SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 2018

This month’s dinner/meeting will be at Cocina Superior Restaurant, 587 Brookwood Village (next to Brio’s Tuscan Grill), on Saturday, November 17th, at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 16th – 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 Fitte (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
(L) Dauton Moore (Pediatric)  ’99
(L) James Turner, Sr.  ’00
(H) Jay Waid  ’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

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The new liver transplant recipients
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HAPPY LIVER DAY!
(November)
Farrar Caldwell  ’95
Leslie Lucas Norman  ’95
Roger Box  ’97
Linda Allain  ’98
Zane Grey  ’99
Ruby Kassouf  ’00
Voncile Reeves  ’01
Alvin Houston  ’02
Cathy Hurley  ’03
(LIV/K) Lillian Haines (1st 1/91)  ’04
Sandra Reynolds  ’04
Glenda Newton  ’04
Jonathan Jones  ’05
Ronald Childs  ’05
Woody A. Hayden  ’05

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The new kidney transplant recipients
No new release forms

HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!
(November)
Sadelle Dockery  ’06
Jerry Harper  ’07
(LIV/K) Patricia Killingworth (K 5/91)  ’08
Elise 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

Message from Stan Smith, President

It’s hard to believe that we are fast approaching the holiday season since summer is trying to hang on! 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 November anniversaries. There are 42 people that are 10 years or more post-transplant – fantastic! Remember the ones listed are only those who have turned in a release form and have an anniversary this month!

National Donor Sabbath

National Donor Sabbath will be held November 9-11, 2018. This three-day observance seeks to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States. This is a wonderful opportunity for faith leaders to educate their congregations about the need for the lifesaving and healing gifts given to others through transplantation.

This may be an opportunity for you to share your story in your Church, Synagogue or House of Worship, and to encourage people to register to be organ and tissue donors. You can contact Becky Davis at the Alabama Organ Center to request hand out material at 205-731-9200 or send an email to: rebeccadavis@alabamaorgancenter.org.

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____________________
Understanding Donation
(From the AOC Website)

“Every day, an average of 92 people across the country receive lifesaving organ transplants, and countless others receive lifesaving tissue transplants. Many more receive the gift of sight through cornea donation. In 2017, 170 organ donors and 326 tissue donors were recovered in Alabama Organ Center’s service area, bringing countless people together in hope; 495 lives were saved across this area.”

“Even so, there is a critical shortage of organs across the country. More than 115,000 individuals are waiting for a lifesaving transplant. Of those, more than 2,600 are Alabamians. Every 10 minutes, a new person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list and every day 20 people die waiting for a lifesaving transplant.”

“The generosity of an individual donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and countless others through tissue donation. Skin is used to treat burn patients and individuals with cancer; bone can be used to treat orthopedic injuries and cancer patients.”

Check out www.alabamaorgancenter.org.

There is another section on the website that shows the panels from the Donor Family Quilts. If you know the donors’ names, then at the top of the page under Donor Family Quilts, you’ll see ‘name’. Type in the name and the panel will pop up. As an example, here is the panel for Scott Parrish, Nancy’s heart/lung donor. Donna Parrish created this panel after we met on 12/11/99. Check out the stories.

‘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.

Stan Smith, President
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SCHEDULED EVENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS

December 25, 2018 – Annual Christmas Day lunch
January 19, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
February 16, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
March 16, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
April 6, 2019 – Celebration of Life Picnic
April 13, 2019 – 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 Cocina Superior Restaurant, 587 Brookwood Village (next to Brio’s Tuscan Grill), on Saturday, November 17th, 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 😊

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”

...Walt Disney

(From brainyquotes.com)

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

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