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Register for the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting by October 13, 2015 to avoid on-site registration fees.



Letter From the President

The STSA 62nd Annual Meeting is just around the corner. We have a record number of early meeting registrants this year and hotel rooms are going fast, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

If you haven't had a chance to do so, be sure to pre-register and make your hotel reservations by October 13. The meeting will kick-off in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on Wednesday, November 4 with Surgical Motion Pictures at 7:45 pm.

I hope you are looking forward to another gathering of the Southern this year. The 62nd Annual Meeting promises to be an exceptional educational event. An Advance Program was mailed to you in July; please take a moment to review it and make a note of the many important sessions relevant to your patients and practice. Once you have experienced the collegiality, fun, and scientific value of an STSA meeting, you will understand why members return year after year.



John H. Calhoon, MD

Probably the best part of this year for me is the chance to shape the meeting by inviting some key speakers. Many years ago, I asked my good friend, Dr. Dave Fullerton, to consider being our invited lecturer if this year ever came. Dave has always been an inspiration to me with his clarity of thought and ability to take concepts to their simplest forms. He has graciously agreed to speak on our behalf on the basics of research design, funding, and presentation – but no doubt he will deliver even more as he always does. Similarly, it is a real honor to select the Trinkle lecturer this year. Dr. John Ikonomidis has agreed to deliver this and leads one of the finest thoracic surgery educational programs in our country at MUSC. It should be great to hear both of these. Please make plans to join us for these talks that promise to highlight a great group of speakers assembled by Drs. Jacobs and Yang and their Program Committee.

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. The deadline for membership applications is coming up on September 15. At this time we have received 34 membership applications. We all should thank Dr. Curt Tribble, STSA Membership Chair, and the Membership Committee for their work in the recruitment of prospective members and their work still to be done in reviewing the applications. Thanks also to everyone who encouraged a colleague to apply and provided letters of support for these prospective members. If you are attending the Annual Meeting, plan to participate in the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 6, at 5:00 pm, when we will vote on candidates presented for membership.

Allow me to close by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your President this year. I look forward to an outstanding 62nd Annual Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and educational offerings of the STSA.

John H. Calhoon, MD

Last Chance to Recruit New STSA Members – Application Deadline: September 15

More of your cardiothoracic surgery team members and friends now qualify for STSA membership than ever before. Encourage your colleagues and trainees to join STSA and offer to write a letter of nomination or act as a member sponsor. The deadline to submit application materials is September 15, 2015.

Contact STSA Headquarters at stsa@stsa.org or 800.685.7872 with questions about STSA membership.

Learn more about STSA Membership categories and download an application at www.stsa.org/membership.

▶ Active Membership

▶ Resident Membership

▶ Associate Membership

▶ Student Membership

NEW STSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Elizabeth A. David, MD



Dr. David (far left) attended a reception during the STSA 61st Annual Meeting held November 5-8, 2014 in Tucson, AZ with STSA Councilor, Dr. Christine Lau (second from left); STSA President-Elect, Dr. Andrea J. Carpenter (second from right); and STSA ACS Representative, Dr. Shanda Blackmon (far right).

Elizabeth A. David, MD joined STSA as an Active Member in 2015. She is currently Assistant Professor General Thoracic Surgery at the David Grant Medical Center/UC Davis Medical Center. STSA Members, Dr. Shanda Blackmon and Dr. Ara Vaporciyan, nominated Dr. David for Active Membership in 2014 and her application was approved at the November 2014 Business Meeting. Prior to becoming an Active Member, Dr. David was among STSA's first Resident Members.

STSA recently interviewed Dr. David about her experience as a new STSA Active Member.

When did you first learn about the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association?

I initially learned about the STSA from Dr.

Blair Marshall, who always referred to it as one of her favorite meetings to attend. It was several years before my schedule allowed me to attend for myself though.

Please briefly summarize your educational and professional background, including your experience in the Southern region.

I completed medical school and general surgery residency at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In 2010, I moved to Houston, TX for my cardiothoracic surgery residency at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. I continued moving west in 2012 when I moved to Northern CA to start practice.

Do you perceive the Southern Thoracic as different or unique from other membership organizations that you participate in?

