Session B:

NO PROGRAM on the following days:

- July 2 – 6:
  Next Break Week

Come See What We Are All About!

**Mondays**
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunshine Center
330 5th Street North
St Petersburg, FL 33701

**Wednesdays**
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunshine Center
330 5th Street North
St Petersburg, FL 33701

**Thursdays**
10:00 am – 12:00 pm AND 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Hale Activity Center
330 Douglas Ave.
Dunedin, FL 34698

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**JUNE IS...**

**NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH**

Voices of Hope for Aphasia works to educate the public.
Find out more about us at: www.vohaphasia.org
Upcoming Events

“I Have Aphasia, Now What?”

• Two-day workshop
• September 20th & 21st, 2018
• Clearwater, FL
• For details and registration, visit our website.

2018 Conference: BRIDGE

• Building Research Initiatives by Developing Group Effort (BRIDGE)
• In collaboration with USF St. Petersburg, we are hosting a groundbreaking event where researchers, clinicians, and consumers will join together to understand research and drive meaningful aphasia research forward!
• Webinars will be offered in the months leading up.
• October 19 & 20, 2018

Founder’s Cruise 2019

• January 19, 2019
• 8 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise
• Leaving From: Fort Lauderdale, Florida onboard Adventure of the Seas
• Visiting:
  o Labadee, Haiti
  o San Juan, Puerto Rico
  o Philipsburg, St. Maarten
  o Basseterre, St. Kitts
• To book or for more information, contact our Aphasia-Friendly Cruise Specialist, Sandy Christiansen, at 214-649-6025.
St. Pete News

Book Club

• We finished the book, Holes, by Louis Sachar!

• The group talked about the parallel themes that appear in the story.

• We talked about luck versus coincidence, about being in the “wrong place at the wrong time” versus choosing to make the best out of a bad situation.

• In June, the group will watch the movie and write a book report.

• Stay tuned for the announcement of the next book starting July 9th.

Art and Communication

• Mason led the group in an aboriginal art project.

• Vanessa and the members created beautiful watercolor bridges.
St. Pete News

Cooking and Travel Group

• This month, we visited **France, Mexico, and Australia.**
• Have you ever tasted **Vegemite**?
• **Roberta** was the only member brave enough to taste this Australian treat!

Short Story Group

• In May, the group read and did activities for these stories:
  - Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment by Nathaniel Hawthorne
  - Luck by Mark Twain
  - Pecos Bill

Writing Group

• Do you use **Facebook**?
• The writing group created a private group for VOH Members and friends.
• Look it up: **VOH Circle**
  - Be in the loop at St. Petersburg and Dunedin
  - Communicate as you wish
  - Share information from near or far
  - Share pictures
  - Practice being social media
  - Upcoming events
Dunedin News
Last Month in May

• Our theme for Dunedin groups was “Memories in May.”
• We talked about the history of Mother’s Day and Memorial Day.
• We talked about the different wars Americans fought in the 1900s.
• We enjoyed a lunch outing at Marguerite’s Café!
• Erin Roddy is our new USF Student Intern! Welcome, Erin!

Arts in Medicine Program:

• We drew pictures to represent our lifelines.
• We presented our drawings to the group and learned something new about everyone!
• We remembered that Memorial Day was originally called ‘Decoration Day.’
• We created a paper quilt in honor of people who have served.
Dunedin News
This Month in June

- Our theme for the month is “Summer Fun in the Sun!”
- Dunedin groups will explore art and discuss history and current events.
  - Member choice activities are always possible in Dunedin!
- STARS Workshop: All About Apps will be hosted this month in St. Pete and Dunedin. See the STARS page for details.

June is
Aphasia Awareness Month!

