



ALLIANCE NEWS

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The winds of change have swept swiftly over the Bluegrass State of Kentucky in 2013. This past year the Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance has shown its commitment to broadening our perspective, our membership, and our activities to encompass those of the actual population of this medical community. The GLMS Alliance President Ilene Bosscher, MDiv, MA, for 2013-2014 and the Men in the Alliance Men's Activity Chairman Brian Briscoe, MD, have held three new activities with men and couples in mind. Bosscher explains their purpose in creating these specific activities. "Since the 1970's the composition of medical school classes has been fifty percent gender equal and yet our GLMS Alliance has maintained the traditional gender model of male physician and female spouse. This perspective is not inclusive enough any longer to serve the actual medical community in the year 2013 and beyond. The need for this change has been long overdue. The short-range target of the Men's Activity Committee will be to develop activities that offer fellowship and that would appeal to both genders of physicians and spouses of the Greater Louisville Medical Community. Long-term goals are still being considered as well as a five-year plan, but more outreach events and possibly a medical mission trip are among the events being considered. The community will interact with us and let us know where we can go, we just need to be ready to listen and respond."

The GLMS Alliance for the first time in our history has five men on the Executive Committee with the most senior male member being the GLMS Alliance Vice President C. Dean Furman, JD. Furman explains the unique purpose of the Alliance to potential male members this way. "Not everyone understands what it is like to be married to a person involved in an ever-changing profession like medicine, and that -- just being there -- is really what the Alliance is all about. From the good times to the stressful times, medical professionals and the spouses who share this lifestyle are in a unique situation. Yet, this unique situation that we as a group share is the commonality that binds all Alliance members. In other words, we "get it" and can be another outlet for you and your fam-

ily to maximize the benefits that life in the medical profession can bring. We, in the Alliance understand the importance of balancing time commitments, however, this is one commitment that you completely control as a member of the Alliance, and you can be as active as you want!"

Brian Briscoe, MD who has the dual role of physician and spouse of a physician, chairs the Men's Activities Committee. Dr. Briscoe and his fellow male Executive Committee Members; Furman, Richard Tobe, Alphonso Nichols, III, MD, Robert Hilgers, MD, and Current Greater Louisville Medical Society President James Patrick Murphy, MD, MMM, make up the Men's Activities Committee, as well as ex-officio member Bosscher. Briscoe envisioned the men's activities as events that are totally fun, inclusive of both genders, and offer a chance to get away from weekday activities. This first year of men's activities committee planned three events, two of which are events they are partnering with other medical organizations that have already established events. Their Kick-off event was really better described as a tee-off event because they were taking part in the Greater Louisville Medical Society Foundation's 3rd Annual Scholarship Golf Event. This event's proceeds went to benefit the Medical Scholarship Fund, which provided scholarships to four individuals who were honored at the awards ceremony after the event at the country club. The second event took place November 9th, in Owenton, Kentucky, at Elk Creek Lodge, which is a skeet shooting and wine tasting place. And for the last event in March, the Men in the Alliance welcomed the AMA Alliance Regional Meeting to Louisville, and attended the Bourbon Tasting and Distillery Tour on Saturday afternoon after the meeting concluded. Future events may include a health fair that is focused on men's health and wellness, as well as a poker club and an investment club. We consider this first year of reaching out to men and couples as a success and look forward to refining this branch of GLMSA in the future. **LM**

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