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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, May 18, 7 pm. Rosetta Mundt will discuss REIKI . This is a method of healing through energy with the Japanese translation being "universal energy." Rosetta has been trained in Reiki 1 and is currently training to be certified in Reiki 2. Rosetta will present an overview and give us some testimonial background.

Wednesday, June 15, 7 pm

JUNE PICNIC HELD "ON THE HILL" at the Gledhill home

Please join us for our June meeting at the "Home on the Hill", Karen and Tony Gledhill's. They are located off Browncroft Blvd. by Shadow Lake and Shadow Pines. at 39 Aspen Dr. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. Relax, enjoy the outside and chat with fellow members. A good time will be had by all. RSVP to Karen at 582-9252.

Elections Coming

Ever wish that you could be part of a fascinating organization, see "the inner workings and go behind the scenes" of how TAO is run. Now is your chance. We have positions to fill and we need you to do it.

As you all know, every organization needs people to help run it. We are looking for several people to be on our board. We are looking especially for anyone who might have a talent for being the group's **secretary**, or want to try. Elections will be held at the May 18 meeting for three Board positions, secretary and treasurer (Mike has indicated he is willing to run again for Treasurer.) If you are interested in becoming a board member or in a specific position, please let Dave Johnson (889-1346) know.

Deadline for Sept. - Oct. 2005 *Transplant Times* - Wednesday, August 16

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who helped sell and purchased tickets for the Kaufmanns Spring Fling. The Spring Fling was held April 12 to a sell out crowd. I spoke to the manager of the Eastview store who told me, "We have had these events in various larger cities throughout the country (Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and others) and have never had the turn out that they experienced in Rochester." She went on to say that she had heard that Rochester was a very charitable city and we indeed proved it Tuesday night.

I just found out that we won (from Kaufmann's) the second prize for most tickets sold AND for most participation..so Kaufmann's will send TAO/Transplant Games fund a check for \$3000.!!!!!! (WOW WHO!!!) Through your generous support, we made a little more than \$3000. for the Transplant Team! This was far more than I ever expected and I can thank all of you for that.

Karen Gledhill

TRANSPLANT ANNIVERSARIES OF TAO MEMBERS - May, June, July, August

Roger Duryea -- 05-01-95 Kidney
Bonnie Gottorff -- 05-07-95 Kidney
Leo Bianchi -- 05-16-02 Liver
Barbara Robida -- 05-18-02 Liver
Nancy Thompson -- 05-18-93 Liver
Patricia Terra -- 05-20-02 Liver
Bonnie Patten -- 05-21-95 Liver
Richard Orczyk -- 05-23-91 Heart
Benjamin Franklin, Jr. -- 05-23-02 Liver
Shelley Stone -- 06-05-95 Lung
Joseph Logalbo -- 06-07-03 Kidney
Rosa Dratsch -- 06-08-93 Kidney Donor
Ethel Jean Schrader -- 06-15-02 Liver
Otto Schuster -- 06-23-01 Liver
Bernice Eblövi -- 06-27-02 Liver
Don Kennedy -- 07-12-02 Kidney
Phillip Ronzo -- 07-19-96 Liver
James Blake -- 07-24-04 Liver
Giulio Verde -- 07-30-98 Heart
David Spiro -- 08-01-97 Liver
Donna Christy -- 08-05-00 Liver
Patricia Rankin -- 08-10-98 Kidney
Roger(Bud) Robinson -- 08-12-92 Heart
Michael Kerins -- 08-23-95 07-09-02 Kidney
Pancreas
Joseph Yahn -- 08-27-94 Heart
David Watts -- 08-30-90 Kidney
Rebecca Snyder -- 08-31-98 Heart
*Congratulations! Did we miss yours? Get your date wrong? Please call the editor!
(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.

Donate Life Awareness Bracelets Are Here!

The green "Donate Life/Done Vida" bracelets are here and will be available at the next meeting. The bracelets are individually wrapped. They are similar to the Lance Armstrong "Live Strong" bracelet. They are light weight, eye catching and a great way to start a conversation on organ and tissue donation. Don't forget to get one at the next meeting.

