

TRIO CHAPTER MEETING
Feb. 21, 2010

The second meeting of 2010 was held on Sunday, February 21, at the Ladies Hospital Aid Society Auditorium of Montefiore Hospital of UPMC. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by President Rich Koper.

Attendance: Laura E. Matarese (speaker), Rich Koper, Donna Wolfson, Jack Silverstein, Carol Foglia, Mike Foglia, Georgene Thomas, Kathy Jacobs, Rudy Molnar, Paul Armbruster, Chris Armbruster, Shannon Flynn, Lora Wilson, Robb Wilson, Richard Wegrzyn, Mary Alice King, Pat Boyer, Alex Boyer, Jim Beggs, Michelle Wuyak, Joyce Garritano, Bo Garritano, Marlene Garritano, Kim Krebs, Bill Krebs, Roberto Estodillo, L. Estodillo, Nancy Underwood, Mike Currin, Sara Kaye, Peter Kaye, Jerry Kaye, Judy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Olivia Shuskey, Lindsay Holst, Christine Iyer, Mary Iyer, Jeff Blattner, Gavita Durham, Maya Hixon, Kkirah Hixon, Ranessa Durham, Patty Dippold, Bridget Flynn, Don Sweiger, Ken Vargo, JoAnne Schwartz, Diana Headlee-Bell, Marcus Sambury and Earlyn Sambury.

Speaker: The speaker was Laura E. Matarese, PhD, RD, LDN, FADA, CNSD. Laura is the director of nutrition at the Intestinal Rehabilitation and Transplantation Center at the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute. She spoke on "Nutrition, Transplantation & You" which focused on the specific nutrition issues following organ transplantation.

Treasurer's Report— Rudy Molnar gave the Treasurer's Reports for January, 2010. As of Jan. 30, 2010, TRIO's balance was \$53,554.40. The PNC checking account balance was \$17,315.46. The three CD's held with Huntington Bank totaled \$36,238.94.

Receipts for January. totaled \$935.91. Expenditures during January. were (i) PNC Bank service charge of \$3.00; and (ii) \$62.53 to Paul Armbruster for stamps and office supplies.

Business—Shannon Flynn gave a report on the Transplant Nurses Day Essay Contest and the Schedule of Events at UPMC for Donate Life Month in April..

For the Essay Contest, patients can nominate an ITNS (International Transplant Nurses Society) transplant nurse who has made a difference in their lives. There will be two winners this year, the nurse who is the subject of the winning essay and the nominating patient. Deadline for submission to the ITNS office is April 5, 2010. For more information, visit the ITNS website at www.itns.org

This year, UPMC will hold activities throughout the month of April for Donate Life Month. A sheet with all the activities was distributed. Highlights include the Celebration of Life Dinner on April 19 at the University Club; the Parade of Patients on April 21; the Celebration of Life Program on April 28; Candlelight ceremonies in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Organ Donation Awareness Night on April 6 at the Pittsburgh Penguin game, and organ donation awareness tables for 3 weeks. Also, a Living Donor Celebration is tentatively planned.

AGH will be hosting events during the month of April, also, and will be visiting schools to discuss organ donation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Wolfson, Recording Secretary