Special Appeal 2016: 
Your Chance to Help!

Along with supporting your local TRIO chapter’s giving season opportunities, please consider helping at the national level with your financial gift. Your gift makes it possible to carry out our important mission work. This is especially important as our grant and sponsorship outreaches have been going through severe drought years.

As seen in the Post-transplant cancer (PTC) article on page 3, this life-saving, long term cancer patient education project gives a special face to our 2016 annual appeal with its disappointing outside financial appeal results to date.

As transplant recipients, you know how important donation is in our lives. Especially at this giving time of year with Thanksgiving and other gifting holidays about us, please consider supporting TRIO with a contribution—however large or small. Or, ask family and friends to give in honor of your organ donor or a transplant anniversary. In our first annual appeal last year, 36 individual members and our TRIO board gave $8,000 in just 4 weeks. With your support, we hope to reach $10,000 this year between now and year’s end.

ACT NOW: Mail in your tax deductible gift to TRIO, 13705 Currant Loop, Gainesville, VA 20155-3031 or donate on-line with PayPal or a credit card using our secure server link at the bottom of the TRIO web site home page: http://TRIOweb.org

Look for this symbol to donate online:

Can You Hear Me Now?

Or better yet in this age of smart cell phone message viewing: “Can you read me now?”

With so many devices and social media applications across generational preferences, how does an organization like TRIO effectively communicate with its vast diversity of members?

With the foundation of an active world-class web site (actually two when you count our newer PTC site) where an array of information is archived and kept current daily, and as a long-term archive of 1,000 transplant related news items, backed up with a monthly TRIO E-News distributed to our 1,300 e-mail distribution list, regular updates to the TRIO Facebook and Twitter feeds, you may notice some duplication as we try to service all with that arsenal of communication resources. The thing to remember is that no one information stream works for all, so we often post similar stories/videos/links to multiple sources in an effort to reach YOU.

This special edition of Lifelines is a throw-back to that very expensive hard copy US mail delivered to your doorstep in an effort to touch those who are not yet following TRIO activity and news. With this mailing we are promoting both our annual “Special Holiday Appeal” for financial support and, at the same time, encouraging readers to sign up for those more modern colorful versions with live links to expanded information that is so cost-effective for all organizations today.

We continue to need YOUR help in increasing access to our program of TRIO communication resources. While we get an above the industry average of 45% who OPEN those electronic communications, the actual click through to an electronic Lifelines is a much smaller 15% of that total mailing.
One of TRIO’s three strategic focus areas is communications (along with chapters and cancer – our Big 3!) For all the communication outreaches we use – web site, E-News, Facebook, Twitter - and despite reports that, according to industry standards, we are doing very well, my concern continues to be the large number of our members who are not being reached. Eliminating the hard copy Lifelines, however painful to do, was still the right decision, saving the organization almost $10,000 per year, dollars we don’t have. But in an attempt to bridge that gap, we decided to invest $2,600 for this one-time special issue, hoping to encourage readers to sign up for those electronic resources, and justified by including our 2016 Special Appeal with this issue. You can also go to a color version with easy to click links, on the web site, or in the E-News that is available at the same time you get this. Try it! You just might like it, then subscribe using the link at the web site's page bottom.

Speaking of that Special Appeal, as the full article points out, we need your financial support - any amount will help. We really can’t operate on just that $10 per member submitted by your chapter when you pay your dues there. Please, help us support so many with your own generous gift of $10 or $100 or any amount in between or above!

This national effort is paying off as seen in recent invitations for TRIO participation in special organ transplant conferences. In the Spring, we represented you at an ASTS patient summit in Phoenix. The FDA convened a patient panel in Washington where several TRIO members gave testimony to FDA leadership about life with a transplant. That was followed a few weeks later where your TRIO president worked alongside a team of medical professionals in a two-day workshop on how to remove barriers to organ donation and transplant. White House staff attended that meeting to learn how they could assist with our issues. In December, we are presenting at the National Academies’ symposium on removing barriers to transplant research. This is in addition to our ongoing work with UNOS, as committee members and elected board members, discussing and affecting the rules of organ allocation with the voice of the patient. There are other coalitions and special interest efforts that your Public Policy Committee attends monthly, and so it goes on. Who knows how the incoming administration will affect directions that are important to our medical resources and processes. Be assured that TRIO is there on your behalf, enlisting your support when the situation calls for it. Stay tuned!

