

TRANSPLANT NEWS

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

May, 2017

2017 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings from 6:30 to 8:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Education Building "A" at the North Canton Medical Center. (note the new 8:00 meeting ending time)

Organ Donor Sabbath on Friday April 28, 2017, starting at 7:30 at Temple Israel located at 91 Springside Drive in Montrose. This will be the 9th annual service sponsored by Micki Wise and the Wise Family in memory of Bernard Wise.

Liver Walk, One Step, One Walk, One Future Sunday May 21, 2017 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Registration begins at 7:30, the walk at 9:00. 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 Sunday August 6, 2017. Please join/support our member sponsored teams.

Celebration of Life Picnic, Sunday August 13, 2017 from 12:30 to 5:00 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.

Akron/Canton TRIO Updates

Donor Sabbath April 28, 2017



The Akron Canton Donor Sabbath was held on Friday April 28, 2017. Nine Akron Canton TRIO members joined the congregation of Temple Israel for the 9th annual Donor Sabbath sponsored by Micki Wise

and the Wise Family in memory of Bernard Wise.



Steven Wise joined Micki again for this year's service.

Rabbi Joshua Brown started his service by asking for a show of hands if you were a transplant recipient, an organ donor or knew a transplant recipient. The number of hands grew until Rabbi Brown asked for anyone who was registered to be an organ donor and almost all hands were raised.



Suzanne Himes then shared the impact of organ donation on the Himes family. Before she and Bill knew each other well and when they were 18, Bill's family made the difficult decision to donate his 15 year old brother Brian's organs after he

was critically injured and several lives were saved.

Suzanne was always interested in organ transplant so it was no surprise when her first nursing position was at Cleveland Clinic in the nineties where she assisted in establishing many of the protocols associated with heart transplants. Suzanne was part of the nursing team that cared for Jacqui Scolaro, our Secretary, when she received her heart in May, 1997. Suzanne then moved to University Hospital for 8 years where she assisted in developing their transplant programs. She then returned to Cleveland Clinic to first work with lung transplant patients and now with "Gutts and Butts", intestine transplants. In addition to her professional duties, Suzanne has been the president of the Cleveland TRIO chapter for the last 10 years.

Finally, Suzanne's husband Bill was on the heart transplant waiting list for several years but his condition was controlled with drug therapy and he was taken off the list. Bill suffered aortic complications in March, 2016 and in August, he was put on the Total Artificial Heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Himes family and we thank Suzanne for sharing her life story.

Rabbi Brown closed the service by introducing a member of the congregation who recently received a

kidney transplant. His son donated a kidney in a kidney exchange for a kidney that was a better tissue match for his father.

We would like to thank Micki Wise and the Wise family for sponsoring the Organ Donor service and Oneg and Suzanne Himes for sharing her life of organ donation, medical care and life on the transplant waiting list.



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New Akron Canton TRIO website

Thanks to Rick Scolaro, we have a new A-C TRIO web site:

<http://akron-cantontrio.org/>

Please try it.

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Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers. Mary Fread, Isabelle Gordon, and Veronica Taylor

About TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization)

Website: <http://akron-cantontrio.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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