

# 2017 Judges

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## Dr. J. Paul Schroepfel

Dr. J. Paul Schroepfel grew up in Hutchinson, Kansas before moving to Lawrence to complete a bachelor's degree in human biology and chemistry. He continued to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City where he attended medical school, and completed a residency in orthopedic surgery. After completing an orthopedic sports medicine fellowship in Minneapolis at TRIA Orthopedic Center, working as an assistant team physician for multiple professional teams including the Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Twins, and Minnesota Timberwolves, he returned home to Kansas City to join the staff at the University of Kansas Hospital. He now serves as a team physician for both the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs, as well as four area high schools. His surgical interests include arthroscopic management of injuries to the hip, knee, and shoulder.

Dr. Schroepfel's medical missions experience began during a trip to San Lucas, Mexico in 2004. He later helped develop the International Outreach medical student group at University of Kansas Medical Center, aimed at providing medical services to underserved populations internationally. He has served on multiple medical missions trips to areas of both Mexico and Guatemala. He continues to passionately support medical endeavors for underserved populations both locally and abroad.



## Dr. Grant R. Smith, DDS

Dr. Grant Smith was born genetically predisposed to be a dentist. His father is a dentist and a pharmacist. His mother is a dental hygienist with a degree in Physical Education, and the ability to instruct anyone in how to resuscitate their fellow man. From his father, Dr. Smith decided to try his hand at working in a pharmacy; from his mother, he learned an aversion to exercise, but from both of them he learned that teeth are where it's at.

Dr. Grant went to dental school at University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). When he was done with that, he did a residency in the special patient care clinic. There he worked with transplant patients, oncology patients, and others who needed more care than the rank and file at UMKC could provide, or they needed things done quickly to prepare for surgery. Dr. Grant says he learned more in this residency than he has perhaps ever learned in his whole life.

Dr. Grant is married to Melissa, and they have two children. Following in the family footsteps, Dr. Grant bought the practice from his father, built their new swanky office, and the rest is, well, we'll just have to see.



## Laura Allen

Laura Allen was born and raised in Kansas City, attended Notre Dame de Sion grade school, Southwest High School, Drury University and Research Hospital School of Nursing. Her passions were Psychiatric nursing and ballet.

She studied piano at the Conservatory of Music in Kansas City but her heart was at the dance studio. At the age of 7 she struck a deal with her Mom that she could take one dance lesson for every 2 piano lessons. It seemed like a good deal at the time.

After 10 years of Psyche nursing and 3 kids later, she took her "people skills" to the business world and started a video production company. Semi-retired after 33 years, she continues to work in meeting planning and event management.

She has been a ballroom dancer for 30 yrs. During her competitive years, she won the USBC Latin Division Championship. Currently she choreographs and teaches dance to adults at a local dance studio...just for fun!

# 2017 Emcee

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## Mark Meisenheimer

Mark is a former award-winning television journalist who worked as a sportscaster in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Iowa. He switched gears in his move to Kansas City, and for the past eight years has pursued a career in healthcare sales related to senior living. He currently works as the Area Sales Manager for Brookdale Senior Living in Kansas City.