

## **MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT**

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- **MSSNY THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT RETREAT:**  
The annual MSSNY Third and Fourth District Lake Placid retreat took place on Saturday, January 27th at the Mirror Lake Inn. Six resolutions ranging from CPT coding to physician burnout were debated and will be presented at the MSSNY House of Delegates. There were some prominent north country elected officials who attended, including Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.
- **COMMUNITY CARE-CAPITAL CARE MERGER:**  
Community Care and Capital Care have completed their merger. Dr. Shirish Parikh is the new CEO and Ms. Joan Hayner will be the COO. The new practice employs 4,000 people and has 400 practitioners. Capital Care has been an institutional member of MSSNY for nearly two decades, whereas Community Care has not. There are attempts underway to try to bring the new practice in as an institutional member.
- **ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE RECEIVED BREAST CANCER GRANT:**  
An Albany Medical College researcher has received a \$450,000 Susan G. Komen grant to study whether specific proteins play a role in enabling the spread and subsequent growth of breast cancer cells in the body and whether these proteins may offer clues to potential treatments to extend survival rates. With Komen funding that is directed to researchers early in their careers, John Lamar, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at Albany Medical College, will investigate whether two proteins, called YAP and TAZ, can be inhibited to stop or slow the growth of breast cancer cells after they metastasize – that is, spread from the initial site. If so, therapies that inhibit YAP and TAZ could be used to treat patients with metastatic (stage IV) breast cancer, a condition for which there currently are few treatment options.
- **90 GIFT BAGS DELIVERED TO CANCER PATIENTS AT ST. PETER'S:**  
Local consultants for Thirty-One Gifts recently organized a generous donation of 90 tote bags for patients at the St. Peter's Cancer Care Center. The bags were filled with blankets, warm socks, creams and lotions, books, and other items intended to provide comfort to patients undergoing treatment. "These bags are so very appreciated by our patients," said Anne Lawton, RN, community outreach nurse with St. Peter's Cancer Care Center. "We are so thankful to the Thirty-One Gifts consultants and everyone who contributed to the bags. Their generous donations are making a direct, positive impact on individuals who are receiving treatment for cancer." Thirty-One Gifts, a direct sale company, launched its philanthropic program, Thirty-One Gives, in 2012. A very special thanks to the Landversicht and Hadden families for their generosity and special delivery of the well-appointed bags to St. Peter's Cancer Care Center.