

TRANSPLANT NEWS

Akron-Canton Transplant Recipients Int'l Organization (TRIO)

January, 2016

2015/16 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings from 6:30 to 8:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Education Building "A" at the North Canton Medical Center.

Organ Donor Sabbath April 15, 2016 from 6:15 to 8:15 at the new Temple Israel, 91 Springside Drive, Montrose. This will be the 8th annual service sponsored by Micki Wise and the Wise Family in memory of Bernard Wise.

Liver Walk, One Step, One Walk, One Future Saturday May 22nd at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Join Pat Summers and her Liver Dance team and Veronica Taylor's One Life to Liver team

Lifebanc Gift of Life Walk & Run will be part of the Transplant Games of America in Cleveland June 10 to 15, 2016. Please join the Race for Amanda, and Kidney Kats and support Lifebanc.

Celebration of Life Picnic, August 11, 2016 from noon to 4:00 at the John Torok Community Center, Green.

November, 2016 Akron Children's Hospital Holiday Tree Festival at John S Knight Center. Please contact Sue or Rosie if you have a

tree or items for this year's "Donor" theme tree.

Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner on December 17th from 6:30 to 9:00 at NCMC. A Lifebanc Donor recognition will be followed by dedication of ornaments by organ recipients or their loved ones.

Recent Akron Canton TRIO Items:

Thanksgiving Themed November Meeting. A tradition is developing for our November meeting pot luck dinner. This was our second year for a thanksgiving themed dinner with special thanks to Mary Fread for her turkey appetizer tray.



Akron Children's Hospital Holiday Tree Festival November 21 to 29, 2015

Thank you to Sue Golden and Rosie Price for their gorgeous "Be Elfish" themed tree.



There were two Donor/Recipient Quilts on display from Lifebank thanks to Dianna Phillips. Many of the blocks on the quilts are from Akron Canton TRIO members. Dianna described the record setting organ transplant activities Lifebank was experiencing and answered many questions from our members.

Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner December 14, 2015.

Jacqui Scolaro opened the meeting with the following prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father
Thank you for the blessings of each other.
Our meetings with pot luck dinners
provide sustenance for our bodies, hearts,
souls and each other, truly a wonderful
support group.
Bless us with your presence as we savor
our new found lives and mourn the loss
of some dear friends
Amen*



We heard the inspiring story of 31 year old Mindy Housley Stasiewski from her mother Patty Housley. Mindy had a 10 year old autistic son whose favorite desert was candy cake pie. Mindy had been making special order baked goods at home and was planning on opening a bakery with her mother. Things

were looking great and then on 12-23-10, Mindy suffered a brain aneurism and 70 people were praying for a miracle. Mindy got her miracle – she saved the lives of three people by donating her kidneys and liver. She also donated her retinas. Patty honors Mindy’s memory by serving on Lifebanc;s Donor Family Council. We thank her for sharing Mindy’s life story.



Our holiday program concluded with five members adding ornaments to our holiday tree remembering their donors, their lives since they received their organ and finally our friends who had received the gift of life and had passed.





Your thoughts and prayers are requested for Mary Fread and Isabelle Gordon who are scheduled for medical procedures in January.

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2016 Transplant Games Of America will be held in Cleveland from June 10th to 15th



The Transplant Games of America started in 1985. The games are open to transplant recipients and living donors. You can join the state team where you live or the state where you received your transplant. There will be 21 competitive events.

You can learn more about the Transplant Games of America at <http://www.transplantgamesofamerica.org/livingdonors.html>

Since the Games will be held in Ohio, we want the Ohio Team to be the largest at the Games. You can learn more about the details of the Games and join Team Ohio at <http://www.teamohio.org/>

If you have any questions about Team Ohio, you can contact David Greer, the Cleveland area Co-Manager at 440-521-3726 or dfg1958@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming Cleveland TRIO Events:

TRIO Cleveland 2016 Winter Fundraiser

TRIO Greater Cleveland Night At Razzle's Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7-9 PM, \$20.00 per person

Razzle's Sports Bar
27128 Bagley Rd.
Olmsted Falls, OH. 44138

We will be having a beer, wings, soda and pizza fundraiser that evening with baskets, 50/50 and sideboards.

To help support the 2016 Transplant Games

For more information see:

<http://www.triocleveland.org/NewsEvents.html>

About TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization)

Website: www.trioweb.org

TRIO's MISSION

TRIO is a non-profit organization improving the quality of lives touched by the miracle of transplantation through support, advocacy, education and awareness.

Support

We provide support to transplant candidates, recipients and their families, donors and donor families to help alleviate the stresses and problems associated with the process.

Advocacy

We make the concerns and needs that affect the welfare of transplant candidates, recipients, and donor families known to federal government bodies. We also effectively communicate the views of transplant candidates, recipients and their families,

donors and donor families to the general public.

Education

We provide current information (with respect to developments in organ and tissue donation, transplantation, medications, social issues, and finances) to transplant candidates, recipients and their families, donors and donor families about initiatives and protocols in the field of transplantation.

Awareness

We promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility. We develop and support mechanisms to improve the availability of organs and tissues on an equitable basis to meet the need of transplant candidates.

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