

The Cutting Edge

This month's surgery day on May 20 was a busy one as we provided 7 cataract surgeries, 2 hernia repairs, 2 lipoma excisions, and 2 orthopedic surgeries. These patients of **Dr. Johannes Evans, Dr. Martin Favetto, Dr. Paul Kearney, and Dr. Andrew Moore** are part of the 56 new patient referrals we have received since March 1 of this year. Not all of those referred will end up needing surgery and some will have in-office treatment or further testing to determine the best treatment but we do expect to be increasingly busy the rest of 2018.

As patient referrals continue to rise, we are always looking for new volunteers to add to our committed team. If you or someone you know would like to join us, as a surgeon, clinical, or non-clinical volunteer, please visit our website at www.surgeryonsunday.org/volunteer.

Just as we depend on the generosity of time and talents from our volunteers, we also rely on the benevolence of our community to help us do what we do. Many thanks go to the **Lexington Medical Society** and **Valvoline** for their generous donations this month which will help us change lives one surgery at a time.

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson
Executive Director

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New Volunteer Coordinator

Surgery on Sunday welcomes our new volunteer coordinator, **Gaby Dawson**, who started her position April 30. Gaby comes to us with a background in both legal and medical offices, and a strong emphasis on customer service.

As well as recruiting, training, credentialing, and scheduling volunteers, Gaby will also be helping in the office with patient records and quality assurance. She looks forward to working with our 400+ volunteers!

Gaby says she is thankful for this opportunity with SOS and "is excited to be part of an organization that gives back to the community and helps others." A native of Venezuela, Gaby is fluent in Spanish, her native language. She moved to Lexington when she was just 7 and is a Lafayette High School graduate.



She lives in Lexington with her husband, Jack, a retired LFUCG police officer. They have 2 grown children, Amber (24) and Jacob (20).

Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer of the Month for May is **Caroline Couch**. Caroline has only been with us since January but has been extremely productive in the office and on surgery days during that time.

Caroline will graduate from Henry Clay High School on June 2 with an excellent academic and athletic record. As a student in the Liberal Arts Academy, she took a course load heavy with advanced and AP classes and was a star midfielder on the girls' soccer team. She also ran track and cross country. Caroline will attend Furman University in the fall and major in biology with plans to work in the medical field.



For her senior mentoring project for the LAA, Caroline compiled extensive data on Surgery on Sunday's surgeries and the surgeons who performed them since our founding in 2005. She has worked with board chair Dr. Paul Kearney to develop an abstract in hopes of presenting a paper about SOS at the Southern Surgical Association Annual Meeting later this year. When presented, her work would generate national publicity for our program as the first of its kind in the U.S. and the only longstanding non-profit, outpatient surgical center.

Caroline has also been very helpful by updating patient records in our new online system, preparing patient charts, and providing orientation for new shadowing students on surgery days. We wish you well, Caroline, and thank you for all you have done to help Surgery on Sunday and our patients!

Birdies for the Bluegrass

Surgery on Sunday is pleased to be a part of Birdies for the Bluegrass, a charitable initiative aimed at raising money for non-profit organizations throughout the state in conjunction with the PGA TOUR Barbasol Championship held this July in Central Kentucky.



Starting June 1, donors are able to pledge a certain amount to SOS for each birdie made during the course of the tournament. The minimum total pledge is \$10. All gifts, up to the first \$1.7 million in total contributions, made through Birdies for the Bluegrass will be matched with an additional 10% gift. This is a great way to magnify your donation to SOS. For more information or to pledge, click the link below.

[Birdies for the Bluegrass](#)



Shake Shack Donation Day

Our taste buds are thrilled to be partnering with Shake Shack Lexington at The Summit for a Donation Day on **Tuesday, June 26th. From 11:00 am-9:00 pm**, you can present the flyer below or simply mention the fundraiser at the register in order for your purchase to count towards a 25% donation of sales. Giving never tasted this good!

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