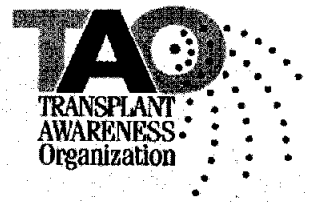


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Newsletter Deadline April 16th for the May, June newsletter

- MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Pinnacle Lutheran Church, located at 250 Pinnacle Road corner of Stone Rd.

Go south on Winton Rd. from Jefferson. Winton becomes Pinnacle.

Take Pinnacle to the light at Stone Road, turn left, the parking lot is behind the church. Use the Office entrance.

Due To A Conflict With Pinnacle Lutheran Church, The March 19, 2008

TAO Meeting Will Start @ 7:30pm.

Bad weather: if the Rush Henrietta School district is closed due to weather then there would be no TAO meeting at the Church. Meetings would be canceled.

Upcoming Meeting Topics

March 19

During the summer TAO board members spent time “brainstorming” on how to increase TAO’S mission to the local transplant community. We ended the sessions with a Strategic Action Plan for 2007 – 2010. The board broke this down into three committees they are: Increase Media Support, Increase power & distribution of newsletter to outside members, Identify Events that will raise TAO awareness. Because of shortened meeting times in March (times are 7:30 – 9pm) the board felt it may be helpful to have “Working Meetings” during that time and ask Members of TAO to help plan for the future. All TAO members are encouraged to come and join one of the committees to help make TAO a better organization. You can also help by informing pre and post transplant recipients about TAO and what it has to offer.

April 16

Dr. Mark Nickels, Transplant Psychiatrist will be at the April meeting. Dr. Nickels has been a frequent contributor to TAO meetings and we look forward to another opportunity to hear him. Dr. Nickels is available to Pre and Post transplant patients and has been working with the transplant population for many years. This will be an informal meeting with an opportunity to ask questions.

May 21

Dr. Richard Demme, Ethical Issues in Transplantation. Dr. Demme is Associate Professor of Medicine and Humanities at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is chair of the Strong Health Ethics Committee, sits on the Transplant Quality Council and is a member of the Independent Donor Advocate Team for the Living Donor Liver Transplant Program. Dr. Demme is a nephrologist who works with dialysis as well as kidney transplant patients.

We would like to hear from you. Our speakers for April and May would like to focus their presentation on our questions and concerns. Please contact Dennis, TAO president, at dstensh1@rochester.rr.com or 585-323-1392. We want these meetings to give you the information you need. Hope to see you there.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

We are excited to announce that we will be working on our Strategic Action Plan at the March meeting. It is a chance for all of us to come together with ideas to make TAO a better organization. We would like as many TAO members as able to come and be a part of this effort. We have three committees formed to work on our mission:

1. Increase Media Support
2. Increase power and distribution of newsletter to outside members
3. Identify events that will raise TAO awareness

So please come and join us at 7:30pm at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, 250 Pinnacle Rd. near corner of Stone Rd. We would like to know your ideas and concerns. Contact Dennis Stenshorn, president 585-323-1392, dstensh1@rochester.rr.com if you have questions or need directions.

Hope to see you there, Sandy McNitt, Board Member

TRANSPLANT ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH/APRIL

Michael Gerchman -- 03-01-98 Liver	Dennis Wittman -- 03-25-07 Liver
Jan Sharp -- 03-01-05 Kidney	Robert Hadsell -- 03-30-97 Liver
Ralph Toscano -- 03-01-89 / 06-01-90 Cornea	Kathy Friday -- 03-31-00 Kidney
Laurie Packard -- 03-11-91 Kidney	Jake Robinson -- 04-05-04 Kidney
Paula McKay -- 03-14-95 Kidney	James Graczyk -- 04-06-02 Liver
Cynthia Boyer-Green -- 03-14-96 Kidney	Penny Sayles -- 04-09-98 Kidney
Thomas Louer -- 03-22-04 Liver	Linda Marie Serenka -- 04-14-01 Kidney
Karen Gledhill -- 03-23-83 Kidney	Asya Zarkhi -- 04-24-03 Kidney

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, Transplant Awareness Organization of Greater Rochester, PO Box 23552, Rochester, NY 14692-3552

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM: Frank Imburgia, Shirley Tuites, Peter Davis, Dave Spiro, James Grossman, Mary Erickson, and Stephen Odai, Joseph A. Nolan, Richard F. Odenbach Family Charitable Trust, TAO received a memorial donation from Rita Lesnick in memory of Beatrice Hyde. Lisa Faucz made donations to TAO in memory of Beatrice Hyde, Jean Marie C. Malone and Mary Ann Crum.

TOPS NEVER STOPS.....Helping TAO Raise Money -The Tops Gift Card Program allows our non-profit organization to earn a 5% return by selling Tops Cards. The more we sell, the more we earn. The cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100.

