



Transplant Times

Newsletter of the Transplant Awareness Organization of Greater Rochester

Providing support, understanding, education and resources for transplant recipients candidates and their families.

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June 20, 2011

TAO Picnic at Carmen Clark Lodge (Brighton Town Park)

July 18, 2011

No Meeting Enjoy the Summer!

TAO Meets

NEW DAY & LOCATION

3rd Monday of the Month
Christ Episcopal Church
Fellowship Room
36 South Main Street
Pittsford, NY

A Message from the President



Well, spring has finally arrived in Rochester and with every occasional glimpse of the sun my spirits rise in anticipation of the warmer days ahead. This year we have certainly earned a healthy dose of sunshine, given the eternity that seemed to be the winter that is just past.

In this month's note I want to draw your attention to a number of upcoming events that will hopefully be of interest to you:

- June is the month for the **Annual TAO Picnic** which will take place on Monday, June 20 at the Carmen Clark Lodge in Brighton Town Park (777, Westfall Road). Last year's event at the same location proved to be a great success and so I encourage you to invite spouses, children, grandchildren and anyone else who would enjoy a good barbecue in a relaxed atmosphere. Further details are included in this newsletter.
- May is the month when we traditionally hold the **elections for the TAO board**. As you will note from the information in this newsletter, there are a number of board positions to be filled. Several existing board members are running for re-election, and in addition we have two new nominees for board seats. Brief bio's of each candidate on the ballot are included in this newsletter along with a ballot on page 2. We encourage your participation in the election, either through mailing of the included paper ballot or alternatively via email.

- An important fundraising event, the **All Import Car Show Weekend**, will take place July 8, 9 and 10 in Webster. The Z-Car Club of Rochester is sponsoring the event. Among the charities that will be beneficiaries of the event is the Transplant Awareness Organization. We are very grateful for this opportunity for additional financial support, and encourage TAO members and their families to attend the event. A flyer with more information is included with this newsletter.

In closing, I want to give you an update on Jerry Runion, our past president, who was hospitalized at the time of my last note to you. I am pleased to tell you that Jerry has been released from the hospital, is home and is making good progress!

May your spring and summer be happy ones!!

Geoff Foley

TAO Board Nominees

► My name is **Kathy Wesline** and I am rather new to the TAO community. I have lived in the Rochester NY area all of my life and have always felt that this community is one that offers great opportunity to its citizens.

I currently reside in the Charlotte area with my husband Jack, who besides being my best friend has proved that he is a wonderful caregiver as well. We have a daughter, son and his wife and the light of our lives an enchanting 2 1/2 year-old granddaughter. When I was in the working world my career was that of Manager of a large Medical Practice. I spent 29 years in medicine and have witnessed many changes to the healthcare industry.

April 5, 2010 was a defining day for me as I received the gift of a new right lung at the Cleveland Clinic. It was while waiting for transplant that I became aware of TAO and the important work they do. Since transplant and our return home I have become more aware of the support that is needed not only by the patient but for the caregivers as well. When I was approached about joining the Board of TAO I made the decision to say yes looking for a way to give back to fellow transplant patients and their families.

There are so many individuals in need of an organ and I feel strongly about working to spread the word for the need of organ donations. Educating people is the key to a better understanding and an active presence from TAO will help. Finding ways for TAO to be more visible and let the community know that a transplant recipient is a vital, strong, and vibrant person is one of my desires. I would be pleased to serve on the Board and help continue the many efforts that have been started by those before us who have blazed the trail.

► My name is **Debbie Yendrzeski** and I am currently serving as your Vice-President. I've been on the TAO Board for few years now, serving as co-host at the social events and I am also the co-editor of the Transplant Times. As a Friends of Strong volunteer I visit with transplant patients that are in the hospital. Through the Rochester Eye and Tissue Bank and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network I volunteer at health fairs and blood drives. I look

forward to continuing to serve on the board and helping to keep TAO viable and progressive.

