New York County Medical Society

- The Society thanks MSSNY President–Elect Bonnie Litvack for joining us at the Society’s Legislative Breakfast cosponsored with the New York City Psychiatric Society and the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry on January 26. The event attracted a number of legislators and over 70 physicians. One of the highlights worth extra mention was Assemblyman Richard Gottfried’s remarks about the contributions of New York County and MSSNY to the discussion surrounding the New York Health Act. Mr. Gottfried said about his single payer bill that:

  “I’ve said tell us if there are things that need to be changed, not necessarily things that would bring you to support it, but if there are things that we are doing wrong or things we could do better, please let us know. . . one constituency has responded to that invitation with a handful of actually very good ideas that either have already been included in the bill or are being included and that is the New York County Medical Society and the State Medical Society. And I just want to thank you for that because we want the bill to be as good as it can be. . . We really need to hear from people working in the trenches to give us guidance as to what we are doing.”

- The Society is spending March 4 celebrating Physician Advocacy Day in Albany. A bus of New York City doctors in white coats will be meeting with legislators and networking with fellow members around the State.

- The Society was glad to help support the MSS/RFS/YPS social event held in Manhattan prior to the Section meeting February 28/29.

- The Society will be holding the next in its series The Business Side of Medicine with a presentation on *Matrimonial Assets and Protection for Physicians*, on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

- The Society’s delegation is working on a selection of resolutions on physician discipline, transparency in health plans and hospitals, physician on–line ratings, and medical liability premiums. We look forward to debating these and other issues with our fellow members next month at the HOD.

- The Society’s Annual Meeting will be a dinner meeting held at the Princeton Club on June 17, 2020.

- The Society is following a great example from her sister society in Monroe County, and has begun a weekly news briefs email for its members. We appreciate our colleagues around the State for sharing what works.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County will be at the 2019 MSSNY HOD tackling important issues that will be on our scope of business, including physician wellness, better patient care for the Bronx community at large, talks of the legalization of Marijuana, as well as the Gottfried Single Payor Act on the table.
• Bronx County will be having our Nominating Committee on February 25th at F&J Pine Restaurant, where we will be providing a ballot to nominate the next potential member of executive leadership, following a presentation from Montefiore Chairman of Pulmonary Medicine discussing cutting edge technology that Montefiore is doing in the lung and pulmonary field. Dinner will also be provided by Montefiore Hospital.

• Bronx County Medical Society and President Doctor Realba Rodriguez have been very instrumental in reaching out to the Bronx Borough President’s Office of Ruben Diaz, Jr. and the Senior Director of Montefiore Health System, to play a bigger role in the #Not 62 Campaign. We are scheduled for a call in early March as an introduction to assisting with this plague of the Bronx, as the Bronx is and still the 62nd unhealthiest county for eight years in a row.

• Please save the date as The Bronx County Medical Society will be celebrating on May 14th our 17th Annual Doctor’s Recognition Day at Mercy College. The topic is “The Dangers and Health Risks of Vaping.” We will be joined by over 400 physicians in the Bronx as well as 250 medical and scientific attendees. A “Save the Date” flyer will be emailed shortly.