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### Sleep and Parkinson's Disease

by Erica Byrd, MD and Nicklesh Thakur, DO | Sutter Medical Group Neurology, Movement Disorders

leep complaints are common in people with Parkinson's disease. These may include insomnia, fragmented sleep, excessive daytime sleepiness, restless leg syndrome, sleep apnea and dream enactment. Similar sleep disorders are also common in the general population and are routinely evaluated by primary care physicians, neurologists, or sleep specialists. Parkinson's disease medications can affect sleep and contribute to possible side effects of sedation, insomnia or even sleep attacks.

Good sleep is vital for brain health and overall well-being. If sleep is a problem for you it is important to address any modifiable factors affecting your sleep. First, review all medications with your doctor to see if any may be affecting your sleep. This includes over the counter medications or supplements since they may have side effects or interactions with prescribed medications.

**Second, work on sleep hygiene.** Sleep hygiene is a variety of different practices that are necessary to have normal, good quality sleep at night and full daytime alertness. A few tips for improving sleep hygiene include:

- Establish a regular sleep schedule with similar wake and sleep patterns seven days a week and block off enough time to sleep
- Avoiding stimulants and large meals right before bed
- Minimize drinking beverages (especially alcohol and caffeine) before bedtime to help avoid frequent nighttime urination
- Make sure sleep space is relaxing and conducive to sleep
- Exercise early in the day and get out into the sunshine for light exposure
- Avoid vigorous exercise right before bed
- Use satin sheets or pajamas to help with turning in bed

Third, you should review your sleep patterns and particular reasons for sleep difficulty (frequent nighttime urination, insomnia etc.) with your doctor for an individualized plan. A sleep specialist referral or sleep study may be necessary to evaluate your sleep complaints in order to determine specific treatments.



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# The Computer Made Me Do It

by Dorothy Ross, Davis Support Group

y grandkids kept asking that I put my writing pieces in some kind of order for them, so I decided to assemble a collection to give as Christmas gifts. I pictured three-ring binders divided chronologically or by subject matter. Seemed simple enough.

And it was simple but for the fact that I had written more than 200 pieces over the past twenty years since leaving my job at UC Davis. Determined to cull the files until I had distilled fifty of my favorite stories, I spent hours editing, cutting and pasting—trying to make each anecdote as interesting as possible.

When I was finished with the first draft, the manuscript totaled more than 200 pages. A writing coach friend convinced me to self-publish the memoir in paperback and Kindle for my many relatives and friends to purchase. She said Amazon made it easy and inexpensive. She was right about the cost—nothing out of pocket, but I found the assembly process daunting. The same guru recommended a man who could design the cover and format the text. His prices were quite reasonable.

All I had left to do was acquire an ISBN number — the bar graph that goes on the back of every book. I fussed with that for days until my daughter arranged for a reassuring phone call with her friend who is a published author. Done and done.

Amazon's self-publishing program detected two misspelled words in my 200-page book—both missing



letters. I had two choices: I could spend a lot of time finding and fixing the errors, or else I could instruct the online editor to ignore the mistakes and go to print with my memoir.

The absent letters were the result of Parkinson's progression in my hands. My dominant right hand has become downright overbearing, striking the keys too hard and lingering so long that I end up with strings of kkkkk and jjjjj. And the pinky on the weaker left hand often fails to complete the down stroke, resulting in those pesky misspellings due to missing letters.

When I sat down and skimmed the text, I was appalled at the number of cut-and-paste errors I found. My feeble fingers often dropped text while I was still dragging. All these mistakes are especially embarrassing given the theme of my book.

I gave Amazon permission to go ahead with the listing of my book without delaying to make it perfect. After twelve years of dealing with Parkinson's I know I'll never again be anything close to perfect.

Dorothy's memoir, NOT Just a Secretary, is now available online through Amazon books.

#### National Parkinson's Foundation Annual Moving Day Sacramento

The national Parkinson's Foundation annual **Moving Day Sacramento** will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at American River College – Lot A (5100 Myrtle Ave., Sacramento, CA). Activities begin at 9 a.m. with the *We Move Ceremony and Walk* beginning at 10:30 a.m. The fundraising walk helps support research, grants and an excellent collection of online resources. Register today at **www.movingdaysacramento.org** and support a celebration of movement.