► My name is **Bonnie Hafner** and I have served on the TAO Board as co-host of the social events. I also provide the treats at the monthly meetings, have coordinated fundraising events such as the Tops cards and the shopping days at BonTons. I serve on the Sunshine Club, sending condolences and get well greetings. As a Friends of Strong volunteer I visit with in patients and also meet potential transplant candidates in the clinic. I have enjoyed serving on the TAO Board for many years and look forward to continuing to do so for many years to come.

► My name is **Matthew Felo**. I moved to Rochester 44 years ago after serving four years in the Marine Corp. I graduated from Monroe Community College with an associate's degree.

I have been married to my wife Sandy for over forty years; I have two daughters Jennifer and Laura, three grandchildren Paul, Ryan and Kyle and one son-in-law Paul.

I have worked with Symons corps as application engineer, detailer, Chief Estimator, and assistant to plant manager. Next I worked with Dubois Chemical as a sales representative. My last job I worked for Oldcastle Precast, starting as a detailer, then the Chief Estimator, as well as trouble shooter for problem jobs.

I worked with the Browncroft Neighborhood Association, on the zoning committee, treasurer, and as liaison with the northeast Neighborhood association during the seventy's.

In 2005 I went to the Cleveland Clinic to see about a lung transplant, after a little more than two years I was listed for a lung transplant. Two month later I received my transplant.

I am a member of TAO, Friends of Strong Volunteer, and volunteer with Rochester Eye and Tissue Bank and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network.

Please vote for 4 board members by sending ballot to TAO P.O. Box 23552, Rochester, NY 14692-3552, by calling TAO at 1-888-664-1463 or e-mail Geoff Foley at GeoffF21@yahoo.com by June 13, 2011

Kathy Wesline

Bonnie Hafner

Debbie Yendrzeski

Matthew Felo

Past Vice President Sandy McNitt Honored



Dr. Michael Apostolakos reflects on Sandy McNitt's contributions while displaying her plaque during the dedication.

On April 21 many TAO Board members along with several members of the McNitt family and URMIC Pulmonary staff assembled at the pulmonary clinic to honor Sandy McNitt who passed away last year. TAO purchased three portable oximeters in Sandy's name. A plaque was presented and will be hung in the clinic to recognize this contribution as well as Sandy's dedication, support and service to TAO.

April's Guest Speaker Recap



Linda Maiellano spoke about Katie's Star Memorial Fund that was established in memory of her daughter Katie who was an organ donor. The fund, started by family and friends of Katie, helps those individuals and their families with uninsured expenses such as travel and lodging when coming to Western NY for a transplant. The fund is administered by the Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank and applications for funding are reviewed by a committee that includes both Linda and her husband, Mike.

United Network for Organ Sharing

Candidates listed as of 5/16/2011

88,560	Kidney
16,133	Liver
3,129	Heart
2,197	Kidney/Pancreas
1,758	Lung
1,360	Pancreas
264	Intestine
67	Heart/Lung

110,959 TOTAL

Total may be less than sums due to patients in multiple categories

www.unos.org

Board of Directors & Officers

President	Linda Barnard
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Transplant Anniversaries

BERNICE EBLOVI	LIVER	June	2002
KAREN LEE SOMMER	LIVER	June	2006
MIKE YENDRZESKI	LIVER	June	2002
RICK CLARK	KIDNEY	July	2004
CINDY DESHANE	LIVER	July	2005
BONNIE GOTTORFF	KIDNEY	July	2005
RICHARD PEREZ	LIVER	July	2003
PATRICIA RIDGE	KIDNEY/PANCREAS	July	2006
JOANNE TUCKER	LIVER	July	2006
GIULIO VERDE	HEART	July	1998



How to eat healthier while on the go...

Elizabeth Keirstead RD, CNSD
Transplant Nutrition Specialist
University of Rochester Medical Center
Emily Scheffler, Cornell Intern.

Most people today are always on the go, and find themselves faced with the challenge of making healthier choices while eating away from home.

The best solutions are controlling calories and reducing the amount of times eating out occurs.

However, when faced with ordering food away from home, here are some strategies to stay on track.

