



ALLIANCE NEWS

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The Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance extends an invitation of membership in our organization to all GLMS physicians, spouses or widows of GLMS physicians and children or parents of Alliance members or GLMS physicians. We join together to meet and support members of the medical community in the greater Louisville area: GLMS physicians, their spouses and their families. Being a member of the GLMS Alliance provides you with the opportunity to become more involved with others who understand the challenges of living in a medical family.

Members can participate in several new activities, among them the Men's Activities Committee. Brian T. Briscoe, MD, will chair this committee and committee members from our GLMSA board will be Rick Tobe and C. Dean Furman, JD. They are planning several events for the coming year, providing opportunities to fellowship with other men in our medical community. The second new activity that will be offered are Technology Coffees, where an expert guest speaker will teach us how to improve our knowledge and skills using the technology of iPhones, iPads and fitbits to begin our course. We also are planning a coffee devoted to Facebook, Twitter and other social media. We will let feedback lead us where we need to go with this member benefit. Additionally, the topics of fitness, health and wellness are on the minds of most people (and insurance companies); we are planning a group to focus on these. Last, the always popular, well-attended monthly Book Club and Bridge Club meetings are being planned as well.

We serve the greater Louisville community by volunteering at several nonprofit organizations such as:

- Pulse of Surgery at the Kentucky Science Center, a program to encourage youth to consider the field of medicine. We are volunteer ushers during the Wednesday morning programs.
- Gilda's Club serves those who are fighting cancer and their families. We volun-

teer to bring food for their meetings and in-kind donations they need.

- Health Career Grants support the medical community by awarding grants to those individuals who apply and are pursuing a career in the field of allied health.
- Shop & Share is a program that First Lady Jane Beshear supports on Super Bowl Saturday to benefit the domestic violence centers throughout the state. Cash donations and in-kind food goods are collected and given to the shelters. We participated this year and plan to do so this coming year.
- The Mayor's Week of Service is a Louisville tradition. It happens during the second week in April to help Louisville prepare for Derby!
- The Center for Women and Families is Louisville's domestic violence shelter. We collect items that they request and need at some of our meetings.
- School Choice is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide funds for children to attend the many private schools in the Louisville community as well as offering support to their families.
- Supplies Over Seas is another nonprofit, which collects unused medical supplies and ships them to people who need them around the world. We have helped in many ways.
- Home of the Innocents is our newest nonprofit to serve. We have a luncheon event planned with a tour of the facilities. We are excited to see what we can do for them.

All donations, both cash and in-kind, are tax-deductible, and we will provide forms for your taxes. We have lunch and dinner programs throughout the year such as cocktail parties, cooking demonstrations, the Doctors' Day celebration, the opening night at Churchill Downs for the spring meet and various other enjoyable events.

Serving on our board or committees provides several opportunities to share your

abilities and give to our community.

- Planning Committee for Programs – develops events for members to participate in.
- Communications Committee – facilitates communications between the board and the members.
- Helping Hand Committee – assists members of the medical community in times of need with food or special help.
- Board Officer – leads the organization in various roles to allow the GLMS Alliance to function.
- Health Promotions Committee – promotes health awareness through communitywide education and enters their programs into national competitions of the AMA Alliance for the programs we develop.
- Hospitality – greets members at our monthly meetings and provides food and refreshments.
- Historian – keeps the historical records of events and photographs from activities.
- McDowell House Committee – educates and informs the membership about the McDowell House and Dr. Ephraim McDowell's historical significance here in Kentucky.
- Legislation Committee – keeps members informed about health care legislation and provides them with advocacy opportunities to voice their opinions.
- Health Careers Committee – screens qualified health career students for available grants.

We hope you will join for this coming year of fellowship, service and activities. The dues statement is available at www.glms.org. Click on **Membership**, then **GLMS Alliance**.

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