2007 Sees an increase in number of individuals signing donor cards

In 2007, 2,158 individuals signed donor pledge cards. This was a 38% increase from 2006! Half of those that signed last year - 1,058 - did so during health fairs, community events, and at presentations. Thanks to all of our volunteers (many who are TAO members) who helped make this happen. Your support and dedication to helping others is unsurpassed! Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network

Older Patients Can Do Well With Kidney Transplant Matching those over 60 with appropriate donor organs could ease wait times, experts say

FRIDAY, Nov. 16 (HealthDay News) -- Age shouldn't be a barrier to receiving a kidney transplant, researchers say, and using donated kidneys that would normally be discarded may help ease a shortage of available organs. "In the recent past, chronological age has been considered a barrier for both organ donation and transplantation. Our experience suggests that by transplanting organs that are considered higher-risk into carefully selected elderly patients, waiting times can be reduced and survival is similar, compared to standard-organ transplants," study lead author Dr. Phillip Moore, of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, said in a prepared statement. He and his colleagues studied 356 kidney transplant patients for almost six years. Nearly of third of them were over age 60, and 54 percent of those older patients received kidneys from expanded

criteria donors (ECD). They include organs from deceased donors, donors over age 60, or donors over age 50 with health conditions such as hypertension, stroke or elevated levels of a protein called creatinine. Patient and organ survival rates were similar among all age groups and among patients who received an ECD or standard-criteria kidney. The mean transplant waiting time for patients over age 60 receiving ECD kidneys was 18 months, compared with 25 months for those receiving standard-criteria kidneys. At a follow-up of 27 months, survival among patients older than 60 was 91 percent, compared to 95 percent for those younger than 60. Survival rates of transplanted kidneys were 82 percent among patients older than 60, 83 percent among patients ages 40 to 59, and 87 percent among patients ages 19 to 39. The survival rate for patients who received ECD kidneys was 93 percent, compared to 89 percent for those who received standard-criteria kidneys. Kidney survival rates were 82 percent for ECD kidneys and 81 percent for standard-criteria kidneys. The study was published in the journal Surgery.

ELECTIONS – MAY 21, 2008

Members – We are looking for volunteers that would like to help us on a committee for the 2008 elections. The committee will be looking for people that would be interested in being an integral part of Transplant Awareness Organization. There will be three officer positions available – president, vice president and secretary. Also board member positions. If you are interested in learning more about these positions you can ask any of the present board members or the committee volunteers.

Short description of the positions:

President – preside and conduct all meetings of the board and membership meetings.

Vice President – perform the duties of the president when the president is absent.

Secretary – act as secretary at all board & membership meetings, and type up the minutes of all the meetings.

The board and membership meetings meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month – September through June.

The elections will be at the May 21, 2008 membership meeting. Please come join the committee or become a nominee for the positions available. If interested contact: Shelley Whitney, whitney618@aol.com / 334-8267 or Dennis Stenshorn, dstensh1@rochester.rr.com / 323-1392

GRANT AWARD FROM SAM'S CLUB

Last fall Mike and I filled out an application for grant funding at the Henrietta Sam's Club. We applied for funds to be used in our "meet and greet" volunteer program at the transplant clinic at Strong. In December we received a phone call from Mary DeCiantis, community involvement coordinator, telling us they awarded \$250 to the program.



We were very pleased with the outcome of the application. The funds will be used to purchase folders and other materials that we include in the packet we give to potential transplant candidates on his/her evaluation day at Strong. Shown accepting the check is Mike Stelljes (liver transplant recipient, live donor, 2001) with Mary and store manager Chris.

MORE DONATIONS ARE PREREQUISITE

Regarding the Friday Faccoff concerning organ transplantation. (Feb 8) The underlying issue is the shortage of donated organs in the setting of the rapid advancement and availability of transplant surgery. To essayist Bill Hamlin's point that 17 people die every day in this country while they await a suitable organ. I would add that hundreds of patients spend years waiting for a suitable organ. Opposing essayist Sheila Byrne should be reassured that there is in place a nationwide, technically advanced and entirely fair system of distribution of available organs regulated by UNOS the United Network for Organ Sharing. However, her laudable goal of organ transplants "based on need" cannot be met until we, both as a society and as individuals, encourage and support both living and deceased organ donations. Only when we convince enough of our fellow citizens to participate in organ donation will the supply of organs make possible the goal of transplantation based on need be met.

Dr. Roger J. Boulay, Pittsford, The writer is an emeritus clinical professor of medicine. This Letter to the Editor appeared in the Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, on February 20, 2008

GREAT NEW FEATURE - YOU BENEFIT AND TAO BENEFITS!!!

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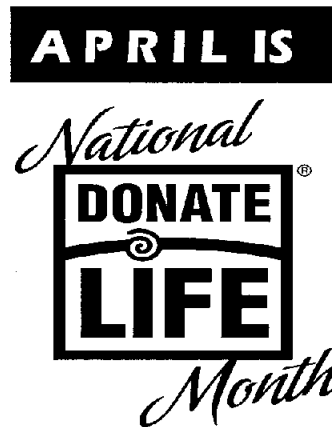
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TAO GOALS

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.

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