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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Members and friends of TAO will receive phone calls about the upcoming programs.)

ALL TAO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD

Third Wednesdays

Cerebral Palsy Center, Al Sigl Winton Rd. Annex

3399 S. Winton Rd., south of Jefferson Rd.

Enter from the back parking lot - go to the cafeteria

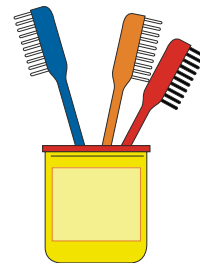
Wednesday, January 19, 7 pm. "Return to Work after Transplantation"

Caren Eddinger, Counselor, Career Development Services, and a **Senior Counselor** from VESID (Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities) will offer TAO members a chance to learn how to construct a resume despite some time missing when they were not able to work. Also, interview ideas, especially when asked about any time missing, or how to and if you have to mention anything about your transplant, and do you need to discuss that you might possibly need time off in the future for medical reasons.

The counselors would love to have some questions before they arrive so they know what concerns are the greatest among the members. If you have any questions you would like them to answer, please either call or email board member Joanne Schum (671-7635 or twoluckylungs@juno.com).

Wednesday, February 16, 7 pm "YOUR MOUTH: A GATEWAY TO YOUR HEALTH" Dr Mary Ann Lester, periodontist

Dr. Lester will discuss the benefits of maintaining a healthy mouth and gums specifically geared to patients that have transplants and are on numerous medications that can also exacerbate gum problems. This may be especially important for patients to know before they have a transplant as well. She talk for about 20-25 minutes and then we have a question and answer period. She will bring some brochures about gum disease and systemic health and also toothbrushes and other goodies.



Deadline for March-April 2005 *Transplant Times* - Wednesday, February 16

TRANSPLANT ANNIVERSARIES OF

TAO MEMBERS - January, February.

Grant Galarneau -- 01-01-96 Liver

Charles Liberi -- 01-05-95 Kidney

Helen Cox -- 01-11-96 Kidney Pancreas

Patricia Stewart -- 01-23-94 Kidney

Brenda Cook -- 02-01-95 Kidney Pancreas

Patricia R. Legge -- 02-01-96 Kidney

Wayne A. Dickinson -- 02-02-97 Liver

Teresa Palmesano -- 02-07-00 Kidney
Pancreas

David Beatson -- 02-07-01 Heart

Louis Mascaro -- 02-20-79 Kidney

Kevin Kain -- 02-22-02 Liver

Peter Unbras -- 02-24-02 Liver

Ronald Barnard -- 02-26-90 Heart

Congratulations! Did we miss yours? Get your date wrong? Please call!

(Note: this list is members only)

Telephone Committee Needs Help

We are continuing to add members, and that means we need more people to make reminder calls. Paula McKay coordinates this responsibility. She says that callers spend about ten minutes each month on their reminder calls. Contact Paula at 436-9032.

We have received word that TAO member and two-time liver recipient, David Caluneo, has died. Our condolences to his family.

We have received a donation from Shirley Tuites in memory of her husband, and our founder, Dick Tuites.

Thank you!

Gift Ideas

A contribution to TAO in honor of or in memory of a loved one, a special person or a relative is always a thoughtful gift idea. It is a gift of caring that you can give on any occasion - a birthday, an anniversary or a special holiday. Send your check, made out to TAO, to our treasurer, Mike Stelljes, 5341 Booher Hill Rd., Geneseo NY 14454

GRANTS FROM TAO

Each calendar year TAO makes a donation between \$500 and \$1000 to a worthy cause. The donation alternates between a research cause and the Transplant Games. Since 2004 was the Transplant Games it is time to decide on a research cause for 2005 of interest to our group. The last research donation was to U of R for kidney research. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting or make your thoughts known to one of the board members.

sally/mike stelljes

check our website www.tao-rochester.org

Legislative Education Day

On Tuesday, February 15, 2005, all are invited to attend a Legislative Day in Albany, NY. Members of the New York Alliance for Donation, Inc. (NYAD) will soon be setting up appointments with legislators.

The Rochester/Finger Lakes Eye & Tissue Bank is a member of NYAD, and I will be setting up appointments in Albany with our legislators from the Rochester and Syracuse regions. Those interested in attending with us, I ask that you let me know so that I can include you in the list of appointments that I will be setting up.

An agenda of items that we will be focusing on that day will be forthcoming from NYAD. You will be partnered with agency personnel and briefed on the agenda items well in advance of meetings with your legislators.

As for travel to Albany, I would coordinate transportation from the Rochester and Syracuse region. We (R/FLETB and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network) can rent vans if there are enough people that would like to go. One large van can hold approx. 11 people comfortably. Depending upon response and where individuals are located, we'd need to coordinate central pick up and drop off plans, but this can come at a later time.

For those of you who have participated in the past, I'm hopeful we'll see you again. For those who have not, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet others who support organ and tissue donation from across the state.

