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**Register for the 64th Annual Meeting  
by October 9, 2017 to avoid  
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## Letter From the President

The STSA 64th Annual Meeting is just around the corner. If you don't have a chance to pre-register by October 9, be sure to register on-site and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. We have made new and exciting updates to the schedule you may be accustomed to over the years, so be sure to look closely at these innovative changes. The meeting will kick off in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, November 9 with the Ethics Debate and Basic Science Forum at 7:00 AM.

I hope you are looking forward to another gathering of the Southern this year. The 64th Annual Meeting promises to be another 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.

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. The deadline for membership applications was September 15. We all should thank Edward Chen, 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 10 at 4:30 PM., when we will vote on candidates presented for membership.

We will also vote on proposed revisions to the STSA Bylaws during the Annual Business Meeting this year. Included in this newsletter, you will find details regarding proposed changes. Please review these revisions carefully and come prepared to discuss and vote on the Bylaws updates during the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 10.

I would like to close by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your President this year. I look forward to an outstanding 64th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and educational offerings of the STSA.



*David R. Jones, MD*

David R. Jones, MD

## 2017 Scholarship Recipients Announced



2016 Brooks Award recipient *Caitlin Brown, Oregon Health & Science University*, with STSA member *Linda Martin, MD*

The 2017 STSA Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Dr. D. Tyler Greenfield, is pleased to announce the following STSA Brooks Scholarship recipients:

### Medical Student Scholars

**Trevor Davis**, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
**John Kelly**, Emory University School of Medicine  
**Raymond Strobel**, University of Michigan Medical School

### General Surgery Resident Scholar

**Charles Fraser**, The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Learn more about the STSA Brooks Scholarship at [www.stsa.org/awards](http://www.stsa.org/awards)

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## Online Brooks Scholarship Donations Accepted

STSA accepts online donations for the James W. Brooks Scholarship Fund. The Brooks Scholarship was founded in 2010 to recognize and honor STSA Past President, Dr. Jim Brooks. Dr. Brooks was a lifetime supporter of the STSA, and he was a great mentor to countless residents and students during his career at the Medical College of Virginia.

The Brooks Scholarship is given annually to medical students and general surgery residents in the STSA region who are interested in cardiothoracic surgery. Scholarship recipients receive funding to attend the STSA Annual Meeting and benefit from the guidance of STSA members.

Learn more about the Brooks Scholarship at [www.stsa.org/brooks](http://www.stsa.org/brooks).

- Make a Brooks Scholarship donation online.
- Download a Brooks Scholarship pledge form.

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## Guest Speakers

### Kent Trinkle Education Lecturer



2017 Kent Trinkle Lecturer,  
Marc R. Moon, MD

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. **Marc R. Moon, MD** will deliver this year's Kent Trinkle Education Lecture. Dr. Moon currently serves on the cardiac surgery faculty as the John M. Shoenberg Professor, Surgery and Chief, Section of Cardiac Surgery at Washington University. He also serves as the Program Director of Washington University Thoracic Surgery Residency Program.

Dr. Moon's must-see lecture titled, "Four Score and Seven Years Ago: The Wash U Experience Training Thoracic Surgeons" will take place on Friday, November 10 at 10:30 AM.

### President's Invited Lecturer



2017 President's Invited  
Lecturer, Pedro del Nido,  
MD

Dr. David R. Jones has asked **Pedro del Nido, MD** to deliver this year's President's Invited Lecture. Dr. del Nido currently serves as the Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital and William E. Ladd Professor of Child Surgery, Harvard Medical School. Plan to attend Dr. del Nido's Lecture on Thursday, November 9 at 11:00 AM. Dr. del Nido will present, "Picking Your Battles: Clinical Life vs. Research and the Cardiothoracic Surgeon."

### Postgraduate Program Invited Speakers



2017 Postgraduate Program  
Invited Speaker, Thoralf M.  
Sundt, MD

**Thoralf M. Sundt, MD** will present his talk, "Quality and Safety in the Operating Room" on November 11 at 8:00 AM. Dr. Sundt is a leading expert in assuring the highest quality care by the entire cardiac surgical team in a patient-centered, efficient, and safe manner.



