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NEOB Volunteer meetings and trainings

- 1/ 7/08, 6:30pm: New volunteer orientation at NEOB office in Newton, MA
- 2/ 4/08, 6:30pm: New volunteer orientation at NEOB office in Newton, MA
- 2/18/08, 6:30pm: MA volunteer meeting at NEOB office in Newton, MA
- 2/19/08, 6:00pm: CT volunteer meeting at Milford Hospital in Milford, CT
- 2/21/08, 6:30pm: MA volunteer meeting at Assumption College in Worcester, MA
- 2/28/08, 6:30pm: Maine volunteer conference call
- 3/ 3/08, 6:00pm: NH volunteer meeting at NEOB office in Manchester, NH
- 3/ 6/08, 6:30pm: RI volunteer conference call

Meeting and conference call dates and times are subject to change.
Please contact Jenn Cray if you would like to attend a meeting.

Volunteers are also able to call into orientations and meetings in Newton and Manchester. Please contact Jenn Cray for details.

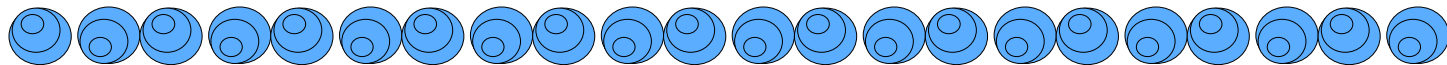
Additional meetings in New England:

The Rhode Island Organ Donor Awareness Coalition (RIODAC)

RIODAC is a non-profit organization comprised of people living in Rhode Island and nearby southeastern Massachusetts who are concerned with the critical need for organ donation. Coalition membership is made up of transplant recipients and their families, donor families, healthcare professionals and representatives of other organizations concerned about promoting public awareness of the medical miracles made possible through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Monthly meetings are held at Rhode Island Hospital. To learn more about RIODAC visit their website at www.riodac.org or call (401)253-0011.

Dare To Be Alive Foundation Inc. (D/B/A)

D/B/A is a non-profit 501 (3) (C) organization dedicated to enriching the lives of organ and bone marrow transplant recipients and their families. D/B/A members meet the 3rd Tuesday each month at Cape Cod Hospital at 7pm. The meetings are open to transplant patients, donor families, and anyone interested in organ donation. To learn more visit D/B/A's website at www.daretobealive.org or call (508)398-5473.



UNOS National Patient Waiting List, December 5, 2007

73,922	Patients waiting for a kidney
1,641	Patients waiting for a pancreas
2,298	Patients waiting for a kidney/pancreas
16,645	Patients waiting for a liver
228	Patients waiting for an intestine
2,674	Patients waiting for a heart
2,267	Patients waiting for a lung
107	Patients waiting for a heart/lung

*97,882 Total patients waiting nationally
4,071 Total patients waiting in New England



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A New England Organ Bank (NEOB) Volunteer Services Newsletter

Upcoming Donate Life events

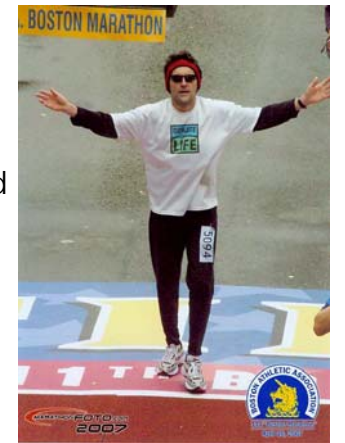
Contact Jenn Cray for more details regarding the following events

Making Memories

NEOB's *Marking Memories* Art Exhibit will begin touring soon! We have been collecting art from transplant patients and their family members, living donors and donor family members and will tour our exhibit at various locations around New England. Our first stop will be in Presque Isle, Maine and the exhibit will continue to travel New England. Anyone can contribute to our exhibit at any time. A list of dates and locations where our exhibit will be will become available soon. We hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the exhibit when it is at a location near you and please consider submitting your art, too!