A pre-walk educational presentation will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Mack Powell Event Center located at 2003 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825. This year's topic is: *Living with Parkinson's*, *Let's Talk About It:* Symptoms Beneath the Surface. The event is free but registration is required.

Register at www.Parkinson.org/Sacramento

### **Caregiver Resource Centers**

f you are one of the estimated 2 out of 5 adults who are caregivers for a loved one with chronic and disabling conditions, where do you turn when you need resources and support? One place is your regional Caregiver Resource Center (CRC).

Services available through a CRC are free or low cost and include:

- specialized information on caregiving issues and community resources
- consultation with trained staff to assess and plan courses of action
- short-term counseling to offer support with the caregiving role
- financial assistance with respite care
- · monthly support group meetings
- workshops on pertinent topics
- legal and financial consultation

The 11 Caregiver Resource Centers located throughout California are funded by the Department of Health Care Services, Area 4 Agency on Aging, grants, and private donations. Each center serves specific geographic locations. For example, **Del Oro CRC (www.deloro.org)** is located in Citrus Heights and serves the counties of Alpine,

Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. **Passages CRC (www.passagescenter.org)** is located in Chico and serves Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties. **Redwood CRC (www.redwoodcrc.org)** is located in Santa Rosa and serves Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

Resources are seldom adequate to meet all the needs. In an effort to augment the respite care, PANC has partnered with the above-mentioned resource centers and provides additional respite funding for care-partners of people with Parkinson's. Contact the appropriate CRC and inquire about respite resources. Assisting a person with Parkinson disease is a 24/7 commitment and can take a toll on the physical and emotional health of a care-partner. Please consider supporting PANC's Caregiver Respite Program. Spread the word to your friends and family and ask them to donate at www.PANCtoday.org.

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You can easily setup your monthly gift at: www.panctoday.org

#### **LEAVING YOUR LEGACY**

Including the Parkinson Association of Northern California in your estate planning leaves a lasting impact in the lives of the Northern California Parkinson's Community.

For more information visit: www.panctoday.org

# Redding Parkinson Support Group's 6th Annual Conference

The Redding Parkinson Support Group invites you to attend their 6th Annual Conference — **What the Specialists Want You to Know** to be held on Friday, April 10th, 2020 at the Gaia Hotel, 4125 Riverside Place, Anderson, CA 96007.

Sign-in is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. with the conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included.

Registration is available at **www.panctoday.org** starting February 17, 2020. The Early Bird cost is \$10 through March 1st. Regular registration from March 2nd through April 3rd is \$15. Late registration after April 3rd is \$40.

Come and enjoy a day of great presentations, exhibitors, and fellowship.

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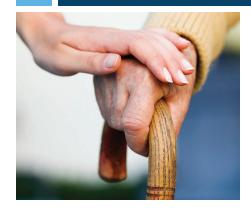


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# **Annual Educational Conference**

### Saturday, October 24, 2020

The Annual PANC Educational Conference is scheduled for October 24, 2020 and will be held at the McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95652. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Soania Mathur who was recently given the WPC award for Distinguished Contribution at the World Parkinson Congress in Kyoto Japan. The day will include up-to-date educational information, exhibits, lunch and more. Watch for additional information in upcoming issues of the Parkinson Path.



#### **Butte County**

Chico — 1st Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Sycamore Glen Ret. Community 1199 Diablo Ave., Chico, CA 95973 Terry Donnelly 650-743-6871 tmdonnelly68@gmail.com Bob Murray 530-321-6157 ordferry@yahoo.com

**Oroville** — 1st Thursday, 1:30–3 p.m. *Trinity Presbyterian Church* 2350 Foothill Blvd., Oroville, CA 95966 Carol Rawlins 530-282-0499

#### **El Dorado County**

El Dorado Hills — 2nd Tuesday, 12 p.m.