2017 Postgraduate Program  
Invited Guest, Joseph S.  
Coselli, MD

**Joseph S. Coselli, MD** will be the focus of the presentation "A Conversation with a Legend" on November 11 at 8:30 AM. Dr. Kevin D. Accola will facilitate the conversation. Dr. Coselli is an innovator and leader in surgical treatment of diseases of the aorta. He is highly experienced in complex aortic repair and emergent repair, and will provide insight into his experiences.

### Interdisciplinary Care Provider Speakers:

A special breakout session for allied healthcare professionals will be offered again this year. "Management of the Difficult Cardiothoracic Surgery Patient in the Early Postoperative Period" will be moderated by Christine Armstrong and Christopher Barnes. Speakers include Stacy Reynolds, RN, G. Chad Hughes, MD, and Benjamin Wei, MD.

## STSA 64TH ANNUAL MEETING

# Join us at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa November 8-11, 2017

Review a detailed program at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org). If you are unable to register by October 9, 2017, attendees must register on-site and there will be an additional \$50 fee.

### 2017 Annual Meeting Highlights

- The Ethics Debate, "Battling the Chimera: How Much Disclosure of Rare Risks is Necessary?" will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 AM.
- Running concurrent to the Ethics Debate is the Basic Science Forum, which will include six abstracts.
- David R. Jones, MD will deliver his Presidential Address on Thursday, November 9 at 11:20 AM.
- The Interdisciplinary Care Provider and Early Practitioners Luncheons will run concurrently on Friday, November 10 at 12:00 PM.

- **New!** The Update on Practice Management Expert Panel will feature Robert J. Cerfolio, MD, Joseph A. Dearani, MD, Michael J. Mack, MD, M. Blair Marshall, MD, Richard L. Prager, MD and Todd K. Rosengart, MD on Friday, November 10 at 1:30 PM.
- Stephen C. Yang, MD will present the Harold Urschel History Lectureship, "Mark M. Ravitch: Southern Comfort and Curmudgeonry" on Friday, November 10 at 2:30 PM.
- The Annual Awards Dinner will feature unique entertainment, this year's awards presentation, and plenty of time to socialize with fellow members and their families. The Awards Dinner and Reception will be held on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM.
- Scientific oral presentations and subspecialty-specific breakout sessions are scheduled throughout the meeting.
- The Saturday morning Postgraduate Program will include subspecialty breakouts featuring "Advances in Cardiothoracic Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies," and invited talks from Thoralf M. Sundt, MD and Joseph S. Coselli, MD, and many more top experts in the field.
- The Golf Outing is planned for Saturday, November 11 – join your colleagues for an afternoon of golf, or enjoy the Lantana Spa & Fitness Center and River Bluff Water Experience.

## STSA Awards Dinner to Include Awards and Entertainment



*Urban-15 Carnaval de San Anto will dazzle Awards Dinner attendees with their unique dance and drum performance, bringing a taste of San Antonio to STSA. Plan to attend and purchase your family's tickets at [www.stsa.org/64thannual](http://www.stsa.org/64thannual).*

Make sure to secure your tickets to the Friday, November 10, Annual Awards Dinner, which will include awards presentations and a dance and drum performance by Urban 15. It's sure to entertain all attendees! Reduced-price tickets are available for children. Although black tie is always in fashion, cocktail attire is fine as well. The important thing is to be comfortable and have fun.

Purchase tickets by downloading [this registration form](#) or register online at [www.stsa.org/64thannual](http://www.stsa.org/64thannual). Call STSA Headquarters at 312-202-5892 with questions or to purchase tickets over the phone.

## Annual Meeting Program Book Coming Soon

The STSA 64th Annual Meeting Program Book will be available online in the coming weeks at [www.stsa.org/64thannual](http://www.stsa.org/64thannual). Annual Meeting attendees will receive a printed Program Book on site in San Antonio.

## STS to Host Resident Jeopardy Competition During STSA Annual Meeting



*Eric Krause, MD (left) and Greg Bittle, MD from the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore won the STSA Jeopardy Competition at the STSA 63rd Annual meeting in 2016.*

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons will host a Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition during the STSA 64th Annual Meeting. The Competition schedule is as follows:

- Round #1 and #2: Thursday, November 9, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
- Final: Friday, November 10, 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6

The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) will hold its Jeopardy Competition at their Annual Meeting in October. The North American team that wins the Competition during the STSA 64th Annual Meeting will face off with the EACTS winning team during the Jeopardy Championship at the STS 54th Annual Meeting, January 27-31, 2018 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

This cognitive skills competition draws a large crowd. Come watch cardiothoracic surgery residents test their knowledge!

