

# ROSEVILLE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

## October 2008 MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting began with Tara McCain (no relation) discussing our September 27<sup>th</sup> fund raiser, "An Evening to Remember". Participants enjoyed a great dinner, lively music and great raffle prizes. A complete fiscal accounting will be provided once the books have been closed.

Tara mentioned that it was her hope that next years event will be held at a larger facility allowing for more guests and thus, larger proceeds.

Tara announced that Doctor Eric Hassid, a Neurologist and Parkinson's Specialist, will speak at our November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Parkinson's Association of Northern California (PANC) is working to provide local support groups the opportunity to hear a variety of Parkinson's specialist.

Tara also announced that the holiday luncheon will take place at Maidu Center. Our luncheon will be catered by a local restaurant.

The office of President and Secretary are up for election. Motions from the floor were made and seconded that Tara McCain and Shelly Butler be re-elected for another term.

RPSG member John Fratcher reported on PD patients who have undergone stem cell treatment in China. ***(This is just the sharing of information and RPSG in no way advocates this form of treatment)***

Tara outlined her goals for 2009. 1) Assist RPSG members pay for Parkinson's related events such as attendance at PANC's "Living well with Parkinson's" annual seminar. 2) Continue to subsidize our current John Argue weekly exercise class. 3) Invite PD related guest speakers such as speech therapist Kathy Vincent, and mental health professionals to help members deal with PD emotional side effects; however, Tara also mentioned that she feels it is vitally important to have meetings with an open forum to allow members the opportunity to share and ask questions.

Members were encouraged to pickup the "Vial of Life" containers, complete the required information and keep them in a safe and visible location such as the refrigerator. The "Vial of Life" containers are located on the reception desk. It was recommended that you get two vials.