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Dear MSSNY Colleagues:

I am pleased to submit to Council this report on the activities of MSSNY's 4th District.

Dr. Bill Brender, President of Warren-Washington County Medical Society gave a lecture on October 28 at SUNY-Adirondack. The subject was air pollution in Warren County and its health effects. This is a growing concern in the North Country, and Dr. Brender is to be commended for airing out this subject.

On October 1, the Schenectady County Medical Society hosted a legislative update with Moe Auster as the featured speaker. Not to be outdone, The Saratoga County Medical Society had Mr. Auster give a legislative update on October 28, while a second speaker from SUNY-Adirondack gave an update on testing for tick-borne diseases. Moe gave a cogent description of the value of MSSNYPAC, while the second speaker convinced the attendees that, in evaluating patients with suspected tick-borne illness, "serology sucks!"

On October 12, Saratoga County Medical Society PAC member, Natalie Adler, M.D., and I attended a fundraiser for NY State Senator Daphne Jordan (R, C, IP, RFM) 43rd Senate District. Also featured at the fundraiser were Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R), 21st Congressional District, and several candidates for the NY State Supreme Court. The attendees were from various walks of life in the Saratoga-Capital District region, and the House of Medicine made its presence known.

On October 17, I attended a fundraiser for James Tedisco (R, C, I, REF) 49th Senate District. I accompanied a delegation from the NY State Ophthalmological Society. Such collaboration reminds lawmakers that the House of Medicine is united.

The 4th & 3rd District Retreat at the Mirror Lake Inn in Lake Placid is an event that should not be missed by anyone that is interested in leading MSSNY. The list of past attendees reads like "Who's Who in Organized Medicine". It will be held on the weekend of January 24. For more information, please contact Speaker Bill Latreille, godfather of the retreat.

Best personal regards,

Gregory L. Pinto, M.D.