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## OPERATION MEDICAL NEWSLETTER

Providing Global Healthcare

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first newsletter as President of Operation Medical and it is an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. I have participated in many of our organization's medical missions to Haiti and served on the Board of Directors for four years, and I believe that Operation Medical offers unique opportunities to provide healthcare to medically underserved communities around the world. Our goal is not only to offer our services for a week or two, but we endeavor to strengthen the local healthcare system in order to enhance the care given to the local people in their community.

We are also very intent to share these experiences with healthcare professionals-in-training from our country, not only for them to experience the unique problems we encounter with different cultures, but also to stimulate their interest in serving on missions in the future and as an introduction to Operation Medical. We have had the privilege of top surgical residents and their mentors serving on missions, as well as having local medical professionals join us in our clinical work. All of these efforts are aimed to enrich the care given to patients, develop relationships, improve medical knowledge, and provide needed healthcare.

After a hiatus of over two years due to the world-wide pandemic, I am pleased to announce that we are sending a small team of seasoned volunteers to Katani Hospital located just outside of Nairobi, Kenya in mid-October this year. Additionally, we are in the preliminary planning stage for another surgical camp in Gujarat, India early in 2023. We will continue to explore opportunities where Operation Medical can be of service in medically underserved communities of the world. Thanks to the support of our loyal volunteers and donors. We always encourage your feedback and welcome your questions or inquiries concerning our work on the behalf of others.

The personal reward of serving Operation Medical is knowing it is indeed a blessing for those who serve in it, and for those who receive its vital help.



*Our new executive director told me to, "pick an informal picture of myself." This is a picture taken during one of my visits to Haiti at the Breast Cancer Clinic. As I mentioned previously the therapies were without charge, but the Haitians are a proud people and they wanted to show their gratitude. So, like times-gone-bye, I was often given a little gift from their gardens. That morning I was given a coconut and as you can see, "Voila" lunch.*

Scott G. Barnes, DO

### CHERYL A. ARTHUR – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Operation Medical has a new executive director!**

Cheryl is a Founding Member of Operation Medical, and has previously served on the Board and the Advisory Committee, as well as chairing our Marketing Committee and volunteering with the Warehouse Committee. She has been

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### THANKS TO YOU!

Operation Medical is pleased to announce that **Karmae Amsbaugh** has accepted our invitation to sit on the Board of Directors.

Karmae has been a Surgical Technologist for over 42 years. She became involved with Operation Medical in 2016. That year she went on her first mission trip to Valsad, India. Since her first mission trip, she has joined in on several other trips to both India and Africa.

Karmae is also a member of the Operation Medical Warehouse Committee, where she provides valuable insight and collaborates with the team to make sure everything we need to perform safe surgeries on Surgical Mission Trips.

She feels very blessed to be able to share her medical knowledge with others and give what she can to those less fortunate. In her spare time, Karmae enjoys the beach and rescuing/fostering dogs.

Karmae lives in Carlisle with her husband Roger and multiple dogs.



**KARMAE AMSBAUGH**

Operation Medical is delighted that **Sue Miller** has accepted a seat on our Board of Directors!

Sue has been a volunteer with Operation Medical since its inception, and has participated in 16 surgical mission trips including the Philippines, Honduras, Thailand, India and Africa.



**SUE MILLER**

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## CHERYL A. ARTHUR – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *continued*

a regular team member on eleven mission trips including the Philippines and various locations in India, Nepal, and Rwanda and is coordinating and participating in the 2022 Kenya mission, as well as 2023 India mission.



In her role, Cheryl is focusing on administrative efficiency, trip coordination/logistics and volunteer recruitment for upcoming and new mission trips.

Cheryl recently retired from IS Project Management at Penn Medicine / Lancaster General Health. Cheryl brings over forty years of successful health-care operations, personnel management, customer service and project management experience. She is skilled in handling multiple projects and works to establish strong and meaningful relationships with medical staff and the host countries for OpMed's

Mission Trips. Highly experienced in organizing, directing, and coordinating, Cheryl continues to cultivate sponsors, donors, volunteers and experienced surgeons, doctors and nurses to help fulfill Operation Medical's mission of Providing Global Healthcare.

In her free time she enjoys traveling, gardening, cooking and playing piano. She lives in Lancaster with her husband, Dr. Ken Arthur.