- Think ahead and plan. Use nutritional information websites of menus if available.
- Select several options with lower fat/calories/carbohydrate/sodium and higher in fiber.

General guidelines

(with these guidelines try to keep within or less):

Calories 400-600

Fat 20-30 grams

Carbohydrate 45-60 grams

Fiber >2 grams

Sodium 700-900 mg

- Eat lighter for other parts of your day.
- Avoid eating out when ravenously hungry.
- Keep low-calorie snacks available ahead of time such as;
 - yogurt, fruit, low fat/reduced fat cheese, vegetables or small servings of high fiber cereal.
- Some restaurants offer a section of healthier choices on their menus.
- Don't be shy about asking if an item can have healthier alterations. However, sometimes a charge will be added. Bring trusted items to assist the meal.

For example, bring along a favorite dressing catered to your needs that is lower in fat/sodium/sugar, or bring along vegetables and fruits to add more nutrients.

Adding lower calorie fruits and vegetables adds fiber

helping to avoid overeating.

- Be careful of extra calories in beverages; you can always drink water or switch to the sugar free option. If allowed to drink alcohol, no more than one for women and two for men. Remember, alcohol tends to increase your appetite, decrease blood sugars in diabetics, and it contains just about as many calories as fat.
- Select smaller sizes, child size, or share with a friend. Be strategic and box extra food into take home container. Do this before the start of the meal if your will-power is low.
- Really hungry and afraid the starters will do you in? Ask to have them brought at the time of the meal or not at all, and drink your water to fill up.
- Sweet tooth? How about planning just dessert days and cut out the full meal?
- Know yourself. If you like one item the most, go for it! Then select healthier options to go with it.
- At Buffets or all-you-can-eat specials, do a run-by to look at all the options, select the ones wanted most, then decide and make a rule to take one trip only. If smaller dishes are available, use them.
- Ask for sauces, dressings and toppings to be served on the side and try to use as little as possible.
- Choose vegetables and fruits if applicable as toppings. Always select whole grain options. Discard parts of the rolls, buns, and wraps if they are oversized or seem in excess. A solution to reaching your quota on starches/carbohydrate servings is to reduce by discarding the bread and eating the filling by itself.
- Include more activity to burn off calories.
- Refrigerate carry out leftovers if they will not be eaten right away. Throw away any food kept at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

Look for these words on restaurant and take out menus:

Better	Beware
Grilled	Fried (deep or pan)
Broiled	Battered or breaded
Baked	Buttered
Poached	Creamed
Roasted	Crispy
Steamed	Large or Extra Large
Reduced or Low fat or sugar - Fat free/sugar free	Sweetened



Jonathan Krenzer Memorial All Import Car Show Weekend

Acura & Alfa to VW & Volvo if you've got-it, bring-it! Let's get it on!

When: Friday July 8th, Saturday July 9th, Sunday, July 10th 2011

Events: Friday Kickoff Reception, 6:00pm at the Host Hotel
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites,
860 Holt Road, Webster, NY 14580
A variety of food and beverage provided by ZCCR
--Free to registered participants

Saturday  All Import Car Show at the Webster-Fairport Elks Lodge
1066 Jackson Road, Webster, New York 14580
Registration 9am - noon, Show Hours 10am - 4pm,
Awards Ceremony commences at 3pm
Food, Music, Raffles, Prizes, Awards and more

(Saturday Evening) Barbeque Buffet Dinner, in the ballroom at Webster Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, BYOB with set-ups & soft drinks provided

Sunday Road Rally to Watkins Glen NY, take three laps around the world famous Watkins Glen International Raceway. After your track time, enjoy lunch, shopping and more in the quaint and historic village of Watkins Glen; home of the raceway, historic road-course & famous Watkins Glen Gorge.

Registration Fees:	Car show	\$15 per car
	Saturday night buffet	\$18 per person
	Watkins Glen International	\$30 per car for 3 laps

Proceeds of this event will benefit our two great charities:

T.A.O. Transplant Awareness Organization of Rochester provides support, understanding, education and resources for transplant recipients, candidates and their families. Actively work in the community to promote organ and tissue donation.



