



# TRIO Greater Cleveland Quarterly Newsletter

Summer, 2020

## President's Message

Greetings!

As we continue to adapt to our "new normal", it's vital that we stay connected and care for each other. Your Board of Directors continues to meet each month, and amongst many other topics, we brainstorm ideas and opportunities to support the ongoing bond we maintain throughout our transplant community.

Over the past 6 weeks, we have offered virtual zoom meetings twice per month on a variety of topics and have shared opportunities offered by other organizations. We will continue to do so and are open to topic suggestions or ideas as to how to maximize our new virtual world.

Our chapter depends on fundraisers/grants/donations to remain sustainable. Keep your eyes peeled for a virtual fundraiser in the near future as we postponed our Razzles event until next year. We do look forward to celebrating Donor Sabbath with you; stay tuned for more details regarding the format and delivery of our most esteemed event of the year.

Reach out to a family member or neighbor to check on them. Let's stay safe, healthy, and connected!

All the Best,

Chris Shay-Downer, MBA BSN RN CCTC  
President, TRIO Greater Cleveland

## Meet Diane Moran TRIO Board Trustee!!!



**Diane, tell us a little bit about yourself.**

In 2006, I retired from my position as a Human Resources Benefits Specialist. I am the proud mother of 8, grandmother of 6, and great-grandmother of 2! I have lived in Broadview Heights in the same house for 50 years. My mother passed away in 1979 at 63 yrs of age from Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC). In 1989, I discovered through a routine physical that I had PBC. I received the "gift of life" in the form of a liver transplant on July 12, 2004 at age 63.

**What attracted you to TRIO and to become a board member?**

A friend of mine who was on the Board at the time invited me to TRIO's Annual Meeting in 2011. After attending the program and meeting some of the members, I decided that TRIO might be a good fit for me and I became a member. I became a Board Member in 2012 and feel that TRIO is even more vital today in spreading the word about organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

**What do you like to do for fun and relaxation?**

I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family. Besides the 2 that are in OH, my children are in Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona, Oregon, California, and Kitzen, Germany. I also have 3 sisters who are in Ohio, Washington, and Georgia and we get together somewhere in the USA once a year for our "sisters' reunion", I enjoy volunteering at my church and at the community senior center.

## Upcoming Events

### National Minority Donor Awareness Month – August

See article in this newsletter to learn more!

### Coping with (ongoing) COVID

August 12

Speaker: Annette Humberson, LISW-S, CCTSW  
Virtual via zoom – watch for invite via  
Facebook/Email

### Virtual Lifebanc Gift of Life Walk/Run

Saturday, August 15

<https://www.lifebanc.org/how-to-help/attend-an-event/gift-of-life-walk-and-run/>

### TRIO Greater Cleveland Board Meeting

August 25, 6:45p

Virtual via zoom

### What's New with NKF?

August 26, 6pm

Speaker: Anna Tzinis, Executive Director  
Virtual via Zoom, watch for invite via  
Facebook/Email

### Kidney Foundation of OH Virtual Annual Renal Symposium

September 24-25

<http://kfohio.org/profeducation.html>

### TRIO Annual Razzles Fundraiser

Postponed until April

Stay tuned for more info to come!

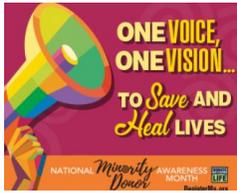
### Kidney Foundation of Ohio October Harvest Walk

October 4, Mapleside Farms  
Brunswick, OH

### Donor Sabbath Observance

November 14

Strongsville United Methodist Church



## August is National Minority Donor Awareness Month (NMDAM)

National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative initiative of the National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Multicultural Action Group to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye and tissue donation. National Minority Donor Awareness Month stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week, founded in 1996 by the National MOTTEP to bring heightened awareness to donation and transplantation in multicultural communities – focusing primarily on African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native communities

National Minority Donor Awareness Month is focused on outreach and education including virtual events and messaging to:

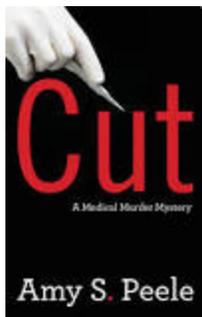
- Provide education about organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation
- Encourage donor registration & family conversations about donation
- Promote healthy living and disease prevention to decrease the need for transplantation

The National Multicultural Action Group includes the [Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation \(AMAT\)](#), [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations \(AOPO\)](#), [Donate Life America \(DLA\)](#), [Health Resources & Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#), [National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program \(MOTTEP\)](#) and [National Kidney Foundation \(NKF\)](#).

To learn more about National Minority Donor Awareness Month:

<https://www.donatelife.net/nmdam/>

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Linda Kimble, Executive Director, MOTTEP



## Cut: A Medical Murder Mystery Amy S. Peele

Are organs distributed to those who need them most with fair equity? Can people really pay for an organ and bypass the system? Aren't these questions that rise up our emotions, but are ethical situations for which our transplant community continuously works to make fair? Amy Peele, a retired transplant administrator wrote this medical mystery which takes us through a journey within the complicated realm of organ transplantation.

As a transplant nurse, I found this read excellent. A mystery full of heart, compassion, and a bit of comic relief just at the right times made it an easy read that kept my attention throughout and represented fairly the concerns we have regarding organ allocation and transplantation in general.

A CEO flies across the country to receive a liver transplant and a transplant nurse picks up on some fishy behavior while ironically caring for her in both locations. The transplant nurse and her friend investigate this behavior and their journey was fun, exciting, but also dangerous. You'll have to read the book, though, to find out what happens!

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Shay-Downer

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