

**MSSNY Council Report**  
**Parag H. Mehta, MD, Councilor**  
**Kings and Richmond Counties**  
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**Medical Society of the County of Kings**

- The Kings County Legislative Brunch took place on Sunday, September 18 at Yayo's Latin Cuisine in Brooklyn. We had five legislators in attendance to include Assembly members Peter Abbate, Jo Anne Simon, Senators Martin Golden, Diane Savino and Congressman Dan Donovan. They empathized with our concerns and Senator Golden recommended that we hold these programs more often and continue communications on specific bills. Also in attendance were Phil Schuh, Drs. Zebulon Taintor, Sal Skeivys, Penny Stern, Florence Shum, and Anthony Sgarlato. Kings County thanks you for taking time to support our event.
- Our Annual President's Dinner in honor of Immediate Past President, Sherman Dunn, DO will take place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Golden Bay Restaurant at 2144 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY beginning at 6:00pm. We are pleased that leadership from all counties of the First District Branch are expected to attend as well as MSSNY President-Elect Dr. Charles Rothberg.
- Our Archive and Historical Committee's fireside chats is underway between our medical students and senior members to collect history each month. Our third round of interviews will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "women in medicine."
- Drs. Donald Moore and Carol Decosta met with Congresswoman Yvette Clarke on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss MSSNY's political agenda. She thanked the AMA for recognizing her. Discussions involved issues important to physicians. Discussion on the Single Payer Bill took place which she has signed on for and is a strong advocate of. She requested more discussion on MACRA and would look more in ERISA reform information. She reconfirmed commitment to physicians thru AMA. Kings County recommended her for the Nathan Daniels award which is pending MSSNY approval.

**Richmond County Medical Society**

The Richmond County Medical Society is looking forward to a productive year. The goals for this year are to not only increase the number of members but to increase the participation of our current members. The society will work on promoting the importance of organized medicine and educate our members on current medical topics and ways to help practices survive. All members were sent an email requesting they send the society any pertinent issues that they would like to discuss at our meetings.

This year the society will form an alliance with the family readiness group of two local military units so that The Richmond County Medical Society can provide assistance needed to those families.

The first official event for the Richmond County Medical Society will be our annual Woman in Medicine dinner which will be held in October 2016. Our Past President Dinner will be held in November 2016.

The next Richmond County Medical Society meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn.