

MSSNY Council Report
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- On May 19, 2015 we held our Annual Stated Meeting at the El Caribe where Sherman Dunn, DO, FACOOG became our new President and the installation of our officers. In Dr. Dunn's inauguration speech, he spoke of the importance of growing our membership which will strengthen our advocacy efforts and that we should incorporate this message into the training of our young physicians. We want to thank Phil Schuh and Dr. Charles Rothberg for attending.
- Past President and current Chair of our Archive Committee, Dr. Donald Moore has been working hard to assess and restore artwork and journals dating back over 100 years that are currently stored in the Society's basement. He gave a slide presentation at our Stated Meeting on the establishment of our Society, photographs of the first meeting, oil paintings and bronze plaques of former presidents and other leadership and the history of the Society's former building and library. Dr. Moore emphasized the importance of preserving the Society's history.
- On June 8th, there will be another meeting with the medical board of NY Methodist Hospital. Mike Schoppmann will give a presentation on the value of membership. Eunice Skelly, Liz Harrison and some of our key members will also be in attendance.
- Kings County is planning to begin holding CME programs again as well as developing an online journal.
- Over the summer, we will begin the planning of our Legislative Brunch to take place in September.
- The development of our new website will begin over the summer which we are looking forward to.
- We are in the process on securing a venue and date for our Annual President's Dinner Dance in honor of Immediate Past President, Lance Austein, MD.

Richmond County Medical Society

The Richmond County Medical Society has succeeded in this year's mission to reach out and interact with the Staten Island Community, and to further the pursuit of physician support and representation during these turbulent times for the medical profession.

To date we have successfully launched a Walk With a Doctor and Healthyself Campaign with the Borough President's Office to promote healthy living on Staten Island. The theme of each month's walk is one of awareness, prevention, and treatment. Speakers at the events covered topics pertinent to that particular month's medical awareness subject. Participants included Richmond University Medical

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Center, Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze Pharmacy, Primary Care Ambulance, Child Mind Institute, and the Boro President's Office.

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Tackling Youth Substance Abuse an arm of Staten Island Partnership for Health and Wellness is an organization on Staten Island which has been and is actively investigating the patterns of drug and alcohol abuse on Staten Island. Their aggressive campaign to reduce alcohol and drug use on Staten Island is an asset to our community. The Medical Society is one of multiple organizations represented at its meetings and an ongoing study of current and changing drug abuse patterns is underway so we may better understand and address evolving trends of abuse.

The Staten Island Economic Development Corporation's Health and Wellness Professionals Council is a fledgling organization developed to promote health, wellness, and interaction between all professional organizations and businesses on Staten Island. The Richmond County Medical Society has been selected as one of its Committee Chairs. SIEDC's Health and Wellness Professionals Council has already launched a health and wellness newsletter which is being distributed to over 15,000 Staten Islanders and the Richmond County Medical Society's "Conversation with the Mirror" article has been featured. The goal is to integrate the Staten Island Physician Community with its health related businesses and the community at large.

Working with the Academy of Medicine of Richmond we have been able to successfully present multiple Continuing Medical Education Programs including Diagnosis and Treatment of Ebola, Management of Burns, How to Survive the Burden of Medicine, and the Resident's Research Competition.

As far as disaster preparedness, the Richmond County Medical Society has assumed an important arm in the Community Organizations Active in Disaster Coalition and its disaster response role on Staten Island. We will be operating in conjunction with the NYC Office of Emergency Management, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Staten Island Boro President's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,