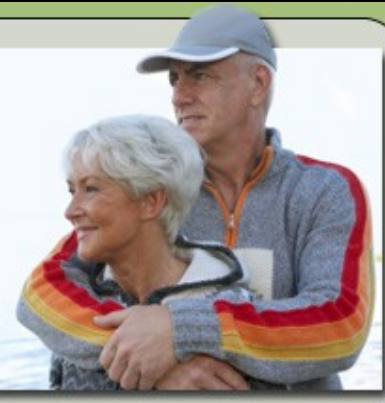




The National Aphasia Association
 a•pha•sia (uh-fay'-zhuh) n. An impairment of the ability to use or comprehend words, usually acquired as a result of a stroke or other brain injury.



Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary ~ 1987-2007

350 Seventh Avenue, Suite 902
 New York, NY 10001
www.aphasia.org
 (800) 922-4622
 FAX (212) 267-2812

September 2007

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAA

NAA Board of Directors

- Barbara C. Martin**
President
- Lee Ann C. Golper, Ph.D.**
Vice President Strategic Planning
- Jacqueline Hinckley, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**
Vice President Programs
- Anna M. Barrett, M.D.**
Vice President
Outreach & Organizational Development
- Leonard Resnicoff, Treasurer**
Vice President Budget and Finance
- Martha Taylor Sarno, M.A., M.D. (hon)**
President Emeritus and Founder
- Alan Bandler, Esq.**
President Emeritus
- Mike Adler**
- Mary Boyle, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**
- Mari C. Doran, M.A., CCC-SLP**
- Don A. Olson, Ph.D.**
- Phyllis Putter Barasch**
- Paul R. Rao, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**
- Josh J. Roth**
- Oliver Sacks, M.D.**
- J. Tyler Entwistle**

NAA Staff

- Ellayne S. Ganzfried, MS, CCC-SLP,**
Executive Director
- Amy Coble,**
Information/Administrative Coordinator
- Joan Peters, Esq.,**
Fundraising Consultant

As we bid farewell to the Summer, the NAA is looking forward to many exciting activities in the Fall. We are pleased that aphasia and the NAA has been receiving increased media coverage recently. The more that we can raise awareness and “get the word out” the greater the benefit will be for all those dealing with aphasia and their families. We are embarking on updating our strategic plan and are seeking input from all our constituents-people with aphasia, caregivers, health professionals, related organizations, state representatives, etc. It is important that we know **what you want and need from the NAA** and how we can best fulfill our mission. Please take a moment to tell us how we are doing and what you would like to see us do in the future. Of course- all of our efforts would not be possible without your continued support.

We are presently gearing up for our Annual Appeal and we hope that we can count on your generosity this year as well. We also ask you to help us in spreading the word about the NAA and aphasia. Feel free to share this newsletter with others who might be interested and direct them to our website www.aphasia.org and our resource line (800) 922-4622 for further support.

Remember that we are here to serve you and that together we can provide education about aphasia and make a difference!



Best Regards,
Barbara C. Martin
 President

IN THIS ISSUE:	
APHASIA IN THE NEWS!	2
New Aphasia Groups	3
Events	4
Spanish/Spanish-English people with aphasia	5
NEWS AND NOTES	7

APHASIA IN THE NEWS!

We are excited to share our most recent achievement in getting the word out about aphasia. A few weeks ago the NAA was invited to be a part of Sara Lee Kessler's "HealthWatch" segment on New Jersey News. The show aired last night and we encourage everyone to take a look. A big 'Thank You' goes to all who participated and made this special event possible.

Please click on the link below and enjoy!

<http://www.njn.net/newspublicaffairs/healthreports>

There will also be a show “Families in Focus: Aphasia” on Caucus NJ with Steve Aduato. The show featured NAA President, Barbara Martin, NAA Board member , Mike Adler, NAA State Representative (NJ), Shirley Morganstein, Founders of the Adler Aphasia Center, Mike (NAA Board Member) and Elaine Adler and Dr. Ronald Lazar – Professor of Clinical Neuro-psychology for the Neurological Institute at Columbia University. The show will air in 2 parts.

Click on the link below for the schedule!

<http://www.caucusnj.org/caucusnj/upcoming.asp>

An article on aphasia survivor Christy Campbell was featured in the Vancouver Sun.

Click on the link below to read this wonderful story!

<http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/columnists/story.html?id=2c763bce-4cef-411f-a7f7-6480e75dd0e8>

NAA Board member, Paul Rao, was part of a “Nightline” segment which aired on August 28th highlighting Senator Tim Johnson’s return to work after suffering a stroke and aphasia. The Senate resolution proclaiming June Aphasia Awareness Month was mentioned.