YES! I have not been to every thoracic surgery organization meeting, but the size of the STSA and its Annual Meeting drew me in. Because of the meeting's intimate size, even as a new member I feel like I know a lot of other members and that they are getting to know me. It's welcoming to be at a meeting where you are greeted with friendly faces who seem genuinely glad that you are there.

Welcome and introduce yourself to Dr. David and all of STSA's newest members this November at the 62nd Annual Meeting. Pick them out by looking for the green new member ribbon on attendees' name badges.

2015 Scholarship Recipients Announced

The 2015 Brooks Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Dr. Kevin Accola, is pleased to announce that Bogdan Kindzielski of Cleveland Clinic and Graham Ungerleider of Wake Forest School of Medicine have been selected as the 2015 Brooks Scholarship recipients. The Committee also announced that Erin Schumer, MD, MPH of the University of Louisville and Mansi Shah, MD of North Carolina University – Chapel Hill received STSA Resident Scholarships. Learn more about 2015 scholarship recipients and finalists at www.stsa.org/awards.

Update Your Member Contact Information

Visit www.stsa.org to log in and update your contact information or call:

(800) 685-7872

and STSA staff will be happy to help you.

2015 Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2015 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today! For membership assistance contact STSA staff at:

(800) 685-7872

Guest Speakers



2015 Kent Trinkle Lecturer, John S. Ikonomidis, MD

Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship:

In honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, a cardiothoracic surgery Program Director is selected each year to discuss their training program during the STSA Annual Meeting General Session. **John S. Ikonomidis, MD** will deliver this year's Kent Trinkle Education Lecture. Dr. Ikonomidis is currently

the Horace G. Smithy Professor, Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and the Director of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Ikonomidis' must-see lecture titled, "Integrating the Integrated Program: The MUSC Experience," will take place on Friday, November 6 at 10:30 am.

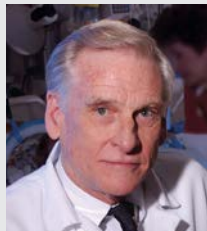


2015 President's Invited Lecturer, David A. Fullerton, MD

President's Invited Lecturer:

Dr. John Calhoun has asked **David A. Fullerton, MD** to deliver this year's President's Invited Lecture. Dr. Fullerton currently serves as the John T.M. Wright Endowed Chair in Heart Valve Surgery, Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Program Director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. Plan to attend

Dr. Fullerton's Lecture on Friday, November 6 at 10:50 am.



2015 Postgraduate Program Invited Speaker, Robert H. Bartlett, MD

Postgraduate Program Invited Speakers:

Robert H. Bartlett, MD will present his talk, "ECMO – Past, Present and Future" on Thursday, November 5 at 10:20 am. Dr. Bartlett is best known for developing ECMO, a modified heart-lung machine used around the world for patients with acute heart or lung failure.



2015 Postgraduate Program Invited Speaker, Glenn J.R. Whitman, MD

Glenn J.R. Whitman, MD will present his talk, "Role of the Thoracic Surgeon in the ICU" on Thursday, November 5 at 10:50 am. Dr. Whitman is currently the Director of Cardiovascular Surgical Intensive Care Unit/Adult Heart Transplant and Associate Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

STSA 62nd ANNUAL MEETING

Join us at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts November 4-7, 2015

Review a detailed program and register online at www.stsa.org. Advance registration is available until October 13, 2015. After this date, attendees must register on-site and there will be an additional \$50 fee.

2015 Annual Meeting Highlights

- The Thursday morning Postgraduate Program will feature mistakes/pitfalls case presentations, subspecialty breakouts, and invited talks from Drs. Robert H. Bartlett, Glenn J.R. Whitman, and Tirone E. David.
- The Ethics Debate "Should Family Presence Be Allowed During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation?" will take place on Thursday, November 5 at 1:00 pm.
- John H. Calhoun, MD will deliver his Presidential Address on Friday November 6 at 11:20 am.
- Scientific oral presentations; subspecialty-specific breakout sessions; surgical motion pictures; and history, coding, RUC, and SGR Reform presentations are scheduled throughout the meeting.
- Several appearances by Mickey Mouse and his friends with plenty of opportunities for photos.
- Social activities are planned for Saturday, November 7 – there's something for the whole family to enjoy, including the Annual Awards Dinner & Dance on Saturday evening.



