



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 2017

This month's dinner/meeting will be at Seasons 52, 245 Summit Blvd, at the Summit, just off Highway 280, on Saturday, November 18th at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 17th 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*.

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The new heart & lung transplant recipients
No new release forms

- HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!**
(November)
- (H) Sam Fitts (K 7/11) '88
 - (H) Kenneth R. Bryant '94
 - (H) Charles A. Hawkins '95
 - (H) William Craig Smith '95
 - (H) Stephen D. Foster '96
 - (H) Jessie Brown '96
 - (H) James S. Reed '97
 - (H) David Cooper '97
 - (H) Mathew Ryan Scott (Pediatric) '97
 - (L) Daniel R. Maloney '98
 - (H) Dauton Moore (Pediatric) '99
 - (L) James Turner, Sr. '00
 - (H) David C. Harris '01
 - (L) Joseph Wacenske '03
 - (H) Tom Frame '04
 - (H) Dewayne Eason '04
 - (L) Jackie Varden (1st 11/95) '05
 - (L) Marilyn Kay Nichols '05
 - (H/K) Johnny Brannon '06
 - (L) Thomas Blankenship (1st 3/06) '06

- (L) Mark Thornton '07
- (K/K) Logan Seay (Ped, H 5/96) '08
- (H) Kimberly M. Arledge '10
- (L) Bonnie Powell '11
- (H) Ricky Butler '12
- (H) William Craft '13

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The new liver transplant recipients are:
No new release forms

- HAPPY LIVER DAY!**
(November)
- Farrar Caldwell '95
 - Leslie Lucas Norman '95
 - Roger Box '97
 - Linda Allan '98
 - Zane Grey '99
 - Ruby Kassouf '00
 - Voncyte Reeves '01
 - Alvin Houston '02
 - Cathy Hurley '03
 - (LIV/K) Lillian Haines (1st 1/91) '04
 - Sandra Reynolds '04
 - Glenda Newton '04
 - Ronald Childs '05
 - Woody A. Hayden '05

- Sedelle Dockery '06
- Jerry Harper '07
- (LIV/K) Patricia Killingworth (K 5/91) '08
- Elsie Jane Preston '09
- Linda M. Godsey '09
- (LIV/K) Steve Baum '09
- Martha Archibald '10
- Beverly Moore Harton '11
- Charles 'Darrell' Newman '14
- (LIV/K) James Patrick Goff '14
- Maria Cook '15

- HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!**
(November)
- Susan Delesdernier '03
 - Stephanie Feagin '15



Message from Stan Smith, President

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching the holiday season and winter is trying to come a little early! We usually start decorating for Thanksgiving and Christmas the week after Halloween – I really enjoy all of the lights and Christmas colors! See what I did there, that leads me to the subject of our annual Christmas Day lunch in the HTICU conference room. At the November dinner meeting, we will be doing some planning for the Christmas Day lunch. Look for more information in the December Newsletter about how you may participate.

Check out the anniversaries this month. There are 37 people that are 10 years or more post-transplant – fantastic! Remember the ones listed are only those who have turned in a

release form! If you have sent in a release form, there is no need to send another unless you have a change in your contact information.

The second half of 2017 has been a roller coaster for me from the transplant perspective. Two people at my Church received transplants within just a few weeks of each other.

I had been talking to one gentleman about the double/lung transplant that he needed because of cystic fibrosis. He finally received the call in August, but unfortunately, the transplant did not work for him. It was a shock for me, but then I was able to video the Memorial Service for his family. On October 22nd as part of Baby Dedication at our Church, this man's wife had their set of twins Dedicated – this date is significant because it was their anniversary and was a very emotional time. Now fast forward several weeks – I had been

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 _____

talking to another long time Church friend about his daughter who had been put on the list for a kidney/pancreas transplant. She did receive her transplant, and it was hard for her to believe that insulin was no longer needed before a meal – she had been diabetic for some 27 years! Now at about 2 months out, she is still in the recovery mode as her system gets use to the all the new meds.

Next is a young lady that I first met around 2006 when she was waiting of a pediatric heart transplant. After receiving her heart transplant, she became part of Team Alabama and participated in the 2008 Transplant Games, as I recall. Just this last week, she has received a second heart transplant and, based on the last report from her mother, she is progressing very well – she was sitting in a chair yesterday 4 days after surgery!

There was a post on the UAB Athletics Facebook page – *“Every day this week, UAB Athletics will recognize special Blazer fans as part of the UAB Football Salute to Service event on Saturday. Join us as we show our appreciation for those that protect us. Today we salute you, Laura Beth Curlee”*. There are two pictures with this caption: *“UAB Graduate, Senior Master Sergeant Trey Hamm, and step daughter, Current UAB Student, Airman First Class Laura Beth Curlee, United States Air Force”*. **‘Thank you for your service’**.

Ok, I know you are asking what does this have to do with transplantation. Well first of all, Trey and his wife Jeanette are my neighbors! I have known Trey since he was in High School. Also, Jeanette is a Respiratory Therapist at UAB, and has been working some in HTICU! Her mother was Nancy's Respiratory Therapist during Nancy's heart/double lung transplant in 1989.

Those of you on Facebook, be sure to check out the UAB Athletics page to see the pictures.

National Donor Sabbath

“National Donor Sabbath is just around the corner. This three-day observance, November 10-12, seeks to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States. During this time, we encourage faith leaders to educate the public regarding the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.”

“Interested in sharing materials with your house of worship? AOC has resources and tools to help. For more information, send an email to Rebecca Davis at rebeccadavis@alabamaorgancenter.org.”
(From the AOC Facebook page)

‘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 20th 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

December 25, 2017 – Annual Christmas Day Lunch
January 13, 2018 – Informal dinner meeting
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

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, November 18th 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... 

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.”

...Reba McEntire
(From Brainyquote.com)

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

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