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**Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting**  
January 24, 2019 (Report last updated January 10, 2019)

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.

I attended the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> District Retreat held November 3, 2018 at the Beeches Inn and Conference Center in Rome, NY. A special thanks on behalf of our district go to Philip Schuh, CPA, MS, Executive Vice President, MSSNY, Moe Auster, Esq., Senior Vice President and Chief Legislative Counsel MSSNY, and Thomas Madejski, MD, President of MSSNY for attending and for their excellent presentations.

I attended the American Medical Association (AMA) Interim House of Delegates in National Harbor, MD from November 10-13, 2018. I attended the Medical Educational & Scientific Foundation (MESF) Leadership Seminar on December 1, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse, NY. Thank you very much to Thomas Donoghue, Executive Director MESF, for allowing me this fantastic opportunity.

Much of my time was spent working on an MSSNY institutional membership agreement with the medical staff at Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown, NY. The initial vote was in the affirmative. However, the vote was challenged, and motions for reconsideration were made at both the Medical Executive Committee of the hospital on December 4, 2018 and again at the quarterly medical staff meeting on December 11, 2018. Both motions for reconsideration were defeated.

2019 House of Delegates will be the final House of Delegates, after 25 years of service, for Kathleen E. Dyman, EVP Medical Societies, Counties of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego, Cayuga, and formerly St. Lawrence. In 2019, she will no longer travel at night to meetings. The Medical Society of St. Lawrence County, by mutual consent, is taking themselves back over as of January 1, 2019, appointing their own executive team. Ms. Dyman will fully retire the end of 2019. On behalf of our district, I would like to thank Ms. Dyman for her invaluable guidance and service to our district.

Submitted by: Onondaga County Medical Society, Patricia Corasaniti, Office Manager:

MATTERS OF NOTE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY (OCMS)

Executives Conference: OCMS staff person was in attendance.

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OCMS is in the process of re-establishing some of our committees again

- Bylaws /Long Range /Membership Committee
- Legislative / Advocacy Committee
- Young Physician Committee

November 8, 2018-Annual Dinner Meeting

**Guest Speaker**

Featuring Timothy Norbeck, CEO of the Physician's Foundation

MaryAnn Millar, MD, was inaugurated as the 191st President of the Onondaga County Medical Society.

2018 Medical Service Award Recipients:

**Santo Di Fino, MD**

*Distinguished Service Award  
The Society's Highest Award*

**Richard Semeran, MD**

*Physician Service to the Medical Society*

**David Lehmann, MD**

*Physician Service to the Community*

**Paul Kronenberg, MD**

*Commendable Service by Retired Physician to the Community*

**Joan Cincotta, Valerie Semeran, Regina Sheehan**

*Non-Physician Individual Service to Medical Care*

**Elizabeth Piotrowski, President, Upstate Student AMA**

*Jerry Hoffman Advocacy Award*

Along with other officers, Drs. Justin Fedor, Joseph Spinale, Michael Sheehan, Barry Rabin,

attendance was over 230. Local media was in attendance at this event.

January 7, 2019 – OCMS Vice President Dr. Justin Fedor interviewed by WCNY-TV (to be aired on January 17).

March 16, 2019 – Legislative Forum, OCMS meets with state and federal elected representatives to discuss issues that affect the practice of medicine and the health of our community.

May 9, 2019 - Ask the Carriers Conference (all day conference) will take place at Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York. This is targeted for physicians, and their office staff. Attendance ranges from 80-100 with over 25 exhibitors.

Retiree Luncheons – we have this twice a year. June 17 is first one in which the 50-year certificates are handed out to recipients. The second luncheon is Oct. 7. Both are at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. This gives the retired physicians a chance to hear what is new with OCMS and catch up with other retired colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Huang, MD, Jefferson County, 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilor