County where he was an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Laurinburg High School.

He served in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He earned a B.A. in Business from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and worked in textile management for more than 25 years. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro.

Wade was a board member and past president of the International Association of Laryngectomees. He was a passionate advocate and spokesperson for Tobacco Prevention in middle and high schools across North Carolina. He served as a guest speaker for D.A.R.E, the American Cancer Society, and NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund Programs.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Katherine Lee Hampton, four children; Caroline Elizabeth Hampton of Salisbury, Caitlin Elizabeth Hampton, David Wade Hampton, and Matthew Louis Hampton, all from North Carolina. He is survived by one sister, Mary Jo Hampton Watson of Charlotte, three grandchildren, Cathryn Elizabeth Lackey, Hannah Leigh Howell, and Hunter Anthony Howell, as well as one great-grandson, Logan Anthony Howell.

Memorials may be made to:
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If I Should Go
By Joyce Grenfell

If I should go before the rest of you
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone
Nor when I’m gone speak in a Sunday voice
But be the usual selves that I have known
Weep if you must
Parting is hell
But life goes on
So sing as well.
OBITUARY

Richard Dale Crum
November 25, 1942 - February 21, 2019
By Janice Hayes

I am so sorry to write this article about my good friend and my fellow Patient Consultant and InHealth Technologies. His death happened so suddenly, I am still in shock. I am thankful that he did not suffer. We had just emailed each other the night before he died and were making plans for the Phoenix IAL meeting. I still can’t really believe that I will not see him in May. His leaving will leave a big hole in our hearts at InHealth Technologies.

I knew of Richard before I met him. I watched his videos on getting a good seal back in 1997 when I was a new, scared laryngectomee. My SLP gave me the videos to help me and boy they sure did. I was in awe of Richard and wanted to be completely rehabilitated like he was. I finally met him in 1999 at the IAL Reno Convention. That was my first one. I went with my good friend Tina Long who was a newbie also. Richard was at the Blom-Singer InHealth Technologies Booth.

We had a great conversation. I told him how much his videos helped me. We talked about Real Estate. I told him I planned on getting my license before my surgery, but now I was not sure that dream would work out. He told me that having a laryngectomy should not stand in my way. He shared how much he still enjoyed Real Estate and appraising. He really made me think that this dream of selling Real Estate was still possible. He really did give me encouragement. He was such an outstanding example of Living Life the best you can after a laryngectomy. Every year we would talk at the IAL conventions. Every year he would ask, did you get your license yet? I finally did get my license in 2003 and have been working in the trenches ever since.

I came on board at InHealth Technologies in 2012 and was so happy to work alongside Richard. He was great showing me the ropes. Richard helped so many fellow laryngectomees with his advice and by example. I don’t think I ever heard him complain. He was always dressed in suit and tie. He had great knowledge of the InHealth Technologies products and history of the company. He was an excellent professional and face of the Company. We always enjoyed relaxing and down time after work. His partner, Jan Paddocks was the most fun to be around. I am going to miss Richard, the conventions will not be the same without him.

OBITUARY

Robert S. Mehrman
April 7, 1927 – February 17, 2019

Robert (Bob) Mehrman, 91, Boston broadcaster and anti-tobacco educator, died peacefully on February 17, 2019 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, MA.

Bob was born on April 7, 1927 in New York City to Sidney and Sylvia Mehrman. He grew up in New York and Massachusetts and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Bob was a local radio and TV broadcaster and past executive director of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association. He was the public affairs director for Boston’s WJIB and was a booth announcer for WBZ and WCVB.

After being diagnosed with throat cancer due to cigarette smoking and having a laryngectomy in 1990, Bob became a spokesperson for the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, speaking to thousands of students throughout Massachusetts and New England. He recorded anti-smoking public service messages and a commercial for the American Legacy Foundation that aired during the 2001 Super Bowl.

Bob served in leadership roles including president of the International Association of Laryngectomees. He was a past president of the Cured Cancer Club at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. Bob provided education and support to new laryngectomees before and after their surgery.

