

The Cutting Edge

As more and more businesses begin to reopen and everyone adjusts to the new normal, we are planning for our next surgery day on July 19. We will follow the guidelines adopted by the Lexington Surgery Center and know things will look a little different for the foreseeable future. The waiting area will be closed, everyone entering the building will be screened and have their temperature taken, and proper personal protective equipment will be supplied for all volunteers, among other changes. We won't have a particularly large schedule for the day as we all learn to work within the new requirements.

While we have not been given official word, it is evident that we will not be able to have our anniversary and volunteer appreciation event at the Legends game on June 28. If their season happens at all and we are offered to schedule for a later date, we will try to make it happen. Otherwise, we will host something for our volunteers and supporters at another location and that date will be announced as soon as possible.

Take care and stay healthy!

Amanda Ferguson,
Executive Director

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Volunteers of the Month

The Surgery on Sunday Volunteers of the Month for May are anesthesiologists **Drs. Anjum and Faedah Bux**. Anjum began volunteering with SOS about 7 years ago after receiving a call from past board chair and current medical director Dr. Paul Kearney asking him to become part of the program. Since then, Anjum has recruited his wife, Faedah, to volunteer as well as one of his office's CRNAs, Tammy Higgins, and the Buxes did their first case together at Surgery on Sunday!

Anjum is originally from Danville, KY and attended Centre College. He graduated from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada and completed his residency at the University of Kentucky. Faedah is from Vancouver, Canada and attended Simon Fraser University there. She received her medical degree from the University of Antigua and also completed a residency at UK. Both work at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville where Anjum is chief of anesthesia and director of chronic pain management. Faedah is a full time staff anesthesiologist at Ephraim McDowell.



The Buxes first met by chance through family connections about 12 years ago and talked for about 6 months before finally meeting in Vancouver for the first time. Since then, they have been through 3 moves, have had 3 children, and just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Their children are Sophie (9), Noah (7), and Zane (4), and all three attend The Lexington School. They also have 2 adopted orange cats and 2 dogs: a French bulldog, Leo, and a yellow Labrador retriever, Max. Anjum plays golf occasionally, and he and Faedah have both started playing tennis again recently. They are both basketball fans and love to cheer on the Wildcats. While quarantined, Faedah enjoyed Game of Thrones and Grey's Anatomy, and both Buxes spent a lot of time binge watching Ozarks, which they loved.

Anjum shares that his biggest mentor has been his father, also an anesthesiologist, who just retired 3 years ago at the age of 81. When asked about Surgery on Sunday, Anjum says "we love the interaction with patients and how appreciative they are." He adds "it's great to see so many people volunteering - from students, nurses, physicians and various people from the community - all working together for a great cause." Thank you Anjum and Faedah for all you do to support Surgery on Sunday and our patients!

A Patient's Gratitude

The following is a note of thanks from one of **Dr. Paul Kearney's** patients who

had surgery on February 9:



*"I do not know how to express my gratitude to you sufficiently. I just want to say **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for **INVESTING** your hours of valuable time and expertise for my medical procedures. I am not only blessed by your service but also encouraged from your wonderful work. The ministry of Surgery on Sunday and your gift of service to thousands of patients, including me, makes me think to serve others even more and better. I do not have any experience in the area of medicine but if there is anything that I can do for SOS, things like cleaning, filing, etc., please let me know. As a symbol of my tangible thank you to you and all those who serve for SOS, I would like to make myself available for a few hours sometime in the summer. God bless you all."*



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