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HERE IS WHAT'S COMING.....

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

2/27: Dr. Christy Ponce-Temple College President

3/6: n/a

3/13: n/a

3/20: Crystal Daniel-Outreach Coordinator Children's Advocacy Center Central Texas

GREETER SCHEDULE

2/27: Gil Gregory & Lathe Owens

3/6: Dave Fette & John Yorsky

3/13: n/a

3/20: n/a

BIRTHDAYS:

2/24: Charles A. Pierce

CLUB CALENDAR:

2/27: TFLC Lunch Meeting (Gober)

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Our next major event will be the Lions Follies which will be held April 12-13. We will have an evening show on April 12th and a matinee and evening show on April 13th. We will need auction items and Dave Fette is selling spaces for advertising in our Follies program. Lion 1st VP Lathe Owens is in charge this year, so please contact him with any questions.



The TFLC had John Henderson, the President of TRIO Central Texas, come to speak with us during our weekly lunch meeting.

John Henderson hails from the Texas panhandle but moved to the area in 1970 to take a job teaching English at Central Texas College. He earned a PhD in English at the University of Texas in Austin and has served in several positions of leadership, most notably, as the Chair of the Communications Department at CTC and as the president of the Copperas Cove ISD board. He is a donor family member.

TRIO Central Texas was organized in 2014 and is a chapter of Transplant Recipients International Organization. The national website for TRIO describes the organization as "an independent, not-for-profit, international organization committed to improving the quality of life of transplant candidates, recipients, their families, and the families of organ and tissue donors." With 56 active chapters, TRIO fo-

cus on support, advocacy, education, and donor awareness in order to complement the efforts of healthcare professionals in helping recipients and families through the transplant process and to increase donor awareness and participation. The emblem of the organization is two trees intertwined, representing the blending of two lives into one to form the tree of life through transplantation.

TRIO's mission is to help transplant patients and their families, to support donor families, and to promote organ and tissue donation awareness.

John Henderson told the story of how organ donation has touched his life. No parent recovers from the death of a child, no matter the child's age. John and Margaret Henderson will attest to that. Their daughter, Amy Firth, died unexpectedly in November 2012. Blood clots were forming in the 38-year-old's brain and no one knew why. Firth had a grand mal seizure and never regained consciousness. Pressure in their daughter's brain was increasing as brain waves diminished. Firth was a registered organ donor and her husband, Michael, didn't hesitate in complying with her wishes. The Hendersons had no way of knowing at the time what a comfort and sense of purpose that donation would have as time passed. Less than a month after Firth died, the family received information from Southwest Transplant Alliance about her organ donations. Firth's right kidney went to a 58-year-old man, the left kidney to a 61-year-old woman, the pancreas to a 28-year-old woman, the liver to a 66-year-old man, the heart to a 59-year-old woman and a 26-year-old woman received her lungs.

On the first anniversary of Firth's burial, Amy Firth's family received a letter from Carrie Gibbens, the woman who received Firth's lungs. She wanted to share her story and express her gratitude for their gift. They were able to meet with her and her family and they had an instant bond.

The Hendersons endowed a scholarship in their daughter's name at Baylor University for students seeking a master's in speech language pathology. Firth worked as a speech pathologist with an emphasis on children with autism. The family also supports Autism Speaks, an autism science and advocacy organization dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism.

The time following their daughter's death was very difficult because it was so unexpected, Firth's parents said.

Counseling, support groups and friends have helped.

For more information please visit: <http://www.triocentraltexas.org/>