

MSSNY Council Report
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- Our **Annual Stated Meeting** took place on May 15th, at Sirico's Caterers where Dr. Lee Loewinger was inaugurated as MSCK's 170th president. Dr. Loewinger's **keynote speaker** was **Dr. Kiran Chekka**, a double board-certified anesthesiologist and interventional pain physician in Chicago, and an invited speaker across the globe, lecturing in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, addressed our audience on "Beating the Opiate Epidemic."
- Our **Annual Doctor's Recognition Day** was held on June 19th at the Bay Ridge Manor. This year we honored eight physicians from various Brooklyn hospitals. Three of the honorees along with a hospital medical board president became members as a result of the event.
- In August 2018, **Dr. Abdul Rehman**, Kings County Past President and member of the Board of Trustees, was sworn in by the Richmond County District Attorney, Michael McMahon, as the new **Rotary Club of Staten Island President**.
- MSCK President Lee Loewinger, MD and his wife Maggie became the new and proud parents of Lucy Charlotte Loewinger on August 12th. All are doing well.
- Our **Annual Legislative Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, September 16** at Hunter's Steakhouse in Bay Ridge Brooklyn from 11:00am – 2:00pm. There is no charge to attend. Contact our office at (718) 745-5800 if you wish to join us.
- Our next **Doctors' Recognition Day** is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, **March 26, 2019** at the Rex Manor in Bay Ridge Brooklyn. We are looking forward to having the Richmond County Medical Society partner with us again in honoring physician members from Staten Island as well.

Richmond County Medical Society

Our Society anticipates a productive and positive year of growth for 2018-2019.

Our goals are always 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, educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community.

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This year we will also focus on the Opioid Epidemic that has affected our county, our city, as well as our entire state. We plan to work closely with Borough Hall and the Borough President's team to help us with this crisis facing so many.

The ***Installation of Our New Executive Board 2018-2019*** was held on June 21st, 2018. It was wonderful, informative and successful evening for all. We had tremendous sponsorship this year. Our Commemorative Journal equaled \$23,000.00 with 125 guests in attendance. Drs. Frank Forte and Frank Scafuri were honored that evening with proclamations for their outstanding work on Staten Island and named by RCMS as Top Doctors of the borough.

Dr. Simon Kokkinakis is now the 212th President of the Richmond County Medical Society, along with the new Executive Board (as follows): Sangita Parab, MD – President Elect; Radha Syed, MD - Vice President; Brian McMahan, MD – Treasurer; Dorothy Matthew-Wludyka, MD – Secretary.

Our 'Women in Medicine' event will be held on September 14, 2018 at the Taste of India Restaurant. As always, we're looking forward to a great turn out. We have a sponsor and speakers for the evening. Attendance is complimentary to all our female physicians (members). There will also hold a raffle of 25 beautiful items.

October 26, 2018 is the **Past President's Dinner / Dance @ The Vanderbilt**. We expect 150-175 guests. More information to follow.

On, November 7, 2018 we will host our **Annual Medicare Seminar - Updates @ The Staaten** from 8:30am-11:30am. There will be a nominal fee to attend. A continental breakfast will be offered with an expected attendance of 50 guests. Our host will be Mr. James Bavaro with National Government Services. Seats are limited; however, we do open registration to the entire community of physicians, office managers and billing staff.

Respectfully submitted,