

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

MAY – JUNE

- **THANK YOU DR. LITVACK/WELCOME DR. SELLERS:**
On behalf of the member physicians in the Third District Branch we wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Bonnie Litvack for her service as President of MSSNY. We are also quite honored and proud that a member of the Third District, Dr. Joseph Sellers, is the new President. We pledge our support and look forward to the many accomplishments Dr. Sellers will achieve.
- **ST. PETER’S GETS AWARD:**
The Women’s and Children’s Center at St. Peter’s Hospital, an affiliate of St. Peter’s Health Partners (SPHP), has been named a Blue Distinction Center (BDC) for Maternity Care by BlueShield of Northeastern New York, as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care Program. Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated providers that show expertise in delivering improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures developed with input from the medical community locally and nationally, as well as leading accreditation and quality organizations.
- **BENITA BECOMES HEART COACH:**
Benita Zahn, one of the longest-tenured news anchors in the Capital Region market, announced on air Tuesday that she is leaving her anchor job at WNYT News Channel 13 and intends to become a health coach. She will be working at Capital Cardiology Associates. Zahn, who earned a doctorate in professional studies/bioethics in 2014 from Albany Medical College/Alden March Bioethics Institute, was a 2019 New York Emmy Award winner, and has been recognized many times over the years with a variety of accolades. Among those, she received the 2015 Resourceful Woman Award from the Troy YWCA, the 2014 Arthur Kapner Spirit of the Chamber Award from the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber, and she was named one of the 100 Women of the Century by the chamber as well.
- **RECORD FUNDRAISING AT AMC:**
iHeartMedia Albany’s News Radio 810 & 103.1 WGY and 99.5 the River announced today that the 23rd annual Cares for Kids Radiothon raised over \$350,000 – a record amount – to benefit the children at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Med, the local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital. Every dollar raised supports programs and services at the children’s hospital, the only one in the region. “We are grateful for the overwhelming generosity shown by our community each year during the radiothon,” said Barbara E. Ostrov, M.D., chief of service of the Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital. “That support, along with the dedication of our sponsors and great media partners at iHeartMedia Albany, helps ensure that we can provide the best care possible for all of our young patients at the region’s only children’s hospital.”