

# ***News From The Northland***

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**Organ Transplant  
Support Group**

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## **Saturday August 6, 2011 Summer Luncheon Buffet**

Upper Deck at the Superior Municipal Airport, address 1415 46th St. Superior, WI. Time: 11:30—2:00.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Sour Cream Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad Bar with Two Soups and Rolls. Cost: Adults—\$12.00 Children 12 and under \$9.50. Includes non-alcoholic beverage, coffee, milk or soda; tax and gratuity. We are conducting a White Elephant Suzie and Laila Sale. Clean out your closet, garage and attic and bring items for the sale. RSVP's and prepayment are requested by August 2, 2011. Please send your RSVP to Glenn Peterson, 1365 White Pine Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720. Questions call 218-879-5758.

## **Tuesday, September 13: 7:00 PM : Iron Range Meeting: Open Discussion**

Open discussion will be held in the Mt. Iron community center located at 8586 Enterprise Drive South. Please come join us for an evening discussion of transplant issues and related matters. Directions: N on Hwy 53 to Hwy 169; go 1.8 miles and make a "U" turn, then turn right on Emerald Ave, go 0.1 miles and turn left on Enterprise Drive and reach destination 0.2 miles on right.

## **Tuesday, October 11th 7:00 PM Meeting: Subject To Be Determined**

Open discussion for issues, topics, questions, or concerns that need to be addressed. Our meetings are set up to have a program every other month, and the next month to be an open meeting. This gives us an opportunity to share, ask questions, or discuss situations, news, or upcoming events

***Meeting at Miller-Dwan Medical Center***

***502 E 2nd Street Duluth, MN***

***7:00 to 9:00 P.M.***

***Classroom 2 & 3 - Lobby Level***

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**“News & Notes”**

**Happy Birthday and Best Wishes:**

Marge Stenstrom	Liver	7/3/1997
Travis Hanson	Kidney	7/10/1999
Darrell Sampson	Kidney	7/18/1990
Janet Moran	Kidney	7/19/2000
Jim Hendy	Kid/Pancreas	7/19/2007
Mary Manderschei	Kidney	7/25/2004
Arlee Wilkes	Kidney	7/25/2008
Dwight Morrison	Heart	7/28/2004
Mary Ellen Seglem	Kidney	7/27/2005
Leta Sisto	Kidney	7/31/1997
Tom Griffin	Liver	8/11/2002
Jack Altonen	Kidney	8/11/2004
Tom Saburn	Heart	8/13/2004
Shirley Kuberka	Heart	8/27/2004
Judy Lovedahl	Kidney	9/2/1986
Harvey Genedek	Heart	9/3/1991
Jim Wester	Kidney	9/5/2006
Leroy Evans	Kidney	9/16/1999
Bill Fronckiewicz	Liver	9/28/2002
Christy Buetow	Heart	9/28/2008

**Web News: You no longer need to type the long version of our name to get the web. Just enter [www.HOLSG.org](http://www.HOLSG.org) to arrive! Visit the web for new developments.**

**News and Presentations:**

**Welcome New Members:**  
 Dan and Carol Spielman - Kidney 11/30/2010  
 Jackie Jensen –Pancreas 10/27/2009

**Thank You For The Monetary Donations:**  
 Mary Jacobson; Bob and Shirley Sisto; John and Linda Cope; Dorothy and Jerry Johnson; Murphy Oil Co.; Tom and Nancy Saburn.

**Cares and Prayers**

**For:**



Calls, Cards and Prayers Welcome!!

Lisa Harmadi— Pancreas rejection.

Ted Gay— Health Issues

Joe Koepke—Kidney Rejection

Lois Vidmar—Feeling Better!!

Jackie Jensen—Transplant Recovery

Tom Klenz— Feeling Good, being treated for Hep C

Congratulations To Jessica Winkels-Hagerl who received a liver and kidney transplant at the Mayo Clinic on May 1, 2011.

Jerry Johnson—feeling better and moving better, recovery from shingle complications.

Tom Mattakat— brain trauma recovery

**Presentations:**

**3/1 Central Drivers Ed—Tom Saburn**

**3/26 Esko Drivers Ed –Kurt Johnson, Kathi Hein, Tom Saburn**

**3/29 WITC Health Fair—Mary Jacobson and Others**

**April: Superior Library Display-Mary Jacobson; Hibbing Library Display– Deb Gustafson; Hibbing Daily Tribune– Deb Gustafson; Duluth Library Display– Beth Sandstrom, Gloria Mattakat; Moose Lake Kiwanis Club– Heidi Peterson**

**May 5 Chisholm Drivers Ed– Deb Gustafson**

**May 21 Kidney Walk– Joni Plante, Mary Jacobson, Katie Pfeffer, Lynn and Mary Lou Gressman, Kathi Hein, Glenn Peterson, Dorothy Johnson**

**June 3-4 Chisholm Women’s Expo– Deb Gustafson, Beth Sandstrom, Kathi Hein**

**June 3 Second Chance Picnic– Tom and Nancy Saburn**

**June 9– Fond du Lac Health Fair– Tom Griffin, Dorothy Johnson, Katie Pfeffer, Lynn and Mary Lou Gressman, Ted Gay and Glenn Peterson**

**June 16- Woodland Middle School– Tom Saburn**

**June 18– Land of The Loon Parade– Deb Gustafson, Heidi Peterson, Mary Hellman, Beth Sandstorm**

**June 27– Morgan Park Drivers Ed– Don Nygaard**

**Presentations continued:**

**July 4 Superior Parade– Dorothy and Jerry Johnson, Kathi Hein, Katie Pfeffer, Heidi Peterson & Family, Elisa George, Mary Jacobson**

**July 9 Hibbing Jubilee Parade– Deb Gustafson, Beth Sandstrom**

**July 18 Central Drivers Ed– Tom Saburn, Jessica and Jim Hagerl**

**July 22– Heart and Lung Benefit Golf Outing– Tom Saburn**

State of Minnesota Passes Bill Allowing \$2 Contribution to Support Education about Organ and Tissue Donation:

Beginning January 12, 2012 Minnesotans can donate \$2 to a fund which will help increase life-saving donations and transplants in Minnesota. Drivers can contribute when they renew their drivers license or ID cards. The new law provides support for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services and Life Source to educate the public about the need to register as an organ and tissue donor. The bill was authored by Rep. Sarah Anderson (R-Plymouth) and Senator David Senjem (R-Rochester). Minnesota ranks among the top in the nation for registered donors, with 53 percent of drivers having already registered to save lives through donation, higher than the national rate of 40 percent. The bill after similar programs in other states that have proven successful. Other states with a similar check off program and higher donation rates include Colorado at 59%, Indiana 68%, Washington 71%, and Utah 74%.

**Artificial Heart Goes Wireless.**

Artificial hearts were supposed to be temporary stop-gaps to keep patients alive until they can get a heart transplant. Today they keep patients alive much longer. These patients are susceptible to infections at the site where the power cord exits the body. Researchers have developed a system of wireless power stations at home and in the office. The concept is a variation on inductive power in which a transmitting coil sends out electromagnetic waves and a receiving coil absorbs the energy and uses it to charge the battery. Researchers envision a vest that could hold an external transmitter coil connected to a power source. The receiver coil implanted under the patients skin would connect to a battery that holds enough power for about 2 hours, meaning the patient could be completely free to bath, swim, or whatever. Longer term, researchers imagine transmitters placed under a patients bed or chair allowing patients to sleep, work, or exercise at home unencumbered. As technology is developed, potentially the term would get longer.

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