## KENYA 2022 UPDATE

As reported in our Spring issue (<https://www.operationmedical.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/OpMed-Newletter-May2022-2.pdf>) we are headed to Kenya, Africa to Katani Hospital, which is located in the Katani suburb of Nairobi, within Mlolongo Division in Athi River, Machakos County. The hospital is approximately 25 kilometers from the Nairobi International Airport. The Mission Camp will take place from October 16 – 21, 2022.



A team of experienced Operation Medical Volunteers has been selected and are working together with the staff at Katani to insure a smooth and successful camp. Collectively this team has been on 53 missions with Operation Medical!

### VOLUNTEERS

<b>Team Leader</b> Kenneth Arthur, MD	<b>Role</b> Plastic Surgery
<b>Trip Coordinator / Logistics</b> Cheryl Arthur, PMP	Logistics, Data Collection, Social Media, Trip Report
<b>Clinical Team</b> Karmae Amsbaugh, CST Laura Mae Amsbaugh, RN Scott Barnes, DO Dan Farber, MD Parul Krishnamurthy-Iyer, MD Sue Miller, RN/CRNA Bonnie Pepper, RN Scott Slocum, CRNA Kimberly Snyder, CST	Surgical Technologist PACU Oncology Hematology Anesthesia OB/GYN Surgeon Anesthesia PACU Anesthesia Surgical Technologist
<b>Support</b> Krishna Iyer Margaret Marcharterre	Data Collection, Ground Support Photographer

**Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates as well as real-time reports during the mission camp!**

## THANKS TO YOU! *continued*

Sue plays a vital role as Co-Chair of Operation Medical's Warehouse Committee - procuring, organizing and ensuring all supplies are up to date and on-site for our surgical mission trips.

Sue recently retired after 42 years as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) during which time she was a Manager of Anesthesia for 9 years and self-contracted as a CRNA for 10 years. In addition to nursing and anesthesia education, Sue holds an MBA from DeSales University.

Sue brings a wealth of experience and knowledge and is very interested in helping Operation Medical recruit and retain volunteers.

Sue has experience in serving on a board for non-profit organization. In her spare time, Sue enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling and photography.

We are also excited to announce that **Melissa Rau** has accepted the role of Chair of the Marketing Committee and welcome Jacqueline Voorhis to the Marketing Committee. We thank them for the willingness to volunteer for these important outreach and communications roles!



**MELISSA RAU**

Melissa Rau is the Director of Operations for Linwood Estate. Previously, she was the Executive Director for The Elegance at Hershey and Drug-Free Pennsylvania. Through her professional work experience of 27 years, 13 being directly with non-profit organizations, she is pleased to be helping Operation Medical as the new chair of the Marketing/PR Committee and raising awareness of Op Med's life-saving missions.

She enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends in her spare time. Melissa resides in Dillsburg with her husband, Chris, and two dogs.

**Jacque Voorhis** recently retired from IBM as Partner Sales Manager, IBM Cloud Ecosystem. During her 37-year career with IBM she built experience in US sales and worldwide marketing. She is pleased to bring that experience to the Operation Medical Marketing Committee to help raise awareness of Op Med's life-saving mission.



**JACQUELINE VOORHIS**

Jacque holds a B.S. in Information Systems and a B.S. in Business Administration from Geneva College, where she currently serves as a member of the Alumni Council. She enjoys volunteering with her church. She sings with a local chorus, Voices of the Valley. Her spare time is spent with family, friends, and her rescue cats.



## ANNOUNCING UPCOMING INDIA MISSION TRIP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2023

Operation Medical is delighted to announce our second post-COVID pandemic mission trip!

Planning has begun for the mission and the final location is to be announced shortly. The mission will take place January 29 – February 3, 2023. We are currently seeking qualified volunteers to join the team.

Please check back frequently and follow us on Facebook for updates.

We invite you to visit our Volunteer Page and scroll down to “Join A Mission Trip” to learn more about volunteering for an upcoming mission. Additionally, for more information, you may contact Operation Medical at [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) or call 717-685-9199.



### ABOUT US:

Operation Medical is an organization of volunteers made up of trained medical professionals and other individuals committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.

Our emphasis is on the medical needs of the community, with the safety of our patients and our volunteers our #1 priority. Our safety and quality protocols ensure our patients receive the best care possible. All trips are carefully coordinated with local hosts and their medical community in order to optimize the success of our visit and make certain our volunteers have a positive experience. We audit results and provide training for all of our partners.



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