

The Cutting Edge

Spring is a busy time of year and April holidays have moved our surgery day a little later than normal this month but we have 8 patients scheduled for life-changing surgery this Sunday, the 28th. Volunteers working that day will be treated to lunch from Raising Cane's by a physician from one of our referring clinics. After one of our surgeons provided a procedure recently for two of her patients, she wanted to express her gratitude to all of you for doing such a wonderful job taking care of them. How great is that? Thanks to all of you who contribute to our success in so many different ways!

Thank you to **Dr. Matthew Bailey, Dr. David Cowen, Dr. John Draus, Dr. Paul Kearney, and Dr. Andy Moore**, who will provide surgery for our patients on Sunday, and to **Dr. Phil Hall and Dr. Danesh Mazloomdoost** who will be providing anesthesia.

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson
Executive Director

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Volunteer of the Month

The Surgery on Sunday Volunteer of the Month for April is **Jan Yankey, RN**. A volunteer nurse for both pre-op and PACU, Jan says she can't remember when she first started working with Surgery on Sunday but that it wasn't soon enough!

She is originally from Portsmouth, Ohio and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1979. She has been at UK since graduation and currently works in the Cardiac Cath Lab. Jan and her husband, Roger, have been married 37 years. They have 2 sons. Chris (34) who lives in Chicago, and Chase (33) who lives in Lexington.

Jan says she loves watching sports, most likely the result of raising two boys, and has both the College World Series and The Masters on her "bucket list." She has recently been learning to play pickle ball, and loves to travel, especially to the beach. Because she likes to entertain with just the right decorations, her friends call her the "Queen of Theme."

In addition to her work with Surgery on Sunday, Jan says she cherishes her participation with Honor Flight Kentucky which flies veterans to Washington, DC for a one-day, all expenses paid visit to the war memorials that are dedicated to their military service. It's not clear how this came about for an Ohio girl living in the heart of Kentucky basketball country but Jan disclosed what people might be most surprised to know about her: a huge crush on Bobby Knight since the 70's. There's apparently something about those red crew neck sweaters!

Jan's favorite things about her involvement with Surgery on Sunday are "the positive attitudes" and "the excitement of donating her time to such a great cause." Thank you, Jan, for your work with our program and for always bringing a positive attitude yourself!



Dancing with the Lexington Stars

We are just two weeks away from Dancing with the Lexington Stars on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** at Marriott Griffin Gate Resort and there are still tickets remaining for this fun evening. The **Rotary Club of Lexington's** annual event benefits Surgery on Sunday in addition to many other charities through the Rotary Club's Endowment Fund.

Many wonderful auction items have been donated and even if you can't



attend, you can bid on them online starting May 1. You can also vote - via a \$5 donation - for your favorite dancer on the website. To do either of those or purchase tickets, please visit the link below.

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A Patient's Gratitude

The following comments were shared by one of our February patients:

"I can't say enough positives about the Surgery on Sunday program. There are so many people like myself who barely make ends meet and just cannot afford health care, let alone a surgical procedure, so one learns to live with pain. There seem to be few options if one doesn't have health care. You can go to a health clinic for some things but nothing surgical related. You can try financial aid as I did but a person may or may not get a reply. I never did.

Surgery on Sunday saves lives; the surgeons, nurses and everybody who volunteers. They all have a hand in saving someone's life, making someone's life more comfortable where you don't just have to cope with a problem. Everyone deserves to live a healthy life without the fear of financial burdens or in my case being told I would be considered a self pay in which I would have to pay in full the sum determined before I could have surgery. So I'm very grateful to Surgery on Sunday and all who make the program available. I hope the program continues to be a success."

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