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"You are not alone."

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, services and outcomes for people with PD.

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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.

Needs Assessment Survey 2026

As Parkinson Partners continues to grow, the leadership and board of directors believe that it is important to get feedback from the community we serve. We want to know what you think about support group meetings, speakers, donations etc.

To that end, we have created a Needs Assessment Survey asking a variety of questions. We would appreciate your time in taking the survey and giving us your thoughtful responses. Your answers will be considered when the board sets agendas, goals and identifies the needs for the organization and the greater PD community.

Below is a link and a QR code that you can scan with your phone to take you directly to the survey online. Please complete it whether you have PD, are a family member, or have a connection to the PD community. Couples are encouraged to take the survey separately so both responses can be recorded. If you would like another copy of the survey mailed to you, please give us a call (814-899-3030) or send us an email info@parkinsonpartners.org.

Those outside of Erie County are reminded that this survey is for you as well. Your responses will help us plan programming in your area so let your voice be heard.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Survey Link: https://us18.list-manage.com/survey?u=b6f1f82ffe0425d42739515a5&id=4539768ca1

QR Code:



Two New Support Groups

Parkinson Partners is happy to share the news that there are two new support groups coming to the region. This is such good news for those in more outlying areas.

Waterford Parkinson Support Group: This group will be for anyone with PD and their families. This group will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at Connect and Create, 212 Main Street in Waterford. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th. For more information, please call Joan at 814-602-6621.

Warren Parkinson Support Group: This group is for those with PD and their families. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM at Warren General Hospital. For more information, please call Steve at 814-688-7352.

Are you interested in starting a PD support group? Do you see a need in your area? Please feel free to reach out to us at 814-899-3030 to see how we can help.

News and Notes

- Our sympathy and prayers are sent to the family of Jeff Taylor who passed away recently.
- YMCA Movement Classes: I have met with YMCA officials and we have an agreement to move forward with a permanent class starting in January. The Y still has many issues, behind the scenes, that need to be worked out before we can start the next class. Please watch your emails, Facebook and the newsletter for updates on all of our Wellness Classes and how you can register. Registration is not open for any 2027 classes at this time.
- Seminar Video: Thank you for your patience as I try to get the video of the seminar prepared to send out to you. There have been several technical issues that I am trying to work through. I will send out a link of the recording via email and Facebook as soon as it is ready. It will also be posted in the December newsletter.
- Lynne's Vacation: Please note that I will be taking a lot of time off in November and December. I have a significant amount of time I was unable to use during the year and if I don't use it, I will lose it. I appreciate your understanding.
- Thank you again to our Seminar Sponsors!

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Best Wishes for those with Special Celebrations

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

To have your birthday or anniversary added to our list call 814-899-3030 or email: info@ParkinsonPartners.org

November
1—Suzanne Scheuer-Leone

December
2—Rita Jandt
15 – Pat Weidner
26—Lynne & Scott Gotham Anniversary



World Parkinson Coalition Family & Care Partner Webinar (take from their website)

Editor's Note: *This webinar has a stellar lineup of speakers to discuss PD from the family perspective. This organization puts on the World Parkinson's Congress and is highly respected and connected. This is one is definitely worth attending!* ***https://www.worldpdcoalition.org/***

The Family & Care Partner series first took place LIVE and in person at the 7th World Parkinson Congress in May 2026. We knew going into the space that the talks were going to be impactful and memorable, so we planned all along to bring them out to the larger community via webinar this year.

The onsite classroom is a space for family members and care partners to connect and learn together so our intention is for the virtual classroom to offer the same useful and supportive information our care community needs as they, too, navigate a Parkinson's diagnosis. This virtual room is for all family members, whether delivering direct care to their loved one or not, as Parkinson's is a family disease and it impacts the family collectively and differently. These sessions are designed with the family unit in mind, whether birth family or adopted family, these sessions will help those caring for someone with Parkinson's better understand the challenges of filling this role, give tools and tips on managing their own wellness and will offer resources.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Who Should Attend? Family members, care partners, friends, and loved ones of people living with Parkinson's disease.
Dates: November 16–20, 2026 **Location**: Online **Cost**: FREE
Registration Page:
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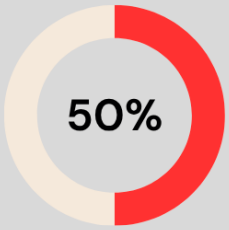
$100 from 100 Donors in 100 Days

A cure for Parkinson's disease is coming – it's only a matter of time. But those with PD and their families need support now! Did you know that nearly 1,000 people receive our newsletter each month? Yet very few have ever donated.

We are asking you to join us in securing **100 donors who donate $100 (or any amount) in the last 100 days of the year.** Please help us in our efforts to provide connection, support, education and programs for those with PD in the Erie region. Thank you!



Every dollar donated to Parkinson Partners stays in our community to provide needed services and support to those with PD.



Nearly 90,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease each year, representing a 50% increase from previous estimates.

So far we've raised over

$3,000+

Here's how to give:

- Make a one-time donation
- Make a monthly donation
- Ask friends and family to make a donation in your name to mark a celebration

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DONATIONS:
Checks should be made payable to "Parkinson Partners" and mailed to the address above. Donations can also be made via PayPal on our website.



Congratulations to Nancy Eichelsdorfer who was presented with the 2026 Audree Parr Parkinson's Champion Award at the Living Well with PD Seminar. Nancy has been a long-time board member and also served many years as the nonprofit's Treasurer. Nancy has shared her time, talent and exceptional leadership skills to help Parkinson Partners grow, always with the goal to make life better for those with PD in the Erie region. She is truly a champion and we are thrilled to honor her service with this award.

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Support Group Meeting Schedules

Remember: all events are also listed on our Events Calendar on our website including live links to Zoom meetings. Make sure to sign up for our emails so you are alerted to any last-minute changes. Questions? Call or text 814-899-3030.

ZOOM MEETINGS:

- **Parkinson Partners Support Group Meeting** on the 2nd Wed. of the month, Nov. 11th, Dec. 9th at 1:00 PM. **Registration is required.** https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctdumvqTsjHtbW6REytkgSzO-95mWvFysn
- **Caregiver Only Zoom Meeting** on the 4th Thurs. of the month, Nov. 19th (third Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving) at 1:00 PM; NO Dec. meeting due to Christmas. **Registration is required.** https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/bwWangsMQjWYUj5ZcQFH1A

IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

- **Eastside YMCA PD Support Group: Wed., Dec. 2nd (1st Wed. of the month) at 1:00 PM** at 2101 Nagle Road. All are welcome!
- **Evening PD Support Group: Tuesday, Nov. 10th; Dec. 8th at 6:00 PM at** Springhill, 2323 Edinboro Rd. Please bring a dish and drink if you'd like to join in on a potluck dinner.
- **Care Partner Only Lunch**: **Monday, Dec. 7th (due to Thanksgiving and Christmas); (4th Mon. of the month unless a holiday intervenes) at 11:30 AM** at Wegman's, 6143 Peach Street.

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