

**MSSNY Council Report**  
**Adolph B. Meyer, M.D., Councilor**  
**Kings and Richmond Counties**  
**September 19, 2019**

**Medical Society of the County of Kings**

- On June 4<sup>th</sup>, MSCK partnered with One Brooklyn Health, which is comprised of Interfaith Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Hospital and Brookdale Hospital, and held a successful “**Practitioner Burnout**” CME program. The program was held at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn. MSCK past president, Dr. Steven Sherman did an excellent job spearheading the program. We had four excellent speakers to include Drs. Jeffrey Selzer, Donald Moore, Arthur Hengerer, and Jacquie Philips Spencer, MS, BSN, RN.

Final attendance was 71 people and the hospital’s leadership were very pleased. They have expressed interest in doing another program.

- On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Kings County along with Eunice Skelly and Phil Schuh presented on membership to the professional staff of The Brooklyn Hospital Center during their quarterly meeting. They are interested and further discussions are planned.
- Eunice and Phil joined MSCK leadership again on the following day to present to the staff at Woodhull Medical Center.
- Dr. Valluru is hoping to set up a meeting with the PAGNY Board during their November Board meeting. They will let him know when is a good time. He is also speaking with the leadership of Brookdale Hospital and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center to present at their quarterly medical staff meeting about institutional membership.
- Our **Annual Legislative Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Hunter’s Steakhouse from 11:00-2:00pm. This year we surveyed Kings County members by asking them to rate in order of importance 10 topics they feel are the most pressing issues affecting the health of patients, community and profession. We then included the top six results in the invitation to our elected officials so they can be prepared to address them.
  1. Provider Prevails - (insurers should not be able to deny a medication that provider feels are absolutely necessary for patient)
  2. Physician Reimbursement: pay parity with hospitals and large groups; single payer vs multi payer health insurance
  3. Tort Reform (med mal ins should not be a for profit vehicle for stockholders, criminalization of physicians, overhaul of system needed)
  5. Independent practicing physicians allowed to collectively negotiate with insurance companies
  6. Hospitals competing against private practice, limiting practice, dismissing physicians, privileges revoked, etc.
- Our **President’s Dinner**, honoring Immediate Past President, Dr. Lee Loewinger, will be held on Tuesday, **October 22** at Sirico’s Catering Hall. This year we will also honor Steven Kaner, MD, Past President of MSCK from 2002 – 2003, and who is currently the 2019-2021 President of the First District Branch.

**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.

**Our Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of the 213<sup>th</sup> President – Sangita Parab, MD & Officers 2019-2020** was held at Li Greci's The Staaten on June 20, 2019. We have a new Treasurer. Dr. Melissa Grageda accepted the nomination at our last Comitia Minora meeting on June 4, 2019 & was voted in on June 20, 2019. (Stated Meeting)

Our **September Comitia meeting** will be held during the second week on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ Taste of India Restaurant.

**NOTE: Future Comitia Minora Meetings** will now be held on the first Wednesday of each Month. The change was voted on by our executive board and Comitia chairpersons.

**Women in Medicine – September 20, 2019.** Cielo's Restaurant - 1435 Hylan Blvd. All "Female" Physicians are welcome. Our guest list has grown to over 50 as of last year. Our sponsor and speaker this year is Natera, Inc. A genetic testing company that operates CLIA-certified labs. We will also have our magnificent raffle table that we are known for.

**SAVE THE DATES – ( RCMS Events )**

- SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – First Comitia minora meeting / 213<sup>th</sup> President Dr. Parab
- SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 / CIELO – WOMEN IN MEDICINE SEMINAR
- OCTOBER 11, 2019 / Hilton Rooftop – Our 212<sup>TH</sup> PAST PRESIDENT'S DINNER MEETING
- NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 / Staaten – Our annual Thanksgiving Feast /Comitia lounge
- NOVEMBER 20, 2019 / RCMS annual Medicare seminar – The Staaten

*Respectively Submitted*