Another very exciting upcoming TRIO event is our January board meeting being held January 6-7 in the San Francisco area. Billed as both a board meeting and a two-day workshop, your directors (and you, if you can attend!) will be brainstorming new visions for what TRIO can be in the years to come. See the “Visions” article on page 11. With several new board members elected in the past year, we hope to have fresh insights that will steer our organization in new and effective member and community services, empowering you and all our members in making changes for the better in our world. As I said, ‘Stay tuned!’

Please enjoy reading all the TRIO chapter event activity (with colorful pictures) and related support resources throughout this special Lifelines issue. Make that contribution. Say that prayer of thanks over your holiday family feast. Enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season, facing yet another New Year with your gifted organ’s energy-filled life and spirit of gratitude for our wonderful organ donors. You can be that ‘. . . human soul on fire,’ changing your world for the better every day, proof that ‘transplantation works’ – proof why everyone should become a registered organ donor!

As for me, on this coming New Year’s Day and every day, I repeat:

“Wow!, above ground another day. This is going to be a GOOD one (again)…”

--Sincerely,  
Jim Gleason, TRIO President
We Are Challenged!
Not challenged just by the higher risk for cancers we face as transplant recipients, but today more so by our failure to get financial sponsorship for that all-important post-transplant cancer patient educational web site: http://TRIOwebPTC.org! What started out as a simple question is slowing growing into both a huge challenge and a TRIO project that will hopefully save many lives and enable recipients to live even more fruitful years than if they hadn’t been concerned about dealing with the higher risk of cancer in their transplant lives.

While we continue to slowly develop the site’s content, especially the video testimonies of medical experts working in the Post-Transplant Cancer (PTC) field, we need funding to travel and interview, record, edit and compose the messaging for the 24 topics that are already designed into that great looking site. We have patient testimonials posted. We have member success stories highlighted in beautiful home page leading stories. We have the design partially completed with templates of challenging action for patients by organ type. While that gives us the proven and demonstrated concept to support our sponsorship requests, something we personally felt would be an easy sell to supporters, that hasn’t happened – at least not yet. We’ve even reached out beyond that development timeline to offer workshops built off that PTC resource at the Fall AAKP conference in Nashville, and Steve Okonek, TRIO’s Vice President even conducted a successful workshop at this summer’s transplant games in Cleveland to very positive patient groups. These weren’t supposed to happen until later in that five year project timeline, but the opportunities were too good to pass up.

Let’s face it, nobody wants to think about cancer. But we can’t just put our heads in the sand and ignore the medical facts of life. It’s a fact that we, as transplant recipients, statistically live our extended lives with a higher risk of cancer than the average population, and that risk can be significantly higher, in some cases as much as 50% and more higher.

You can help
Can you suggest or approach someone potential sponsor to enlist funding for this important project? Or, if you have a post-transplant cancer life experience to share, we are gathering video testimonials so that others may benefit and learn from your experience. Check out the existing video examples already on the site under the LINKS section. Send in a short summary of that story along with your contact information to Info@TRIOweb.org for consideration. Contact Sylvia with any questions or for supporting materials you can use in presenting our cause to your local opportunities or get us an invite to that contact and we can make our case directly.

2017 TRIO National Board Meeting
The TRIO Board of Directors will meet in the San Francisco Bay Area on January 6-7, 2017. You are invited to attend! Along with the election of officers and approving a 2017 budget, this two-day conference, held at the local OPO (Donor Network West) in San Ramon, will focus on our vision for our organization. Results of our talks will be published to chapters after the conference.

Contact the TRIO national office at info@TRIOweb.org or call Sylvia Leach at 800-874-6386 to register or for questions.
A Message from TRIO’s VP

Among my fondest memories of this past year’s Transplant Games in Cleveland are the many strangers who came up to me thanking TRIO for paying attention to Post-Transplant Cancer (PTC) and for hosting a well-attended workshop on the topic. Our San Francisco Bay Area chapter has lost too many members to PTC, but fortunately we have seen a number who have survived cancer as well. Many, like me, have survived numerous skin cancer scares, but the common thread we hear from so many physicians is “it’s the immuno-suppressants.”

