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Local Physicians Celebrate 125 Years of Community Triumphs in New E. Main HQ

LOUISVILLE, KY – May 19, 2017 – Over 3,500 physician members of the Greater Louisville Medical Society are celebrating the 125th anniversary of their organization in new headquarters on the rapidly expanding East Main corridor. Only a couple of blocks from the UofL School of Medicine, the new location at 328 E. Main features a progressive educational lounge area & WiFi Bar serving Quills Coffee to medical students, residents and other physician members.

Since 1892, GLMS has united doctors to advocate for patients and contribute to the health and well-being of the community. Achievements include: birthing of three highly impactful charities: The Healing Place, Supplies Over Seas, and the GLMS Foundation which restored the historic, old UofL Medical School, now listed on the National Historic Registry. The GLMS Foundation annually awards medical student scholarships and supports medical mission trips and other medically-related charitable endeavors. Nationally recognized as a “model that works,” The Healing Place provides much-needed free adult addiction recovery services. Supplies Over Seas recycles medical supplies to save lives all over the world.

Historically significant achievements include the creation of the Milk Commission in 1905 to certify milk against bacteria, radically improving the safety of milk consumption. In 1953, a county wide emergency physician call system was created allowing residents to quickly locate a physician in an emergency. Likewise, on three consecutive Sundays in 1962, the medical society provided a massive vaccination effort to rid Louisville of Polio.

At the celebration, Pathologist Robert Zaring, MD, MMM, will be installed as the new President, succeeding outgoing president, Neonatologist John Roberts, MD. “We have much to be proud of when we think of our past, present, and future. Think of all the incredible changes in medicine since our founding in 1892. The society is still here serving and will continue long into the future.”

Today, the medical society is highly active in the community providing education, leadership training, practice support and advocacy for physicians, health and wellness guidance for patients, and community safety through credentials verification of physicians and allied health professionals for privileges at all regional hospitals. The Louisville Medicine magazine stands as a highly-cherished magazine for physicians and the health community at-large. The magazine holds an annual physician essay contest. This year’s winners of the Richard Spear, MD, Memorial Essay Contest are Morris Weiss, MD, and medical student, Natalie Spiller. GLMS Board Chair, Bob Couch, MD, MBA, recently received Louisville’s Lifetime Health Care Hero award for addressing the region’s heroin epidemic.

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