



NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Day Lunch in HTICU on MONDAY DECEMBER 25, 2017

The next meeting will be our annual Christmas Day lunch – we start serving around 11 AM. It will be in the HTICU conference room on the 5th floor of the West Pavilion. This is for pre and post transplant patients and their families on all of the heart, lung, and liver floors, those who are at the Townhouse, and donor families who would like to participate. **We need the help of those of you that live in the Birmingham area to help provide the food.** Please call Stan Smith at 205-655-3151 if you have any questions [please leave a message]. **The Support Group will be furnishing hams, turkeys, soft drinks, paper goods and plastic wear.** We are in need of casseroles, vegetables, congealed salads, salads, and deserts. Each year this does provide a blessing to those in the hospital especially during the Christmas Holidays. Last year we used over 450 plates! **If you can spare a couple of hours on Christmas day, we really could use your help serving.** We look forward to hearing from each of you.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥		(H) Chester Strickland '07		Judy Burch '00	
<u>New heart & lung transplant recipients</u> (No new release forms received)		(DL) Matt Fancher '07		Carmen Vasquez '01	
HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY! (December)		(L) Michael Thornell '08		James Gruzdis '03	
(H) Gordonna Moore '83		(H) John C. Honaker '10		(LIV/K) Farley A. Illarmo (6/00) '04	
(H) Eddie Knipp (2 nd 3/99) '87		(H) Spencer Walker '10		Larry Brice Dollar '06	
(H) Karen Tishler Weinrib '91		(H) Lesel A. (Tony) Dozier '10		Jerry Wayne Cantrell '06	
(H) Alan Brezin '94		(H) Jimmy Montgomery '10		Debbie Morgette '06	
(H) Thomas D. Jordon '94		Carol Denise Nix '11		Jim Kutschke '07	
(H) Meagan Brooke Miley (Ped) '96		(L) Billy Ray Cunningham '12		Nathan Shelton (Ped) '07	
(H) Barbara Watts '99		(H/K) Sherrell Gay (Emory) (1 st 8/02) '12		Charlotte Isbell '07	
(L) Rene Boubede '99		♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥		Doretta Whitehead '08	
(H/K) William Huey Collins (K 10/12) '99		<u>New liver transplant recipients</u> (No new release forms received)		Linda Mitchell '08	
(H) Sidney Overby (1 st 3/97) '00		HAPPY LIVER DAY! (December)		Johnnie Lee Ballenger '11	
(H) Gregory Bend '01		Randall W. Cox '95		Justin Staton '12	
(L) Mary Ann Autry '01		Claude Hall '97		Charles Parishier '13	
(L) Lillian (Trudy) Harrison '01		Rodney S. Jones '97		James S. Germany '13	
(L) Mary E. Cole '02		Joel Johnson '98		Joanne Ojard '13	
(H) James Quick '04		Charles Smith '99		(ISLETS) William R. Wills '14	
Henry Neff '04		Eddie Mae Davidson (1 st) '99		Laura (Vicki) Stricklin '16	
(DL) Mary Beth Helms '04		Clovis Smith '00		HAPPY KIDNEY DAY! (December)	
(DL) Janet S. Ellis '06		Eddie Mae Davidson (2 nd) '00		Ellen P. Herron '13	

Message from Stan Smith, President

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! Lots of activities and food and shopping and food and more shopping and decorations and shopping going on!! Thank you Amazon.com ☺!

Check out the anniversaries this month. There are 38 people that are 10 years or more post-transplant – fantastic. Only those with release forms are listed! If you don't see your name, please send in a release form.

Speaking of food (again), it's time to start planning for our annual Christmas Day lunch in the HTICU Conference Room in the West Pavilion. **I really will be needing some help**

again this year if you can spare several hours on Christmas Day.

We start setting up around 10 AM in the HTICU Conference Room on the 5th floor of the West Pavilion, and start serving around 11 AM. We will be serving the patients and their families at 11 AM and the staff at 12:30 PM. This has worked very well the last couple of year and all our patients were served. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please make out your check payable to Stan Smith (my address is shown on page 2). Any money left over will be used for Support Group activities. Thank you in advance for your help and contributions!

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 _____

2016 Christmas Lunch

If you have never helped with Christmas Day lunch, here are several pictures from 2016 to give you an idea of the amount of food that appears! This photo shows some of the food. There was another table to the left of the picture, and the desert table in the hallway.



Here are a some of the helpers



There were at least another 8 or so people not pictured that were helping.

Holiday Pecan & Candy Sale

If you are in need of pecans and/or holiday candy, the UAB Hospital Auxiliary is selling these goodies from 9 AM until 1 PM at the following locations:

- North Pavilion 2nd floor
- West Pavilion Atrium
- The Kirklin Clinic

The proceeds from the sale go to the Auxiliary's Nursing Scholarship program.

2018 Donate Life Float in Rose Parade

Be sure to watch for the Donate Life Float in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. Ann Rayburn, Alabama Organ Center and Kidney Donor, will be a walker with the Donate Life Float. Also, there will be another Alabama connection – a Floragraph of Savannah Sides. I'm not sure of the location on the float. Just be on the lookout for her smiling face.



'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.

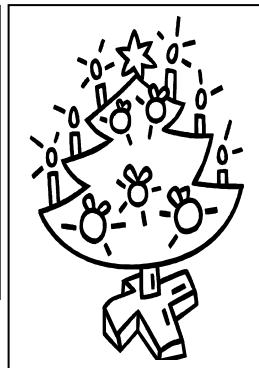
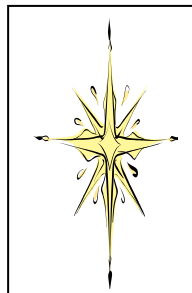
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SCHEDULED EVENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS

- 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

The next dinner/meeting will be announced in the January Newsletter. Happy Holidays everyone!!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**"For it is in giving that we receive."
 ...Saint Frances of Assisi**

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

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