2015 Postgraduate Program Special Session Speaker, Tirone E. David, MD

STSA Honorary Member, **Tirone E. David, MD**, will deliver a timely and informative talk during the Postgraduate Program Special Session titled "Lifelong Observations on Heart Valve Surgery." Dr. David currently serves as the University Professor of Surgery and is the head of the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery at Toronto General Hospital. Dr. David's talk will conclude the Postgraduate Program on Thursday, November 5 at 11:20 am.

JCTSE to Host Resident Jeopardy Competition During STSA Annual Meeting



JCTSE hosted an inaugural Jeopardy Competition during the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) 95th Annual Meeting in April 2015. The Competition was a huge success, drawing large crowds of spectators into the AATS Exhibit Hall. The November Competition to be held during the STSA Annual Meeting is sure to be another must-attend event!

The Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education (JCTSE) will host a Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition during the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting. The Competition schedule is as follows:

- Round #1: Friday, November 6, 1:00-1:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall
- Round #2: Friday, November 6, 1:30-2:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall
- Round #3: Friday, November 6, 3:30-4:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall
- Final: Saturday, November 7, 9:00-9:15 am in the General Session Room

The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) will also hold its first Jeopardy Competition at their upcoming Annual Meeting in October. The North American team that wins the Competition held during the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting will face off with the EACTS winning team during the Jeopardy Championship at the STS 52nd Annual Meeting, January 23-27, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ.

Plan to attend the Competition to cheer on competing residents and test your own knowledge!

STSA Member Band to Play During Saturday Evening Awards Dinner & Dance

Make sure to secure your tickets to the Saturday, November 7 Annual Awards Dinner & Dance, which will include a live performance by STSA Member band, WOOSAH!! STSA members Jeff Jacobs (drums), Jim Quintessenza (guitar and vocals), Paul Chi (guitar), Joe Dearani (tenor sax), and Jim Tweddell (banjo) will be among our musical guests. Gil Wernovsky (keyboardist and STSA 62nd Annual Meeting invited speaker), Marshall Jacobs (guitar and vocals), and Duke Cameron (guitar) are also in the band. **Learn more about the band!**

The Dinner & Dance will be the perfect finale to the STSA Annual Meeting. Reduced-price tickets are available for children. Although black tie is always in fashion, feel free to come in your own costume (Superhero, Superwoman, Superman, Renaissance, Gatsby, etc., nothing is off limits) to compete for the best-, most originally-, or most outlandishly-dressed. And if your idea of black tie is more casual, that will be fine as well. The important thing is to be comfortable and have fun. It will be the perfect finale to a great meeting.



STSA Member Band, WOOSAH!!, will perform during the Saturday, November 7 Awards Dinner & Dance. Plan to attend and purchase your family's tickets at www.stsa.org.

Join WOOSAH!! on stage!

If you sing or play an instrument and you would like to join the band on stage during the November 7 Awards Dinner & Dance, please contact Jeff Jacobs at Jeffjacobs@msn.com.

Purchase tickets by downloading [this registration form](#) or register online at www.stsa.org/62ndannual. Call STSA Headquarters at 800.685.7872 with questions or to purchase tickets over the phone.

STSA 62nd ANNUAL MEETING

Activities & Entertainment

The STSA 62nd Annual Meeting will be an event for your whole family to enjoy. Disney's Yacht & Beach Club is the perfect destination for the Southern Thoracic. Make plans for your family to participate in the following activities and outings:

KID'S SANDCASTLE CLUB

The Sandcastle Club is a delightful play space available daily from 4:30 pm to midnight where children ages 3 to 12 are invited to enjoy games, have complimentary dinner and snacks, watch Disney movies, and interact with other children their age.

The cost per child is \$15 per hour with a two-hour minimum charge. Children must be toilet trained. This service is limited, please make reservations in advance by calling 407.939.3463.

RESIDENTS RECEPTION

STSA is hosting a Residents Reception on Friday evening from 6:00-7:00 pm during the 62nd Annual Meeting. Residents, fellows, and medical students attending the meeting are invited to join STSA leaders for this hour-long networking event.

