

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.

Adler Celebrates 15 Years!

By Deborah K.

It was a great celebration!

It was the 15th Anniversary of The Adler Aphasia Center, which was celebrated at our annual Gala. It was held on September 26 at Season's in Washington Township. They had 244 people in attendance. Elaine Adler, our founder and honorary gala chair offered reduced prices for Center members to attend through a lottery and about 20 members attended. Season's offered excellent appetizers, food and drinks. It was a great celebration and everyone had a marvelous time!

The Adler Aphasia Center honored Fernando Garip, NJ Regional President, Wilmington Trust, Myron Corporation and The Adler Family with the 2018 Mike and Elaine Adler Humanitarian Award.

The 2018 Karen Tucker Advocacy Award was given to Barbara and Steve Kessler. The 2018 Shining Star Award was given to The Koury Family. Jackie Koury has aphasia and attends programs at our West Orange, NJ location. Two of our Maywood members, Bob M. and Ken A. introduced a video from our annual camping trip.

Every year at the Gala, The Adler Aphasia Center has a Silent Auction and Raffle. The people bid on donated items. For instance, 4 tickets to see the Giants play football, designer handbags or paintings and photography. The Raffle consists of 3 names drawn out of a bowl. The top prize was over \$1,000.

The Master of Ceremonies was, as usual, Steve Adubato. He is an Emmy award-winning anchor, author and longtime center supporter. He told a few jokes that had everyone laughing.

A great time was had by all!



Deborah K.



Barbara and Steven Kessler receive the 2018 Karen Tucker Advocacy Award



Maywood members, Ken A. and Bob M. introduce a video from the annual camping trip



The Koury Family receive the 2018 Shining Star Award presented by Steve Adubato, Master of Ceremonies and Elaine Adler, Founder and Honorary Gala Chair

Fall Apple Picking

By Denise P.

One of my favorites fall activities is going apple picking in upstate New York. For years my family and friends go to Maskers Orchards. This year the apples are really great. We usually get three or more cars filled with adults and kids. We find a spot to park and everyone jumps out to find the perfect apple and try not to eat it first. That is hard because they look so good and you can smell the apples and once you bite into one, it is like the first time you ever tasted an apple. It is a lot of fun and there is a farm market, hot cider and farm animals to see.

I remember many years ago when we visited the orchard, my cousin climbed up a tree but could not find a way to get down. My son, Jason tried to help her, but he was laughing so hard that he couldn't get her. That is one of the funniest trips we had apple picking. For a wonderful fall trip, go to Maskers Orchards.



Denise P.

Cars Make the Man

By Ken A.

- I like cars.
- My parents had a VW van.
- I learned to drive on it.
- It was big and fun.
- I drove a lot of friends in it.
- In High School, I was popular with the girls.
- Later, I got a Fiat Spider convertible.
- It was light blue.
- It was HOT!



Ken A.

The Philatelists

By Bob M.

My father and I started collecting stamps when I was about 10 years old. We got the idea because we were history buffs. There is correlation between these; history and stamps. Each stamp has its own place in history, everything from the man on the moon to the disaster of the Titanic are depicted. Some people collect stamps for sports while some collect stamps from foreign countries. At one time there were air mail stamps. Forever stamps serve the same purpose for all mail in the Continental US.



Bob M.

The name of this hobby is called a Philatelist.

I enjoyed the time I collected stamps with my father. It was a lot of fun. It was a great father and son activity. I learned a lot about history and a love of it from my father.

I remember we would go to Gimbles which was a department store.

My father and I would pick out a number of stamps that we were going to buy that week. There was an album that you bought to collect stamps.

After we bought the stamps we would go home and sit at a table. We would slide the stamps in a special mounted folder. The backside of the mount was sticky. We would then put the stamp in the album.

My father and I collected stamps called Plate Blocks. These are stamps that are printed four times but are not cut. We also collected commemorative stamps which were one of a kind.

Sadly, today I don't think there are many real stamp collectors. If anyone still wants to collect stamps there are options. There are a number of websites and books about stamp collecting. You can also go to your local post office and start your own album. The days of the old fashioned hobby stores are running thin.

My father has since passed and that time won't be forgotten. I will always remember collecting stamps together.

Highlights from our West Orange, NJ Location



Member Wayne P. tending the Adler Garden at our West Orange Center. Although it was not the best year for our tomatoes and peppers, our vincas are still in bloom!

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

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