

# **Medical Society of the State of New York**

## ***Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch***

**June 18, 2015**

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**The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess; Orange; Putnam; Rockland and Westchester.**

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9<sup>th</sup> District Branch of MSSNY as reported by County:

### **Dutchess County Medical Society Activities (DCMS)**

- The Dutchess County Medical Society (DCMS) will be its annual meeting at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, NY on June 18, 2015. A student scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student interested in becoming a physician and staying in Dutchess County. Assemblyman Lalor and Senator Serino have been invited and are scheduled to attend.
- DCMS hosted a vendor sponsored dinner CME program entitled "Physician Leadership: What They Didn't Teach You in Med School." Our community of physicians was eager to have a program that could help them to navigate the changing times that physicians are facing. The Speaker, Rick Popovic was received with the greatest expectations, and according to the reviews, he delivered with glowing success. When asked how the programs will help the physician change the way they practice, responses varied from "better communication" and "improving better nonverbal cues" to "being more constructive in feedback." Some physicians were excited to learn how to build a good team, and others mentioned that the program reminded them how important it was to be humble. The audience was deeply engaged, taking notes, and some even taking pictures to keep the slideshow virtual accessible. The program was extremely productive and has enhanced the wellbeing of our attendees.
- DMCS is building its membership by following a grassroots letter writing campaign. Non-members who have never considered membership will receive a handwritten letter of introduction and a personal invitation to a dinner at a restaurant in their town. Staff and officers will follow-up with a phone call. Plus new members will receive a shout out on our Facebook page, and Twitter.

### **Orange County Medical Society (OCMS)**

Nothing to report

### **Putnam County Medical Society (PCMS)**

- PCMS members are invited to participate in all activities of the WCMS. The president of PCMS, William Zurhellen, MD, is a regular attendee at WCMS Executive Committee and Board meetings.

### **Rockland County Medical Society (RCMS)**

Nothing to report

### **Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS)**

- WCMS Leadership met with Medical Staff of Phelps Memorial Hospital to discuss Institutional Membership and the value of such. The WCMS is exploring Institutional Membership with other hospitals and medical groups around the county.
- The WCMS and Westchester Academy of Medicine will hold its Annual Meeting on June 19, 2015, at Crabtree's KittleHouse in Chappaqua, NY. Thomas J. Lester, MD, an oncologist from Mount Kisco, will assume the Presidency of the WCMS on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thomas T. Lee, MD, will continue in office as President of the Academy. The slate of officers has been published in accordance with WCMS Bylaws.
- Upcoming Events in Westchester County include the Annual Membership & Families Pool Party on August 8, 2015, which will be held at the home of Drs. Robert & Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, and the Westchester Academy of Medicine Annual Golf Outing & Fundraiser, to be held on October 8, 2015, at Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY.