



# NEWSLETTER

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## SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2017

The January dinner/meeting will be at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 4503 Riverview Parkway, just off Highway 280, on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 14<sup>th</sup> so that I can make reservations – call and leave a message at 205-655-3151, or email to [heartlungkid1@gmail.com](mailto:heartlungkid1@gmail.com).



*The new heart & lung transplant recipients  
No new release forms*

### HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!

(January)

- (H) Larry Wayne Jones '91
- (H) Lucy Emonina '95
- (H) Lerita Coleman Brown '95
- (H) Roger C. Harris '96
- (DL) Neal Baremore '96
- (H) Ernie Stewart '97
- (H) Frank F. Carr '98
- (H) Jerry H. Rouse '99
- (H) Malvern 'Skip' Monaghan '03
- (L) Dorothy Reynolds '05
- (H/L) Eddie Merritt '07
- (H) Sherri Selph '07
- (H) Xena Marie Gay (Ped) '08
- (H/L) Tarif Haque '11



*The new liver transplant recipients are:  
No new release forms*

### HAPPY LIVER DAY!

(January)

- Lillian Haines (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11/04) '91
- Joanne McGuire Baxley '98
- Tommie Pearson Blanton '99
- Danny P. Nichols '00
- Charles 'Bill' Payne '01
- Willie Amerson '01
- Arlene Karian '02
- Lena M. Adams '03
- Michael Goulet '04
- (LIV/K) Vicki Smith '04
- Peggy Gibbins '04
- Ida Elaine Vialpando '04
- Carl R. Foster '06
- Tracey D. Rue '06
- Johnny Daniel '06
- Kenneth Boone '07
- Joan Hammac '07
- Gary Steve Wilkerson '07

- Richard Grigsby '07
- Lenora Barber '10
- Susie A. Miller '10
- Virginia L. Westover '10
- Amanda Thompson '14
- Kenneth Carter '14



*The new kidney transplant recipients are:  
No new release forms*

### HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!

(January)

- George Spivey '93
- Elizabeth Kennemer '94
- Margaret Tresler '98
- Dr. Kirby Detraz '99
- James M. Murray '07
- Chookie Richardson '08



### Message from Stan Smith, President

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays! This time of the year is always a busy time, but you all know that ☺ Even with everything going on, the Christmas Day Lunch in the HTICU Conference Room was another huge success! Thanks to all that brought food, and to those that could not attend, thank you for the monetary donations!

This year, we had 4 cooked turkeys (about 34 pounds), 3 hams (around 32 pounds), many 2-liter bottles of soft drinks, all kinds of vegetables, and desserts! Also, a recent heart transplant recipient brought smoked BBQ, ribs and pork loin – delicious! He was in HTICU last year and remembered the lunch.

Thanks to all of the helpers including a special visit from Santa Bob (heart recipient Bob Boyer from Huntsville) – Judy & Lynn, Mac & Pat & family, Vaughn & Sue, Tammy & Patrick, Jackie & Cleve, Claude, Becky, Brad & his family, Sherri & Vickie

(her donor Mom) & her family – I know that I have missed someone. Check out the pictures below.



Getting food ready

### UAB HEART, LUNG AND LIVER TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

#### Release Form

I give permission for my name, transplant number and transplant date to be used by the UAB Heart, Lung and Liver Transplant Support Group for inclusion in the monthly Newsletter and Support Group Scrapbook. I understand that this information will be used only for official Support Group activities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Transplant Type \_\_\_\_\_ Transplant Number (If known) \_\_\_\_\_ Transplant Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas Day Lunch in HTICU**

As I said, the Christmas Day Lunch was another huge success – I’m not sure how many were served, but I brought 450 plates, and we ran out! Once again, I really want to thank Kathy Joseph and her family for all the food that they brought and for being the inspiration behind this annual event now for 28 years! Here is the latest picture of her family. Her grandchildren helped bring the food in ☺!



*Cute helpers*



*Almost ready*



*Some of the helpers – thanks so much!*



*A sample of the people getting food!*

Once again, thanks to all that helped and to the HTICU staff that helped make all the arrangements and assisted!

**‘An Organ Donor Saved My Life’**

This is the saying on a T-shirt that the AOC is using for a fund raising project. With the funds generated by the selling of the T-shirts, special gifts will be given to the Donor Families in addition to the Bronze Medallion now presented during the Donor Recognition Ceremony.

If you would be interested in a T-shirt, the cost will be \$12 including shipping and handling (make checks payable to **UAB/AOC Educ. Fund**).

**Carrie Ellis**  
**Alabama Organ Center**  
**502 20<sup>th</sup> Street South**  
**Birmingham, AL 35233**

You can also contact Carrie at the Alabama Organ Center at 205-731-9200.

Remember, you may never know when you might change someone’s mind about organ donation through sharing your story. You may even change their life!

Please send your ideas for future meetings to me. Remember to tell your story.

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**SCHEDULED EVENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS**

- February 2017 – Informal dinner meeting
- February 26, 2017 – AOC Service of Remembrance*
- March 2017 – Informal dinner meeting
- April 2017 – Informal dinner meeting
- April 8, 2017 – Celebration of Life Picnic*
- May 2017 – Informal dinner meeting

**Informal Dinner**

Several of our group members get together for an informal dinner usually once a month and now we have incorporated a meeting agenda.

This month’s dinner meeting will be at Carrabba’s Italian Grill, 4503 Riverview Parkway, just off Highway 280, on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:45 PM.

Any pre/post heart, lung or liver transplants and family, donor families, doctors, nurses and staff are welcome to join. Please be sure to let us know that you plan to join in by calling Stan Smith at 205-655-3151 and leave a message.

And remember to...☺

***"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."***

***...Ralph Waldo Emerson***  
 (From Brainyquote.com)

Please tear on the dotted line and return this form as soon as possible to:

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