

8<sup>th</sup> District Councilor Report  
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The MSCE held its annual Legislative Breakfast on February 5, 2016. Federal and State Legislators, or their Representative, from every office attended the meeting. Drs. Charles Wiles, President, and Rose Berkun, chair of legislative affairs, chaired the event. Concern was raised by the legislators regarding the recent publication in the Buffalo News regarding the death of 23 individuals over an 11 day period in January, and what measures the physician community felt were necessary for the county/state to initiate to limit heroin use. All in attendance had previously had received copies of the MSSNY legislative agenda, so that discussion focused on the issues of in the agenda as well as changes occurring in the region due to the new medical campus and the expansion of the medical student class acceptance rate. Further appointments have been scheduled for follow-up by MSCE members to discuss specific concerns of the legislators.

MSCE leadership was represented at various fundraisers for Congressman Collins and Senator Gallivan.

The following events have been scheduled:

**May 5, 2016** - MSCE will be co-hosting with the Bar Association of Erie County, the WNY Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of NYS, the Robert H. Jackson Center, and the Holocaust Resource Center a program entitled, *Medical Ethics & the Holocaust: The Holocaust-Inspired Roots of Medical Informed Consent and Current Medico-Legal Ethics: Concerns for Physicians & Attorneys*. Speakers include Dr. Raul Artal, a holocaust survivor And medical ethicist; James Johnson, International Prosecutor and Nuremberg Expert; Jennifer Scharf, Esq., Informed Consent Specialist.

**May 12, 2016** – MSCE Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will take place at 5:45 P.M. at Statler City in Buffalo NY. Keynote speaker is Bill Polian, NFL Analyst for ESPN. Receiving the Community Service Award are Jim and Jill Kelly, for the establishment of the Hunters Hope Foundation. Tickets are available by contacting Chris Nadolny.

**May 19, 2016** . MSCE will participate with the Buffalo Surgical Society and the UB Department Of Surgery's Research Day+Program. ACS Executive Director, David B. Hoyt, MD will be the Keynote speaker at the morning's Presentation, and will then be presented with the Buffalo Surgical Society's Roswell Park Medal that evening.