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Living Well with PD Webinar Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who attended our Living Well with PD Webinar. This was the second year for our annual seminar to be done as a webinar via Zoom. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to learn this ever-changing new technology.

Overall, the webinar was a big success! Our surveys showed that everyone found registering easy and were able to easily participate in the webinar via their computer/phone or tablet or even via telephone.

And a "silver lining" to the webinar format: those who have difficulty traveling or have transportation concerns were able to participate from the comfort of their own home.

Our speakers were UPMC Hamot

Neurologist/Movement Disorder Specialist Dimitrios Nacopoulos, MD who spoke about the stages of PD and what it means to you. Our second speaker Movement Disorder Specialist/Neurologist Xin Xin Yu, MD from Cleveland Clinic who provided an overview of PD, medications and treatments.

A link went out to all who registered for the webinar and to our email mailing list so everyone can watch the webinar in its entirety at their convenience. If you missed it, here is the link so you can watch or share with family. Just a reminder, if you are reading the digital version of the newsletter, this link is live, just click on it to be taken to the webinar recording.

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We also thank you to our great sponsors: Hamot Health Foundation, Encompass Health Rehabilitation, Boston Scientific, Abbott and Acadia Pharmaceuticals.

Board Membership Open: We Need You!

Are you looking to get more involved in the PD community? Are you interested in joining the Board of Directors of Parkinson Partners? Are you interested in serving in a leadership capacity? We are in immediate need of some new board members and there are also some board officer openings. As a nonprofit, our organization has a board of directors to provide oversight and governance. We are looking for those with an

interest in helping the PD community. Prior board experience would be helpful but is not necessary. If you're unable to volunteer, do you know someone who might be a good fit? How about a family member, friend or community member with great skills and a willingness to give of their time to better the PD community? If you'd like to read the Board Director Job Description, it is available on our website: www.parkinsonpartners.org

If you are interested in board service, please fill out the Board Director Application which can also be downloaded from the website. Applications can be mailed to: PO Box 10547 Erie, PA 16514 or emailed to: info@parkinsonpartners.o

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Please call 814-899-3030 with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration of this important role.

"You are not alone."



Parkinson Partners gratefully acknowledges the financial backing of the Hamot Health Foundation's Parkinson's Care Fund which supports our employee costs and other program needs.



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Please remember Parkinson Partners in your estate planning. Your gift can ensure that local services and support continue for the Erie PD community.

News and Notes

Newly Diagnosed? The Parkinson's Foundation has a free Newly Diagnosed kit is designed to help you get started on your journey to living well with Parkinson's disease. The kit includes: pocket folder, introductory letter to someone newly diagnosed, 5 Steps brochure, PD Fact Sheet, info card and Key Questions for Your Doctor Visits. One kit per person please. Please call 1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636) for more information.

Sympathy Wishes: We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Nelson Smith who passed away recently. His family is in our prayers

Sympathy Wishes: We also extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jim Jones who recently passed away. Jim was an active participant in our PD Purposeful Movement and Wellness Program and he and his wife Adele were both very involved in our support groups. Jim had a smile for everyone. He will be missed! Jim's obituary is here: https://www.burtonguinnsc ott.com/obituaries/obituary /james-jones If you'd like to send Adele a card, her address is:

> Adele Jones 127 Oak Ridge Court Erie, PA 16509

Home PD Exercise Options Including Local Options

Here are some at-home exercise options. The links are LIVE so if you are reading this newsletter online, just right click on the link and you'll be taken directly to the website. Remember to consult your physician before starting any new exercise program.

Local: Our Purposeful Movement and Wellness team including Gannon University Professors Dr. David LeVan, OT and Dr. Courtney Roca, PT and retired Professor Tom Hudson, PT along with graduate OT students Taylor Mandley, Lily Bargabus, Ashley Tomasko and Brianna Murosky, Aurora Brown, Lauren Greenlee, Caitlin McKee and DPT student Brandi Tirado have created some home exercise videos that you can access on YouTube:

- Winter 2021: <u>https://youtu.be/HqUZ7CyOcjA</u>
- Winter 2021: <u>https://youtu.be/shnsCH9rqC8</u>
- Fall 2020: https://youtu.be/mowyEAf7qK0
- Fall 2020: https://youtu.be/PZ62_U84Hq8
- Fall 2020: <u>https://youtu.be/fFkGBU-vJ90</u>
- Summer 2020 Part 1: <u>https://youtu.be/lcsBTPoX1dU</u>
- Summer 2020 Part 2: https://youtu.be/I8pjybERaxA
- Spring 2020 Part 1: <u>https://youtu.be/-ud1erTZcmA</u>
- Spring 2020 Part 2: <u>https://youtu.be/2XiSyoiXBfM</u>

