

# The Cutting Edge

So much has changed in such a short time and you certainly don't need me to tell you we are in the midst of an unprecedented event in our country's, and our world's, history. Please know my thoughts are with each of you and those you love and that, first and foremost, I wish you good health and peace of mind. We were unable to host a surgery day in March, and don't know when we will be able to again. We are still receiving some patient referrals at this point but our volunteer surgeons will not be seeing patients in their offices until it is safe to do so.

Given the economic disruption we have already experienced as a result of the coronavirus, we know it's likely that we will see an increase in the need for Surgery on Sunday's services in the near future. We also know that increase may come after many of our clinical volunteers have spent long hours on the "front lines" of health care. In many ways, the future is uncertain. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and do all you can to stay healthy while keeping those you encounter safe as well.

With gratitude,

Amanda Ferguson,  
Executive Director

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## Volunteer of the Month

March's Volunteer of the Month is **Lori Riner**. Lori has volunteered with Surgery on Sunday as a surgical tech since 2010 and says she has "loved every minute of it." A native Kentuckian, Lori lived in Richmond and Elizabethtown before moving to St. Louis in 1984. There she began nursing school and was hired at St. Luke's hospital as a student nurse tech in labor and delivery, where she learned to scrub. After the first two of her four children were born, she put school on hold and concentrated on her kids, but worked nights in her position at St. Luke's for 15 years.



Through Surgery on Sunday, Lori met her work family at the Lexington Surgery Center, coming to LSC as a surgical tech 2 years ago after working 10 years at Central Kentucky Surgery Center. She has been married to Shelby Riner for nearly 3 years and says he is "truly a blessing." Lori has four children: Emily (34) a property manager who lives in Elizabethtown with her husband, Andrew; Carey (32), a former SOS volunteer who is the clinical director of an ASC in St. Louis where she recently relocated with her husband, Michael; Daniel (27) a pastor in Maysville, KY with his wife, Kendle; and Ben (25) who lives with his wife, Paxton, in Greenville, OH and serves as the student minister of a church. Lori is also the proud grandmother of Rees and Jaden in St. Louis, Haddon and Piper in Maysville, and Paxton in Greenville, who has a baby brother on the way!

With a house full of "critters," Lori has Jax, a 14 year-old chihuahua/shitzu mix; Knox, a 5 year-old shepadoodle; Hannah, an 18 month-old German Shepherd; and, Ollie, a Siamese-mix cat. Lori loves to swim and is a huge football fan who is counting down the days until the new season begins. She also enjoys the hit TV show "This is Us."

Lori has served overseas on medical mission teams in Brazil, Cambodia, and Haiti as a surgical tech and hopes to continue making trips like that. She says she has been "so blessed to be a part of SOS" and has met and worked with "some truly incredible people." Lori believes "the heart of this organization is found in the caring of each of the individuals who serve, not only on the one Sunday a month, in the operating rooms, but 'behind the scenes' to make this effort work." She thanks SOS for including her and allowing her to serve.

Thank you, Lori, for your dedication to Surgery on Sunday and a special shout out for bringing your grandchildren with you on a recent surgery day so we wouldn't have to cancel one of our ORs at the last minute. That is commitment from the entire family!

## The Perfect 10 recap



It was a beautiful Saturday morning for the 5th annual **Perfect 10 Miler & 10 K at Mt. Brilliant Farm** on March 7. More than 300 runners enjoyed the scenery, including a few newborn foals, and celebrated at the finish line! Thank you to each of them as well as their guests who cheered them on, our selfless volunteers, and our generous sponsors!

For race results and photos, please visit [The Perfect 10](#) website.

## Save the Date - Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars now for a 15th anniversary celebration and volunteer appreciation event on **Sunday, June 28** at Whitaker Bank Ballpark, home of the Lexington Legends. Surgery on Sunday volunteers and their families will have reserved field box seating in the Stables area of the park and will be treated to an unlimited dinner buffet in a covered area.

Surgery on Sunday is also the community organization of the night and will be featured during the game. Space will be somewhat limited and we will ask for your RSVP as we get closer to the date.

[Lexington Legends](#)



## Dancing with the Lexington Stars - POSTPONED

Following the direction of state and local government, the **Dancing with the Lexington Stars** committee of the **Rotary Club of Lexington** has announced it will reschedule the 2020 event, originally planned for Saturday, May 9. The committee is working diligently with dancers, sponsors, Arthur Murray professionals, event partners, and others in determining the best possible date, most likely in the late summer or early fall. When things normalize, the event will continue so those in the community who benefit from it, including Surgery on Sunday patients, are served.

For up-to-date information about rescheduling, visit [Dancing with the Lexington Stars 2020](#)

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