

January Meeting

Thomas Marting Story of Inspiration

January 18, 2012

At our January meeting, Thomas Martin will tell his story of inspiration. Thomas waged a truly amazing battle with heart disease, had surgeries, and a LVAD (left ventricular assist device) implanted to help his heart pump more effectively. The LVAD is an implantable mechanical pump that helps pump blood from the lower left chamber of your heart (left ventricle) to the rest of your body. LVAD's are used in patients who have weakened hearts or heart failure.

He will also tell us about his recovery and how he amazingly was able to have the LVAD removed. Less than 2% of LVAD patients have the device removed. Most patients receive either a heart transplant or live with the device permanently.