



MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, INC.
and
THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF BROOKLYN



Report of the Councilor for Kings and Richmond County
January 26, 2023

1) Legislative Day- MSCK Legislative Day was held on September 15th at the iconic Brooklyn Borough Hall, and it was a great success. Legislative leaders such as Representatives Michael Tannousis, Stefani Zinerman, Steven Cymbrowitz, and the Chair of the Health Committee, Senator Gustavo Rivera were in attendance. A video message on our Legislative day was received from NYS Senate Majority leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

2) Virtual Credit Cards Campaign-MSCK inspired a letter writing campaign to CMS regarding Virtual Credit Card payment method. There were 544 letters sent to CMS regarding physician opposition to this method of payment. Morris Auster assisted in developing an electronic way to send the message to CMS. Dr. Dr. Alex Shteynshlyuger spearheaded this campaign and shared how this method of payment impacts physician reimbursement during the MSCK December Comitia meeting.

3) Wrongful Death Bill Action- Dr. Parag Mehta continues to urge the societies to keep sending messages to oppose this bill to Governor Hochul. MSCK is working on sending 100,000 messages to the Governor by making calls, using social media, and speaking to the newspapers. Dr. Parag Mehta was on 1010 Wins regarding Physician Burnout, and he took the opportunity to speak on “The Wrongful Death Bill”. Many calls were made to the governor by MSCK and other District Societies to encourage the Governor to veto this bill.

4) Advocacy Day- Advocacy Day in Albany is March 14th, 2023, and MSCK members will be travelling to Albany and meeting with Legislators.

5) Doctors’ Recognition Day-MSCK Doctors’ Recognition Day will be celebrated on March 2023.

6) House of Delegates- The MSCK is currently preparing resolutions to be submitted by March 1, 2023 for consideration by the House of Delegates in April 2023.



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7) Bicentennial Bulletin- MSCK is putting together a “Bicentennial Bulletin” recording MSCK history and advancement in Medicine. Anyone interested in writing an article can contact Dr. Abdul Rehman or the MSCK Executive Director Joselin Lajara.

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Richmond County Medical Society January 2023

The Richmond County Medical Society is continuing to change with the times. We continue to strive for a safer community. Our current president, Dr. Melissa Grageda, is focused on her platform this year - Child Safety. The executive committee hit the ground running, as we organized a task force in Staten Island for Child Safety and Injury Prevention. Unfortunately, Firearm-related injury is now the leading cause of death in US children, and Richmond County Medical Society is taking action! Our first collaborative goal is to launch an awareness campaign to prevent firearm injuries, and to make existing mental health resources more accessible. The next step is an educational campaign for providers regarding best practices on firearm screening and injury prevention.

Our Goals remain the same. We always look to increase participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The Society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine, and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community. The physicians of Richmond County embody the best of what our profession has to offer. We strive to provide excellent healthcare. We continue to pursue advances in medicine and to advance our knowledge, through ongoing educational programs. We have a strong belief in the importance of participation in organized medicine, as evidenced by the success of the Richmond County Medical Society.

UPDATES:

- The Premier, In-Person Comitia Meeting was held on September 13th at Lorenzo's Restaurant & Cabaret at the Hilton Garden Inn. We had a special presentation by Dr. Lisa Eng entitled "Practice Management: Strategies for Private Practices to Thrive." We so appreciated her time and support of our society. Our October and November meetings we held via Zoom.
- Our next Comita Meeting will be held on January 3, 2023 via zoom.
- The December 6th Comitia Meeting was held in person at Lorrenzo's restaurant at the Hilton Garden Inn. It was followed by a lovely holiday meal celebrating th season.
- Our last event of the 2022 season was the annual Women in Medicine Dinner. It was held on December 9th at Nino's restaurant. This is our opportunity to celebrate all the female physicians and their immeasurable contributions to medicine ever year. A wonderful time was had by all.
- The Past President Dinner/Meeting honoring Dr. Brian R. McMahon was held on November 11th at the Hilton Garden Inn, "The Above". This annual event is always a very well attend and an extremely special evening. This years event did not disappoint!

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- October 23rd marked our annual Legislative Brunch. Our chair, Dr. Radha Syed and the Executive Administrative team worked diligently to make this event a success. Many of Staten Island's most influential legislators to attended including our Borough President Vito Fossella with his Senior Advisor, Dr. Ram Raju. Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis. as well as former Congressman Max Rose were in attendance. NYS Assembly Member Michael Tannousis, NYS Council member David M. Carr and Representative Justin Bolusi were also on the guest list.

- This quarter we had two philanthropic interests. As a society we participated in the JDRF One Walk for Juvenile Diabetes on October 16th. We raised \$2,715 for the cause. We will also be represented at the Autism Walk on October 23rd. Our very own Dr. John Maese is a chair at this annual event.

Respectfully submitted on 01/02/2023 by:

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