

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT
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Brian P. Murray, MD, Councilor

- **MSSNY THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT FALL RETREAT:**
We want to take this moment to extend our sincere gratitude for all the physicians and allied health professionals who have gone through great risk to treat patients during this pandemic. As a result of the pandemic the MSSNY Third and Fourth Districts were forced to cancel the annual fall retreat. It is our sincere hope that the crisis will pass in time for the annual Lake Placid retreat in January.
- **2020 MSSNY HOUSE OF DELEGATES:**
The MSSNY leadership and staff are to be commended for having assembled the virtual 2020 MSSNY House of Delegates. It has been a very difficult process but the importance of the event is evident.
- **MR. PHILLIP SCHUH, CPA:**
As is always the case when great people move on in their lives, the leaders and staff of the MSSNY Third and Fourth Districts pause and reflect on the many accomplishments that Mr. Phil Schuh has made during his tenure as the Executive-Vice President of MSSNY. It is difficult to see him leave although he is most deserving of a happy retirement. We hope that he will still remain involved in organized medicine in one capacity or another.
- **SPHPMA EXPANDS VIRTUAL HEALTH SERVICES:**
WTEN published a story on the expansion of Virtual Health services at St. Peter's Health Partners. The online service is open to both existing as well as new patients and uses secure telehealth technology to safely connect providers with patients using audio and video from the patient's own home. Connecting providers with patients during the COVID-19 outbreak has never been more important.
- **ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE WELCOMES CLASS OF 2024:**
Albany Medical College welcomes its Class of 2024 this week. Drawn from more than 11,000 applicants, the Class of 2024 comes from 23 states, including 54 students from New York. This year's class ranges in age from 21-36. Thirty-seven of the new students graduated from one of Albany Medical College's joint degree programs at Siena College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College. Four students comprise the first cohort of students through Albany Med's and the University at Albany's Early Assurance Pathway Program, which benefits students who are underrepresented in medicine, first generation college graduates, or economically disadvantaged.