PRESIDENT'S MIXER

The Friday evening President's Mixer will be a fun and lively event that you won't want to miss. Join STSA President, Dr. John Calhoun, and your colleagues for an evening of networking and fun. Bring the entire family and enjoy photo opportunities with Mickey. The Mixer will conclude at Epcot® where STSA will have a front row seat for fireworks. Annual Meeting registrants receive two complimentary Presidents Mixer tickets with their registration, and additional tickets may be purchased for \$25 each.

Special Note: Tickets will be collected and each member of your party must have a ticket to enter the President's Mixer. Small children will be allowed to enter with a ticket-holding adult. The event will take place from 7:00-9:00 pm on November 6.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Join the Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 7 at 12:45 pm.



Disney's Yacht Club Resort is the perfect destination for an STSA Annual Meeting – bring the entire family!

Renovated extensively in 2013 by Arnold Palmer Design Company, Disney's Golf Course is considered one of the most naturally beautiful courses in the country by professionals and amateurs alike. The course features strategically-placed palms, 59 bunkers, and many sparkling lakes and waterways; the natural Florida woodlands provide a stunning backdrop to one of America's premier resort courses.

Tickets are \$130 per person and include roundtrip transportation, greens fees, and a box lunch. Golf clubs and a limited number of golf shoes are available for rental if needed. Clubs may be rented for \$20 plus tax, and shoe rental is complimentary. Confirmed golfers will be contacted after advance registration closes on October 13 to collect rental needs.

WILD AFRICA TREK



Join the Wild Africa Trek on Saturday, November 7 at 1:15 pm.

The Wild Africa Trek is an immersive experience at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park that gives guests a unique opportunity to enjoy unexplored areas of the Harambe Reserve. This three-hour experience led by specially-trained guides begins in the Safi River valley where expedition harnesses will allow Guests to cross precarious rope bridges and enjoy close-up views of Nile hippos and crocodiles. The journey continues along the edge of a magnificent, wide-open African savannah, where Guests board a specialized vehicle to enjoy an exclusive safari, including a stop at a private safari camp for premium animal viewing and African-inspired food samplings. Tickets are \$240 per person and include transportation, a souvenir water bottle, and photos. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult and must be at least 8 years-old. Minimum height is 48 inches, minimum weight

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WILD AFRICA TREK *continued from page 5*

is 45 pounds. Advance registration by October 13 is required. Subject to cancellation if registration is insufficient. Registrants will be notified in advance and refunds will be issued if this event is cancelled.

FISHING TOURNAMENT



Join the Fishing Tournament on Saturday, November 7 at 1:30 pm.

Enjoy a two-hour guided catch-and-release fishing excursion on the waterways of the *Walt Disney World Resort*®. Tickets are \$55 and include non-alcoholic beverages, fishing poles, bait, tackle, and guide. Advance registration by October 13 is required. Subject to cancellation if registration is insufficient. Registrants will be notified in advance and refunds will be issued if this event is cancelled.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER & DANCE

Conclude your 62nd Annual Meeting experience with the always-memorable Annual Awards Dinner & Dance. Join fellow meeting attendees and their families for an evening of dining and dancing. Advanced registration is recommended. A limited number of tickets will be sold on site. Reduced ticket prices are available for children 12 and under.

We have a great band comprised of several STSA members and friends – that will play songs all night long. Award presentations will be shortened this year to maximize the time to socialize and enjoy your friends at the STSA. Although black tie is always in fashion, feel free to come in your own costume (Superhero, Superwoman, Superman, Renaissance, Gatsby, etc., nothing is off limits) to compete for the best-, most originally- or most outlandishly-dressed. And if your idea of black tie is more casual, that will be fine as well. The important thing is to be comfortable and have fun. It will be the perfect finale to a great meeting.



Plan to attend the STSA Awards Dinner & Dance for a fun evening of dinner and dancing with your fellow STSA members and friends.



DISNEY THEME PARK TICKETS & DINING RESERVATIONS

Discounted tickets and Park-Hopper passes are available to STSA attendees for Orlando-area theme parks, including *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park, *Epcot*®, *Universal Studios*®, a variety of water parks, and more. For additional information and to purchase discounted tickets, please visit www.stsa.org.

STSA recommends making your dining reservations as early as possible, as restaurants in the area sell out quickly. Reservations can be made by calling 407.939.3463 or online at <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining>.

BABY-SITTING SERVICES

Baby-sitting services are available through Disney's Kids Nite Out at 407.828.0920. Advanced reservations are required. For additional information, please visit: <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/guest-services/child-care-services>.

