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Dear MSSNY Colleagues:

I am pleased to submit to Council this report on the activities of MSSNY's 4th District.

As was the case at the time I presented my last report (and the report before that), COVID-19 has dampened the activities of the county medical societies in the Fourth District. With the arrival of the vaccine, we have slowly approached normalcy.

The mid-winter retreat for the 4th and 3rd Districts in Lake Placid was moved to the early spring. The room rates were much better, and the camaraderie was just as excellent. We were not able to solve all of the problems facing the House of Medicine, but we are making progress! Kudos, again, goes to Dr. Bill Latreille both for originating the meeting and for continuing to improve it year after year.

The Saratoga County Medical Society held its Annual Malpractice Update on June 29, 2021. Scholarship awards were given to three high school seniors that had just graduated from Saratoga county high schools and were planning to pursue further studies in health-related fields. Honored guests included John Lombardo, President of MLMIC, and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner.

August fundraising activities in Saratoga are back. MSSNYPAC sponsored attendance at a fundraiser for the NYS Senate Democrats and at a separate fundraiser for Congressman Paul Tonko. Neither event, fortunately, has been identified as a super-spreader event.

Let's be careful out there.

Best personal regards,

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