



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 2019

This month's dinner/meeting will be at the Brio Tuscan Grille, 591 Brookwood Village, on Saturday, February 16th at 4:45 PM. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 15th – call and leave a message at 205-655-3151, or email to heartlungkid1@gmail.com.



The new heart & lung transplant recipients

(L) Dewey Lynn Currie 11/02/18

HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!

(February)

(H) Maxine Westmoreland	'86
(H) Jimmy Wallis	'88
(H) Charlie Carter	'89
(H/K) Steve R. Carroll (H/K 8/07)	'92
(H) Richard J. Brand	'95
(H) Mary J. Davis	'96
(H) Douglas J. Weseli	'97
(H) Billy Campbell (1 st & 2 nd)	'97
(H) William R. Parrish	'97
(H) Clarice Powell	'98
(H) Willie M. Burks, Jr.	'00
(L) Alice M. Marshall	'00
(H) Larry F. Merryman (2 nd 6/01)	'01
(H) Harvel Anthony Douglas	'03
(H) Leon M. Jackson, Jr.	'03
(H) George W. Geren	'05
(H) Gail Adams	'05
(H) Twain Heaton	'06

(H) Stephen Harrell	'09
(L) Gretchen S. Orr	'09
(L) Bennie L. Jernigan	'10
(L) John L. Denson	'11
(H) Curtis P. Gordon	'12
(H) Robert Boyer	'12
(H/K) Jeremiah Crapps (1 st 7/95)	'13
(H) MacKenzie Dively (Ped)	'13
(H/K) Austin Ledbetter (Ped)	'14



The new liver transplant recipients are:

Melissa 'Beth' Butterworth 11/05/18

HAPPY LIVER DAY!

(February)

Megan Muzer	'94
Lenora Turner	'95
Jimmy Evans	'96
Donald Brady	'98
Clarence Salyers	'98
William Brannon	'00
John Pinion	'00
Nupur Kapoor	'01
Mark H. Whitt	'03

Fran Allred	'03
(LIV/K) Barb Rothman	'03
Emma Barnes	'06
Pamela B. Johnson	'06
Thomas Ray Woodward	'08
Frank Ramey	'09
Phyllis Marchman	'09
Johnny L. Waites	'11
Jane Goddard	'12
Patricia Diane Ponder	'13
Neil Bruyn	'14
Neftali Medina Riutort	'16
Glenda Atchley	'17



The new kidney transplant recipients are:

No new release forms

HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!

(February)

Elizabeth McIlwain (2 nd 1/94)	'87
Guy Mitchell	'08
Jennifer Kujan	'17

Happy Valentine

Message from Stan Smith, President

This year has started off with a bang. The Donate Life Float that was in the Rose Parade once again had an Alabama connection (more below). Also, three family members (including me) have birthdays in the first three weeks of January – two more on February 1st & 2nd.

Alabama weather is so fickle. As I start writing the Newsletter, the sun is shining brightly with no clouds in the sky, the temp is about 55 degrees, but yet we are under a Winter Storm Warning for early Tuesday morning. The temps tomorrow may not get above freezing! It's going to be a fun couple of days ☺

Follow-up: no snow or ice and the temps did not get as cold as expected – high 38. Now the sun is shining again. Welcome to winter in Alabama.

Check out the anniversaries this month. There are 38 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!

UAB's 50th Anniversary Celebration Begins

In his 1/16/2019 Newsletter, Dr. Ray Watts, President of UAB, announced: "This year marks the **50th anniversary of UAB's founding** as an autonomous campus within the University of Alabama System, and we look forward to celebrating the UAB story — past, present and future — throughout 2019".

He went on to mention: "On Jan. 31, we will cut the ribbon on UAB's flagship hotel, the **Hilton Birmingham at UAB**, a \$20 million renovation and rebranding that showcases photos from **UAB Archives** in both guest rooms and public areas as well as tributes to notable UAB faculty, staff and alumni in meeting spaces".

Check out Dr. Watt's Newsletter for more information about the celebration and about the renovations at the Hilton Birmingham at UAB:

<https://www.uab.edu/president/newsletter/128-uab-s-50th-anniversary-celebration-begins>.

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 _____

2019 Donate Life Float

I hope you were able to see the 2019 Donate Life Float, 'Rhythm of the Heart', Judges Award winner for outstanding design, in the Rose Parade. There was another Alabama connection this year – Courtney Harris' Floragraph was on the float and several people with an Alabama connection were remembered with a rose on the float.



30th Annual Christmas Day Lunch in HTICU

There was an issue in the printing process last month resulting in very dark pictures. Hopefully, you can see these a little better.

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.



'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

- February 17, 2019 – Donor Memorial Ceremony
- March 16, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
- April 6, 2019 – Celebration of Life Picnic
- April 13, 2019 – Alabama Kidney Foundation Walk
- 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.

This month's dinner meeting will be Brio Tuscan Grille, 591 Brookwood Village, on Saturday, February 16th 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... ☺

"Take time to be kind and to say 'thank you'".

...Zig Ziglar
(From Brainyquote.com)

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

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