## Plan to Attend the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 10, 4:30 PM

The Annual Business Meeting will take place on Friday, November 10 from 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa in Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3. Plan to attend this meeting to vote on new member applicants, proposed Bylaws revisions, and the 2017-2018 STSA leadership slate.

Visit [www.stsa.org/bylaws](http://www.stsa.org/bylaws) to view a lined version of proposed changes to the STSA Bylaws.

## STSA 64TH ANNUAL MEETING

# Activities & Entertainment

The STSA 64th Annual Meeting will be an event for your whole family to enjoy. JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa is the perfect destination for the Southern. Make plans for your family to participate in the following activities and outings:

## Hospitality Suite

*Sunday House: Level 3*

Thursday, November 9 – Saturday, November 11  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

STSA is providing a hospitality room for your spouse or guest to mingle with other spouses and guests and to make plans for exploring San Antonio Hill Country.

## Residents Reception

*Sunflower-Wisteria: Level 3*

Thursday, November 9  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cost: Complimentary for Residents

Residents and medical students are encouraged to attend this function to meet other residents and students, and network with leaders in the field.

## President's Mixer

*Event Lawn 2*

Thursday, November 9  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Cost: Complimentary

Gather with fellow meeting attendees for an evening of networking and fun. Attendees receive two tickets with registration. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$25.00.

## Annual Awards Dinner

Friday, November 10

**Reception**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer*

**Dinner**

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

*Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6*

Cost: \$100.00 per adult / \$40.00 per child (ages 12 and younger)

*Advanced registration recommended. A limited number of tickets will be sold on-site.*

Join fellow meeting attendees and their families for the always-memorable Awards Dinner, complete with a cocktail reception, dinner, awards and entertainment. We have shortened the award presentations to maximize the time to socialize and enjoy your friends at the STSA. Exciting entertainment with a local flare has been added to this year's program. Don't miss it! Although black tie is always in fashion, you are welcome to wear cocktail attire. Be comfortable and have fun!



*The JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa offers effortless sophistication and authentic Texas friendliness - bring the entire family!*

## STSA 64TH ANNUAL MEETING

# Activities & Entertainment *(continued)*

## Lantana Spa & Fitness Center

STSA guests are eligible for a 15% discount on spa treatments at the JW Marriott's own Lantana Spa. The onsite spa boasts 30 treatment rooms, three relaxation lounges, outdoor adults-only spa pool and whirlpool, aromatherapy steam rooms, saunas, luxurious locker rooms, and a state-of-the-art fitness center (available to all resort guests), featuring a variety of fitness classes. To schedule discounted spa treatments, call the spa directly at **210-276-2300** and mention STSA. Visit [www.jwlantanaspa.com](http://www.jwlantanaspa.com) to browse treatment options.

## River Bluff Water Experience

Surrounded by 600 acres of picturesque rolling oak-covered hills, the JW Marriott's 9-acre water park, River Bluff Water Experience offers fun for all ages. Make memories with your family as you splash down rapid river rides, exciting slides and a 1,100-foot lazy river. The River Bluff Water Experience is complimentary for all hotel guests.

## Children's Activities

The Range Riders Kids Club invites children ages 4 to 12 to experience a fun-filled day of supervised entertainment, such as stimulating arts and crafts, water activities, and exciting games. Range Riders is open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and costs \$15 per child, per hour. The Range Riders Kids Club is conveniently located at the River Bend Pavilion, within River Bluff Water Experience.

*Advance registration is not required.*

In addition, a full schedule of family-friendly activities offered by the resort will be provided upon your arrival. Activities include animal encounters, cookie decorating, jumbo backyard games, dreamcatcher making, rubber duck racing, painting, magic shows, and more. Costs range from complimentary to \$65 per person.

*Advance registration is not required.*

## Childcare Services

The JW Marriott recommends the following childcare providers:

**Northside Sitters Club**  
210-710-7940  
[www.northsidesittersclub.com](http://www.northsidesittersclub.com)

**Time Out Sitters**  
210-325-2812  
[www.timeoutsitters.com](http://www.timeoutsitters.com)

## STSA Golf Outing

Saturday, November 11

Tee Time: 1:00 PM

Cost: \$175.00 (Includes greens fees, golf cart and practice balls.

