

History of CSC Talent and Interest Night

I spoke to you last year about the history of the Cleveland Stroke Club and in checking this year what I could add to that, I found out that I made a mistake that I need to correct.

Our first meeting was held in June of 1974, not October, as I had remembered. I reread a newspaper article (that's on our website, if you want to go and read it yourself). It was published May 15, 1975 and says that the club started the year before in June.

Digging further in the old newspaper publicity, I learned that these meetings began at this church in late 1974 since a dated newspaper article from December 1975 said we were holding our second Christmas party at this church. Now that makes **43 years** that we have been lucky enough to hold our meetings here. That blows my mind!

Some other information about our meetings here: Bill began cooking for the club in 1988 (someone else cooked for a year before) and Rita took over in 2003 and continues to this day. Thank you, Rita!

Some of you attend our Caregiver/Survivor meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. They began in 1987 at the Heart Association through 1998 when they moved to Somerset Pointe, a nursing home at Warrensville and Chagrin. At Somerset members were able to enjoy a meal catered by the nursing home and they had plenty of room for break-out sessions. In 2003 the meetings began in the current location but it was called Benjamin Rose Place, then Kindred Hospital and then last year changed the name to Select Specialty Hospital.

I don't remember when Bill began the Refocus, it must have been early on. But I know from reading past issues that I still have, that the Heart Association was mailing and paying the postage for it from 1991 to 1998. A caregiver, Debbie Heath, was our editor from 1992-1993, then Bill took it back and Saul Gobstein took over in 2002. From 2003 to 2016, Lu Higginbottom became the editor, along with Dottie Norton as coordinator. That's 13 years, a long time. I took over in late 2014 as the coordinator, with Lu still the editor and Debbie Felt became the editor last year. Well, my time is up.

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