

MCMOA MEETING HIGHLIGHT

April 11, 2021

OPENING

Jere R., vice president, opened the meeting welcoming all twelve people. He informed everyone that he was the leader because our president, Carol F., could not be present.

INTRODUCTION

Everyone introduced themselves and we welcomed two “old” members, - Linda G. and Jim P (with his wife) after an extended period of their not being present. Also, there were three nonmembers as first timers – Michelle, Kathy, and Tom.

BUSINESS

Jere R. reported on the finances of the ASG. He stated that the largest budget item is the rental of meeting space. Two persons suggested places to explore. Info passed on to Carol F.

Reported that website page Related Links is updated. He had some physical paper copies for interested persons to take home. He also had a list of the three means to contact MCMOA – telephone at (586) 765-8976 with the obvious voice ability plus the ability to send and receive texts, email of ostomyinfo@yahoo.com, and website of www.ostomysupport-macomb.org.

Birthday cards for four of our members were, or will be, sent for which we have their birthday information (minus the year, of course).

Myra Harrison reported that we obtained ostomy supplies of donations from found different persons. All these supplies were given to Sylvia at the end of the meeting. (Myra also learned that Jim P had brought supplies that Sylvia took as well.) Thank you, Sylvia, for taking a full carload.

EDUCATION

Myra H. informed all that the UOAA has a fun and educational conference every 2 years. She discussed at the last convention a female cabaret singer, Melissa Marshall, an ostomate, was present as a performer. When Melissa was diagnosed, she was desperate. But not to be discouraged she formed a nonprofit, continued to dance, and sing, and designed and made cancer butterfly jewelry. We circulated Melissa’s story and Myra was wearing one of the butterflies. A disc of her specially written song, “No... You Cant’cer” played as we moved into the Round Table Discussion.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Since all but two of the members of the attendees had ileostomies, we broke into two groups. The three new attendees had multiple stories, observations, dissatisfaction with their operations and follow-ups, and many questions. What a lively group with our current members listening and suggesting. Sylvia, our nurse member, will follow up with them. A lot of information was learned and shared.

CLOSING

Members reported enjoying this meeting format. All felt safe, uplifted, and enthused.

See you next month on Sunday May 2nd at 2-4 PM

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