



Transplant Times

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TAO Meets

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30 P.M.
 Christ Episcopal Church
 Fellowship Room
 36 South Main Street
 Pittsford, NY

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Submission Deadline

For February/March issue:
 January 8
 Articles /ideas email to:
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 TAO
 PO Box 23552
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Another year is coming to a close and a New Year looming. Holidays are upon us which is a great time for fun, family and friends. The TAO Board would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays.

We are looking forward to the TAO annual Holiday Recognition Dinner and we hope you will all join us. The details can be found in this newsletter.

In lieu of a December member meeting we gift wrap at Barnes & Noble. This provides an opportunity to bring awareness to organ, eye and tissue donation. You can join in the fun by signing up for a shift or support our effort by shopping at Barnes & Noble on December 16.

We have so much to be grateful for and as the year closes I can't help but reflect on all my blessings. Along with blessings comes sorrow. This year has been filled with losses but that is only in the physical sense, the people I've lost live on in my heart. They have made such an impact on my life that



they will live on forever. I'm sure that you have all experienced this. So with that being said, spend this time with loved ones, resolve to put the petty things aside and dwell in the love and happiness.

Happy, Healthy New Year to all of you!

Debbie Gendrzewski

Happy Holidays!



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Holiday Appreciation Dinner

Please join us for the annual Holiday Recognition Dinner, Saturday January 13, 2018, at Jeremah's, 1175 Jefferson Road, Henrietta, NY.

Come at noon and the meal will be served at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per person and includes dessert.

Please RSVP and send check by Friday, January 5 to:

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Be sure to include the names of attendees.
Call Judy with questions: 585-236-6565.



Dr. Ahmed Ghazi, Assistant Professor, Urology, URM, shared his innovative approach to safer surgery, *Cut Twice, Operate Once*. All enjoyed his presentation. Above, TAO President Debbie Yendrzski presents a certificate of appreciation.



Ron Brandwine spoke regarding Lifespan's Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP). TAO members have a better understanding of their options under Medicare, of choosing appropriate medical and prescription drug coverage and for applying for benefits such as EPIC, Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings program.

2018 Donate Life Float

This year's float entry, *The Gift of Time*, reflects the parade's theme of *Making a*

Difference by celebrating the power of kindness and the generous acts of people throughout the world who are making a positive difference in the lives of others.

The monumental Aztec calendar draws the eye to the center of the float, where 44 donors are honored with floragraphs. This ancient calendar is a reminder of the enduring, lifesaving power of the generosity of donors and families. Alongside the float eight living donors and recipients will carry baskets of fruit and flowers in celebration of the renewed life they have shared with one another and the world. The beauty, richness and potential of life are represented by the vivid flock of macaws perched over the lush floral canopies ready to take flight.

For more information about riders and float visit www.donatelifefloat.org



Transplant Anniversaries

LARRY BUCK	KIDNEY	December 2000
CAROL COMFORT	KIDNEY	December 2003
ARGIE MAE DAVIS	KIDNEY	December 2015
RICHARD FORBES	LIVER	December 2007
MARK HACKETT JR.	LIVER	December 2010
BONNIE HAEFNER	KIDNEY	December 2005
RICK JUSZKIEWICZ	KIDNEY	December 1996
RUTH MAINES	LIVER	December 1990
STEPHEN ODAI	LIVER	December 2001
MARTHA ROSSI	KIDNEY	December 2013
BEVERLY SHANK	LIVER	December 2005
CYNTHIA TAILLIE	KIDNEY	December 2014
HELEN COX	KIDNEY/PANCREAS	January 1996
DANIELE DITULIO	LIVER	January 2003
ROGER DURYEA	KIDNEY	January 1995
ARTHUR LISI	LIVER	January 2013
DAWN MESCHI	KIDNEY	January 2001
MICHELLE TEICHNER	KIDNEY	January 2014
JUDE NUNCIATO	LIVER	January 1993
WILLIAM REAGAN	KIDNEY	January 2016
ANNE MARIE SCROGER	LIVER	January 2007
RON SECOR	DOUBLE LUNG	January 2015
PAT STEWART	KIDNEY	January 1994
GUY VALONE	KIDNEY	January 2009

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 16

Pittsford Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
4-10 PM

Contact Karen Gledhill to volunteer to wrap! 585-278-7423

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Holiday Recognition Dinner



CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful to those individuals and organizations that generously contribute to TAO.

Rita Lesnick

Office Services Unlimited

WELCOME

Our newest members to TAO

Cynthia Golas

United Network for Organ Sharing

Candidates listed as of November 24, 2017

96,225	Kidney
14,106	Liver
3,953	Heart
1,685	Kidney/Pancreas
1,366	Lung
919	Pancreas
252	Intestine
45	Heart/Lung

115,946 TOTAL

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

amazon.com

Amazon shoppers can help support TAO by using Smile.Amazon.com to make purchases.

Go to smile.amazon.com and follow the instructions to designate Transplant Awareness Organization as your choice. **Thank you!**

2018 Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again – time to renew your TAO membership! Thank you for your past support and for renewing now so we can continue to have the impact you've come to expect from TAO.

We are counting on you to renew your membership by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter.

Additionally, please use the form to indicate if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Thank you!

Norm Breen

Membership Chair

Transplant Support Group Meetings

"Open Airways" Lung Gathering Group

- **Wednesday, December 20**
No Lunch
- **Wednesday, January @ 12 noon**
Jeremiah's, 2164 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd., Fairport

Heart Transplant/VAD Support Group

- **Thursday, December 14 @ 6:00 pm**
Transplant / VAD Holiday Party
Flaum Atrium - *By Invitation Only*
- **Thursday, January 11 @ 6:30 pm**
Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network

* All Heart Transplant/VAD Meetings are held in the 7th floor conference room near the 7-3400 Corridor unless otherwise indicated.

Wishes of Wellness

Our healing thoughts and prayers go out to:

Tom Barbera, Bernice Eblövi, Jerry Runion, Bonnie Haefner, Phil Travis, Josh Jenneret, Jerry Muto



**Flu Season is here!
Get Vaccinated!**



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***It's time to renew your membership for 2018!
Help support the TAO mission***



TAO / Rochester Membership Application

No one is denied membership because of financial considerations

- DUES:**
- New Member
 - Renewal
 - \$20 Family / Individual
 - \$100 Business / Organization
 - unable to make dues payment at this time

Donations 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) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

- Candidate
- Recipient
- Family Member
- Donor Family
- Friend
- Professional
- Business / Organization

Candidate/Recipient information: # of Transplants _____ Hospital _____

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

Check here if you do not wish your transplant anniversary date to be published in the *Transplant Times*.