The transplant centers here on the “Left Coast” used to host seminars on immuno-suppressant side effects such as skin cancer, but those seminars have gone by the wayside. Does your transplant center still do these? The centers’ attention, justifiably, is on recent recipients. But even after one passes the UNOS five-year survival metric, most of us still swallow an anti-rejection tablet or two at breakfast.

After going through frustrating wait lists and challenging surgeries, we all want to put medical issues off to the side and just enjoy life and a return to good health. But as a grieving widower of one of our late members once reminded me, “You recipients aren’t normal. You’ve got to pay more attention to your health than the average guy.” While cancer is a threat to everyone on the planet, it’s much more so to people on immuno-suppressants.

This is why I believe that being a part of TRIO is important to you. Our website, emails and video library offer the latest news on PTC as well as which organs are particularly susceptible and which medications are more prone to causing cancer. Transplant has changed considerably in the 25-plus years since Dr. Tom Starzl and some patients founded our organization in Pittsburgh. But to many, it’s still “resurrection medicine,” with accompanying side effects!

Have a terrific new year, and honor your donor – living or deceased – by taking care of your precious gift. And make TRIO membership a part of that.

--Steve Okonek, Vice President
TRIO Board of Directors

Supporting Chapters in Challenge

TRIO local chapters are where the action is for a majority of our members. Theirs is the opportunity for the most effective way to support our TRIO mission – sharing one-on-one with individuals in the community as living examples of organ donation success in active lives extended through organ transplant.

Many chapters have developed their ‘signature annual events’ that engage hundreds if not thousands in donor recognition events. Major examples include: Long Island TRIO’s Rose Gar-den event, TRIO Manhattan’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral event, TRIO’s chapter support of the Rose Parade float, and more. Others use entertainment like TRIO Kansas City’s Merle Jam musical weekend event, while TRIO Maryland brings out 500+ each year to their ‘The Transplant Journey’ educational conference. Right now we are looking back at chapter summer picnic events and forward to holiday parties that bring together small groups and large gatherings to celebrate fulfilled lives post-transplant. That chapter community is the life-blood network of TRIO, as both a national and international support organization.

In the life cycle of any organization, there are times of growth, times of stability and as in life, times of challenge as things change. TRIO is working to provide support to chapters as things change, sharing those ‘best practices’ to support that cycle of success with others who are facing the challenge of aging membership or gaps in leadership due to all matter of life events. Even in these times of social and generational change, often cited as affecting membership, there are examples of chapters growing large in number and strong in active engagement. Chapters sometimes go into an inactive mode, awaiting new leadership to awaken their community again even if that takes a few years, as we have seen in some cases.

Our national Chapter Council Chair, Ron Taubman, with national board of director assistance, is leading efforts to provide that support to sustain chapters under challenge or to revive those in hiatus. This will continue as a team effort, working with strong successful chapters both to insure their own effective leadership succession plans and in sharing those best practices as examples and inspirations to chapters in need. Stay tuned for specific new events being planned as part of these ongoing support initiatives.
The NEWS on TRIOweb

Hits 1,000 Articles!

How can you ever keep up with all the latest transplant news? The most active section of our web site continues to be the daily addition of timely transplant related news stories and video links. Along with the 700+ resource links, that TRIO’s Harriet Weiss checks regularly, updating and fixing any broken links, there are now over 1,000 searchable news items to help you keep current on the ever changing world of organ donation and transplantation.

Stay informed with regular visits to see the top three stories in each of the highlighted six categories of news collected from many sources in the news media and medical journals/blogs, etc. These articles are still available in the news archives after they roll off the top three news slots in each. TRIOweb.org is that one-stop place to stay current on issues that others look to you, as a transplant recipient, for information.

And for anyone not on the list for our monthly TRIO E-News electronic distributions, links to each are always highlighted on the site’s home page at TRIOweb.org. Or, even easier, you are welcome to add your e-mail address to that monthly distribution by sending a request to info@trioweb.org.

Speaking of Communication Platforms, do you Tweet? TRIO does!


Stay connected to keep current on important issues (use links on the TRIO web site), such as:

- Study: Bigger transplant centers have better outcomes
- UNOS PSA video seen by over 12 million viewers in short time
- TGA (Transplant Games of America) announces 2018 city/dates
- Printable organs will put an end to transplant lists
- Heart to heart organ donation story gains 15mil+ views

TRIO Awards Scholarships to Transplant Related Students

TRIO is pleased to announce the award of four $1,000 scholarships to transplant related students. TRIO scholarships are awarded based on a set of criteria recognizing these student’s academic achievements, financial need, and the students’ transplant related activities.