- We are planning an Aphasia Awareness event.
- It will be held at the Hale Center in Dunedin on June 23rd. Look for details:
  - on our Voices of Hope for Aphasia website,
  - on flyers we send home, and
  - in this newsletter!
- A few kind words we’ve heard about our Dunedin programs…
  - “I’m getting better.” – an Aphasia CAN member
  - A local SLP said she was so happy she almost cried when her client told her about a trip to visit family. She said the client talks more and is more confident in speech therapy since joining Voices of Hope for Aphasia groups!

Many thanks for the kind words!
They are nice to hear and make our day!!
Our May 29th STARS Outing was a hit!

Sixteen of us took a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bay News 9 Studios. Technology plays a huge role in their operations!

Inactive studios are pretty “blah”

But turn on the lights and they come alive!

Our tour guide was Debbie Clues.

She explained everything well and slowed her speech rate when we requested it.

She also added gesture to her comments!
• We spent time with news anchor Al Ruechel.

• We watched him prepare for and deliver his news broadcast.

• We met at Panera Bread for lunch and conversation after the tour.
• The food was delicious!

• We enjoyed our STARS Outing to Bay News 9 Studios!
• Would we tour Bay News 9 again?
We have a new **STARS Workshop** coming in **June**!

**STARS Workshop: All About Apps** will be held at **both locations** as follows:

**Sunshine Center, St. Petersburg**
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
10 am – 12 pm

**Hale Senior Center, Dunedin**
Thursday, June 14, 2018
10 am – 12 pm

**Join us** to **learn** how to:

- **Find** Apps
- **Purchase** Apps
- **Download** Apps, and
- **Open & explore** Apps you’ve downloaded

**Pre-registration is required!**

Check our **Voices of Hope for Aphasia website** (vohaphasia.org) or **call** us at **727-249-1953** for **more info**.
Member Spotlight

John Riddle

- My name is John Riddle.
- I was born and raised in New Port Richey, Florida.
- Most of my family still lives in the area.
- My wife is Cathy. We have a daughter, Jessica, and a granddaughter, Jamie.
- I worked as a construction mechanic. I owned my own business.
- My favorite things are baseball, racing, and cooking.
- Barbeque ribs are one of my specialties.
- I joined Voices of Hope for Aphasia in 2017.
- I attend Aphasia CAN and Conversation groups in Dunedin every Thursday.
- John’s wife, Cathy, says that John gets less frustrated when speaking since he joined Voices of Hope for Aphasia.
- She said he enjoys the social contact, and his confidence has increased.
The “Hope Spotlight” will feature people in our community who have raised money for Voices of Hope in innovative and fun ways. Some have started personal fundraisers on Facebook, donated proceeds from sales on eBay, or generated donations while hosting an event on Evite. This month, we highlight Jackie Hinckley, Executive Director.

1. Where are you from?
   • Born in Maryland, but I grew up in San Diego, CA.

2. Do you have any children?
   • I have one stepson, one stepdaughter, and 3 grandchildren.

3. What are your hobbies?
   • I like to sing, play music, and travel.

4. What is your favorite food?
   • Difficult to say. I am lucky because I like everything and I can eat everything.

5. How did you first become interested in working with people with aphasia?
   • I went to France but I couldn’t talk to the family I was visiting. Then I went to college and discovered speech pathology would combine my interests in language and the brain. At the University of Michigan, I lived with clients of the aphasia program. I knew that working in the world of aphasia was for me!

6. When did you first hear about Voices of Hope for Aphasia?
   • The Caputos called me because I'm a little "famous" in the aphasia world!

7. Why did you move from Michigan to Florida?
   • I decided to take a faculty job at USF, where we could go sailing!

8. How do you get people to donate to a cause they don’t know about?
   • Most people don't know the word "aphasia", but everybody has moments of not being able to think of a word or has difficulty getting their ideas across. If you can get people to think about that, I think you can get them to support people with aphasia.

THANK YOU, JACKIE for your commitment to our organization!
June 2018 calendar can be downloaded from our website at
http://www.vohaphasia.org/events/

Happy Birthday From Voices of Hope