



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – MONDAY JULY 12, 2010

The next meeting of the Heart, Lung and Liver Transplant Support Group will be at 5:45 PM in Conference Room E in the West Pavilion Conference Center. There is no formal speaker, rather this will be an open discussion meeting – I have some interesting and informative ‘tidbits’ of information to share with the group. The meeting is open to all pre/post transplant recipients, family members, friends and those interested in organ transplantation. Come early to get a good seat!



The new heart & lung transplant recipients

(L) Bennie Jernigan 2/9/10

HAPPY HEART AND LUNG DAY!

(July)

- (H) Carl Felder '88
- (H) Dale Griffiths '93
- (H) Leonard M. Robbins '94
- (H) Margaret Dockery (H/K 8/03) '94
- (L) Barbara Vance Tallman '95
- (H) Jeremiah Crapps '95
- (H) Robert Russell '96
- (L) Gerald J. Sentilles '96
- (L) Larry F. Bell '99
- (H) Elizabeth P. Young '99
- (L) Michael C. Young '99
- (H) Bobby Joe Hurst '99
- (H) James Overbay '00
- (H) Rodney Geuder '00

- (L) Charles R. Nash '00
- (H) Ronald C. Rachels '00
- (H) Janet C. Fields '00
- (H) Tonya R. Sartor '02
- (L) Greg Wood '02
- (L) Patricia M. Head '03
- (L) Martha Armstrong '03
- (H) Tommy A. Gilbert '04
- (L) Jim Kemp '04
- (H) Edn'drika Henderson '05
- (H) Patty Trainor '08
- (L) Joan Toro '09

HAPPY KIDNEY DAY!

(July)

- (K/P) Shirlenta Rose Thicklin '02
- (K) Kevin Kuhn '04
- (K) Adin Anthony Franklin Farley '09



The new liver transplant recipients are:

No new release forms received

HAPPY LIVER DAY!

(July)

- John D. Allen '95
- Janice Fuller '99
- Byron McLain '99
- Jack Miller '02
- Harlan Galloway '02
- James Clifford Bentley '03
- Marla Fenderson '04
- Diann Fuller '04
- Robert Thomas, Jr. '05
- Shelby J. Parker '05
- Thomas L. Chapman '05
- Daniel R. Pietro '07
- Cindy Hollyhand '08
- Alta 'Tena' Sutton '09

Message from Stan Smith, President

A torrential thunder storm ‘nix’d’ our meeting last month. I know that there were flash flood warnings out for downtown Birmingham between 5 and 6 PM. This month I have a list of items to discuss with the group. Please plan on attending the meeting.

As I have mentioned, the monthly anniversary lists in the Newsletter is so important to those new to the transplant process. Many times I have talked to people, who are being evaluated for transplant or have been told that they may need a transplant, and I mention the monthly anniversary lists as a way of giving encouragement – this shows that transplantation really works.

Check out this month’s list. Carl Felder, heart recipient, is 22 years post transplant! There are 20 people who are celebrating at least 10 years post transplant – fantastic!

2010 Transplant Games – 4 Weeks Away

Team Alabama is getting down to ‘crunch’ time – the last minute (almost) preparations for the 2010 Transplant games are well underway. We will have our ‘kickoff’ meeting in Montgomery on Saturday July 10th at Aldersgate United Methodist Church from 10 AM until 4 PM. Joanne Baxley, Team Manager, mentioned in an email “*This will pretty much be an all day affair as we want to combine a practice and some fun ‘Retreat in a Day – Get to Know your Team’ things*”. Also, team uniforms will be given out at this meeting.

Again, check out www.transplantgames.org for more information. Also, you can get updates through Facebook, Twitter and You Tube. I’m not sure if they will have updates during the games, but my guess is they will. If you would like to help the Team in the form of a contribution, make the check out to Team Alabama/NKF and send it to my address on the back of the Newsletter and I will turn it in to Joanne and Jim. Go Team Go!

Team Alabama Going for the Gold in Madison!

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 _____

There are a number of Testimonials, Tributes and Patient Profiles on the Games website. Go to the home page, look across the tabs and select U. S. Games. On the drop down you will see numerous topics including the ones above. Under the Testimonials, you will find one that Elaine Gay, mother of pediatric heart recipient Xena Gay and member of Team Alabama, has submitted. Xena won a silver medal in swimming at the 2008 Games in Pittsburg only 6 months after receiving her heart transplant.

Also, check out the Tributes to both deceased and living donors. These are very heart warming.

The Patient Profiles contain a number of stories and the one that really struck me was about 7 year old Erin Brenner, pediatric liver recipient, from New Jersey. I remember her red hair from the 2008 games – she is about the same age as my grand daughter who also had red hair. At birth, Erin was diagnosed with a rare disease affecting her liver and kidneys. This meant she would need a transplant for both organs. However, Erin's kidneys began to stabilize and it became apparent that she would only need a liver transplant. Now, she is a vibrant 7 year old and is a veteran of 2 transplant games and will be participating in the 2010 games as well.

How about 13 year old Heather Chaboudy of Florida who received a heart transplant at 11 weeks old! "Born prematurely and with an enlarged heart, Heather's tiny body was swollen and her heart took up half of her chest cavity." The doctors said that she might live 5 months without a heart transplant. Now an active teenager, she tap dances, tumbles, swims, plays the piano and bowls.

If you have any questions, contact either Team Manager:

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Celebration of Life Picnic Pictures

The tentative date for the 2011 picnic is April 16th! The 2010 Celebration of Life Picnic pictures are now available. Go to www.alabamaorgancenter.org and look to the right of the page. You will see: **"2009 and 2010 Celebration of Life Picnic pictures are now available! Please click here to purchase pictures and other merchandise."**

There are over 1000 pictures available through "Shutterfly" from the group shots to the candid shots. Proceeds from the picture sales helps to support the picnic. If you have any questions, call Ann or Becky at the Alabama Organ Center at 205-731-9200 or 1-800-252-3677.

'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).

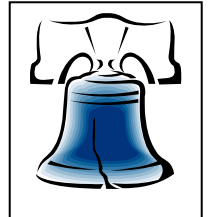
Carrie Peter
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You can also contact Carrie at the Alabama Organ Center at 205-731-9200.

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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Informal Dinner

Several of our group members get together for an informal dinner usually once a month. We will meet at **4:45 PM** on July 17th at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 4503 Riverview Parkway, just off of Highway 280. 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... 😊

SCHEDULED EVENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS

July 10 – Team Alabama kickoff meeting
July 30 – Aug 4 – US Transplant Games in Madison, WI
August 9, 2010 – Support Group meeting
September 13, 2010 – Support Group meeting
October 11, 2010 – Support Group meeting
November 8, 2010 – Support Group meeting
April 15, 2011 – Celebration of Life Picnic

"Happiness is a habit. Cultivate it."

... Elbert Hubbard.

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

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