Karen Gledhill

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

TOPS never stops.....Helping TAO Raise Money

As one of the Tapesaver participants, (which Tops has discontinued), we have been given the opportunity to take part in their latest opportunity to raise funds for TAO. 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 \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. We have purchased \$1000 worth of cards and they will be available for you to purchase at our next meeting.

check our website www.tao-rochester.org

Riders for the Lilac Parade Float Needed

Help us to bring in the 2005 Lilac Festival in true transplant style. We are looking for riders for our ALL-NEW C-DOT float. The ability to wave to people and smile are the only requirements for a morning that you will never forget.

The parade is Saturday, May 14. The riders are provided a parking pass, instructions for assembling at the float site and a FABULOUS new float to ride on. We would like to thank Dan Newhouse for providing us with a new design for the float that will not disintegrate if it rains. The new design will be unveiled at the parade.

If you are interested in being a rider, please call or e-mail and leave your name, address, phone and date and type of transplant. Please call Karen Gledhill at 586-9252 or Karen Guarino at 272-7890.

WNY Chapter of the American Liver Foundation

Walk on the Wild Side

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at Seneca Park Zoo

Check-in begins at 8AM at the Long House Pavilion, Start Time 9AM

Children's activities 8-9 AM. After the walk all participants can spend the day at the zoo for free.

New this year you can register and raise money online!

To receive a walk brochure call 271-2859. Hope to see you there!

Carol Roberts

Mark your calenders for this year's Rochester River Run

Friends of Strong's fifth annual Rochester River Run will take place on Saturday, August 6th, 2005. It was moved to August because the Rochester Marathon is in September, as well as many other races. This race/walk raises funds for the Organ Transplant Program at Strong.

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, donors, family and friends are welcome. Meetings are held monthly and include programs of interest to the transplant community.

For Kidneys, Age Matters Little. (the NY Times, March 15, 2005)

Doctors should not put too much emphasis on the age of kidney donors or recipients in deciding whether a transplant makes sense, a new study suggests. Researchers from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC say the success rate of their transplants does not appear to be affected by age. The findings were presented at a meetings of the Central Surgical Association in Tucson.

Until fairly recently, older age was often considered sufficient grounds to reject either a donor organ or recipient. The findings, based on a review of 144 transplants a year or more after surgery, have bearing on who should be considered good candidates for kidneys. "A lot of people never even consider transplant as an option because they think they're too old," says the lead researcher. "And they're really not." But the study also suggests that doctors should think carefully before rejecting kidneys from older patients--an important finding, given the long list of people waiting for a new kidney.

GOVERNOR PATAKI ANNOUNCES MILESTONE IN ORGAN DONATION

One Million New Yorkers Registered to Give the Gift of Life; More Still Needed

On April 7, 2005 Governor George E. Pataki marked an historic milestone in the State's continuing efforts to improve the health and well being of its residents by announcing that more than one million New Yorkers have now registered as donors with the New York State Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

"Over the last several years we have learned that New Yorkers can rise to any challenge, no matter how great," Governor Pataki said. "So it is rewarding, but not surprising to see that so many New Yorkers have once again responded to the needs of their fellow citizens. Still, every day thousands of Americans wait for the life saving help that many times simply is not available. That's why we will continue to encourage every eligible New Yorker to consider becoming an organ donor."

The State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry was created in June 2000 by Governor Pataki to afford individuals the ability to donate their organs and tissues for medical use. This announcement is a result of a coordinated effort by the State and the transplant community to increase public awareness about the critical importance and demand for organ and tissue donation.

The majority of New Yorkers enroll as a donor by checking the appropriate box on their driver's license or non-driver identification card application or renewal form. This creates a confidential computerized listing that is transferred electronically from the state Department of Motor Vehicles to a secure database maintained by the New York State Department of Health. Registry information can only be accessed at the time of death by federally approved organ donation professionals.

Those who would like to enroll as a donor may do so through the DOH web site at: www.nyhealth.gov, as well as through local organ procurement organizations and State DMV sign-up activities.