In 2016, three full scholarships of $1,000 each were funded by the Akron-Canton Chapter, the Philadelphia Chapter, and the San Francisco Bay Chapter, with a fourth scholarship funded by a joint effort of the Manhattan Chapter and the TRIO Board of Directors.

The 2016 scholarship awardees are:

Kate Callahan of Danville, CA, who attends the University of Portland. Kate’s father and his four siblings had PKD, and all five have received kidney transplants. Kate also has PKD. She says: “There is a great sense of gratitude in our family about being able to extend life with an organ transplant.”

Alexa Filipiak of Elk River, MN, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is also the daughter of a kidney recipient. In fulfilling her public speaking assignments, Alexia says: “I chose to speak about my dad’s kidney disease and transplant, stressing how important organ donation is because it can make a huge impact on a family. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.”

Daniel Kinzer, of Rogers, AR, who attends Baylor University, received a liver transplant from his father. Dan, who plans to enter medical school, volunteers with local hospitals, outpatient clinics and fund-raising campaigns.

Makayla Savoie, of Opelousas, LA, who attends McNeese State University, is a kidney transplant recipient. She plans to become a nurse. Mikayla says: “I am forever grateful to my donor’s family for the selfless act of organ donation.”
Highlighting TRIO Chapter Events

As we move into the fall and winter seasons, many chapters have been busy with events. We are amazed and delighted at the events hosted by or involving our TRIO chapters throughout the country. If your chapter has event photos to share, we’d love to feature them on the website banner or in the monthly e-news, so send them to info@trioweb.org when you can.

TRIO Long Island’s Donor Memorial Rose Garden

TRIO San Francisco picnic

TRIO Maryland Picnic

TRIO Seattle Heart Day

TRIO Maryland Educational Conference

TRIO Ventura County/West Valley celebrates Ron’s return home with a new kidney.
TRIO Youth Circle

A college team of organ donor advocates at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, has succeeded in gaining recognition as an official Student Activities club. As TRIO President, Jim Gleason worked with them during the past year and hosted a small dinner event to brainstorm ideas for their 2016/17 activities calendar in support of their recognition as an on-campus club known as SATR for “Student Awareness for Transplant Recipients.”

For their first outing, the club members attended a TRIO Philadelphia chapter meeting at the local OPO Gift of Life Donor Program office. Their club leadership team listened as TRIO chapter members shared life events of living donation and other transplant stories, giving the club deeper insight into their club’s cause. The students then reciprocated by sharing why they were taking on this special cause, revealing family transplant-related events in their own lives.

This educational event was followed by tours of the OPO and its nearby Family Transplant House. There, chapter members joined the college juniors in a ‘Cooking for Heroes’ dessert baking event, leaving some 20 dozen baked treats for the 32 families who are currently staying at the Transplant House.

Among the more exciting events being planned is a Buffalo Wings tasting in April (Donate Life month). At this event, students will give $1 per vote on their favorite wings while learning about organ donation and being offered the option to register their personal decision as an organ donor with registration laptops provided by the OPO. This is an exciting startup that parallels the success of a nearby annual awareness event at Rowan University, which they plan to visit to see how it is promoted on that campus.
Recently Reviewed Books And a New Feature on TRIOweb

There has been a flurry of book activity in recent months with both titles and reviews added to the ever growing TRIO web site’s listing of titles. In addition, our web designers just added a new search feature to that section of the site, allowing visitors to search by book title, full or partial. The book covers are already displayed in alphabetical order, but with over 150 titles, it had become cumbersome to easily find a particular title without scrolling through several web pages; thus, the addition of this user friendly new feature.

Among more recent additions are:

- **The Transplant Web** – a novel by S.R. Maxeiner, Jr., that is so real life to what must be actual events in this medical professional author’s life, that it reads less like a work of fiction and more like a tale based on actual events – an insightful read!

- **New Mountains to Climb**: a journey to lung transplant and beyond – an inspiring life story by lung recipient, Jim Carns – short, easy read of single lung transplant success

- **The Truth About Transplants** – focused on the history of organ transplant in the UK, medical writer, Paulette Pratt, offers this insightful introduction to transplantation covering all aspects of current practice worldwide

- **Operation Breathe Easy** – a beautifully illustrated children’s book by Joan Powers using the main character’s lung transplant as a way of introducing the subject to young minds

And finally we have a new review by TRIO board member, Steve Okonek, of the earlier posted novel, **The Organ Broker** – an exciting read by Stu Strumwasser, as he delves into the shadows of the organ black market.

