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he GLMSA is off to a great start for the New Year.

We started with the Mixology class at Bourbon Barrel Foods on January 13, 2015. Our spouses joined us for a lesson in cocktail making while enjoying food made with some of the newest Bourbon Barrel products. We ended the evening with a tour of the facility and learned more about the process of making

soy sauce as well as smoking sea salts and sugars.

Matt Jamie, the owner of Bourbon Barrel Foods, will be opening his first retail space on Frankfort Ave. soon.

I attended the AMAA Southern Regional Meeting in Huntsville Ala,. on January 22-25, 2015, graced with southern hospitality from our Alabama Alliance hosts. We spent two half days in session hearing and discussing legislative updates, as well as a talk on the "medical marriage" where Drs. Don and Nancy Swikert from Northern Kentucky served on the panel.

We went to the Marshall Space Flight Center as well as the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville for a wonderful tour.

Also in attendance were Patty Pellegrini, President Elect for the

KMAA, Betty Nolan of Lexington, and Kim Moser, the Northern KY Director of AMAA. We spent our time networking with other Alliance members from around the southern states.

Special guests were Sarah Sanders, AMAA President and Karen Morris, Southern MAA President.

February was a busy month for the Alliance. We had our annual house calls on February 11, 2015 with the KMAA Alliance in Frankfort where we were updated on legislative issues facing our physician families.

February 16, 2015, we held a blood drive in memory of my son Travis French. We shared information about leukemia research and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to make our members more aware, and asked for donations to help with further research.

We also hosted a cocktail party for first year medical students from the University of Louisville. The focus of Dean Toni Ganzal, MD, this year is the health and wellness of the medical student. It gave us an opportunity to touch base and spend some downtime getting to know them and offering our support.

Note: Rhonda Rhodes is the co-president of the GLMS Alliance with Michelle Feger.