STAMP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Spread the word about Aphasia!

With enough letters from all 50 states, we can convince the US Postal Service to issue an aphasia postage stamp.

Go to—<http://www.aphasia.org/stamplate.htm>

Print and send a stamp letter at

<http://www.usps.com/communications/organization/csac.htm>

New Aphasia Groups , Centers and Events around the Country

The following is the personal account of Jacquelyn Zychowicz, an LPN, who suffered a stroke with subsequent aphasia leading her to form a support group and center:

I worked as a LPN (nurse), for 38 years in Toledo, Ohio. While at work, on July 12, 2005, the symptoms came on suddenly and harshly. My speech failed in an instant. My balance and coordination disappeared. I became another victim of Stroke.

I was a nurse for a family doctor, so fortunately I received immediate attention. Soon after I arrived at the hospital, I was administered a drug to break up the clot that caused the attack on my brain. The drug, referred to as tPA (“tissue Plasminogen Activator”), probably saved my life.

After a one-week stay at Toledo Hospital, my health improved enough to be transferred to Flower Hospital Rehab.

Within one week my motor skills, balance, and physical abilities were back to near normal. However, my speech and ability to communicate was severely impacted. Like over one million other people across the country, I began a struggle with the condition known as aphasia.

After a one week stay in rehab, I was referred to the University Center for the Development of Language and Literacy at the University of Michigan. This is a six week program of intense individual and group speech therapy. I have completed two sessions of the program making progress in my speech and reading skills.

Last Fall, I attended two Midwest conferences on stroke and aphasia. It is recommended that a person should join a support group, especially when insurance benefits run out for speech therapy. My husband and I searched the area and found none for aphasia. So we started one.

Our vow is to tell others about stroke, prevention, and life after stroke. Our goals became the [Aphasia support Group and DaZy Aphasia Centre](#).

My speech therapist, Melodie Dregansky, my husband and I would like to tell our message to all. For more information regarding our support group and the DaZy Aphasia Centre contact:

Jacquelyn Zychowicz, LPN

419-754-6841

dazy23@buckeye-express.com

Or

Melodie Dregansky, MA, CCC-SLP 419-705-0693

mdregansky@bex.com

Stroke Survivor with Aphasia

Jacquelyn Zychowicz, LPN

EVENTS

The Stroke of Hope Club, Inc. is please to announce the opening of The Aphasia Center at the Stroke of Hope Club, Inc. in North Palm Beach , Florida. The Aphasia Center officially opened on August 28, 2007 with 7 “victors” attending programs offered Tuesday through Friday. Aphasia Center Classes begin at 10:00a.m. At noon, “victors” have lunch. At 12:30 assigned programs begin, which includes formal speech therapy, computers, and “the 3 r’s”.

Stroke victors and their caregiver(s) are required to complete “Aphasia 101”, a six week course which provides education and instruction in aphasia and includes a comprehensive diagnostic speech and language evaluation for the “victor”.

The Aphasia Center at the Stroke of Hope Club, Inc. was modeled after programs developed by the Adler Aphasia Center in New Jersey. The Stroke of Hope Club, Inc. wishes to thank the Adler Aphasia Center for their cooperation and support in assisting us with our Center. For more information contact Liz Blake at (561) 745-0400 or www.strokeofhope.org



In early 2007, the **Maryland Stroke Alliance** was formed. It's mission is to improve the quality of life and quality of care for stroke patients and their families across the state of Maryland. The Alliance will accomplish this mission via activities that include but are not limited to education, advocacy, clinical practice and research. Furthermore, the Alliance will foster an environment of cooperation amongst stakeholders such as government agencies, health care providers, patients, patient advocacy groups and third party payers.

Membership in the Alliance is free. Interested parties, including stroke survivors and their families are invited to join the Alliance and also to attend the first **Annual Meeting** which will be held on **Saturday, September 29 at the BWI Marriott Hotel**, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, MD 21240. The General Sessions from 8 am until 11:30 are primarily geared toward professionals. Lunch, from 11:30 to 1:30 will include a membership meeting run by Dr. Eric Aldrich, chair of the Maryland Stroke Alliance.

One of the afternoon tracts is dedicated to issues of interest to stroke survivors, caregivers and family. Entitled “Stroke Rehabilitation and Community Support” and moderated by Sharon D. Sauls, MS from SKY Neurological Rehabilitation, it will run from 2 pm until 5 pm. The four sessions in this tract include:

Linda Troyer (Kernan Hospital) “Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation”

Sharon Sauls (SKY Rehabilitation) “Outpatient Stroke Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration”

Kim High (Sinai Hospital) “Driving After Stroke”

Heidi Morgan (Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center) “New Strategies for Rehabilitation in Stroke Units”

Attendance at this meeting, including lunch, is free to stroke survivors. The cost for caregivers and family members is only \$10. Pre-registration is required and **attendance in this tract is limited to 50 people.** You will find the complete agenda and can sign up to attend this meeting at the American Heart Association website <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3049498> or you can call **Faye Brooks at 410-637-4534.** Please indicate when you sign up to attend the meeting if you will be needing special assistance. Additional questions about the Alliance and membership should be directed to Faye.

