

**The Golden Triangle Chapter
International Transplant Nurses Society
Dinner Meeting
Thursday October 26, 2006**

The Golden Triangle Chapter held its annual "changing of the board" dinner meeting on October 26, 2006 at The Pittsburgh Renaissance Hotel. Dinner and the surroundings were very elegant we had a wonderful view of the Roberto Clemente Bridge and the stunning PNC Park. Our speaker for the evening was Senator Jay Costa, who spoke to the group about Transplant Legislation. Jan Seng from Astellas was the sponsor for the evening. Linda Boig our centerpiece maker extraordinaire brought the fall weather inside with mums placed in pumpkins. Congratulations to all who won a centerpiece and remember if you bring a guest that joins our chapter you are guaranteed to win a centerpiece.

One of the evening's highlights was the unveiling of the membership pin. It is a beautiful pin with our leaf logo highlighted with GTC and ITNS along the sides. Every member received a pin and new members who join will now receive our chapter pin instead of the ITNS international pin. Congratulations to our board for we are the first chapter to design and develop a pin.

Our thanks and best wishes go to our outgoing board:

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| • Mimi Funovitis | President Emeritus |
| • Shelley Zomak | President |
| • Kathy Henderson | President-Elect |
| • Mary Beth Lewis | Treasurer |
| • Marsha Zak | Secretary |
| • Jareen Flohr/Carolyn Hartner | Dinner Meeting Chairpersons |
| • Anne Marie Byerly/Karen Emmett | Journal Club Chairpersons |
| • LynnSeward | Membership Committee Chairperson |
| • Linda Boig | Website Chairperson |

Congratulations and welcome to our incoming board. We have a very diverse group this year that includes almost all aspects of transplantation:

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| • Shelley Zomak | President Emeritus |
| • Kathy Henderson | President |
| • Mitzi Barker | President-Elect |
| • Mary Beth Lewis | Treasurer |
| • Kandy Newell | Secretary |
| • June Stamos | Dinner Meeting Chairperson |
| • Chavonne Newman | Journal Club Chairperson |
| • Karen Porterfield | Membership Committee Chairperson |
| • Judi Vensak | Website Chairperson |

As always our end of the evening raffle was a huge success. We raised over \$340 which provides funding for the educational grants. We welcome any and all donations of items for our raffle, no item is considered too small. We wish to thank Pat Folk for the items she brought to us from the Annual Symposium in Rotterdam.

Thank you once again to Jan Seng from Astellas for sponsoring our evening. Thank you to the outgoing board and a special thank you to our members. We need the continued support of all of our members to make each event a success.