



RPSG Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2015

President Harry Butler explained the reason for his absence at our April meeting. Harry had acute bronchitis and was hospitalized overnight. Harry gave the EMT's a printed copy of his meds. This list was passed on to ER personnel. Still Harry was never given his proper regime of meds. When he told the nurse of the error she said he had no choice but to take the pills she had for him. The last several years RPSG has had many members relate their horror stories of a hospital stay. In an effort to help this situation the Parkinson's Disease Foundation developed a bag for PD patients called "Aware in Care" to keep with them should they end up in the hospital. The kit contains a medic alert style PD bracelet, a PD information sheet for the medical staff, and a medication list for you with a large PD magnet to help display it. There is a game plan to fill out in advance of an emergency. It is imperative that the staff understands how helpless you are when your PD meds are not properly scheduled.

Our Librarian Tara McCain told the group she would no longer bring our books to every meeting. With the large number of books that we have amassed over the years she now has a printed catalogue that members may use to select a book. Tara will bring the book to the very next meeting. Tara also spoke about the possibility of RPSG putting together a fund raiser with the Parkinson's Association of Northern California (PANC). We will discuss whether it is practical to go forth with the idea.

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