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MSSNY Council Meeting Report November 7th, 2019

Councilor's Highlights

- ✓ Dr. Saulius Skeivys attended the reception for NYS Senator Michael Gianaris, the Deputy Majority Leader on October 21, 2019, at The Ditty in Astoria, NY. He was introduced and lauded by his replacement Assemblymember Ms. Aravella Simotas. The meeting was attended by lobbyists, union and business leaders. This visit was one of the initiatives of the MSSNY Political & Grassroots Actions. Dr. Skeivys, as well as other society key officers, will be attending other important events such as this.

The staff contact for Senator Gianaris and for Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (President of the Senate) is Loren Amor Email amor@nysenate.gov 212-298-5571, cell 518-461-1463. Office - 250 Broadway, Suite 1930, NY NY 10007

Councilor's Upcoming Events

- ✓ Fideliscare – Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 Meeting about approval of policy changes.
- ✓ Dept. of Health Physician Advisory Committee – Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019

Society President's Highlights

- ✓ The 1st Society "Meet-N-Greet" was held on October 27th, 2019 at the Good Fortune Restaurant in Flushing, where the President Dr. Leung welcomed current members and non-members physicians for a new Dim Sum experience. Dr. Leung will be hosting several of these events throughout Queens County to experience its diversified cuisine, but most importantly to talk about the importance of the medical societies.
- ✓ The 19th Annual Women's Conference on Women's Health was held on Oct. 27th, 2019 at the Elmont Public Library. Dr. Louis J. Auguste, BOT Secretary, was the moderator where a panel of experts joined to focus on health benefits and other related issues.
- ✓ On Sep. 25th, 2019 Main Street Radiology (MSR) hosted a Meet and Greet event at Russo's on the Bay to mainly featuring all the different office locations and high-quality radiology and medical imaging services offered by MSR. The event was attended by Dr. L. Leung, President, Dr. S. Skeivys, MSSNY Councilor, and Dr. S. Malhotra, Trustee where they were able to interact with the presenters as well as other county physicians.
- ✓ The Healthcare Leaders of New York held their 2019 Annual Frank Camerano Memorial Lecture and Dinner on Oct. 3rd, 2019 at St. John's University in Queens. Dr. Leung, President met with other healthcare leaders in NYC and heard a panel of speakers discuss the skills needed to succeed in healthcare management.

- ✓ The American Chinese Association of Physicians held on Oct. 5th, 2019 its 24th ACAP Annual Convention & Gala at The Sheraton LaGuardia in Flushing. The event was attended by Dr. L. Leung, President and Dr. A. Small, Immediate Past President where they met other society members, provider's administrators such as Wellcare and Healthfirst to name a few. The event was also attended by Congresswoman Grace Meng.

Society Announcements

✚ 11.02.2019 @ 7:30 am-12:30 pm

Symposium on Women's Health CME Program

Sponsored by MSSNY and the Academy of Medicine of Queens County. The event will be at NYC Health+Hospitla/Queens, Jamaica, NY. For registration copy & paste:

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✚ 12.10.2019 @ 7:00 pm

***To Err is Human*, Patient Safety Documentary**

An in-depth documentary about medical mistakes and those working behind the scenes to create a new age of patient safety. Members and non-members welcomed

RSVP: 718-268-7300 by 12/06/2019

Respectfully Summited by

Councilor, Saulius J. Skeivys, MD, FAAFP, and

Evangeline Rosado-Tripp, ED, 10/22/2019

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE SYMPOSIUM PROMOTED BY
THE
"SOMOS COMMUNITY CARE" ORGANIZATION**

*Paul VI Audience Hall
Friday, 20 September 2019*

[Multimedia]

Dear brothers and sisters:

I welcome all of you who are participating in the Symposium on the theme: "The Immigrant Family and its healthcare needs" organized by Somos Community Care. It is a theme that is dear to my heart and which challenges our conscience.

For several years now, in New York City, you have dedicated yourselves to the assistance and healthcare of those who live on the margins of society, in situations of poverty and hunger. In this way you spread the culture of encounter, "where no one is discarded or pigeonholed, but all are sought out, because all are needed to reveal the Lord's face" (Homily, Bucarest, 31 May 2019). Your organization is distinguished by the relationship of empathy and trust that it succeeds in establishing with the sick and their families, sharing their lives and becoming closer to their culture and language, in order to foster human relations.

The personal engagement you have with those you care for is praiseworthy. It is an attitude that must be encouraged in a society that tends to develop within itself an "extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality [produces] a 'globalization of indifference'. In this scenario ... anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion" (Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2019). Your daily commitment is aimed at contrasting that throwaway culture that dominates many social settings. In doing so, you are the protagonists of an overall care of the person, making available with generosity and altruism a holistic service of doctors and social-sanitary agents, who offer the benefits of preventive medicine, therapies and rehabilitation. This solidarity with the sick is a real treasure, and is a distinctive sign of a care and authentic health assistance that place the person and their needs at the centre.

Today, healthcare is recognized as a universal human right and as an essential dimension of integral human development. However, at global level, it still

remains a right guaranteed to the few and unavailable to many. And it should also be noted that often, where assistance to the sick is guaranteed, it is dominated by technicality which ends up prevailing over the person, distorting the ultimate meaning of care itself. But this – we must not forget – is “the expression of a profoundly human commitment, assumed and carried out not only as a technical activity, but out of devotion and love for neighbour” (*New Charter for Health Care Workers*, 2016, 4).

Even though not all medical interventions lead to physical healing, healthcare offered with a human heart will always have the capacity to do good to life, in body and spirit. Therefore, the commitment of every healthcare worker to the sick finds its fullest expression, and is also most effective, when it is animated by love. And, through daily gestures, this style makes the culture of care flourish as an essential element of the common good.

Dear brothers and sisters, I exhort you to continue with your important mission at the service of human frailty, and I entrust you to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted. I assure you of my prayer and blessing, and please do not forget to pray also for me.

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