To research these and more than 150 other transplant related titles, look under RESOURCES on the TRIOweb home page menu.

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TRIO Needs Your United Airlines Frequent Flyer Miles. . . . Donate Now!

Your United Airlines Frequent Flyer Miles can be donated to TRIO, for use by those who cannot afford to fly for much-needed transplant related medical appointments. TRIO is fortunate to be one of the few non-profit organizations who has been selected by United Airlines to be part of their Charity Miles Program. The miles donated to TRIO are used only by transplant patients.

Please go online to [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) and click on “MileagePlus” and then on “Use Miles” and then on “Donate Miles.”

TRIO THANKS UNITED AIRLINES!!!!
TRIO Central Texas Sponsors Hospital RV to Help Transplant Families

TRIO Central Texas is proud to announce the dedication of the first stage of their project to provide affordable temporary housing for transplant patients and their families. On June 17, 2016, the transplant community gathered at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 26-foot travel trailer, located on the Baylor Scott & White RV Park in Temple, Texas. TRIO was able to purchase the trailer through private donations and grants. Members of the transplant staff helped to furnish the household supplies for the trailer.

TRIO Central Texas Chapter Vice-President, John Henderson, father of Amy Firth who was a multiple organ donor in November 2012, conducted the ceremony. He thanked all that were present for helping to make this dream a reality. The 4-year-old twin sons of Carrie Giddens, recipient of Amy Firth’s lungs, helped to cut the ribbon.

In an article published in the Temple Daily Telegram, Jacob Sanchez of the Temple Staff said: “For about two months, Carrie Giddens’ family camped out in a waiting room at Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital. They were waiting for her organ transplant. They lacked privacy and the ability to take a good shower, Giddens said.” The hospital and TRIO Central Texas decided to do something. So,— along with Giddens and Margaret and John Henderson, her organ donor’s parents — a new RV, where families can live and relax, was unveiled in June of 2016.

A year after her transplant, Giddens reached out to the Hendersons. Since, they have become a ‘blended’ family.

But: they haven’t finished yet! The TRIO Central Texas Chapter is actively working with the Baylor Scott & White Health Transplant Team and community volunteers on a project to create a Transplant Community facility, which will temporarily house a large number of transplant patients and their families during the transplant process. The facility will be created by using single modular units centered around a Transplant Community Building. In the future, TRIO Central Texas Chapter plans to construct a permanent house that will provide living accommodations for many more patients and their caregivers as they go through the process of transplantation.
TRIO Is Participating in a National Discussion: Can YOU Help?

TRIO leadership will be participating on a panel representing the patient views at a Dec 14 event hosted by The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine on the topic of Issues in Organ Donation Intervention Research. Presentations and discussions will examine the ethical, policy, regulatory, and operational issues relevant to the conduct of research involving deceased organ donors. (For purposes of the study, the concept excludes interventional research preceding declaration of death by neurologic or cardiopulmonary criteria among potential organ donors.) The panel TRIO will be on specifically addresses the sub-topic: Public Awareness and Public Trust.

We invite your input to TRIO's panel discussion by completing a survey of just one question depending if you have had either a donor, transplant patient or even can offer a hypothetical reaction to this life experience where research involving a deceased organ donor organ was brought up. To participate use the following link to this survey: http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edhz55dcvtt38de/start

Note: deadline for survey feedback is Dec 13 by noon.

Can You Hear Me Now? (Continued from page 1)

YOU are the choir, as they say. So we’re not preaching to YOU, rather asking you to help improve TRIO’s communications outreach by promoting and spreading the word of the value and useful information in our e-mailings to your local transplant network, hoping to reach more of our membership with your support in that way.

We invite you to share how we might serve you better within your busy communications environment – what works and what doesn’t in your daily life there? Write your suggestions to info@TRIOweb.org or just call Sylvia in the home office at 800-874-6386. Meanwhile we will continue to use our many means of communications, especially through the support of local chapters who encourage and pass through our messaging to their chapter members, for which we say “Thank you!” Together we can personally touch so many more.

