

**MSSNY Council Report**  
**Parag H. Mehta, MD, Councilor**  
**Kings and Richmond Counties**  
**January 24, 2019**

**Medical Society of the County of Kings**

- Discussions continue to take place to hold a CME program for some of our hospitals on Physician Burnout.
- **Doctors' Recognition Day** will take place on **Wednesday, March 26, 2019** at the Rex Manor in Bay Ridge Brooklyn. We will be joined once again by the Richmond County Medical Society to honor Staten Island physician members as well. This year we are also approaching other organizations in addition to hospitals such as healthcare groups and specialty societies.
- We are happy to announce that MSCK has officially retained Norris McLaughlin, PA as our new legal counsel. David Voza, Esq. had been instrumental in proposing the benefits for the Medical Society and our members that are most needed.
- Our Annual Stated Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Sirico's in Dyker Heights Brooklyn. The event will inaugurate President-Elect, Pardha Valluru, MD.
- Our Delegation met to discuss details of the 2019 House of Delegates and begin working on this year's resolutions. Our next Meeting of the Delegate will take place on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to have our delegation of 21 seats filled and with a wait list, which shows our members are truly taking an interest in the issues facing healthcare.

**Richmond County Medical Society**

The **Richmond County Medical Society** is looking forward to a productive 2019. Our Society anticipates a continued productive and positive year of growth. 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 and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community. 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.

During the **Thanksgiving season**, we were honored to have students from Our Lady Good Counsel Grammar School form (6) baskets to which we donated to the families at Fort Wadsworth. The students needed community hours and we were proud to have our President's daughter Victoria, lead the students with this gesture of kindness.

**Richmond County Medical Society (cont.)**

Our **December Comitia meeting** took place was December 4, 2018 @ 6:30pm. It was held in the Fountain Room at The Hilton Garden Inn. Dr. Simon Kokkinakis led the meeting. Athenahealth and Henry Schein hosted this holiday meeting/dinner. Small edible gifts were given to all in attendance. We donated (4) Christmas Baskets to the Military families at Fort Wadsworth. A vote was taken at the meeting – Each year moving forward, RCMS will donate (6) Thanksgiving baskets and (4) Christmas Baskets to Fort Wadsworth. Dr. Deborah will oversee the gesture with Linda Sabatino .

**January Comitia Minora** was January 8, 2019. A productive meeting.

**The Medicare Seminar** - a continental breakfast for 45 managers, billers, & physicians. Mr. Bavoso was informative and articulate as always. 11/20/19 is booked for our next seminar. We look forward to working with Kings County on March 26, 2019 – **Doctors' Day Event**.  
**HOD** April 12, 2019 – April 14, 2019. We will make our hotel reservations.

**SAVE THE DATES – ( RCMS Events )**

- **May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019** / Hilton Garden Inn (Fountain Room ) – Annual Legislative Brunch
- **JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019** / LiGreci's The Staaten - Installation of the Executive Board 2019-2020.
- **OCTOBER 11, 2019** / Hilton Rooftop – Our 212<sup>TH</sup> PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER-MEETING.