



# ALLIANCE NEWS

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*“Tell us, please, what treatment in an emergency is administered by ear?” ... I met his gaze and I did not blink. “Words of comfort,” I said to my father.*

- ABRAHAM VERGHESE,  
*Cutting for Stone*



**C**utting for Stone, a best-selling novel by Ethiopian-born physician Abraham Vergheese, tells the beautiful story of Indian doctors raising orphaned twins while practicing medicine in Ethiopia. These boys also grow up with a love of medicine and become doctors too. Carol Lambert of the Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance chose this award-winning novel for our book club to read. It was a perfect fit for our group, as it is a love letter to medicine and medical families.

The GLMS Alliance, with support from the Greater Louisville Medical Society and GLMS Foundation, celebrated National Doctors' Day on March 22 with a lovely lunch for our retired physicians at Audubon Country Club. The event was organized by Rhonda Rhodes. Students from Ms. Grider's third-grade class at Hite Elementary honored the physicians in attendance with letters and pictures of appreciation, which were included in gift bags. Terry Todd, GLMS Foundation director, and Bert Guinn, GLMS chief communications officer, spoke about the latest pursuits of the medical society and work of the foundation. It was gratifying to have the opportunity to honor Dr. David Dageforde for his compassionate service to our community and his more than 20 mission trips abroad. As founder and president of Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center, Dr. Dageforde asked the retired doctors in attendance and others to consider volunteering in this underserved community. The primary care clinic seeks to empower residents while providing holistic health care.

To further honor our doctors, members of the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance traveled to Frankfort on March 28 as Gov. Steve Beshear signed a Doctors' Day proclamation. KMA Alliance President Don Swikert, MD, Patty Pelligrini, Rhonda Rhodes, Kimberly Moser, Nancy

(Left to right) Doctors' Day honoree David A. Dageforde, MD, his wife, Emily, and colleague Jerome P. Lacy, MD; Third-grade students at Hite Elementary wrote messages to retired physicians for Doctors' Day; KMA Alliance members with Gov. Steve Beshear as he signs a Doctors' Day proclamation. (Left to right) KMA Alliance President Don Swikert, MD, Patty Pelligrini, GLMS Alliance President Adele Murphy, Rhonda Rhodes, Kimberly Moser and Nancy Swikert, MD; (Left to right) Dr. Timothy and Michelle Feger with their friend John Vidal, a Brown-Forman executive, at the bourbon tasting they hosted; Dr. Andrew and Amy Smithka at the bourbon tasting.

Swikert, MD, and I met with Beshear for the occasion.

Getting ready for Kentucky Derby season, Dr. Timothy and Michelle Feger hosted a "Bourbon Tasting and Chocolate Party" on March 20. Their friend John Vidal, vice president and director of global production strategic sourcing at Brown-Forman, educated us about various whiskeys and particularly the bourbons. Desserts included local handmade D B Bourbon Candy, which was featured in this year's Oscar gift bags in Hollywood.

The fun continued as the GLMS Alliance once again enjoyed opening night at Churchill Downs on April 27. This sold-out event raised money for allied health grants, which will be awarded to deserving students at the GLMS Alliance Annual Meeting and Induction of Officers on May 7 at the home of Dr. Richard and Elizabeth Allen.

This spring has truly been the season to express the love we have for our physicians and the closeness of our medical families. Words of comfort ... acts of comfort! **LM**

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