TGA ANNOUNCES THE WINNING BID FOR THE 2018 DONATE LIFE TRANSPLANT GAMES

Gathering in the summer of 2018, thousands of individuals touched by organ, tissue and corneal donation will experience the sights and sounds of Salt Lake City, Utah for the Donate Life Transplant Games.

The Games will be held from August 2 - August 7, 2018.

Produced by the Transplant Games of America, and hosted by the Utah Sports Commission, Intermountain Donor Services, the University of Utah Solid Organ Transplant Program, and Visit Salt Lake, the 6 day event will carry on many of the traditions from previous events and will very likely include some new exciting activities.

There are 119,912 waiting list candidates! Visit www.unos.org to see daily numbers.

UNOS Resources for Patients
888-894-6361
(Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern time)
New Titles in Transplant Presentation Library Available on-line

Can you believe we now have eighty-five (yes, 85!) video recordings of transplant topic presentations? The most recent 21 titles are now available for on-line viewing. You can find an index to ALL 85 titles (the earlier ones are DVD’s in your chapter’s video library for local use, or call the national office for a free copy) on the TRIO web site under RESOURCES.

New releases (all on-line for home viewing):
- Pgm #79 "When a patient becomes your surgeon" by Silke Niederhaus, U of MD, abdominal transplant surgeon
- Pgm #80 "Familial Cardiomyopathy" by Anjali Tiku Owens, MD, and panel
- Pgm #81 "Malignancies After Transplantation: the Heart of the Matter" by Dr. Rhondalyn McLean, heart transplant researcher
- Pgm #82: "Applying Genetic Technologies to Transplantation Patient Care" by Brendan Keating, PhD
- Pgm #83: "White House Organ Summit"
- Pgm #83 extra: Action_summary document from the White House Organ Summit (<-- click here to download the PDF document)
- Pgm #84 part 1 of 2: "Heart Transplant Patients and Cancer" - this first part is by Rhondalyn Forde-McLean, MD MHS addressing the various types of post-transplant cancers and how they are treated
- Pgm #84 part 2 of 2: "Heart Transplant Patients and Cancer" - this second part is by Chris Miller MD & Thuzar Shin MD PhD addressing the various types of post-transplant skin cancers and how they are treated
- with many more to come each month--so stay tuned . . .

Noted Heart Surgeon, Dr. Denton Cooley, Dies at Age 96

Dr. Denton Arthur Cooley, legendary founder of the Texas Heart Institute and arguably the most gifted heart surgeon of his time, died Friday, Nov 18, 2016. He was 96. He died at home surrounded by family, said officials in the Texas Medical Center.

Over four decades, Cooley performed an estimated 65,000 open-heart surgeries at the institute. At one time, his team was handling a tenth of all such operations in the U.S.

Cooley’s surgeries included two particularly noteworthy ones: in 1968, the first transplant of a human heart in which the patient lived more than a few weeks; and in 1969, the first implantation of a mechanical heart.

“At the height of his career, he was probably the best known heart surgeon in the world,” said Dr. David Cooper, a professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and author of “Open Heart: The Radical Surgeons who Revolutionized Medicine.”

Creating a New Vision for TRIO

YOU can be part of creating TRIO’s vision for the future! At the January 6-7, 2017, meeting of the TRIO Board of Directors, one of the workshops will concentrate on developing a plan vision for TRIO for the coming years.

The workshop will be led by Steve Okonek, TRIO Vice President, and will concentrate on:
1. A more actively engaged Board
2. Holding at least two face-to-face Board meetings per year
3. How to develop and fund a significantly increased financial reserve
4. Adding strong support staff to the national office
5. Investigate the possibility of forming a strategic alliance with another transplant organization.

The January Board of Directors meeting will be held in the San Francisco Bay area at the local OPO, Donor Network West, in San Ramon, CA.

This meeting is open to all TRIO members. Please contact the TRIO national office at info@trioweb.org or call Sylvia Leach at 800-874-6386 to register or for questions.
Membership – NEW or Renewal: TRIO membership is renewable as of January 1 each year.
Please support TRIO and its important work on behalf of transplant recipients, donors, candidates and their families by joining us in this important endeavor. Thank you for your support of TRIO!

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I would like to participate on the __________________________ TRIO Committee. Please contact me.

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Thank You for your tax-deductible donation!

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