

## MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

### MARCH

- **WELCOME TO ALBANY!**

The members of the Third District of MSSNY wish to welcome you to Albany for the annual MSSNY Advocacy Day! We hope that you find your accommodations pleasing and that we provide you the inspiration to do what you've always done, advocate on behalf of your patients and your profession. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if we can provide you any assistance. We hope you that you have a good experience and that we begin to accomplish the goals that we all set out to do.

- **DR. DAVID ACCOMPLISHES HIS ANNUAL SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPIENS**

We welcome home our Third District Counselor, Dr. José “Jun” David for his services to the people of the Philippines. This is the most worthy contribution to those who are less fortunate in the land of a staunch ally to the United States. It is also noted that Dr. David has a very vibrant private practice in Albany and is loved by his patients. Thank you for your service!

- **SPHP GOES RED FOR WOMEN’S HEALTH**

Starting Feb. 1, St. Peter’s and Samaritan hospitals — including the Albany Memorial and St. Mary’s campuses— was be among the dozens of Capital Region buildings illuminated in red, in support of American Heart Month. Taking place on the eve of the “National Wear Red Day,” this effort aims to shine a light on women’s heart health. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Despite these risks, however, many women don’t realize that it’s their no. 1 health threat and that 80 percent of cardiac and stroke events may be prevented with education and action. The AHA started its “Go Red for Women” campaign 20 years ago to support educational programs to increase women’s awareness and critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health.

- **ANNUAL MSSNY THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT RETREAT**

At the end of January Dr. Latreille once again hosted a very successful annual retreat at the Mirror Lake in in Lake Placid. Attendance was bountiful, a CME program was made available and a great discussion ensued. We thank Dr.Latreille, our MSSNY Speaker of the House, for once again putting this all together!

- **\$3.9 MILLION GRANT AWARDED TO AMC**

Scientists at Albany Medical College have been awarded a five-year, \$3.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study biomarkers present in the blood of patients who have had Covid-19 but continue to experience symptoms for weeks or months after the initial infection.“Ultimately, our goal is to develop a blood test that pinpoints those who are most susceptible to severe forms of Covid-19 and identifies the likelihood that someone will experience long Covid,” said Ariel Jaitovich, MD, associate professor of medicine and of molecular and cellular physiology at Albany Medical College, who is leading the study.