UNYFEAT--Upstate New York Families for Effective Autism Treatment
They're purpose is to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families by expanding and enhancing opportunities to improve quality of life.



Hey all you import car enthusiasts, the game is on and it's bigger than ever!

ZCCR is building on its past experience and expanding the car show this year to include ALL brands of Import Automobiles. You will see more cars, more entertainment and even more excitement. How do you top-off a show like this? How about a trip to Watkins Glen with laps on one of the world's most famous race tracks! Join us **July 8th, 9th & 10th** for this very special car & driver summer event.

Kick off the week-end Friday night at 6pm when participants will gather in the ballroom at the **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 860 Holt Road, Webster, NY 14580** for an evening of meet and greet. Catch up with old friends from past years, and meet new acquaintances. Share your past years events, changes made to the cars, and those special life stories. Kick back, relax and enjoy finger food, sandwiches, pizza and beverages supplied by ZCCR.

On Saturday morning, come over to our exciting **Fourth Annual "Jonathan Krenzer Memorial All Import Car show"**. As you can see by the title we have upped the ante to include all import cars and they'll ALL, vintage to modern, bone stock to wild custom be on display. Compete to win **People's Choice 1st or 2nd Place** in-class and **Coolest Ride** trophy's. Try for one of the special trophy's; **Best Engine, Best Paint, Best Interior** chosen by a panel of judges. And a special **Best in Show** trophy winner will be chosen by **HOSELTON Auto Mall**.

- Hoses, Buckets & Suds are provided to help you prepare your car for the show.
- The show lot has acres of lawn to display your ride in a great park-like atmosphere with plenty of room to roam!
- Burgers, hots, chicken and ice cream will be available.
- Enjoy the DJ sound system music while walking the show, and check-out the specialty vendors.



Don't miss this opportunity to see a special display of historic vehicles, such as:



- 1976 Datsun 620 **Bonneville Salt Flats Race Truck**
- 1970 Datsun 510 Custom with the original **Cannonball Run** Challenger engine
- 1969 240Z HLS30-00006, the **oldest Z in existence** and first Z race car campaigned as BSR #33 by **Bob Sharp** and **Jim Fitzgerald**.
- 1969 240Z HLS30-00008, the first Z used for automotive press reviews, cover car for January 1970 issue of **Road & Track** magazine.
- 1969 240Z HLS30-00013, recently rediscovered after over 30 years in storage, the **first 240Z to be sold to the public**.

Purchase raffle tickets from the Z-GirlZ

for the 50/50 drawing for cash and merchandise to be given away during the show.

Walk the walk, talk car-talk, enjoy the cars and your buddies, the food, music and prizes in a park-like atmosphere with plenty of show-lot and spectator parking! From Acura & Alfa to VW & Volvo if you've got-it, bring-it, let's get it on!

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Saturday evening after the show gather back at the host hotel for a **BARBEQUE BUFFET**.

Enjoy good food, beverages, entertainment and time well spent with great friends while reviewing the day's events and looking ahead to the next-day's Rally.



On Sunday:



“Prepare for the driving experience of a lifetime!”

Meeting early at the host hotel, we begin with a road rally to Watkins Glen International Raceway.

Departure is at 8:30am for a scenic rally-like romp across the curvy roads of New York's Finger Lakes region.

You will take warm laps in your car at the Glen! Here you experience the one of a kind twists, turns and elevation changes of the historic racetrack. After the laps, you can set your pace roaming the quaint village of Watkins Glen, enjoy its many shops, restaurants, ice cream parlors or the famous Gorge and Cascading Falls at the State Park.

If you plan on staying overnight, check our website WWW.ZCCR.NET for information on a special rate at the host hotel, the **Webster Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites**.

Be sure to **register early** to reserve one of the **limited spots** for **Laps at the Glen!**

Complete the Registration Form on the last page for the entire weekend, or specific portions.

