

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves....

Web site: [www.heartstohands.org](http://www.heartstohands.org)

They shall never cease to be entertained

**DATE: January 10, 2015**

**TIME: 1:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Program: Care and Share, Planning for next year.**

**WHERE: OSF PromtCare**

**5114 N. Glen Park Place**

**Peoria, IL 61614**

January 10, will be are next meeting please note that we are meeting on the second Saturday of the month due to the New Year Day Holiday. We will have a Care and Share program, so please bring some of your questions and or concerns. We will also have some discussion on what you would like for programs during the upcoming year, so bring your ideas.

20 people attend our Christmas lunch, we enjoyed a little comedy from Darrel King, good food from Sazani's Steak and Pasta House and we had a little time to sit back relax and enjoy some fellowship before the busy Holiday season.

Dues are \$7.00 per person and are now due. I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope or you may pay at the next meeting.

We have added a few new books to the library. If you are interested in reading one of the books that are available in the library. Please give us a call we will bring it to the next meeting. A complete list of books can be found at <http://www.heartstohands.org/support.html> click on Book List.

The Don Bohlander Parkinson's FUNDRacers next big event will be the Pulled Pork Dinner on March 7, 2015. Please mark this event on your calendars. You and your family will not want to miss it. The event is an evening packed full of activity, the auction is outstanding event, plus there is a silent auction, raffles, and T-Shirt sales. During the event The Don Bohlander Parkinson's FUNDRacers will present Dr. Craig Cady with donation, that is the results of their fundraising efforts for 2014; you will not want to miss it. We are however in need of auction items and volunteer help please contact Val Bohlander 309 241-5905 or Roger 309 219-210 for more information.

The Don Bohlander Parkinson's FUNDRacers are currently selling RADA knives. If you need a great knife that's reasonably priced, these are the knives for you! Knives are sold individually and in boxed sets. As always, 100% of the proceeds goes to Parkinson's Disease research. Give Val a call 309 241-5905.

If you are a member of a church or civic group, is your club or group looking for a speaker? I would enjoy being able to give them a Parkinson's Awareness program. Please feel free to give them my name and phone number, Roger Halleen 309 219-1210

For questions call Roger or Barb at (309) 699-7394 or (309) 219 – 1210

Dear Parkinson's community,

When Congress passed yet another continuing resolution earlier this fall, we told you we would have a difficult road ahead in securing more funding for medical research. We told you about the political obstacles and the limited amount of time and opportunities because of the midterm elections. We encouraged you to reach out and share your stories with your Members of Congress.

We told you just how much your voice matters – and you responded time and again.

Since late September, more than 4,000 individual messages were sent to Members of Congress from the Parkinson's community on the importance of strengthening and preserving federal spending for medical research. Due in no small part to your efforts, combined with those from medical research advocates across the country, [Congress has completed work on a spending bill](#) that fully funds or increases funding for the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense Parkinson's research program, and the Food and Drug Administration for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015.

While the legislation is not perfect and the increases are modest, Congressional leaders have made it clear that federal medical research funding is a priority – and as a result we have new opportunities to seek additional funding in the coming year that would not have been possible without your advocacy.

Thank you.

As 2014 comes to a close, we're already beginning to make plans for the 114th Congress, where the [21st Century Cures Initiative](#) and repealing the [Medicare therapy caps](#) will likely be top issues in the first quarter of next year. We'll also continue to push for more robust research funding and work to ensure that people with Parkinson's have access to the best care possible.

Thank you again for your dedication and all that you do on behalf of the Parkinson's community. We look forward to working with you to accomplish even more in 2015.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Sheridan Palute  
Director of Policy

