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Hope Is...



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

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

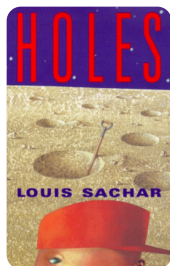
- **January 19, 2019**
- 8 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise
- Leaving From: Fort Lauderdale, Florida onboard Adventure of the Seas
- Visiting:
 - Labadee, Haiti
 - San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - Philipsburg, St. Maarten
 - Basseterre, St. Kitts
- To book or for more information, contact our Aphasia-Friendly 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

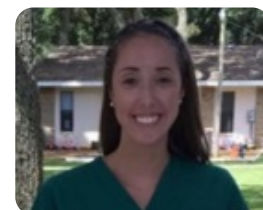


- Do you use **Facebook**?
- The writing group created a private group for VOH Members and friends.
- Look it up: **VOH Circle**
 - Be in the loop at St. Petersburg and Dunedin
 - Communicate as you wish
 - Share information from near or far
 - Share pictures
 - Practice being social media
 - Upcoming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



STARS in May



- 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!**



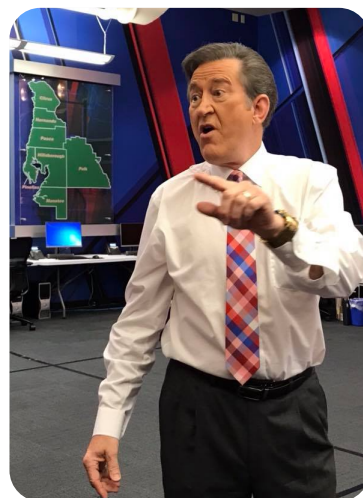
- Our **tour guide** was **Debbie Clues**.
- She **explained everything** well and **slowed** her **speech rate** when we **requested it**.
- She also **added gesture** to her comments!





STARS in May

- 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?**





STARS in June



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

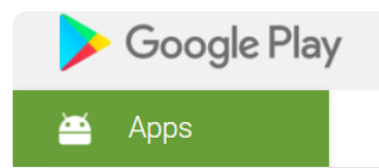
Hale Senior Center, Dunedin

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.

Hope Spotlight

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!



Pre-registration is required for all programs.
Call us at 727-249-1953 or email info@vohaphasia.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

June 2018

Monday St P Sunshine Center	Tuesday	Wednesday St P Sunshine Center	Thursday Dunedin Hale Center	Friday Location as noted
June 4 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia Book Club OR Short Story Club 1:00 – 2:00 Spelling Group OR Writing Group	June 5 NO PROGRAMS	June 6 10:00 – 12:00 Current Events and Short Movie Club 1:00 – 2:00 Art OR Conversation	June 7 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia CAN Tech Club OR 1:00 – 3:00 Conversation Club	June 8 NO PROGRAMS
June 11 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia Book Club OR Short Story Club 12:15 – 1:00 <i>Support Group</i> <i>for members</i> 1:00 – 2:00 Spelling Group OR Writing Group	June 12 NO PROGRAMS	June 13 10:00 – 12:00 Current Events and Short Movie Club OR <i>STARS Wkshop-All About Apps</i> <i>10:00 – 12:00 Caregiver Group</i> 1:00 – 2:00 Art OR Conversation	June 14 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia CAN OR <i>STARS Wkshop-All About Apps</i> 1:00 – 3:00 Conversation Club	June 15 NO PROGRAMS
June 18 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia Book Club OR Short Story Club 12:15 – 1:00 <i>Support Group</i> <i>for members</i> 1:00 – 2:00 Spelling Group OR Writing Group	June 19 NO PROGRAMS	June 20 10:00 – 12:00 Current Events and Short Movie Club 1:00 – 2:00 Art OR Conversation	June 21 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia CAN Tech Club OR 1:00 – 3:00 Conversation Club	June 22 NO PROGRAMS <i>Don't Forget: Saturday, June 23</i> <i>Speechless: Documentary Film</i> <i>Screening</i> <i>Hale Activity Center, Dunedin</i> <i>FREE and OPEN TO THE</i> <i>PUBLIC</i>
June 25 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia Book Club OR Short Story Club 12:15 – 1:00 <i>Support Group</i> 1:00 – 2:00 Writing Group OR <i>Altered Book Project</i> <i>with artist Rose Marie Prins</i>	June 26 NO PROGRAMS	June 27 10:00 – 12:00 Current Events and Short Movie Club <i>10:00 – 12:00 Caregiver Group</i> 1:00 – 2:00 Art OR Conversation	June 28 10:00 – 12:00 Aphasia CAN Tech Club OR 1:00 – 3:00 Conversation Club	June 29 NO PROGRAMS <i>Don't Forget: Saturday, June 30</i> <i>Speechless: Documentary Film</i> <i>Screening</i> <i>Sunshine Center, St Petersburg</i> <i>FREE and OPEN TO THE</i> <i>PUBLIC</i>
July 2 NO PROGRAMS – Break Week	July 3 NO PROGRAMS – Break Week	July 4 	July 5 NO PROGRAMS – Break Week	July 6 New Members Lunch 11:30 am New members and old members meet! Chill's 5430 E. Bay Dr. Clearwater 33764

Conversational Lunch: A great time to socialize with friends – EVERY MON, WED & THURS 12 -1

June calendar can be downloaded from our website at

<http://www.vohaphasia.org/events/>

Happy Birthday From Voices of Hope

