

# TRANSPLANT NEWS

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

January, 2017

### 2017 Schedule of Events

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

OrganDonorSabbath on April 28, 2017, starting at 7:30 at Temple Israel located at 91 Springside Drive in Montrose. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 2017 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Please join Pat Summers and her Liver Dance team and Veronica Taylor's One Life to Liver team

Lifebanc Gift of Life Walk & Run at Blossom Music Center Saturday August, 2017. Please join/support our member sponsored teams.

Celebration of Life Picnic, Saturday August, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the John Torok Community Center, Green, Ohio.

Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner on Tuesday December 19, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:00 at NCMC. Donor

recognition will be followed by dedication of ornaments by organ recipients or their loved ones.

### Recent Akron/CantonTRIO Items

#### Halloween themed October Meeting



Jacqui & Rick Scolaro provided the center piece for our Halloween theme pot luck dinner meeting

#### Thanksgiving themed Meeting



This was the third year that we had a Thanksgiving themed turkey dinner for our November meeting. Thanks you to Pat Summers and Mary Fread for treating us to a delicious meal.

## Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner December 20, 2016



Nancy Hinkel opened the meeting with the following prayer:

*Our Heavenly Father  
Thank you for letting us transplant  
people find each other. Transplant; a  
very serious event and nothing that  
anyone would choose, but a blessing just  
the same.*

*Some have had one transplant, others 2  
or 3, but all have had the same effect –  
Life! Wha a blessing.*

*We understand each other, the trials and  
hope of waiting, only to be told that this  
one is not for you.*

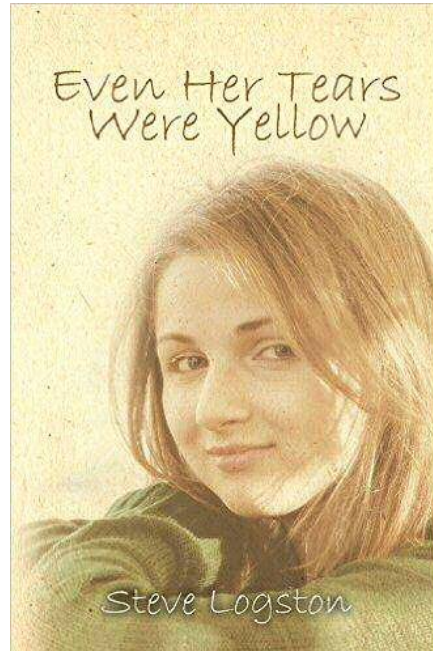
*We thank you God for supporting us and  
blessing us when we are in need and  
providing our TRIO friends.*

*In Jesus' name Amen*



Steve and Joni Logston shared the life story of her daughter Chelsea with us. They met when Steve, a

musician played at a fund raiser for two little girls who were waiting for liver transplants. Chelsea's first transplant was a living donor transplant from her mommy when she was 7. Defying medical wisdom, it lasted for twice the expected 7 year life until Chelsea was 21 and a second transplant was not successful.



You can share Chelsea's transplant journey in the book written by Steve. We thank Steve and Joni for sharing Chelsea's life with us.

We were blessed to have members and their families share their holiday with us.







We thank Mary Fread for being our link with Akron Canton TRIO past and future.



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



Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers. Mary Fread, Isabelle Gordon, Rosie Price and Robin Pelton.

## **About TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization)**

**Website: [www.trioweb.org](http://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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