Boston Marathon

NEOB has organized a team of runners, [Team Donate Life](#), who will be running to promote organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2008. We are currently recruiting more runners. Anyone who has qualified to run in 2008 is welcome to join our team (you must have obtained a number through the Boston Athletic Association). We will provide shirts for our runners and our runners will not be asked to fundraise. We are also looking for volunteers to join us along the Marathon route to cheer on runners and give out Donate Life materials.



Donate Life Walk

We have been invited to host a walk at the Bank of America Championship PGA Tour on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord, Massachusetts. The entire event is June 16th – 22nd and Bank of America will provide free passes to the week's event to all walkers. They will provide signage for us throughout the event which is visited by approximately 70,000 people. The tour also receives a great deal of media attention! The cost to walk is \$100 and can be split by a team or family of walkers. We are looking for more walkers and invite you and your family and friends to participate in this event.





Get Involved!

There are a lot of events coming up that NEOB volunteers have the opportunity to participate in. Get involved with organizations in your area that support organ and tissue donation and show your support by wearing Donate Life shirts at these events (shirts, bracelets, and pins supplied by NEOB). Go online and visit local organizations to find out more!

1/1/08: *Rose Bowl Parade.* Tune in to your local tv station to watch parade and see the Donate Life Float!

1/11/08, 6:00pm registration: *Dare To Be Alive's "Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament", Westport, MA.* Please visit www.daretobealive.org for more details and to register to play.

1/30/08: *American Red Cross and New England Cable News Blood Drive at the ARC center in Dedham, MA.* Details to be announced soon and more locations will be listed, visit www.newenglandblood.org.

4/21/08: *Boston Marathon.* Hopkinton—Boston, Massachusetts. We are currently recruiting runners for the 2008 marathon as well as volunteers to cheer runners on along the marathon route. Contact Jenn Cray for details.

4/24/08: *Annual Anthony Picarello fundraiser.* Details will become available at www.ap-foundation.org.

5/3/08: *Southern New England Heart Walk.* Bristol, RI. To register to walk visit www.americanheart.org.

5/4/08: *Central New Hampshire Heart Walk.* Manchester, NH. To register to walk visit www.americanheart.org.

5/16/08: *Vermont Heart Walk.* Shelburne, VT. To register to walk visit www.americanheart.org.

5/17/08, 9:00am registration: *Dare To Be Alive's 4th Annual Track Event.* Barnstable High School in Hyannis, MA. Please visit www.daretobealive.org for more details.

5/17/08-5/18/08: *Breathe New Hampshire Seacoast Bike Tour.* Portsmouth, NH—Ogunquit, ME. To register to ride please visit www.lungusa.org.

5/18/08: *National Kidney Foundation's Boston Walk.* Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, MA. To register to walk please visit www.kidneyhealth.org.

5/18/08: *Seacoast Heat Walk.* Rye, NH. To register to walk please visit www.americanheart.org.

5/18/08: *Southern Maine Heart Walk.* Back Cove in Portland, Maine. To register to walk please visit www.americanheart.org.

6/8/08: *National Kidney Foundation of CT Walk.* West Hartford Reservoir in CT. To register to walk please visit www.kidneyct.org.

6/13/08-6/15/08: *American Lung Association's Trek Across Maine.* Sunday River—Coastline in Belfast. To register to ride please visit www.lungusa.org.

6/21/08, 9:00am registration: *NEOB's Donate Life Walk.* Nashawtuc Country Club, Concord, MA. To register to walk please contact Jenn Cray.

TBA: *American Liver Foundation Football Walks will be held in the fall.* Visit www.americanliver.org

ONGOING: *Donor Action Table!* NEOB sets up an information table at UMass Memorial, University Campus in Worcester on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00am—2:00pm. Volunteers are welcome to participate by sharing your personal stories with people as they visit our table. Please contact Jenn Cray for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!

2008 U.S. Transplant Olympic Games will be held July 11th—16th in Pittsburgh, PA. Teams are currently recruiting new members and anyone is welcome to participate including, transplant patients and their families, living donors, and donor family members. Learn more about the games by visiting www.kidney.org.

