



# NEWSLETTER

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## SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR JANUARY 2018

This month's dinner/meeting will be at Seasons 52, 245 Summit Blvd, at the Summit, just off Highway 280, on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 12<sup>th</sup> so I can make seating arrangements at the restaurant (a day ahead) – 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) 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
- (DL) Brandy Higdon (Vanderbilt) '16



The new liver transplant recipients are:  
(LIV/K) Mike Thompson 10/30-31/17

**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
- Virginia L. Westover '10
- Susie A. Miller '10
- Amanda Thompson '14
- Kenneth Carter '14
- David Manderson '16



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 3 cooked turkeys, 3 hams, a big pan of smoked ribs (thanks to Claude), many 2-liter bottles of soft drinks, all kinds of vegetables, and desserts!



Thanks to all of the helpers – Judy & Lynn, Mac & Pat, Vaughn & Kay, Claude, Becky, Fern, Vickie (donor Mom) and her family, Ed, Bill & Laura, Tyler, Charles & Glenda, Mike & Erlinda, Jeff & Chookie, and Ginger. I know that I have missed a several people.



Jeff & Chookie did a great job carving the hams and turkeys!

### 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**

I'm not sure how many were served, but we used about 550+ plates (that does include dessert plates)! 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 29 years! Here is the latest picture of her family. Her grandchildren helped bring in the food again this year ☺! You guys rock!



Desserts



more desserts



Sorry about the small gloves, Jeff!



Stan (I need to stand on a box), Claude and Bill



Nice sweater!



Nice....suit!

**'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.

**Stan Smith, President**  
**5213 Peppertree Lane**  
**Trussville, AL 35173**  
**Phone 205-655-3151- please leave a message**  
**Heartlungkid1@gmail.com**

**SCHEDULED EVENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS**

- February 17, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
- March 17, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
- April 7, 2018 – *Celebration of Life Picnic*
- April 14, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
- May 19, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
- June 11, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
- July 9, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting

**Informal Dinner/Meeting**

Several of our group members get together for an informal dinner/meeting once a month. This month's dinner meeting will be at Seasons 52, 245 Summit Blvd, at the Summit, just off Highway 280, on Saturday, January 13<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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