1. The third and fourth districts had their annual retreat at the Mirror Lake Inn in Lake Placid, New York the weekend of January 26-28. It was well attended. Presentation were made from Moe Auster of MSSNY Governmental Affairs, Charles Rothberg, M.D., MSSNY President and Philip Schuh, MSSNY EVP. In addition Michael Schoppman of MLMIC attended and had a presentation. We were also honored to have US Congresswoman Elise Stefanik of the 21st district attend. State Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Billy Jones were also present. The physicians were able to express our concerns and the dialogue among everyone was very worthwhile. The 20th annual retreat will be next January.

2. Saratoga County Medical Society had a presentation on DVTs at Jacob and Anthony’s Grille in Saratoga on January 25.

3. Ellis Hospital had its annual fundraising gala at the Glen Sanders Mansion on February 3. Honored this year Dr. and Mrs Gary Wood. Dr. Wood a MSSNY member has worked in the Department of Radiology at Ellis Hospital for many years. Proceeds this year will go to the Department of Radiology.

4. Schenectady County Medical Society had a meeting on February 7 at Apertivo Bistro in Schenectady. The guest speaker was Bob Saltzman, Retired Engineer fro GE Global spoke on how they successfully created and produced an under 10 minute CT scanner.

5. The Honorable Robert Lynch Memorial Dinner of the Medical Society of the County of Schenectady, the Schenectady Bar Association and the Schenectady County Dental Society will be held at the Mohawk Golf Club on March 8. This dinner has been held for many years for the three groups to gather in a social environment and has been very successful. Speaking this year will be Victor Asal, PhD, Chair of the Department of Public Administration and Professor of Political Science of Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany Co-Director of the Project on Violent Conflict, affiliated with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence

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