Sunday May 18, 2008

We were booted from our normal room, but had a good meeting nevertheless in a small room off the Auditorium. I hope we'll be back in our normal room next month!

NEW FACES

- Skip and Barbara Hartje
- Lloyd Stull

Great to see you folks, and I hope we'll see you again!

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Mike Donohue from the Veteran's Administration told us about their ongoing study involving robotic-assisted limb movement.

- Study is open to veterans only, but checking for this is not rigorous and a non-veteran could probably be admitted.
- The study involves movement and measurement of arm and hand movement using robots to assist and measure movement.
- The study is a comparison between robot-assisted therapy and Intensive Comparison Therapy, which is a type of constraint-induced motion therapy.
- It involves 12 weeks of therapy, 3x per week, 1-1.5 hours per session.
- Candidates should have impaired arm movement, but still able to move somewhat.
- Contact Mike Donahue at 206-277-3460 or Michael.Donahue1@va.gov if you are interested in more information.

Dianne Cubell also gave us a demonstration of the Acutonics system of sound healing. This involves using tuning forks on acupuncture meridians to send sound energy into the body. She had testimonials from some patients she has treated, and gave demonstrations on a few of us too. More information can be found at www.acutonics.com or by contacting Dianne at (206) 726-1799.

KATE ADAMSON TALK AT VIRGINA MASON HOSPITAL

This Wednesday Kate Adamson, a woman who survived a severe double brain-stem stroke, will be giving an inspirational talk at Virginia Mason Hospital. She appears from noon till 12:45, followed by two doctors who will discuss stroke prevention, symptom recognition, and treatment.

SAILING CRUISE

Sailing Heritage is giving us another cruise on their schooner the Mallory Todd, on Sunday June 22, from 10:00 till noon. We will need to be at the dock on south Lake Union at 9:30. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested – we already have 12 people signed up and can take maybe 12 more.

Next month Cele Dinsdale, a fellow stroke survivor, will give us an inspirational talk. Hope you can all make it!

Gerrit