If you have attended our events in the past you know it will be a fun-filled weekend.

If this is your first time with us, be prepared for sunshine, good-times, great-tunes, smokin' cars, and a road-trip that'll have you twisting around & thru our brilliant Finger Lakes!

REGISTRATION FORM

Insert to June/July TAO Newsletter

Driver car #1 _____ Passenger
Driver car #2 _____ Passenger
Registrant street address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Mail code _____
Phones: Daytime (____)-____-____ Evening (____)-____-____ Cell (____)-____-____
Registrant s email _____@_____ (Please print carefully)
Car #1 description Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____
Car Club affiliation _____
Car #2 description Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____
Car Club affiliation _____

TROPHY's to be awarded as follows:

- 1st & 2nd Place Datsun 240/260/280Z , Datsun 280ZX , Nissan/Datsun 300ZX-Z31 ,
Nissan 300ZX-Z32 , Nissan 350/370 Z , Acura , Alfa Romeo , Audi , BMW , Datsun Non-Z ,
Ferrari , Fiat , Honda , Hyundai , Infiniti , Jaguar , Kia , Lexus , Lotus , Mazda ,
Mercedes , MG , Mini Cooper , Mitsubishi , Nissan Non-Z , Opel , Porsche , Saab , Scion ,
Subaru , Suzuki , Supra , Toyota , Triumph , Volkswagen , Volvo , Miscellaneous
Plus: Best Engine , Best Interior , Best Paint , Coolest Ride , Best of Show

ZCCR reserves the right to review all Peoples Choice trophy award voting to assure the integrity of the vote

Register early to reserve one of the limited spots for Laps at the Glen

Your registration automatically includes the kickoff party Friday night. **Hotel stay is NOT included.**

To **reserve your room** ask for the special  **\$99.00/evening rate** at the event hotel, contact:
Webster Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites directly **(585) 872-0900** no later than June 8th, 2011

(FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED, for availability of Hotel Rooms at this special event-rate)

Saturday Car Show \$15 per car	\$15 X _____ = \$ _____
Barbeque Buffet (BYOB) Saturday Night \$18 per person	\$18 X _____ = \$ _____
Warm Laps at Watkins Glen International \$30 per car	\$30 X _____ = \$ _____
(Barbeque Buffet reservation cut-off is June 30th)	Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Enclose this form with your registration check made out to **"Z Car Club of Rochester"** and mail to:



Frank McGinley
ZCCR AICS Registration
26 Southgate Trail
Fairport, New York, 14450



Any questions please contact either:

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Under Kidney Transplant Proposal, Younger Patients Would get the Best Organs

By Rob Stein

Washington Post Staff Writer

Thursday, February 24, 2011; 12:04 AM (Excerpt)

The nation's organ-transplant network is considering giving younger, healthier people preference over older, sicker patients for the best kidneys.

Instead of giving priority primarily to patients who have been on the waiting list longest, the new rules would match recipients and organs to a greater extent based on factors such as age and health to try to maximize the number of years provided by each kidney - the most sought-after organ for transplants.

"We're trying to best utilize the gift of the donated organ," said Kenneth Andreoni, an associate professor of surgery at Ohio State University who chairs the committee that is reviewing the system for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), a Richmond-based private nonprofit group contracted by the federal government to coordinate organ allocation. "It's an effort to get the most out of a scarce resource."

The ethically fraught potential changes, which would be part of the most comprehensive overhaul of the system in 25 years, are being welcomed by some bioethicists, transplant surgeons and patient representatives as a step toward improving kidney distribution. But some worry that the changes could inadvertently skew the pool of available organs by altering the pattern of people making living donations. Some also complain that the new system would unfairly penalize middle-aged and elderly patients at a time when the overall population is getting older.

"The best kidneys are from young adults under age 35 years. Nobody over the age of 50 will ever see one of those," said Lainie Friedman Ross, a University of Chicago bioethicist and physician. "There are a lot of people in their 50s and 60s who, with a properly functioning kidney, could have 20 or more years of life. We're making it harder for them to get a kidney that will function for that length of time. It's age discrimination."