An avid automobile enthusiast, Bob participated in car rallies in the late 1950’s and 60’s. He owned one of the first BMW 2002 sedans that was imported into the U.S. In 1969, Bob was one of the founding members of the BMW Car Club of America and served as the club’s first resident.

Bob moved to Brooksby Village in 2011 and immediately became an active member of the community. He was a member of the Resident Advisory Council, involved in the Brooksby TV station and co-taught an iPad workshop.

Bob was preceded in death by his recent companion, Dorothy MacDonald and his wife of 57 years, Selma Mehrman. He is survived by his sister, Joan Mehrman; son, Barry Mehrman (Ann); grandsons, Brian Mehrman (Angela), David Mehrman (Kristi); great-grandson, Milo; Richelson nephews and nieces; cousins; Dorothy’s children and the entire MacDonald family.
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This information can also be submitted via E-mail addressed to: office@thialal.com

Please send ____(number) of postcards for others to use so club members can subscribe or change News mailing address.
Open Board Positions

The IAL Board of Directors is in need of two board members, a treasurer and a secretary. Please consider sharing your time and talents serving on this Board.

With an IAL office, monthly conference calls and yearly meetings, there is work to be done for this great organization. As the saying goes, “It takes a village!” And we need to add to ours.

With the loss of Barb Nitschneider, the secretary’s position is open and quite important to the business of the IAL. Helen Grathwohl has been serving as president, in addition to treasurer since no one filled that position during the last election.

There are five laryngectomees, two non-laryngectomees (SLPs), and Susan Reeves (administrative manager, non-laryngectomee) currently serving on the board. This is a great group with whom to work and they need some assistance to fill the remaining openings.

Please send a picture and a bio to agrath3004@aol.com with your interest to serve. Although not mandatory, if you are member of a Lost Chord Club, please attach a letter of recommendation from your club.

If you would like more information about the Board of Directors and application process, check out the IAL website at: www.theial.com. There one can view the Constitution and Bylaws, the timing of applicants and other details.

The election will be held in Phoenix at the Delegates Meeting on Saturday. Submit your application today to Helen Grathwohl.

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Planning Ahead SUMMER 2020??

Would your club be interested in hosting the IAL Annual Meeting during the summer of 2020? Please submit your application to the IAL Board of Directors! The IAL will be in Phoenix in 2019 and has been east more than west in the last few years. Can YOUR club help bring the IAL to your neck of the woods?

There are complete directions on the IAL website at www.theial.com

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Location of Last 30 IAL Annual Meetings

1989 - Dallas, TX
1990 - Cincinnati, OH
1991 - Winnipeg, Canada
1992 - New Orleans, LA
1993 - Rochester, NY
1994 - Cherry Hill, NJ
1995 - San Francisco, CA
1996 - Hot Springs, AR
1997 - Toronto, Canada
1998 - Indianapolis, IN
1999 - Reno, NV
2000 - Nashville, TN
2001 - Myrtle Beach, SC
2002 - Vancouver, BC, Canada
2003 - Atlanta, GA
2004 - Anaheim, CA
2005 - Boston, MA
2006 - Schaumburg, IL
2007 - Burlington, VT
2008 - Little Rock, AR
2009 - San Mateo, CA
2010 - Clarksville, IN
2011 - Kansas City, MO
2012 - Durham, NC
2013 - Spokane, WA
2014 - Buffalo, NY
2015 - Baltimore, MD
2016 - Dallas, TX
2017 - Newport News, VA
2018 - Orlando, FL
2019 - Phoenix, AZ

In 2020, the IAL needs a great location to host the AM/VI. Ideally, the location would have great Club or individuals to offer local support, a convenient airport, a nice hotel with meeting space and room rates between $90-$110. It is always the goal to afford access to laryngectomees from new areas of the country.
# Vendor Registration Form

## Annual Meeting and Voice Institute

May 15-18, 2019

Please return this form to: Susan Reeves, 18 West College, San Angelo, TX 76903

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