*Lunch is on own.*)

Limited number of tee times available – be sure to register in advance.

A Peter Dye-crafted par-72 course sits on a great piece of land which provides panoramic views of an adjacent 700-acre nature preserve. The design, which measures more than 7,000 yards, is true to nature and the flow of the land. The dramatic elevation changes and hill country views make this course not only challenging, but breathtaking as well.

If you're unable to participate in the STSA Golf Outing, individual golf play is also available for \$175 (Includes greens fees, cart fees, and practice balls). Contact the TPC clubhouse at **210-491-5800** for more information.



*Join the Golf Outing on Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 pm.*

## 64TH 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 live activity for a maximum of *17 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017		
Times	Topics	Location
6:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	Level 2
6:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer
7:00 AM – 7:50 AM	Basic Science Forum	Begonia-Bottle Brush
7:00 AM – 7:50 AM	Ethics Debate: Battling the Chimera: How Much Disclosure of Rare Risks Is Necessary?	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	First Scientific Session	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	President’s Invited Lecturer Picking Your Battles: Clinical Life vs. Research and the Cardiothoracic Surgeon with Pedro del Nido, MD	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	Presidential Address Bending the Curve: The Importance of Expertise with David R. Jones, MD	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
12:00 PM	All Attendee Lunch	Event Lawn 1
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Dessert Served in the Exhibit Hall	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Exhibits Open	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Second Scientific Session	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Third Scientific Session	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	2017 Cardiothoracic Surgery Jeopardy Competition for North America - Rounds 1 & 2	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Residents Reception	Sunflower - Wisteria
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	President’s Mixer	Event Lawn 2
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017		
Times	Topics	Location
6:30 AM – 4:45 PM	Registration	Level 2
6:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Fourth Scientific Session A – Simultaneous Subspecialty Breakout Sessions	
	Adult Cardiac Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
	Thoracic Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
	Congenital Breakout	Begonia-Bottle Brush
7:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Fourth Scientific Session B – Simultaneous Subspecialty Breakout Sessions	
	Adult Cardiac Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
	Thoracic Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
	ECMO Breakout	Begonia-Bottle Brush

64TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Schedule of Events *(continued)*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017 (CONTINUED)		
Times	Topics	Location
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship Four Score and Seven Years Ago: The Wash U Experience Training Thoracic Surgeons with Marc R. Moon, MD	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Fourth Scientific Session C – Simultaneous Subspecialty Breakout Sessions	
	Adult Cardiac Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
	Thoracic Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
	Congenital Breakout	Begonia-Bottle Brush
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Own <i>Resort restaurant Cibolo Moon is offering a special menu for STSA attendees. Lobby restaurant Crooked Branch offers a variety of grab 'n go options. Sample menus are available at Registration.</i>	
	Interdisciplinary Care Luncheon	Iris
	Young Practitioners Luncheon	Lily
12:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Legends Panel - Update on Practice Management Expert Panel	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Harold Urschel History Lectureship Mark M. Ravitch: Southern Comfort and Curmudgeonry with Stephen C. Yang, MD	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break & Visit Exhibits	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 7-11
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Fifth Scientific Session	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	STSA Annual Business Meeting <i>STSA Members Only</i>	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	2017 Cardiothoracic Surgery Jeopardy Competition for North America – Final Round	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Annual Awards Dinner	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017		
Times	Topics	Location
7:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration	Level 2
7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Postgraduate General Session: Special Topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer
9:30 AM – 10:25 AM	Postgraduate General Session: Maximizing Leadership Potential in Your Practice	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
10:25 AM – 10:40 AM	Break	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom Foyer
10:40 AM – 11:40 AM	Postgraduate Subspecialty Breakout Sessions	
	Adult Cardiac Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 5-6
	Thoracic Breakout	Cibolo Canyon Ballroom 1-3
	Congenital Breakout	Begonia-Bottle Brush
	Interdisciplinary Care Provider Breakout	Azalea
1:00 PM	STSA Golf Outing	



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## STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

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

**November 7-10, 2018**  
Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort  
Amelia Island, FL

**November 6-9, 2019**  
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort  
Marco Island, FL

**November 4-7, 2020**  
Universal Orlando™ Loews Royal Pacific Resort  
Orlando, FL

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