For more information about your local team contact:

Kathleen Durepo, Team Mid-New England, covering MA/RI/NH/VT, (800)542-4001 or kdurepo@kidneyhealth.org



In Memory

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Ruth Picarello, co-founder of the Anthony Picarello Foundation (APF). Ruth died October 11, 2007. Many NEOB volunteers and staff have had the privilege of meeting and working with Ruth at APF events. Ruth worked hard to assist transplant patients and their families in New England and promoting donation. She touched many lives and will be well missed by so many.

2008 Rose Bowl Parade and Donate Life Float

Donate Life's fifth Rose Parade float entry features four colorful hot air balloons rising 30 feet high above 24 riders whose lives have been lifted to new heights by organ, tissue and blood donors. Accompanying the float on foot are eight donor family walkers connected by tether lines to floragraphs – artistic portraits created with floral materials – of their loved ones. Please visit www.donatelifefloat.org to learn more about the float and riders—and tune in to your local tv station on January 1st to watch the parade!



N'Zinga's Departure from NEOB and the Yale Transplant Program

N'Zinga Shāni has been a community education coordinator with NEOB and the Yale Transplant Program for more than ten years. She worked with NEOB volunteers and the Connecticut Donate Life Coalition to promote and educate donation in communities in southern Connecticut. N'Zinga will be missed and we wish her much luck in her future endeavors.



NEOB's High School Program

Many volunteers have had the opportunity to visit high schools and share their stories with students in health, bioethics, current events, art and science classes. We have updated our High School Organ & Tissue Donation Education Program and have developed a manual for NEOB volunteers who are interested in speaking at schools in their community. The manual includes easy lesson plans and offers some activities and exercises as well as content. The information is a combination of research done with OPO's across the country and successful presentations that NEOB staff and volunteers have provided at schools. In fact, the exercises listed in the manual are ideas from volunteers over the years. We are hoping to provide organ and tissue donation education programs to more high schools in New England; however, we need your help. Our best success getting into high schools has been from volunteers approaching schools in their community. We are also looking for volunteers who are available during the day to present at schools. Contact Jenn Cray for more details and to receive a manual. Please inform us ahead of time which school you plan to approach to avoid overlap.

NEOB volunteers celebrating their transplant anniversaries!

September

- Margot Dushin, kidney, 1994
- Marcy Kaminski, kidney, 2004
- Claire Aspen-Sullivan, dbl lung, 2000
- Barbara Gardner, liver, 1989
- Michael Russell, liver, 2003
- Yoli Jones, liver, 2001
- Julie Cassidy, heart, 2000
- Kerry Keenan, heart, 2003
- Walter Murasky, dbl lung, 2005
- Allison Lindgren, heart, 1998

October

- Lee Cohen, dbl lung, 1997
- Laurie Lukianov, liver, 2002
- MaryEllen Scavone, kidney, 2005
- Gloria Call, kidney, 2000
- Jane Bergeron, dbl lung, 2003
- Dan Caredeo, liver, 1994
- Marguerite Hoyesen, lung, 2002
- Terri Amann, kidney, 2004
- Greg Desroches, pancreas, 2002

November

- David Chambers, liver, 1996
- Patty Holmes Alcombright, kidney, 2006
- Linda Stern, heart, 1998
- Martin Cole, liver, 2005
- Greg Gelinas, pancreas, 2004
- Phil Good, heart, 1998
- George Senerchia, heart, 2004

December

- Thomas O'Hern, kidney, 2003
- Patti Roberts, kidney, 2004
- Deanna Arnold, liver, 1992
- Paul Bowe, liver, 2003

- Miriam Gilman, kidney, 1995
- John DiNitto, heart, 1999
- Mike Mooty, kidney, 1990

January

- Kathy Jeffreys, heart, 2001
- Carol Kilroy, heart, 2001
- Greg Gelinas, kidney, 2002
- Jorge Pinto, kidney, 2002
- Peter Kenyon, heart, 2002

February

- Rene Ravenelle, kidney, 2007
- Katherine Chevrette, kidney, 2007
- Ellie Ball, heart, 2001
- Lynn Whitaker, kidney, 2005
- Sherlock Campbell, heart, 1994
- Leslie Schlemmer, liver, 2002
- Jack Coppolino, liver, 1997