

ALLIANCE NEWS



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"Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

-Clarence from "It's A Wonderful Life"

Sometimes I feel like the Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance is the George Bailey of the medical community. We are in the background, offering support, resources, encouragement and a lot of love ... just like that old Building and Loan in Bedford Falls. But unlike George, I don't need a visit from an angel looking to earn his wings to make me realize that it is a wonderful life and a wonderful Alliance.

Just take a look at what's been going on recently and you can see that the world is a better place because of the Alliance. Many people are unaware that one of the ways we support our medical community is by providing a member for the board of the GLMS Foundation. In October, we built camaraderie and supported the GLMS Foundation when we met and toured the historic Old Medical School Building. The Greater Louisville Medical Society and GLMS Foundation staffs were so warm and welcoming and sent us home with a lovely souvenir book of the Wolf Gallery. My favorite part of this event was looking over the archived pictures from 1980 during the time when Barbara Davis was president of the GLMSA.

In November, the GLMSA met at Gilda's Club. The Gilda's Club mission is to create welcoming communities of free support for everyone living with cancer – men, women, teens and children – along with their families and friends.



(Left to right) At Gilda's Club are Adele Murphy, Michelle Feger, Rhonda Rhodes, Carol Lambert, Karin Sonnier, Millicent Evans, Audrey Carter and Ilene Bosscher.

to attend their family's quality school of choice.

On December 1, we will be doubling as Santa's helpers at the Nativity Academy. The Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is a private middle school serving students of academic promise in the Louisville area from low-income families.

We have had a couple of "just for fun" events recently as well. Our members gathered for a wine and bourbon tasting at Taste Fine Wines and Bourbons in the trendy NuLu neigh-

The GLMSA served a meal to Gilda's Club members.

We also wrapped gifts for a School Choice holiday party. School Choice offers scholarships to low-income children throughout Greater Louisville



(Left to right) At The Old Medical School Building are Chitra Kayerker, Adele Murphy, Elizabeth Paulsen, Michelle Feger, Karin Sonnier, Anita Garrison, Kristi Mattingly, Carol Lambert, Barbara Davis and Lisa Sosnin.

borhood. Afterwards, we walked down to the Garage Bar for some delicious food in the avant-garde atmosphere inspired by the creative minds behind Louisville's world-famous 21c Museum Hotel. From the great response to this event, I'm sure we will be scheduling a similar event in the spring.

We also gathered at the Frazier History Museum to visit the "Diana: A Celebration" exhibit. In that same spirit, our December 4 meeting will be a visit to the historic Wakefield-Searce Galleries in Shelbyville with lunch to follow at the Science Hill Inn.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Not in 2013. We will keep the GLMS Alliance busy as we partner with School Choice for a health fair on Saturday, January 12, at the Nativity Academy. We also will continue our work with the Kentucky Science Center, GLMS and Jewish Hospital to present Pulse of Surgery for middle and high school students from all over Kentucky. Our partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools to collect used medical texts continues in 2013. And we are now and will continue to collect gently used OR scrubs, yoga pants and *new* ladies underwear to donate to the Center for Women and Families in Louisville.

As you can see, it's a wonderful life and a wonderful time to join in the fun and the work of the GLMS Alliance. Happy holidays! **LM**

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(Left to right) Enjoying NuLu are Karin Sonnier, Angela Pecha, MD, James Patrick Murphy, MD, George Sonnier, MD, and Kristi Mattingly.