



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR JUNE 2019

This month's dinner/meeting will be at the Brio Tuscan Grille, 591 Brookwood Village, on Saturday, June 22nd. Please RSVP by 12 N on the 21st – call and leave a message at 205-655-3151, or email to heartlungkid1@gmail.com.



The new heart & lung transplant recipients
No new release forms

HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!
(June)

(H) Billy H. Smith	'94
(H) Austin Ledbetter (H 7/11, K 2/14)	'97
(H) Andrew L. Toliver	'97
(H) Barbara Gail Smith	'98
(H) Wendell C. Estes	'98
(L) Danelle DeCiantis	'99
(L) Beverly Bullock	'00
(H) Rachel Prescott	'00
(H) Gerald Griggs	'00
(H/L) Georgia A. Colston	'01
(H) Daryl A. Isbell	'01
(H) Gene Kesler	'02
(H) Sherley Stricklin	'06
(L) William Jay Turner	'07
(H) Geneva Burke	'08
(H) Julia Eve Monroe	'10
(H) David Higginbotham	'10

(H) Douglas F. Godwin	'11
(H) Guy V. Johnson	'14
(H) George McAllister	'15

HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!
(June)

(K) Beverly M. Luker	'03
(K) Shanna Wilson	'06
(K/P) Brigitte Y. Walker	'07



The new liver transplant recipients are:
No new release forms

HAPPY LIVER DAY!
(June)

John Malone	'98
Robert S. Williams	'99
Robert Rigsby	'00
Charlotte Searcy	'00
(LIV/K) Farley A Illarmo (12/04)	'00
(LIV/K) David Burton	'01
Johnny F. Paul	'02
Sandra J. Goode	'02
Debra Hall	'04
Vicki Vaughan	'05
Dennis Almond	'06
Bill Waller	'08
Regina Austin (1 st 10/98)	'10
Linda J. Merritt	'11
Mary Ann Allman	'12
Peggy Myrick	'17
Kerry Darlene Camp	'18

Message from Stan Smith, President

Well, hot weather has settled in over the Southeast – mid 90's for the last week. Please remember to use sunscreen when you are going to be outside ☺.

Legacy of Hope Enews

I would like to thank Ashley Anderson, Legacy of Hope, for including a history of the UAB Heart, Lung and Liver Transplant Support Group in the May 24th Edition of the LoH Enews. Our Support Group will celebrate the 30th Anniversary in October of this year!

2016 Legacy of Hope Ambassador Luncheon

The Annual LoH Ambassador Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 17th at the UAB National Alumni Society building. During the program, Ed Stagg, heart recipient, was presented the Nancy Smith Ambassador of the Year Award. "For anyone who knows Ed, you

know he will always share his gratefulness for his donor, Weston. 'Weston's blessing is a legacy of life to me and to others. God willing, there will be one or two who will be moved by Weston's efforts and my efforts and will register to donate,' Ed said." [From the April 19th edition of the LoH Enews].



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 Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The picture on the first page shows Ashley Anderson presenting the Award to Ed Staggs. Congratulations Ed!

There was a special guest speaker for the program, Lauren Sisler, Sports Reporter for ESPN/AL.com. Although Lauren is not a transplant recipient or a donor family member, she has a very touching story about surviving the loss of both parents due to substance abuse. For more of her story, check out her website, www.LaurenSisler.com.



Vanderbilt Doctor Working to Develop Bionic Kidney

There was a recent news story on Nashville TV Station WSMV about the development of a bionic kidney. Currently there are two options for people with kidney failure, dialysis or transplant. There is research being conducted at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and five other Universities around the country to provide a third option to treat kidney failure. This device is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand and is called a bionic kidney. Hopefully, clinical trials will begin later this year. For more information, go to WSMV's website, [/www.wsmv.com/news/](http://www.wsmv.com/news/) and under more headlines, search 'bionic kidney'.

When the Heart Speaks, Listen – Discovering Inner Wisdom

This is the title of a book written by Lerita Coleman Brown, PhD, heart/kidney recipient. Lerita received her heart transplant at the University Of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 1995 and received a kidney transplant at the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta in 2005. Also, she has received a heart valve replacement that was performed by Dr. Jim Kirklin and a pacemaker implanted by Dr. Neal Kay in 2006. Lerita has written a book about her transplant experience (available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books, etc.). She feels this book would benefit both pre and post transplant patients.

'An Organ Donor Saved My Life'

This is the saying on a T-shirt that the Legacy of Hope 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 **Legacy of Hope Educ. Fund**).

**Legacy of Hope
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Birmingham, AL 35233**

You can also contact Carrie Ellis or Jill Malone at the Legacy of Hope, 205-801-7353.

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

June 15, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
July 13, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
August 17, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
September 14, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
October 19, 2019 – Informal dinner meeting
November 16, 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 Brio Tuscan Grille, 591 Brookwood Village, on Saturday, June 22nd 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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