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El Dorado Hills/Folsom Caregiver Luncheon\* — 3rd Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Round Table Pizza, 2793 East Bidwell St., Folsom, CA 95630 Larry Alver 916-933-2465 Idalver@sbcglobal.net

Placerville — 1st Tuesday, 1:30–3 p.m. Senior Center Dining Room 937 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667 Peggy Kline 408-309-1125 pegkline103@gmail.com

Lake County
Temporarily Suspended

## **Regional Support Groups**

For additional information, visit www.panctoday.org

#### **Napa County**

Napa Young Onset Group — 4th Sunday, 3 p.m. Covenant Presbyterian Church 1226 Salvador Ave., Napa, CA 94558 Colleen Winters 209-602-1536 cfwinters@vahoo.com

#### **Nevada County**

Grass Valley — 2nd Friday, 1:30 p.m. Atria Grass Valley 150 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945 Nancy Lockwood 530-272-7950 nmlockwood@aol.com

**Truckee** — 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. *Tahoe Yoga and Wellness Center* 10710 *Donner Pass Rd Truckee* **Ellen Roumasset 650-759-3666** dr.eroumasset@gmail.com

#### **Placer County**

Auburn Caregivers Luncheon\* —
3rd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
Club Car
836 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603
Karen Hancock 530-885-0950
karen@hancockonline.net

#### **Auburn Support Group**

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. (no meeting Dec.) Awful Annie's Café - Banquet Room 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603 Karen Hancock 530-885-0950 karen@ hancockonline.net

Lincoln — 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m. Granite Springs Church 1170 E. Joiner Pkwy., Lincoln, CA 95648 Gary High Gwhigh@wavecable.com

Roseville — 1st Tuesday, 1:30-3 p.m. Maidu Community Center 1550 Maidu Dr., Roseville, CA 95661 Harry Butler 916-837-3366 hapbutler@comcast.net Website: rosevillepsg.weebly.com

West Roseville — 4th Tuesdays, 11:00–12:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church 2351 Pleasant Grove Blvd. Roseville, CA 95747 Ken and Arlene Fujino 916-474-3489

kfujino1@msn.com

#### **Sacramento County**

Arden/Arcade — 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Arden Christian Church
4300 Las Cruces Way, Carmichael, CA 95864
Keith Tronson 916-395-2771
keithtronson@sbcglobal.net
Jim Morris 916-359-4859
jimor1940@gmail.com

Carmichael/Sacramento Area Young Onset Support Group — 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Carmichael Presbyterian Church 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 Mary Beth Arjil 530-409-4118 marjil@sbcglobal.net Tony Wong 916-730-6303 acwong60@gmail.com

Carmichael/Eskaton Support Group — 2nd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3939 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 Colette Coleman EVC-PD-Support@google.com

El Dorado Hills/Folsom Caregiver Luncheon\*—
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Elk Grove — 3rd Wednesday, 10 a.m. Senior Center of Elk Grove 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95757 Myron Jantzen 916-686-4555 mpjantzen@aol.com

Folsom — 4th Monday, 10 a.m. Folsom Senior and Arts Center 48 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630 Donna Rixman 916-712-9642 donna@yogapeace.net Cathy Johnson 916-791-2426

Gold River Lewy Body Dementia
Caregiver/Care Partner Meeting
(Collaborative Group) — 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Eskaton Lodge Gold River
11390 Coloma Rd., Gold River, CA 95670
Denise Davis 800-272-3900
denise.davis@alz.org

### Don't see a support group in your area? Let us help you start one!

#### Contact us at 916-357-6641 or panc@panctoday.org

Natomas Area — 2nd Thursday, 10–11:30 a.m. Adventure Christian Church 1500 N Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 Irene Duggan 916-710-6912 parkinsons1018@gmail.com

Northeast Area — 4th Thursday, 1 p.m. St. Marks Unified Methodist Church, Room E-24 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 Sean Tracy 916-482-7014 sstfam@winfirst.com

#### **Sacramento Post DBS Patients**

See class schedule, location and contact information at www.panctoday.org

Sacramento Caregivers Lunch Bunch\*
(Collaborative Group) — 3rd Tuesday,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Ettore's
2376 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95825
Anne Spaller 916-728-9333
aspaller@deloro.org

South Area — 2nd Thursday, 1 p.m. Asian Community Center 7334 Park City Dr., Sacramento, CA 95831 David Teraoku 916-685-4162

#### San Joaquin County

Lodi — 1st Monday, 10 a.m. Grace Point Church 801 S. Lower Sacramento Rd. Lodi, CA 95242 Ron and Maureen Olsen 209-745-1011 molsen@softcom.net