For more information, individuals may also visit DMV's web site at: www.nydmv.state.ny.us, call the State Organ and Tissue Donor Registry at 866-NYDONOR (866-693-6667) or contact the appropriate organ procurement organization listed below:

Karen L. Guarino

Waiting List As of 3/20/05

	National	NYS
Kidney	65,484	5,430
Liver	17,652	2,159
Pancreas	1,702	118
Kidney/Pancreas	2,519	145
Heart	3,218	342
Lung	3,790	279
Heart/Lung	169	4
Intestine	189	16
Total	94,728	8,493

91% of Americans support organ donation, but only 34% know how to sign up in their States.

World Transplant Games Opening Ceremony—Anyone?

A once in a life time event is coming to our area! The World Transplant Games are going to be celebrated in our area this summer. In the past, the World Games have been presented in Australia, England and various locations in Europe. This summer the World Games will take place in London, Ontario, Canada.

The Opening Ceremony will be Sunday, July 17 at the John La Batt Center—a 9000 seat indoor entertainment complex in London. Transplant athletes from the countries of the world will take part in the Opening Ceremony, as well as donor families. The Opening Ceremony is always a great event, as any one who has attended the US Transplant Games can tell you.

Joanne Schum is organizing the rental of a van or bus to go to the Opening Ceremony at the John LaBatt Center in London. This will be a one day trip. Please contact Joanne (671-7635) or Karen Gledhill (582-9252) and indicate how many people will be traveling.

Karen Gledhill

US Transplant Games - Ready for 2006?

We have just received word that 2006 US Transplant Games will be held June 16 through 20 at the convention center in Louisville, Kentucky.



The Transplant Team needs YOU!

The Transplant Team for the 2006 Transplant Games is looking for YOU! We are looking for existing and new members. If you have had a transplant (any kind, except hair), you are eligible to become a team member. It is that easy! Athletic ability is a plus, although not necessary. There are all levels of competition, from the amateur to the hard-core competitor.

Some of the sporting events that are offered at the Games include: badminton, basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, racquetball, swimming, table tennis, tennis track and field, race walking and baseball toss. The Games are about more than just winning, they are about camaraderie of your fellow participants and to show the world that transplantation works. The games are the largest gathering of its kind, showcasing the success of lifesaving organ transplantation.

Team Upstate New York has, in the past, been one of over 50 teams that have participate at the Games from throughout the United States. The next Games are scheduled for the summer of 2006 but we are starting the search for team members now! Our goal has been to bring more team members this year. If you are interested, please call Karen Gledhill at 586-9252.

From Our Former President - Now in North Carolina Organizing a March on Washington

From: David Cox

Subject: March For Organ Donation

I am a former member and past president of Rochester's TRIO which is now TAO.

I am organizing an event called "The March on Washington for Organ Donation." The purpose of this event is to bring as many people as possible to **Washington on October 9th** to raise awareness for the need for organ donation. I am hoping by then that as many as 100,000 people will attend. Such a large crowd will send a clear message about the need for donors and be a wakeup call to policy makers. We need donors, we need money for medicines, we need money for operations, etc. If a large number of people do attend, I think we can grab the attention of people and maybe make some changes for the better.

I have created a website with information about this event at www.guffy.net/march. I ask that you pass this along to your members as well as to anyone who might be interested.

Also, give my best to everyone in TAO.

Thank you,

David Cox



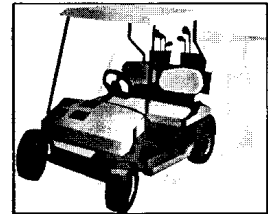
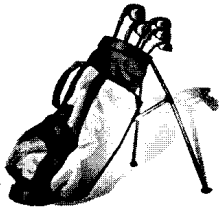
5th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
for the *National Kidney Foundation of Upstate New York*
2006 Transplant Olympic Games Team



When: Saturday, June 25th
1:30 pm tee time; shotgun start
Sign in between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm

Where: Livingston Country Club
Conveniently located off Rt. 390
at the Geneseo Exit

Cost: \$70.00/person



Includes: 18 holes golf, cart, dinner,
refreshments, and prizes

Format: Four person scramble

In order to sign up, you must supply the
names, phone numbers, and the e-mail addresses (if available)
of each player in your foursome. Payment in
full must be received no later than June 11, 2005.

To sign up, please call:
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