

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

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- **ALBANY COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Medical Society of the County of Albany Inc. held its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at the University Club in Albany. The guest speaker was Hon. Paul Tonko, US House of Representatives, representing the 20th District. He discussed a variety of topics and expressed his dismay over the federal tax cuts and their impact on social programs. Moe Auster also gave a legislative update. Dr. Gregory Threatte, Past President of the Onondaga County Medical Society, was installed as the new President of Albany County.

- **THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT FALL RETREAT:**

The leadership of the MSSNY Third and Fourth Districts will be gathering for the annual fall retreat on October 19th and 20th at the Saratoga Casino Hotel in Saratoga Springs. The event will feature a dinner on Friday evening and a half day program on Saturday. There will be a number of presentations and a discussion on possible topics for resolutions that will be presented at the Lake Placid retreat in January.

- **ALBANY TIMES UNION: HEALTHY FRENCH TEEN CROSSES GLOBE TO MEET ALBANY NURSES WHO SAVED HER LIFE:**

The Times Union published a story on the emotional reunion between Ella Koenig Belliard de Vaubicourt, her mother and the nurses at St. Peter's Hospital who cared for Ella following her premature birth in 2005. "The circle has closed. We've come back," Lyndsay said, tears welling and then spilling. She shared the thought that kept running through her head: "That she's here. I almost lost her. It's probably the hardest thing I've ever been through, and I almost died from a hemorrhage when I was 27. It's nothing compared to almost losing your child." The homecoming was emotional for others too. Ella didn't know it, but a nurse named Kelly Maceachron had grown especially attached to mother and daughter during their nine-week stay in Albany. "You know, we see those little babies and a lot of times we don't ever see them again," Maceachron said Wednesday. "So it's wonderful to be able to see her and hug her and know that she's well. That's just a wonderful, wonderful feeling."

- **DR. DENNIS MCKENNA APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF FACULTY PRACTICE:**

Dennis McKenna, M.D., who has served as Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President at Albany Med since 2008, has been appointed Albany Med Executive Vice President, President of the Faculty Practice, and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs effective September 1. The announcement was made today by Albany Med President and CEO James Barba. A practicing emergency physician at Albany Med and graduate of Albany Medical College, McKenna has instituted many improvements in patient care, clinical redesign and medical education during his tenure as Chief Medical Officer. Dr. McKenna is a retired Navy Captain who served our country for 20 years, including two tours of duty with the Marines in Iraq and one in Somalia.