Robbin and Pat Bray 209-269-1080 braywaves@gmail.com

Lodi Caregivers Group\* — 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Grace Point Church 801 S. Lower Sacramento Rd. Lodi, CA 95242 Call for directions/information Jean Whitted 209-368-2809

bjwhitted@hotmail.com

Stockton — 2nd Thursday, 1:30 p.m. O'Connor Woods West Hall 3400 Wagner Heights Rd. Stockton, CA 95209 Mary Ann Behrens 209-477-6496 mbehrens64@gmail.com

Tracy/Parkinson Support Group of Tracy — 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1635 Chester Ave., Tracy, CA 95376 Kathy Clark 209-879-3108 classieladyat63@yahoo.com

#### **Shasta County**

Redding — 2nd Friday, 1:00 p.m. Social Time; 1:30–3 p.m. Meeting; 3–3:30 p.m., Shasta Shout – speech therapy First United Methodist Church 1825 East Street, Redding, CA 95350 Kim Hawkins 530-945-7628 Kim.reddingpsg@gmail.com

#### **Sierra County**

Loyalton — 1st Friday, 1:30 p.m. 100 Hill St #32 Loyalton, CA 96118 Betty Ferguson 530-993-4002 fergi45@gmail.com

#### **Solano County**

**Benicia** — 2nd Saturday, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. 201 Raymond Dr., Benicia, CA 94510 Brad Miller 707-515-9216 bradfordmiller807@gmail.com

Vacaville Parkinson's Support Group — 4th Wednesday, 1:30–3 p.m. The McBride Senior Center 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688 Brenda DeMartini 707-330-1551 brendaldemartini@gmail.com

#### Sonoma County

Sonoma County — 2nd Saturday @ 1:00 pm Christ Church United Methodist 1717 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 Caregiver, Dance, Singing & Speech Class see www.parkinsonsonomacounty.org Nancy Wilson nlbwilson.41@gmail.com Marc Alexander 707-431-8767 malexander109@comcast.net

#### **Stanislaus County**

Modesto — 3rd Wednesday, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Jan.–Nov. (No meeting in July) Sutter Health Facility 1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA 95350 Paul Vantress 209-526-6184 modestoparkinsons@gmail.com

#### **Sutter County**

Yuba City — 2nd Monday, 1 p.m. Sutter Medical Foundation 969 Plumas St., Suite 208 Yuba City, CA 95991 Janice Herbert 530-673-3064 tricountyparkinsons@gmail.com

#### **Yolo County**

Davis — 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Davis Senior Center 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616 Sue Curry 530-304-9927 smcurry@sbcglobal.net

Davis Care Partners Group\* — 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Davis Senior Center 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616 Karen Eagan 530-564-4323 kareneagan747@gmail.com

Woodland — 4th Tuesday, 1 p.m. (No meeting Jul/Aug) Woodland Comm. and Senior Center 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776 Bernadette Murray 530-661-1950 bemurray2008@gmail.com

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Save the date and start rounding up your team for the walk that supports PANC!

# Robert G. Smith Walk to Cancel Out Parkinson's Saturday, April 4 2020

The 4rd Annual 'COP Walk' (Robert G. Smith Walk to Cancel Out Parkinson's) is scheduled for April 4, 2020. It will be held at the Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville, CA. Registration and the resource fair begin at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch follows at 11:30 a.m. This year we hope to have the biggest year ever and we need your help. The walk, organized and coordinated by the Embarcadero Lions Club and supported by regional Lions Clubs and the State Lions Organization is held in honor of 'Bob' Smith, with all proceeds donated to support the efforts of the Parkinson Association of Northern California (PANC). This event has raised \$81,570 for PANC in the past three years. In essence...every dime we help the Lions raise means funding comes back to PANC for: new support groups, additional ParkinsonWISE Programs, enhanced Information and Referral services, an amazing, low cost Annual Conference, additional Respite Care and more. Given their dedication to the Parkinson Community, we believe the Embarcadero Lions Club deserves all the support we can muster.

#### How can you help?

- Make a donation and attend the event: Cheer our supporters on, participate in the health fair, visit our wonderful sponsors, enjoy the entertainment, eat a free lunch, all in a beautiful park setting with easy parking!
- **Gather a walk team:** encourage your support group to join together, gather their friends/families to generate a group of supporters to walk as a team. And then enjoy the festivities.

Go online for registration and pledge forms: www.rgsmith.org

Any questions call the PANC Office: 916-357-6641

