

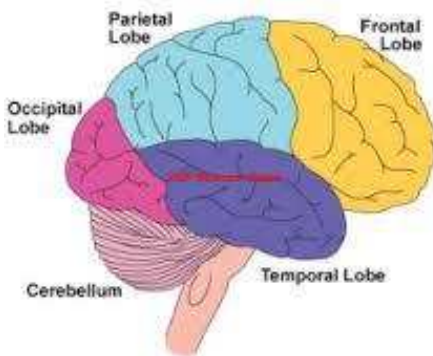
BLUFFVIEW MEMORY CARE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting Date: 1/14/15

A RECENT SUCCESS

Bluffview Memory Care would like to thank those who attended our first family support group! Because of you, it was a great success! We look forward to future meetings and the growth of our group.

If you would like to be part of our email listing (*no spam, we promise!*) to receive updates of meetings & events at BMC, please let our receptionist, Angie, know!



TONIGHT'S MEETING

Topic of Discussion: Hospice: With guest speaker, Wendy Trautsch from St Jude Hospice

Essential Oils- How can this help my loved one? Would this be of interest to incorporate? (*See flyer for additional information*)

Purple Angel Project- How can you be involved?



Previous Meeting was held on 12/10/14

Items Discussed: Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) is a group of disorders caused by progressive cell degeneration in the brain's frontal lobes (the areas behind your forehead) or its temporal lobes (the regions behind your ears).

Key Differences Between FTD and Alzheimer's

- **Age at diagnosis** may be an important clue. Most people with FTD are diagnosed in their 50s and early 60s. Only about 10 percent are diagnosed after age 70. Alzheimer's, on the other hand, grows more common with increasing age.
- **Memory loss** tends to be a more prominent symptom in early Alzheimer's than in early FTD, although advanced FTD often causes memory loss in addition to its more characteristic effects on behavior and language.
- **Behavior changes** are often the first noticeable symptoms in FTD. Behavior changes are also common as Alzheimer's progresses, but they tend to occur later in the disease.
- **Problems with spatial orientation** — for example, getting lost in familiar places — are more common in Alzheimer's than in FTD.
- **Problems with speech.** Although people with Alzheimer's may have trouble thinking of the right word or remembering names, they tend to have less difficulty making sense when they speak, understanding the speech of others, or reading than those with FTD.
- **Hallucinations and delusions** are relatively common as Alzheimer's progresses, but relatively uncommon in FTD.



Recommended Books & Videos about Alzheimer's/Dementia:

- Still Alice (Movie & Book)
- Creating Moments of Joy
- Thirty Six Hour Day
- Final Journeys

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“The mother in her believed that the love she had for her daughter was safe from the mayhem in her mind, because it lived in her heart.”

–Lisa Genova, Still Alice



PURPLE ANGEL PROJECT

The Purple Angel symbolizes a guardian over those living with dementia, their families and friends and those helping to raise awareness of the disease. The Purple Angel logo became embraced by individuals and organizations around the world and so the globe was added to show the impact and collaboration of this movement.

ITS PURPOSE IS SIMPLE:

- To raise awareness and education of all types of dementias.
- To show support for those dealing with all types of dementias; both those diagnosed as well as those that care for them.
- To remove the fear, isolation and stigmas associated with the disease.
- To become a global symbol for dementia that has no language barriers.
- To have the “Global Purple Angel” become as well known and accepted as the “Pink Ribbon” for cancer, allowing people to live with dignity.
- To provide an economical way to work in collaboration.

Thanks to Merry Howe for introducing this wonderful initiative, Bluffview Memory Care is currently working with the Alzheimer's Association to implement the Purple Angel Project within our community. If you would like to participate/volunteer please let us know!