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We are so excited to share with you our latest newsletter written by our members with support from our volunteers at The Adler Aphasia Center in Maywood, NJ.

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## Something Special

By Crystal B.

Something Special is a jewelry store located at the Adler Aphasia Center in Maywood, New Jersey. The items for sale are made by members of the center and the sales assist people who otherwise cannot afford to come to the center. Items made include necklaces, bracelets, earrings, key rings, pens and beaded serving utensils.

In 2018, \$61,908 was raised and supported 18 members with scholarships. Since opening in May 2009, \$441,700 has been raised and has supported 137 scholarships.



**Crystal B.**

I started at the Adler Aphasia Center in January 2017 and I have been one of the recipients.

We hold Open Houses for Something Special twice a year. The next one is being held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 between the hours of 10:30 am to 7:30 pm.

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## My Favorite Singer

By Lisa G.

On Saturday February 16, my brother Tony and I went to the Bergen PAC in Englewood to see singer Victor Manuelle.

He's from Puerto Rico where my father was born.

He sings with feeling and emotion.

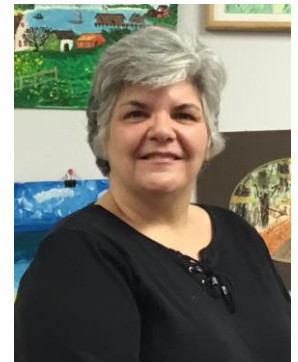
I also saw him years ago before my stroke.

I was singing along then, but it's tougher to do now, because I lost my spoken Spanish when I had my stroke.

But I understand all the words.

The concert was packed but we had good seats in the sixth row.

Everybody was dancing in the aisles and so was I.



**Lisa G.**

## My Favorite Cars

By Art M.

I love cars. Here are some of my favorites.

[1957 Chevy Bel Air](#)

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[2019 Ford Mustang Convertible](#)

[2019 Corvette Stingray Convertible](#)



**Art M.**

## New York Mets

By Alyson B.

One of the many things I sure do love are the NY Mets.

There are fan favorites, and then there are fans that play for their favorite team. David Wright grew up a Mets fan and had the chance to play for his childhood favorite. He grew into a great player. He made his major league debut on July 21, 2004.

David Wright played the last game of the season and career on September 29, 2018. Olivia Shea, his daughter, threw out the first pitch to him. He is my favorite player.



Alyson B.

Gary Edmund Carter, was nicknamed "The Kid" for his youth. Carter was named an All-Star 11 times, and was a member of the 1986 World Champion Mets. I loved him.

Michael Piazza is a former professional baseball catcher who played 16 seasons in Major League Baseball, from 1992 to 2007. After 9/11, when the Mets hosted an emotional game against rival Atlanta, he hit the home run to win the game.

Which one do you prefer, Shea Stadium or Citifield? I don't know which I prefer.

Many years ago, my parents and I went to Port St. Lucie. It was so great to meet the NY Mets!

I remember the 1986 series very well! It went to seven games. It was NY Mets vs. Boston. From a Game 1 to Game 7, it was a real nail-biter. It was fantastic.

The Washington Nationals vs. the NY Mets on 3/28/19, are you ready? I can't wait to see how they do this season!

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**Aphasia Communication Groups (ACGs)**  
**There are ten ACGs throughout New Jersey!**

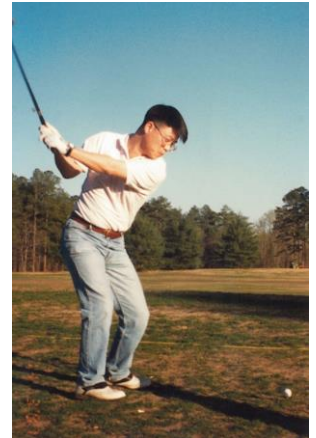
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## Member Spotlight

### Meet our member Ho-Jin K.

<b>Hobbies:</b>	Ping Pong, Golf, watching HGTV and movies
<b>Favorite Band:</b>	The Beatles
<b>Favorite Vacation Spot:</b>	Cancun, Mexico
<b>Favorite Food:</b>	Kalbi (Korean short ribs)
<b>Grew up in:</b>	Seoul, Korea
<b>Acquired Aphasia:</b>	2016
<b>Family:</b>	Married and has one son and one daughter



Ho-Jin K. playing golf

## Highlights from our West Orange, NJ Location Meet our member Murray B.

### Murray – TED Talk

Hi. My name is Murray. I was born in Manhattan, New York on December 12, 1930.

When I was 5 years old, I moved with my family to the Bronx.

When I was 13 years old, I learned how to play chess. Now, I play chess every day at my apartment, and Tuesday's, I play with friends at the West Orange Chess Group.

At 24 years old, I got married and we lived in Brooklyn and the Bronx. We were married for 56 years.

We had 3 kids. The oldest is 60, the middle is 57, and the youngest is 54 years old. Now, I have 5 grandchildren.

I worked as a New York Parole Officer at 29 years old and I liked my job.

One time, I was shooting at a target, and the bullet bounced off the target and hit me in my chest, but I was not hurt. The bullet fell to the floor.

Another time, I had a prisoner whose father was a big movie star. I was transporting him on a plane and he wanted to hit me. Back then, I had a gun and ankle monitor to make sure I was safe.

I like sports, and I played tennis until I was 78 years old. I was a champion tennis player and played opponents that were 20 years younger than me.

I started coming to the Adler Aphasia Center 8 years ago, in 2011. I come on Tuesday's and Thursday's. I play games, and learn. I like it here!



**Murray B.**

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