

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT  
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- **MSCA ANNUAL MEETING:**  
The Medical Society of the County of Albany, Inc. held its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the University Club in Albany. The featured speaker was Congressman John Faso who discussed the efforts in the House of Representatives to repeal the Affordable Care Act and described the components of the new legislation that had been recently passed. Upon arriving at the University Club members and guests were greeted by approximately 50 protesters outside the doors of the Club. Nonetheless, Congressman Faso came to the meeting and gave his presentation. Unfortunately, several individuals who attended the meeting harassed and interrupt him throughout his talk. MSCA President-Elect Dr. Greg Threatte finally had to gavel the meeting adjourned. Although there was a fair exchange of information the meeting was basically a disappointment. An apology was issued to the congressman.
- **NYMGMA/MSCA/MSCU MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**  
The Albany ó area chapter of the New York Medical Group Management Association and the Medical Societies of Albany and Ulster Counties held a joint membership meeting on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at The Century House. The meeting featured a panel discussion on physicianø observation on health care and health care reform. Among the panelists were Dr. Michael Gruenthal, MSCA President, and Dr. Louis Snitkoff, Past President of the Schenectady County Medical Society.
- **MSSNY ADVOCACY DAY:**  
We wish to extend our congratulations to the MSSNY Governmental Affairs team for a very successful Advocacy Day. We also congratulate them on their successful efforts regarding the state budget.
- **ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER GETS 5 TIER RATING:**  
Albany Medical Centerø kidney transplant program was one of only 30 programs nationwide, and the only one in New York State, to be given the top possible rating for transplant outcomes, according to data released recently by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR), a national organization.
- **ST. PETERøS HEALTH PARTNERS CEO GETS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME:**  
James K. Reed, M.D., MBA, president and chief executive officer of St. Peterø Health Partners, will be inducted into the Tech Valley Business Hall of Fame. Dr. Reed is one of three local business leaders selected for the honor, which recognizes local champions of free enterprise for their success and dedication toward making Tech Valley a better place to live and work.