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.

**My Mom's Garden**

By John C.

I lived in Africa until I was 27. My Mom’s garden in Africa was always a delight for me. I knew all the plants by name and what they looked like. Where she put them and when they bloomed, her garden was magnificent.

She took me around her yard with pride. I loved her peonies. She said her garden was her life!

I have lived in NJ for 30 years. There is no garden where I live now. But my Mom’s words have special meaning to me still. Every time I see flowers, plants, and trees growing, my Mom is taking care of me.

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**All Good**

By David S.

I had an interesting life! After I graduated from college, I went into the family business. We sold medical supplies to doctors and hospitals.

I was lucky because whenever I had a vacation, I traveled. I went to Great Britain, Spain and other countries. Many times I traveled with my daughter Blair. We always enjoyed each other’s company, sightseeing and eating good food. I love Spanish food, without too much spice! Blair and I also had a wonderful trip touring the Panama Canal and other interesting places.

I am a movie freak! I like all types of movies. Most of the time I watch movies on TV. Whatever is on, I watch!
Maywood Member Spotlight
Meet our members Louise M. and Ed M.

Louise M.

**Hobbies:** Gardening, art, music, classical cars, riding motorcycles

**Grew up in:** New Jersey

**Acquired Aphasia:** 2018

**Favorite Singer/Music:** Elvis Presley, Doo Wop

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Cruises

**Job:** Bookkeeper and homemaker

**Family:** Husband, brother, nephews, niece and Yorkie Terrier dog

**Favorite Adler Group:** All of them

Ed M.

**Hobbies:** Photo editing, making movies with music, adaptive sports-cycling, kayaking, water skiing.

**Favorite Music:** Dave Matthews Band

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Newfound Lake, New Hampshire

**Favorite Sports Team/Book/Movie:** Yankees, Jets, Boston Celtics, “Forest Gump” movie

**Favorite Adler Group:** Adler’s Inspirations (Choral Singing Group)

**Grew up in:** Hawthorne, NY

**Job:** Athletic Trainer

**Acquired Aphasia:** 2005

**Family:** Twins, son and daughter; mom and dad


Ed M. as a child
Highlights from our West Orange, NJ Location
Meet our member George G.

My name is George G.

I'm 61 years old.

I'm married and have 1 daughter.

I'm a General Contractor (still working). My passions are reading, cooking, and computers.

I had a stroke April 5, 2018.

I had a bad cough for maybe a month or longer.

I had a weakness in my left carotid artery.

The bad cough caused the carotid artery to collapse causing the stroke.

I have Aphasia and Apraxia.

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