



7th District Branch Report September 2022

MCMS is actively working on:

- I. **200th Anniversary Gala:** the MCMS is celebrating its 201st Anniversary on **Friday, September 16, 2022** at The Locust Hill Country Club. We are honored that Dr. Parag Mehta, Dr. Joseph Sellers and Mr. Troy Oeschner will be attending in person to help us celebrate this milestone.
- II. **Advocacy: Health Care Worker Bonus (HWB) Program** – PRIORITY AREA!

In response to the disappointment and frustration of the exclusion of private practice primary, pediatric and specialty care physicians in the HWB Program, the MCMS has:
 - gained legislative support to advocate for its physician membership; both Senators Samra Brouk and Jeremy Cooney have partnered with the MCMS CEO to write letters of support to the NYS Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Mary Bassett, opposing the exclusion of private practices;
 - **held three (3) “Health Care Worker Bonus” program webinars (August/September 2022) in which over 300 MCMS members participated!** MCMS secured speakers from The Bonadio Group as well as Underberg & Kessler (legal counsel), **MSSNY (thank you Moe Auster!)** and the Senators themselves.
 - Big Wins were seen as a result of the MCMS working with Senators and MSSNY to drive change. MCMS continues to fervently work in this space to seek clarification on other criteria and **Lucia Castillejo, CEO, MCMS wishes to thank Mr. Moe Auster for attending, and participating in, all three MCMS HWB webinars!**
- III. **Medical Scholarship Fund:** the Medical Scholarship Fund of the Monroe County Medical Society has recently awarded over \$115,000 in medical scholarship this year to three (3) deserving medical students. Congratulations are in order to all award recipients!
- IV. **Membership:** led by Dr. Hemant Kalia, President-Elect, MCMS Board of Directors, the Committee is focusing on the implementation of the 2022 MCMS Strategic Membership Growth Plan. MCMS will continue to work with the MSSNY Membership Team to identify effective strategies to physician member retention and recruitment in 2022 and beyond.
- V. **Physician Wellness Committee:** led by Dr. Michael Privitera, Co-Chair, MCMS and Dr. Kerry Graff, Rochester Regional Health (RRH), the Physician Wellness Committee seeks to support physicians and help promote wellness, address systemic issues affecting practitioners’ sense of wellness, and reduce the risk of physician burnout. The Committee seeks to work collaboratively with healthcare systems, payors, and other people or organizations in order to identify stressors, provide access to resources, and promote advocacy efforts to contribute to overall physician wellness.
- VI. **MCMS** continues to provide educational programs to its constituents on a monthly basis.