New Aphasia Group for Spanish/Spanish-English people with aphasia and their families:

Grupo de Apoyo para Personas con Afasia y sus Familiares

St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan

Edificio Coleman – Sala 749

6 PM - 7 PM

Este grupo tiene como propósito dar una oportunidad a las personas con afasia y sus familiares y amigos para conversar y socializar con otras personas con afasia y su grupo sociales.

El grupo se reúne dos Lunes al mes. Vea las fechas al final de este mensaje. El grupo es GRATIS, sin ningún costo. El Hospital de San Vicente (St. Vincent's Hospital) dona el espacio y los facilitadores de los grupos donan su tiempo.

Los facilitadores del grupo incluyen profesionales certificados en la Patología del Habla y Lenguaje. Las sesiones del grupo son bilingües en Español e Inglés. Así, las personas pueden hablar en Español o Inglés.

La misión del grupo es habilitar a las personas con afasia y a sus familiares y amigos con los medios y estrategias que les permitan usar las oportunidades y servicios disponibles para la persona con afasia para desenvolverse y vivir en la forma más productiva y autónoma posible.

Dirección:

St. Vincent's Hospital, 170 Oeste Calle 12 (con Avenida 7), Piso 7, Sala 749

Tome el elevador del Edificio Coleman hasta el piso 7, Sala 749.

Trenes: 1, 2, 3, **Estación:** Calle 14 con Avenida 7. Camine a la calle 12 con Avenida 7.

Para más información:

Magda Colón, Unidad de Rehabilitación, 212-604-2059, mcolon@svcmcnyc.org

José G. Centeno, Ph.D., jgcenteno@gmail.com

Fechas para los Grupos para 2007

Lunes Sept.17 October 1, 15, 29 November 12, 26 and December 3,

We want to feature information about ALL Aphasia Groups ,Centers and events so please email us at naa@aphasia.org with your announcement or an article of interest about your program. You can also visit our website www.aphasia.org for all current listings.

We need your help!

The NAA is embarking on an updated strategic planning initiative and we would like to hear from you. We need feedback from everyone on how we are doing? Let us know : *What the NAA is doing well? What changes would you like to see? What improvements, if any, have you noticed in the last year? What can we do to help you more?*

Please email your feedback to Ellayne Ganzfried at

Ganzfried@aphasia.org

Remember we are here to serve you and need your input!

REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO'S (RIC) CENTER FOR APHASIA RESEARCH

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's (RIC) Center for Aphasia Research participated in the 4th Annual Disability Pride Parade through the streets of downtown Chicago on Saturday, July 21, 2007. Our group of 30 people was part of a larger group of 70 people with RIC. We walked, wheeled, and rolled the ½ mile parade route. We handed out flyers to educate about aphasia and increase awareness. The parade ended with a celebration in Daley Plaza which included music and dance performances, information booths and refreshments. We enjoyed getting the word about aphasia out!! To contact the RIC Center for Aphasia Research please call 312-238-6163, email Dr. Leora Cherney at lcherney@ric.org or visit our website at <http://www.ric.org/research/centers/aphasia/index.aspx>



NEWS AND NOTES



⇒ **NEW APHASIA BUTTONS** — \$3.00 EACH OR 2/\$5.00

TO ORDER.

CONTACT NAA AT

NAA@APHASIA.ORG OR (800) 922-4622

⇒ **GoodSearch.com** is a new search engine that donates ad revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity its users designate. Use it just like any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get the same great results.

⇒ **SPEAKING OUT 2008** to be held June 19-21, 2008 at New York University. Stay tuned for program information and registration details. Call the NAA office at (800) 922-4622 for more information.

⇒ **The NAA welcomes New Board Member**, J. Tyler Entwistle and Mary Boyle. Tyler is a family member of a person with aphasia and Mary is a speech-language pathologist who was previously on our Advisory Council. They both bring extensive knowledge, talent and enthusiasm to the NAA!

⇒ **The NAA is forming a Multicultural Task Force** in order to better serve and enhance the understanding and intervention of aphasia and its consequences in different linguistic and sociocultural environments. An initial group of experts in a variety of fields have been identified and will hold their 1st conference call later this month. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting project!