

MSSNY Council Report
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- We were presented with an opportunity to hold a CME program on “Improving Long-Term Outcomes in Chronic Heart Failure” through an educational grant by a pharmaceutical company. The date and location will be announced at a later date.
- Our Annual President’s Dinner Dance in honor of Immediate Past President, Lance Austein, MD will take place on Saturday, November 7 at the Riviera, 2780 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224. Exhibitor and journal opportunities will be offered.
- Members of Kings County attended a happy hour hosted by the students of SUNY Downstate Medical College on August 19th. Our county is hoping to build relationships with our younger physicians. As a result, nine students are expected to attend our September Comitia meeting, so we’re pleased to see that interest in the Medical Society by younger physicians is increasing.

Richmond County Medical Society

The Society continues to collaborate closely with the Borough President’s office with Walk with a Doc. Our last walk was held recently on August 26th, at the Historic Richmond Town. Dr. Radha Syed, a board certified Gynecologist, who led an excellent discussion regarding bone health, importance of Vitamin D, Calcium and screening for Osteoporosis. It was nicely attended by the community and was followed by a tour guide who gave us a walking tour of Historic Richmond Town.

On September 8, 2015, we will be having our first meeting of the year at Oriental Plaza on 1845 Richmond Avenue, SI at 7pm. We will have a very special guest speaker that evening, Christine Ruggiero RN. She is a certified forensic nurse and Liaison with the FBI, who will be speaking about “healthcare and human trafficking, who, what and where?” One of the platforms this year is to focus on issues pertaining to a very vulnerable population; victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

The Society will be participating in the Annual SI Health & Wellness Expo on October 1, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn, hosted by the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC). This daylong event showcases seminars, exhibitors, panel discussions, keynote speakers, medical screening tests and fitness demonstrations that are free and open to the public. The expo is the only Health & Wellness expo held on Staten Island and expects to draw over 2,000 people and over 100 vendors to this all day event.

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On October 2, 2015, the society will be hosting our annual Women in Medicine dinner to honor all female physicians on SI. This event will be held at Fiore Di Mare. We are expecting 40-50 women physicians to attend.

The Society is also in the process of putting together a panel of experts and front line people such as police officer, mental health workers and prosecutors to speak to physician members of Richmond County Medical Society and also the community regarding Domestic Violence. We will be collaborating with Safe Horizon, among other nonprofit organizations.

The Society is also exploring ideas how to increase memberships. One of the ideas is to replicate New York County Medical Society's very successful referral rounds to be held in early December.