More than 110,000 Americans are listed as waiting for organs, including more than 87,000 who need kidneys. Only about 17,000 Americans get kidneys each year, and more than 4,600 die because they did not get one in time.

"It's a big shift," said Arthur C. Caplan, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist. "For a long time, the whole program has been oriented toward waiting-list time. This is moving it away from a save-the-sickest strategy to trying to get a greater yield in terms of years of life saved."

If adopted, the approach could have implications for other decisions about how to allocate scarce medical resources, such as expensive cancer drugs and ventilators during

hurricanes and other emergencies, Caplan said.

"This is a fascinating canary-in-a-cave kind of debate," he said. "We don't want to talk about rationing much in America. It's become taboo in any health-care discussion. But kidneys reminds us there are situations where you have to talk about rationing. You have no choice. This may shine a light on these other areas."

An evolving system

The current system, which dates to 1986, was first based largely on giving kidneys to the patients who matched the organs best, but it evolved to take a first-come, first-served approach made possible by safer, more powerful anti-rejection drugs. Today, the UNOS's Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) gives priority to patients seeking organs from someone who dies based mostly on who has waited the longest.

"It was just a fairness issue," Andreoni said. "You're next in line. It's your turn."

The problem is that, in some cases, elderly recipients get organs from much younger donors whose kidneys could have provided far more years of healthy life to younger, healthier patients. Younger patients can receive older or less-healthy organs that wear out more quickly, forcing them back onto the transplant list in a few years.

The 30-member UNOS Kidney Transplantation Committee, which has been reviewing the system for about six years, last week quietly began circulating for public comment a 40-page document outlining possible revisions.

Under one scenario, for 80 percent of kidneys, patients 15 years older or younger than the donor would get higher priority. The remaining 20 percent of organs - those deemed to have the best chance of lasting the longest based on the age and health of the donor and other factors - would be given to recipients with the best chances of living the longest based on criteria such as their age, how long they've been on dialysis and whether they have diabetes.

M. Jill McMaster, a UNOS board member representing the public, acknowledged that the new system would put older people at a disadvantage, but she argued that it is necessary.

"I'm 60 years old, and I have a transplant. But if I were to need a second transplant, I wouldn't have a chance of getting the best organs, whereas in the past I did have a chance," McMaster said. "What we're asking those on the list to do is hard when you are sick, which is to look at the needs of everybody. I think it's the right thing to do."

Although many of the details about how the new concept would be implemented still have to be worked out, McMaster said it is likely to be adopted.

Local Legislative Education

For the past several years, volunteers and staff of Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network have visited our local Legislators in Albany during National Donate Life Month in April. During these visits, our Senate and Assembly members are educated about issues that are important to organ, eye and tissue donation.

This year on April 12, New York Alliance for Donation (NYAD) Board Members visited several Legislators in Albany. NYAD has asked that each recovery organization make home office visits to their respective Senate and Assembly members. RETB and FLDRN will be coordinating this effort.

If you would like to participate in local visits to your Senate and Assembly representatives, please contact Karen Guarino at 585-272-7890 or email: kguarino@rehpb.org

Donors and Donor Families Honored at Celebration of Life Ceremony

A Celebration of Life ceremony to honor all organ, eye and tissue donors and their families, hosted by Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network and Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank, was held on Sunday, May 15, at the R.I.T. Inn and Conference Center. The afternoon program included three recipient guest speakers relating their personal stories and thanks to those in attendance as well as a moving photo video tribute of the donors and more. Panels from the national and local Donor Family Quilts were on display. TAO members Geoff Foley and Debbie Yendrezski attended on behalf of the organization. "It was a very emotional day that ended with many smiles," stated Debbie. "Thank you to all donor families for the Gift of Life."

Donor Family Quilt displayed during Celebration of Life Ceremony



Lilac Festival Parade Float

The Council for Donation of Organs and Tissues (C-DOT) once again participated in this years parade on Saturday, May 14. The Weather didn't dampen the crowds enthusiasm toward the Donate Life float, as cheers, thumbs up and waving greeted those on the float along the parade's route. Those riding on the float represented organ, cornea and tissue recipients, donor family members and family members of each.

