

Sun 16 May 2010

Our excellent new tables and chairs were waiting for us yesterday, and we had a nice turnout. Glad to see you all!

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### **NEW FACES**

- Mike D'Ambra and Jim Murtaugh
- Mike Bradbury

Great to see you folks! I didn't meet Mike Bradbury till after introducing the new people, but he was there as a caregiver on behalf of his partner. Hope you all can come again.

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### **"IT'S STILL ME" DVD**

Cory Smith, a grad student from the UW, showed us an excellent short DVD about aphasia. It was an animated feature, and the pictures went along with the words very well so aphasics could follow along. It was a wonderful show, very helpful and moving. You can find more information at [www.buzzco.com/Educational/Aphasia.htm](http://www.buzzco.com/Educational/Aphasia.htm). (Note the three Z's in 'buzzco'). I have ordered a couple copies for our library, which will be available starting next month. Cory also led a great discussion afterward. Thank you, Cory!

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### **NEW CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Julie Bacon from our group and Diane Kendall from the UW have started a caregivers support group. It will meet in parallel with our group meetings every third Saturday at Northwest Hospital, but they also meet all other Saturdays at the UW. Child and patient care is provided at all meetings. This is a tremendous resource for all brain injury caregivers! Many thanks to Julie and Diane for this valuable service. For more info see <http://tinyurl.com/2e4mcpp>.

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### **PHARMACIST SPEAKER THIS FALL**

We will have a pharmacist from the UW speak with us this fall about drugs which are used for various stroke treatments. Please contact me if you have any questions about specific drugs or treatments.

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### **BIRD MIGRATION**

Valerie Boen tells us that the largest migration in 27 years is now taking place through Washington. You can see them in Hoquiam Harbor, or closer to home behind the UW stadium in the Montlake Fill area. Don't miss them – they will only be here for a few more weeks! Bring your binoculars, or maybe a kindly birder will let you look through their spotting scope.

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Great to see you all! I think we will have a World of Wheels expo next month, where we can all bring our wheels and show our different methods of transportation. See you there!

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