



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR JANUARY 2019

This month's dinner/meeting will be at the Delta Blues Hot Tamales Restaurant, 1318 Cobb Lane (immediately adjacent to the parking lot at the corner of 20th Street and 14th Ave South), on Saturday, January 19th at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 18th – call and leave a message at 205-655-3151, or email to heartlungkid1@gmail.com.



The new heart & lung transplant recipients

(H) Kyson Deese (Ped) 12/22/18

HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!

(January)

(H) Lucy Emonina	'95
(H) Lerita Coleman Brown	'95
(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

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2019**



The new liver transplant recipients are:

(LIV/K) Mike Thompson 10/30-31/17

HAPPY LIVER DAY!

(January)

Lillian Haines (1 st , 2 nd 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
David Manderson	'16
Myles Wright	'17
Randolph (Randy) Pope	'18



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 – my family sure did. Lots of things happening this year. I will share some below.

Check out the anniversaries this month. There are 35 people that are 10 years or more post-transplant – fantastic! Remember the ones listed for January are only those who have turned in a release form!

New Name for Alabama Organ Center

It is official, after months of planning and discussion, the Alabama Organ Center will soon be changing its name to Legacy of Hope. Here is the new logo:



The following is an excerpt from the AOC newsletter.

While the mission will remain the same, this name change better illustrates what we do as an organization. As stated in a letter to hospital partners and stakeholders, Executive Director, Chris Meeks explains, "This new name, and new brand, is a more accurate presentation of the spirit and purpose that you have been instrumental in making manifest within our organization."

As the planning and decision-making process has been ongoing, many crucial elements have been taken into consideration. The new name and brand will be rolled out after the first of the year.

"We are excited to introduce this new name and brand," said Ann Rayburn, Director of Education. "Legacy of Hope truly epitomizes our mission to educate Alabamians about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and to encourage them to join this mission."

What does the logo signify? The swallow is a symbol of hope, and the wheat is a symbol of life. Together, they represent the legacy we are all so committed to fulfilling. Look for changes to the website soon.

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 _____

30th Annual Christmas Day Lunch in HTICU

The Holidays are always a busy time of the year, but again, 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 5 cooked turkeys, 3 hams, all kinds of vegetables, and desserts! Thanks to Fazo the Clown for two smoked turkeys and for obtaining a donation of soft drinks for Coke! Also, thanks to Priester's pecans of Ft. Deposit for the fantastic pecan pies, and to Nothing Bundt Cakes for the wonderful cakes and cupcakes (thanks Amy). Also thanks to Vicki Benson (donor mom) for the fantastic Christmas apron ☺. I'm not sure how many were served, but we used about 600+ 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 30 years! Here is the latest picture of her family (and me). Her grandchildren helped bring in the food again this year ☺! You guys rock!



Thanks to all of the helpers – Cherie, Barry & Teresa, Ken & Amy, Fern, Becky, Dwight, Vickie (donor Mom) and her family, James, Veronica, Ed, Vaughan & Kay, and Jeff & Chookie. I know that I have missed several people.



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

'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
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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 16, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- March 16, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- April 6, 2019 – *Celebration of Life Picnic*
- April 13, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- May 18, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- June 15, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- July 13, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting

Informal Dinner/Meeting

Several of our group members get together for an informal dinner/meeting once a month.

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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... ☺

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier'."

...Alfred Lord Tennyson
 (From Brainyquote.com)

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

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