Seated

- Power for PD:
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9QTes9SMZKbSzDS-nvhr3g/videos
- Sit and Be Fit: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/SitandBeFitTVSHOW/videos</u>

Seated and Standing

- Unique Physique Fitness
 Center: <u>https://www.facebook.com/watch/UniquePhysiqueFitnessCenter/</u>
- APDA: <u>https://www.apdaparkinson.org/free-online-exercise-and-</u> <u>therapy/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=4c51adf3-809e-4c84-b67a-623c6512cf34</u>

<u>LIVE Classes from Parkinson Foundation of Western PA:</u> remember you must pre-register to attend these live classes. There is a large variety of options so we encourage you to check them out. Thank you, PFWPA for including our group.

https://pfwpa.org/exercise/

Best Wishes for those with Upcoming Celebrations

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members! To have your birthday or anniversary added to our list call 814-899-3030 or email: info@ParkinsonPartners.org

October

1—David Montgomery 6—Howie Heintz 7—Debbie Fleming 8--Nancy Eichelsdorfer 10--Frank & Darlene Barney Anniv. 11—Patty Cooney 16 – Ed Jares 25—Adele Jones, Sue Yarnell 26—Mickey Rumpf 26—Debbie Goodwin 28—John Needham 29—Karen DiNunzio 31—Dave & Nancy Brown Anniv.

<u>November</u>

1—Suzanne Scheuer-Leone 19 -- Carolyn Baxter

Good News to Share with the PD Community

Dave & Patty Cooney and Family Receive the 2021 Audree Parr Parkinson's Champion Award

Congratulations to the 2021 Audree Parr Parkinson's Champion Award winners Dave & Patty Cooney and Family! Dave, Patty and their children have been long-time supporters of the PD community organizing the Dave Cooney Parkinson's Awareness Walk biannually since 2010 to raise funds for Parkinson Partners and other PD nonprofits. To date, they have raised over \$70,000!!! In 2018, their son Rob triumphantly swam across Lake Erie while raising another \$15,700 for Parkinson Partners. These fundraising efforts have been a family affair, as each family member pitches in, even the grandkids. The family supports Dave during his journey with PD and provides strength, love and help to both he and Patty. Dave and Patty are active members of the Waterford PD Support Group and are always open to connecting with other members sharing their kindness and wisdom with others. This kind and generous family is so deserving of this award!

Congratulations Cooney Family!



Dave & Patty Cooney with Rob, Keri, Alex, Ely, Anna, Lori, Jim, Trevor, Myla, Greg, Monica, Claire and Graham

Parkinson Partners Receives Community Promise Grant from Hamot Health Foundation



Mark Louis, HHF Development Officer; Jaimee Black, HHF Vice President of Operations; Lynne Gotham, PP Executive Director and Charles "Boo" Hagerty, HHF President Parkinson Partners of NW PA (PP) is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a Hamot Health Foundation (HHF) Community Promise Grant of \$25,000 to help support our employment costs. Parkinson Partners is the area's only nonprofit dedicated to providing education, support and services to people with Parkinson's disease (PD) and their families in the Erie region. This funding is vital to our ability to accomplish our mission, especially during this challenging time when fundraisers have been canceled due to the pandemic.

The Community Promise Grant will provide funding to support the executive director employee costs. The executive director, the organization's only employee, manages the overall daily operations of Parkinson Partners including the logistics, design and implementation of resources and programs, coordination of PD events and provides support and education for people with PD and their families in the greater regional community.

We are so grateful to the Hamot Health Foundation for their support of our mission, and we look forward to working with them in the future to ensure that all of those with PD will know that they are not alone!

Ladies, enjoy a night out and help Parkinson Partners along the way!



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the patient's physician.

Support Group Meeting Schedule

Reminder: the Parkinson Partners Board of Directors has **canceled all in person events/meetings until further notice**, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. But this doesn't mean we aren't staying connected. Join us for the following Zoom meetings. Our October and early November schedules have been set, so put these dates on your calendar. At upcoming meetings, we will discuss our holiday schedule. All are welcome.

- Parkinson Partners Support Group Meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays October 13th and 27th and November 10th. Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/93010770942?pwd=bzhTYTgxVEIXV0pONnYwbEt5TnZzZz09
- Parkinson Caregiver Only Support Group Meeting via Zoom on October 28th. Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96391675305?pwd=ZHgxbXhnRS9GTGpKdlpTeURHSjJJdz09

Please call or email for more details, phone-in Zoom instructions or if you need help using Zoom for the first time. I'm happy to help!

Parkinson Partners' Mission Statement

To encourage, educate and support those with Parkinson's disease, their caregivers and loved ones as they cope with the challenges of disease. Exploring better resources, better services and better outcomes for the Parkinson Disease patient.