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GLMSA President

Welcome to a new year of the Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance.

I am honored to serve as your president. I am busy working with my board to put together an interesting and informative schedule of programs and service opportunities. We want to get the word out that the GLMS Alliance cares about the health of our community, the importance of the health care professions and having fun together as we support each other in the family of medicine.

I started my personal journey as a GLMS Alliance member 10 years ago as a young mom with two school-age children and a toddler at home. I helped part time at my husband's office, as many GLMS Alliance members now do. I joined a play group with my youngest son, Kellen. I had the opportunity to meet and work with many interesting and involved members and enjoyed the fun and varied social events.

Now that my children have grown into college and middle school students, I still work at my husband's office and make time for the GLMS Alliance, too. The Health Promotion Committee works with groups like The Healing Place, Gilda's Club and School Choice, but perhaps my favorite service opportunity of the past year was our partnering with GLMS, Jewish Hospital and the Louisville Science Center to bring the Pulse of Surgery program to students in grades 7-12. In this groundbreaking program, students and their teachers not only observe real-time cardiac surgery through closed-circuit television, but also are given the opportunity to interact

with the surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, perfusionists and other key personnel in the operating room. They also can discuss healthy lifestyle choices and meet face-to-face with volunteers who are health care professionals. Our GLMS Alliance members help staff the meeting rooms so this valuable learning experience can take place.

The GLMS Alliance has been particularly supportive of physicians in the political arena. We have been active this past year contacting our elected officials regarding the various bills affecting the relationship of health care providers to their patients. As medicine is changing, it is important to have our voices heard, and the GLMS Alliance is working with the Kentucky Medical Association to communicate about crucial pending legislation in a timely manner to our members.

Socially, the GLMS Alliance has and will continue to offer much to its members. We are planning a mix of evening and daytime meetings for our members this year. Our book club is reading and discussing both current bestsell-



GLMS Alliance members gather at the home of outgoing President Rhonda Rhodes for their Annual Meeting in May.



ers and classic literature. The fun begins in September with our opening cocktail party, so please remember to send in your dues if you haven't already. You can obtain our membership application at www.glms.org by clicking on "Membership" and then "GLMS Spouses."

I am looking forward to a great year. The GLMS Alliance offers members a great opportunity to meet people with common interests, support each other through the ups and downs of a career in medicine and do some significant good deeds for our community. We all come from varied backgrounds, different specialties and diverse viewpoints, but our common bond is strong, our goals are worthy and our resolve is unshaken. I can't wait to get started! **LM**



KMA Alliance President Millicent Evans installs Adele Murphy as president of the GLMS Alliance.

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