(Ed. Note: I traveled with this group to lobby in Albany several years ago and found it a very stimulating, educational experience, professionally organized. S McN)

Eighth Annual Saturn Donor Day Targets Valentine's Day '05

For the eighth year running, participating Saturn Retailers, the United Auto Workers and many of America's leading non-profit health organizations that promote lifesaving donation will celebrate Saturn National Donor Day 2005 on and near Valentine's Day. Hundreds of Saturn retailers will join donor drives including: blood collection; adding registrants to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry; and, encouraging every American to commit to organ and tissue donation and equally important, to discuss their commitment with their family so their wishes will be fulfilled.

Saturn National Donor Day is believed to be America's largest annual one day lifesaving donation drive and in the first seven years, the project has collected over 50,000 units of blood, added nearly 10,000 potential marrow donors to the Registry and told literally millions of Americans of the dire need for organ and tissue donors. Donor Day spokespersons, each with a direct personal connection to lifesaving donation, include: Olympic medalist snowboarder Chris Klug; soccer superstar Mia Hamm; Oakland A's pitcher Barry Zito; cross-country cyclist Rodney Ford; and, Marquette Men's Basketball Coach Trey Schwab.

Those interested in staffing a display at one of our area Saturn dealerships on **Saturday, February 12**, please call Karen Guarino, 272-7890.

WORLD GAMES TO BE HELD IN CANADA

The Fifteenth WORLD Transplant Games will be held **July 16-24, 2005**, in London Ontario, Canada.

Updated Registration Information for Team USA to the 15th World Transplant Games is now available on the Kidney Foundation website at: www.kidney.org/recips/athletics/TeamUSA2005.cfm
<<http://www.kidney.org/recips/athletics/TeamUSA2005.cfm>>

There you will find information on registration deadlines, payment, travel, accommodations, meals, sporting events and other pertinent details.

Please note that the Canadian local organizing committee can host up to 2,150 participants in total; therefore, there will be two registration phases for all participants to ensure that each country has an equal opportunity to register. The LOC has announced that registration will be conducted online beginning on **January 1, 2005** (go to www.2005wtg.london.ca <<http://www.2005wtg.london.ca/>>). After you've registered online for the Games, full payment will then need to be forwarded to Team USA Headquarters in order to complete your registration. Contact the Team USA office if you do not have Internet access. Paper registration forms will be made available by the LOC.

Team USA will be limited to 100 athletes and 50 family members/friends during the first registration period or Phase 1 (January 1 - February 28, 2005). Team USA registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis (all fees must be paid in full to guarantee placement).

Show the world that organ donation works- be a part of Team USA!

Go to: <<http://www.kidney.org/recipes/athletics/>>

Presentations and health fairs coming up in Jan/Feb/March:

Anyone interested in staffing the display at a health fair / event, or accompanying a presenter to a school or group presentation to share your own personal transplant story, please contact Karen Guarino (585) 272-7890. Thank you.

Thursday, January 13 - School of the Arts presentations to health classes
Friday, January 14 - School of the Arts presentations to health classes
Tuesday, January 18 - Monroe Community College presentation to Death and Dying class
Friday, January 21 - School of the Arts presentations to health classes
Wednesday, February 16 - Pinehurst Senior Group presentation, Honeoye Falls
Wednesday, March 2 - SUNY Brockport health fair on campus
Thursday, March 17 - Brockport High School health fair
Saturday, March 19 - American Heart Association Heart Walk
Wednesday, March 30 - Pittsford Sutherland High School presentation to health classes
Thursday, March 31 - Pittsford Sutherland High School presentation to health classes

Eye Banking Celebrates 100th Anniversary

While this past year we noted the 50th anniversary of solid organ transplantation, 2005 will commemorate another important anniversary, the centennial of the first corneal transplant.

2005 will be an exciting year for eye banking and corneal transplantation for it marks the first successful corneal transplant by Dr. Eduard Zirm, in December 1905. This one event demonstrated that a successful corneal transplant could restore vision. While many people have contributed to and built upon Dr. Zirm's work, creating our modern system of eye banking and allowing us to restore sight to over one million people in the U.S. – and nearly 200 individuals in our area every year – we recognize him and this momentous event.

The Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank was established in 1952 and became a founding member of the Eye Bank Association of American (EBAA) in 1960. Ross Guglielmino, a lawyer in Rochester and co-founder of our agency, became the EBAA's first president in 1960 and drafted a national code of ethics. For a look at the history of eye banking visit www.restoresight.org and click on the 100th anniversary logo on the homepage.

TAO GOALS

1. To act as a support group for transplant candidates, transplant recipients and their families.
2. To provide education and information on transplantation and the issues that surround it.
3. To promote organ and tissue donation awareness.

All potential transplant recipients, candidates, family and friends are welcome. Meetings are held monthly and include programs of interest to the transplant community.