

MSSNY Council Report
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- Our first Meeting of the Delegates took place on January 8. Dr. Parag Mehta was voted as Chair of the Delegation and Dr. Adolph Meyer and Vice-Chair. Ideas for resolutions were discussed.
- Discussions of when to hold our March 2018 Doctors' Recognition Day are in progress. We should have a decision by the time of our next Board of Trustees meeting on January 10th.
- Kings County President-Elect, Dr. Lee Loewinger, has begun developing his agenda for Presidency which will begin in May. One goal will be to increase membership among hospital residents. Dr. Loewinger has also been very instrumental in bringing new sponsorships to Kings County.

Richmond County Medical Society

The Richmond County Medical Society is looking forward to a productive 2018. Our goals for this year are to increase the participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine, and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community.

We have encouraged Society members to partner with the Island's wonderful Community Based Organizations to provide expanded Patient-Centered Care and help address the many social determinants of care. We can then, as an Island-Wide Team, better deal with substance abuse, overdose deaths, mental health issues, food deserts and the stigma related to: ethnicity, language, poverty and sexual orientation.

We have also asked members to submit ideas for fulfilling our Mission, improving the experience of being a member of this Society and recruiting additional members.

RCMS worked closely with CHASI (Community Health Action of Staten Island) during this holiday season. We collected unwrapped toys, canned foods, and dry foods. CHASI has been improving the health of Staten Islanders for over 25 years. They help our community with a wide range of services including domestic violence interventions, caring for people with multiple chronic health conditions, addiction treatment services and operating a community food pantry. Donations were made through their Mobile Food Pantry. We delivered boxes to offices which were displayed. All had been so generous. We collected until December 20, 2017. We plan on supporting them in the future in any way we possibly can.

Don Moy Esq. from Garfunkel Wild, P.C. will present and support our January 9, 2018 comitia meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. It will be an open dialogue regarding his firm providing counsel to the RCMS. He provided materials and gave a formal presentation to our Society Members.