

# **Medical Society of the State of New York**

## *Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch*

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**Thomas T. Lee, MD, Councilor**

**The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester.**

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch of MSSNY as reported by CMS:

### **Dutchess County Medical Society Activities (DCMS)**

- The Dutchess County Medical Society (DCMS) Board and members are invited to attend an evening out in March 2019 at the Culinary Institute of America sponsored by Morgan Stanley. Board members will be invited to attend a presentation on cybersecurity, presented by specialist, Prashanth Challa, the Executive Director in Wealth Management Technology Cybersecurity. He will be educating our members on tackling complex security issues including software, network analysis, managing external partner relationships, mobile and web security, and analytic software development for the detection of advanced persistent threats. The program will consist of a cocktail hour followed by an hour long presentation.
- In December, DCMS will be hosting an Annual Holiday Meeting. The evening will be sponsored by Northwestern Mutual and will consist of gift giving as well as a holiday toy drive. The event is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> and is tentatively set to be held at Le Chambord.
- An additional young physician's event is scheduled for later spring where members and non-members will be asked to bring a friend to explore the benefits of membership as well as enjoy an evening out with their colleagues.

### **Orange County Medical Society (OCMS)**

- Members of our Executive Board (Dr. Stamm, Dr. Zeszutek, and Dr. Del Savio) presented to the ORMC MEC (Orange Regional Medical Center, Medical Executive Committee) and SLCH's MEC (St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Medical Executive Committee) the benefits of institutional membership.
  - Eunice Skelly and Bonnie Litvack attended the 10/1 meeting at SLCH;
  - Eunice Skelly and Phil Schuh attended the 10/8 meeting at ORMC. Both hospital boards are reviewing and MSSNY has asked us to provide physician rosters for each institution.

### **Putnam County Medical Society (PCMS)**

- On Tuesday, September 2 PCMS held its annual membership meeting at Primavera Restaurant in Croton Falls. Dr. Thomas Lee, 9<sup>th</sup> District Councilor was in attendance to give updates on the MSSNY legislative agenda and to discuss district issues. Dr. William Zurhellen stepped down as President of PCMS at this meeting after serving for 13 years. Dr. Norma Kurtz will take the position of President temporarily until PCMS can find a new permanent President.
- PCMS members are invited to participate in all activities of the WCMS.

### **Rockland County Medical Society (RCMS)**

### **Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS)**

- On Saturday, September 8 WCMS Officers participated in the Volunteer New York 9/11 Serve and Remember event by creating a walkway of inspiration for the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle.
- On Thursday, September 26 WCMS held a small educational seminar entitled: Asset Protection for Physicians. This seminar was held on the campus of New York Medical College where speakers from Garfunkel Wild, Vital Planning Group, Inc., and Merritt Insurance Services, Inc. engaged 15 WMCS members in meaningful dialogue regarding what they can do to protect their current and future assets.
- On Sunday, September 30 WCMS along with PCMS held its biannual legislative breakfast at the Hilton Westchester in Rye. We were joined by 20 members and the following legislators & candidates:
  - Pete Harckham ó Senate District 40 Candidate
  - Assemblyman David Buchwald ó District 93
  - Assemblywoman Sandy Galef ó District 95
  - Senator Terry Murphy ó District 40
  - John Nuculovic ó Assembly District 93 Candidate
  - Assemblyman Kevin Byrne ó District 94
  - Joe Pinon ó Assembly District 90 Candidate (he was excellent ó not sure if youøve had a chance to talk to him, but everyone in the room was very impressed by his thoughts on many of the issues)
  - Senator Shelly Mayer ó District 37
  - Assemblyman Gary Pretlow ó District 89
  - Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti ó District 92
  - Senator Shelly Mayer ó District 37

The event was very successful and we were able to hear views from each candidate on the top priorities for MSSNY this election cycle such as legalized recreational marijuana, collective bargaining, single payor healthcare in NY, liability reform, etc. We hope to keep those elected engaged throughout the year by visiting their district offices to keep up with discussions on these topics.

- On October 4, 2018, the Westchester Academy of Medicine hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing and Fundraising event at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY. Forty people enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, followed by a dinner and raffles afterward, where an additional group of people joined us for dinner, along with special guest Thomas Madejski, MD, MSSNY President. Thomas Lee, MD was honored with the "Friend of the Academy" award for his dedication and service to the Westchester Academy of Medicine and the physicians of Westchester over many years.
- WCMS is planning our Annual Student wine tasting with the students at NYMC for sometime in November or December.
- On Friday, November 30, 2018 WCMS and WAM will hold our annual holiday cocktail party at the C.V. Rich Mansion in White Plains. All members, spouses and family are welcome to attend. We will also hold a raffle in support of our scholarship fund for the WESEF.