

The Cutting Edge

The weather has certainly turned cooler this week and fall is officially here. While we will likely have a few more 80-degree days, the end of the calendar year is closer than we think. Surgery on Sunday will only have one more surgery day in 2017 - no surgeries in December - but our fundraising activities are gearing up for the winter months. Please see details below for several events where you can help raise money and have fun at the same time.

On Sunday, October 15th, six patients received life-changing procedures including hernia repair, a thyroidectomy, and a lumbar discectomy. We so appreciate **Dr. John Vaughan, Dr. Greg Osetinsky, Dr. Joe Iacono, Dr. Paul Kearney, and Dr. Matthew Bailey**, for operating this month. Lunch for all of Sunday's volunteers was provided by members of the **Junior League of Lexington** and their homemade soups, chilis, and desserts were delicious. We have also had a number of League members volunteering in the office recently and helping us with some much-needed data entry. Thank you to the Junior League for your support of Surgery on Sunday!

The American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) Foundation designated October 15-21, 2017 as the 2nd annual National Sight Week. Members of the Foundation's Operation Sight network are encouraged to contribute one or more charitable cataract surgeries in their communities during this week-long celebration of volunteerism.

I am pleased to announce that Surgery on Sunday has been approved as a member of the Operation Sight network and will receive a stipend of \$250 for each cataract surgery completed. Operation Sight is the ASCRS Foundation's charitable cataract surgery program. With a mission nearly identical to ours, it works to match needy, eligible patients with volunteer surgeons, thus assisting uninsured or under-insured patients who are unable to obtain cataract care on their own.

National Sight Week is the perfect time to thank ophthalmologist **Lance Ferguson** of Commonwealth Eye Surgery who is now seeing some of our referred patients and performing cataract and other eye surgeries in his office. An alternative to Sunday surgeries, this is yet another way those involved with SOS are reaching out to help people in need. Thank you, Dr. Ferguson, for helping us change lives, one surgery at a time!

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson
Executive Director

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Volunteer Spotlight

This month's spotlight focuses on long-time SOS volunteer and PACU nurse Holly Moore. Holly started at Surgery on Sunday in 2006 when she needed community service hours for her nursing degree program. After graduating, she stayed as a volunteer because of the joy of serving others through SOS and the fun she has meeting new people from all over.

Originally from the Chicago area, Holly and her husband moved to central Kentucky in 1984. She received an ADN from the College of DuPage, and graduated from Midway College with a BSN.

She and her husband, Paul Moore, have been married 38 years. They have one son, Justin (31), who lives in Indiana with his wife and children, and one daughter, Haven (30), who lives in Versailles with her husband and children. They also



have 3 "totally awesome grandchildren" and another on the way.

Holly likes volunteering with SOS because of the giving hearts of the people involved who generously donate their time to help others. Her Christian faith is important to her and she likes being able to do mission work close to home. She loves to sing worship songs in her car on the way to work, and even though she has what she calls "a terrible singing voice," she says by the time she gets to work she is happy and excited about caring for her patients and serving her Lord. She adds "Our patients are very appreciative of our efforts and thank us repeatedly. I know we are making a difference in their lives, and they make a difference in mine."

Holly is very thankful for Dr. Andy Moore and the founding of SOS for bringing such a valuable service to our community. She considers it a blessing that the SOS concept has been shared with others interested in starting similar programs in their cities. Holly loves all the volunteers and thanks them for their time and commitment to helping SOS.

Thank you, Holly, for all you do to help Surgery on Sunday and our patients!



GoodGiving Challenge Kick-Off

Join us as we kick off our participation in the 2017 GoodGiving Challenge and celebrate Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving that kicks off the charitable season.

Enjoy cold Mirror Twin brews, hot Rolling Oven pizza, and stiff competition in the first SOS giant Connect Four tournament!

Make your donation directly at one of our laptops, share your support of Surgery on Sunday on social media, and encourage others to give!

[GoodGiving Challenge Kick-Off on Facebook](#)

Sweat4Surgeries 3.0

Registration is now open for Sweat4Surgeries 3.0, a 24-hour fitness marathon presented by Josh Bowen and Aspire Fitness. After raising nearly \$60,000 total the first two years, Josh has set a goal of \$50,000 for 2018!

Thank you to **Bank of Lexington, Bryant Heating & Cooling, J.T. O'Connell/Century 21 Commonwealth Real Estate, and Equity Management Group, Inc.** who have already signed on to sponsor the third annual event. For more information or to participate as a donor or sponsor, click the link below.

[Sweat4Surgeries 3.0](#)



On The Horizon



Early bird registration is now open for the third annual Perfect 10 miler & 10K road race on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 9:00 am. All proceeds will benefit Surgery on Sunday.



Participants will run through picturesque Mt. Brilliant Farm and along tranquil Huffman Mill Pike. All registrants will receive a commemorative dri fit race shirt. Chip timing will be provided, and overall & age group awards (10 Miler) and overall awards (10K) will be presented. Post race food and drink will be served at the Mt. Brilliant Entertainment Barn.

This race is great preparation for many area half and full marathons like Run The Bluegrass, Kentucky Derby Festival, and Horse Capital, and the course is entirely on paved surfaces. The pace limit for the 10 Miler is 15 min/mile. There is none for the 10K and walkers are welcome. No dogs or strollers will be allowed. Click the link below to register.

Other Ways to Support SOS

[Kroger Community Rewards](#)

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