62nd ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of 21.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Registration**
 7:45 pm – 10:00 pm **Surgical Motion Pictures**

Thursday, November 5, 2015

6:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration**
 7:00 am – 8:30 am **Postgraduate Program**
 General Session
 Postgraduate General Session:
 Mistakes/Pitfalls Case Presentations
 8:45 am – 10:05 am **Postgraduate Program**
 Breakout Sessions
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General
 Thoracic, and Congenital Breakouts
 10:20 am – 11:20 am **Postgraduate Program General**
 Session: Special Topics in
 Cardiothoracic Surgery
 Robert H. Bartlett, MD
 ECMO – Past, Present, and Future
 Glenn J.R. Whitman, MD
 Role of the Thoracic Surgeon in the ICU
 11:20 am – 12:00 pm **Postgraduate Special Session**
 Tirone E. David, MD
 Lifelong Observations on Heart
 Valve Surgery
 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm **Ethics Debate**
 Should Family Presence Be Allowed
 During Cardiopulmonary
 Resuscitation?
 1:50 pm – 2:00 pm **Public Reporting of Thoracic and**
 Cardiac Surgical Outcomes with
 the STS Database: How & Why
 Jeffrey P. Jacobs, MD
 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm **First Scientific Session**

Friday, November 6, 2015

6:30 am – 5:30 pm **Registration**
 7:00 am – 7:50 am **Basic Science Forum**
 8:00 am – 10:00 am **Second Scientific Session**
 10:30 am – 10:50 am **Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship**
 John S. Ikonomidis, MD
 Integrating the Integrated Program:
 The MUSC Experience

Friday, November 6, 2015 (continued)

10:50 am – 11:20 am **President’s Invited Lecturer**
 David A. Fullerton MD
 11:20 am – 12:00 pm **Presidential Address**
 John H. Calhoun, MD
 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **All Attendee Lunch**
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Dessert & JCTSE Jeopardy in**
 the Exhibit Hall
 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Third Scientific Session A**
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac,
 Congenital, and General Thoracic
 Breakouts
 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm **JCTSE Jeopardy in the Exhibit Hall**
 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Third Scientific Session B**
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac,
 Congenital, and General Thoracic
 Breakouts
 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **STSA Annual Business Meeting**
 STSA Members Only
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Residents Reception**
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm ***President’s Mixer**

Saturday, November 7, 2015

6:45 am – 11:00 am **Registration**
 7:00 am – 8:00 am **Coding, RUC & SGR Update**
 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Fourth Scientific Session**
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac,
 Congenital, General Thoracic,
 and Transplant Breakouts
 9:00 am – 9:15 am **JCTSE Jeopardy in the General**
 Session Room
 9:30 am – 9:50 am **Harold Urschel History Lectureship**
 Erle H. Austin, MD
 C. Walton Lillehei – His Trials, His
 Triumphs, and the 200% Solution
 9:50 am – 11:50 am **Recognition & Management**
 of Cardiothoracic Surgical
 Misadventures
 12:45 pm – 6:00 pm ***Golf Tournament, Fishing**
 Tournament, Wild Africa Trek
 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm ***Annual Awards Dinner & Dance**

**Ticketed Event*

Plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 6, 5:00 pm

The Annual Business Meeting will take place on Friday, November 6 from 5:00-6:00 pm at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts in Grand Harbor Ballroom North. Plan to attend this meeting to vote on new member applicants, proposed Bylaws revisions, and the 2015-16 STSA leadership slate.

Annual Meeting Program Book Coming Soon

The STSA 62nd Annual Meeting Program Book will be available online in the coming weeks. Annual Meeting attendees will receive the printed Program Book on site in Lake Buena Vista. The detailed Annual Meeting program, including all abstracts, is expected to be available at www.stsa.org by early-October.

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STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

November 4-7, 2015
Disney's Yacht &
Beach Club Resorts
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

November 9-12, 2016
Naples Grande Beach
Resort
Naples, Florida

November 8-11, 2017
JW Marriott San Antonio
Hill Country Resort & Spa
San Antonio, Texas

November 7-10, 2018
Omni Amelia Island
Plantation Resort
Amelia Island, Florida

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