

**MSSNY Council Report**  
**Adolph B. Meyer, M.D., Councilor**  
**Kings and Richmond Counties**  
**November 7, 2019**

**Medical Society of the County of Kings**

- Our **Annual Legislative Brunch** took place on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** in Brooklyn. About 40 people attended plus six legislators to include Senator Andrew Gounardes and Brendon Patterson, Chief of Staff for Senator Diane Savino as well as Assembly candidate plus Assembly Members Peter Abbate, Rodneyse Bichotte, Richard Gottfried, Walter Mosley.

Physicians engaged the legislators discussing a variety of topics including single payer healthcare and medical marijuana. The discussions were lively, sometimes emotional but remain quite civil. Each legislator had the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and comment on their legislative priorities. A slideshow outlining the county and state medical societies' legislative program was prepared for the event and continuously looped for the members and legislators to peruse. Members commented on how pleased they were to have the opportunity to connect directly with their legislators in this most congenial and collegiate setting.

- Our **President's Dinner**, honoring Immediate Past President, Dr. Lee Loewinger and Dr. Steven Kaner, current President of the First District Branch, took place **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. It was a fun evening with members of our leadership presenting proclamations and citations, one at a time to the honorees, but not before taking the opportunity to say a few words about each of them. Assembly Members Rodneyse Bichotte and Felix Ortiz also joined us for dinner and presented their own proclamations, adding a special touch to the evening.

We appreciate and applaud Dr. Arthur Fougner and his lovely wife Nellie, for traveling in inclement weather and traffic to make both events even more special.

- The Kings County leadership has been very active since September attending legislative functions:
  - **Sept. 7:** Drs. Donald Moore, Monica Sweeney and Lisa Eng attended Assemblyman Walter Mosley's Community Block Party
  - **Sept. 25 and 26:** Dr. Moore also attending Assembly Members Walter Mosley and Speaker Carl Heastie's Birthday celebrations last month.
  - **Oct. 15 and 30:** President, Dr. Pardha Valluru attended the Democratic Senate Autumn Reception as well as the Republican Campaign Committee's NYC Fall Fest.
  - **Oct. 20:** I, along with Dr. Parag Mehta, attended the Bronx County Medical Society's Annual Gala where I had the chance to speak with Senator Gustavo Rivera.
  - **Oct. 24:** I, (Dr. Meyer), had the opportunity to speak with Governor Cuomo's for a bit at his re-election campaign event. Drs. Monica Sweeney, MSSNY President-Elect, Bonnie Litvack and Inderpal Chhabra also attended.
  - **Nov. 2:** Dr. Moore will attend Assembly Member Nick Perry's Annual Award Ceremony and Dinner Dance
  - **Nov. 12:** Dr. Larry Melniker will attend a Labor Community Breakfast to support State Senator Andrew Gounardes.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Kings and Richmond County's Annual Doctors Recognition Day will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 beginning at 6:00pm. Location is not yet confirmed.

**Richmond County Medical Society**

**Women in Medicine Event** was held at Cielo's Restaurant September 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 60 guests and Cindy Guan from Natera (our sponsor and guest speaker), were excellent.

**Our Annual Past President's Dinner/Dance on October 11<sup>th</sup>** was a huge success. It was attended by more than 100 guests. The sponsorship was tremendous and a fabulous time was had by all.

**Comitia Minora Meetings** are being held on the first Wednesday of each month. It was voted on by our executive board and Comitia chairpersons. There has been discussion of switching the meetings back to Tuesday nights. More information to follow.

**SAVE THE DATES – (RCMS Events)**

- NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 / Staaten – Our annual Thanksgiving Feast /Comitia - Hilton
- NOVEMBER 20, 2019 / RCMS Annual Medicare seminar – The Staaten