



ALLIANCE NEWS

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GLMSA President



It has been an incredible year and a true privilege to serve as president. I have been blessed with a great group of GLMSA members and a network of “extended family” throughout our state and even the United States. We are all bound by the same core values and the mission to support physicians’ families, health education and the wellness of our community. And we did it joyfully.

There are so many people for whom I am grateful, whose lives intersected with mine over the past year. At the risk of leaving out someone deserving of gratitude, I will pay particular homage to a few. The KMA and KMA Alliance have always been there for me. Thank you to KMAA President-Elect Rhonda Rhodes and Immediate Past President Millicent Evans for serving as my mentors. The dynamic duo of Drs. Don and Nancy Swikert has had my back since even before I took over as GLMSA president. Don is the current KMA Alliance president, thus proving the Alliance is not just for stay-at-home-moms anymore (our own GLMSA board has two male members for next year). Way to go, fellas!

My GLMSA board has been superb. We have had a great time putting together the various functions, supporting charities, raising money for scholarships and just plain having fun. There have also been the important tasks of legislative advocacy – phone calls, letters, emails and personal visits to Frankfort. We had great turnout at meetings and generated new ideas. Whenever I needed something done, our board stepped up like the team that it is. I am turning over the gavel to a remarkable person, Ilene Bosscher. I am grateful for her willingness to lead us onward and am certain she will feel the same love and support from the members as I did.

The GLMS Board of Governors has welcomed me into its monthly meetings, listened to my reports, publicized our events and encouraged me at every turn. The GLMS Foundation has provided financial resources, offered guidance and expressed gratitude for our contributions to its mission. Thanks to all.

The GLMS staff was invaluable. Lelan Woodmansee is the consummate glass-is-half-full leader. Bert Guinn and Ellen Hale made sure that communication with our members and the entire GLMS was meaningful and effective. The rest of the staff was great as well. I always felt I could count on everyone in the GLMS office to come through for us, no matter how small the detail or how large the task.

Our GLMSA members are to be thanked as well. Every person who paid their dues can take pride in knowing that their financial support was spent wisely in fundraising, promoting membership and advocacy. I want to especially thank the members who opened their homes to us for meetings and social gatherings. We had a fun year, thanks to you.

Finally, I want to thank my family and the staff at Murphy Pain Center for putting up with my recurring preoccupation with planning and my absences for meetings. I especially want to thank my dear husband and fellow GLMSA member, Pat, for his love, encouragement and help with my monthly *Louisville Medicine* articles. I get to return the favor now, as he takes over as president of the Greater Louisville Medical Society this month.

I believe in the GLMS Alliance. I believe that we are more relevant now than ever. We are living in an era of immense and rapid change. Innovations, legislation, litigation, dwindling resources, the continual assault on the physician’s scope of practice and constant pressure from diminishing compensation are just some of the issues facing our medical families in the coming years. Regardless, I am confident the GLMS Alliance will continue to be a supportive, assertive and effective group of believers. It has been my honor and privilege to participate in this mission as your president. **LM**

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Top to bottom: Kyle Hunt and Allie Rawlings; (Seated, left to right) Kimberly Moser, Harold Haller, MD, and Glenda Haller with their guests; GLMS President James Patrick Murphy, MD, with GLMS staff members and guests (left to right) Dwight Hargett, Dottie Hargett, Marlena Woodmansee, Lelan Woodmansee, Jessica Guinn and Bert Guinn; (Left to right) Robert Fullarton, Barbara Fullarton, Eugene Jacob, MD, Jenny Jacob and Barbara Cox.