TAO is a member agency of C-DOT, along with nine other organizations from the Rochester and Syracuse areas that collectively work together to raise awareness of the need for organ, eye and tissue donations. The parade is one of the events that C-DOT sponsors.

Donate Life Flag Raising at URMC

In recognition of Donate Life Month (April), URMC hosted a flag raising ceremony on Monday, April 25, in honor of organ, eye and tissue donors from the past year. TAO President Geoff Foley ceremoniously raised the flag along with a donor family representative and tissue transplant recipient while TAPS was being played and the first names of each donor read. A brief reception followed the ceremony.

Float riders meet at the "tailgate continental breakfast" before decorating the float.



Bonnie Haefner puts on finishing touches before the parade begins as Norm Breen looks on.



Janice Odenbach's Suburban looking good!





Don Brown (Left) with RETB and FLDRN Staff

Mickey Mantle look-a-like Don Brown of Waterville, NY, began his fifth annual DONATE LIFE road trip to Mantle's hometown with a stop at the Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank on Friday, April 8. Brown's two-week trip during National Donate Life Month in April is a tribute to his brother who died several years ago before receiving a needed kidney transplant. Along the way Brown educates those he meets about organ, eye and tissue donation. He makes this trip driving his personally customized 2003 Thunderbird convertible with pin striping, authentic Yankees logo and Mantle's number seven.

Staff from the Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network welcomed Don.

Wishes of Wellness ToÖ

Our healing thoughts and prayers go out to Bernice Eblövi, Mike Stelljes, Jerry Runion, Diane and Jerry Bluff and Dan Newhouse.



Contributions

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and / or organizations who made contributions to TAO.

If we omitted you, please let us know so that we may post in next issue. **THANK YOU.**

Dennis & Carol Wittman in memory of Diane Bartz.

Rob Kochik

In Kind:

Debbie and Mike Yendrzeski

Save The Date . . .

TAO Organ Specific Support Groups

"OPEN AIRWAYS" - Lung Gathering

Wednesday, June 15 - NOON - Aladdin's Pittsford - Schoen Place (indoor or outdoor dining, and walk on the canal is planned)

Wednesday, July 20 - NOON - Aladdin's Pittsford - Schoen Place (indoor or outdoor dining, Creamery after for some cold refreshment and walk)

Tuesday, August 23 - NOON - Aladdin's Pittsford - Schoen Place (indoor or outdoor dining, walk the cute village of Pittsford, check out some historic homes!)

Call or email Joanne if interested: 671-7635
twoluckylungs@juno.com

The Liver Lunch Bunch

The Liver Lunch Bunch will not be meeting until the Fall - enjoy your summer.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, June 20. Annual TAO Picnic

Come one come all!

Carmen Clark Lodge at the Brighton Town Park, 777 Westfall Road (West of Clinton Ave). Picnic starts at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Cost: \$10.00 adults and \$5.00 for children. Please RSVP by June 13 to Debbie @ 377-6028 or at

auggieday@aol.com, subject: picnic

JUNE 2011						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Saturday July 9. All Import Car Show

Proceeds benefit TAO (See Insert for details)

Free for spectators. \$15.00 for car entry. Come out to support TAO.

Transplant Times

Submission Deadline

For August / September 2011 issue:

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Articles /ideas email to:

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TAO / Rochester Membership Application

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DUES: \$20 Family \$100 Institution
New Member Renewal Date

unable to make dues payment at this time

Extra contributions to help our organization are always welcome, and are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to: TAO of Greater Rochester, PO Box 23552, Rochester, NY, 14692-3552.

Name (please print) Spouse/companion

Address City State Zip

Phone () E-mail

- Candidate Recipient Family Member Donor Family Friend Professional

Candidate/Recipient information: # of Transplants Hospital

Date(s) Organ(s)/Tissue(s)