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GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

I am thrilled to pay homage to the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance. The GCMS Alliance is known nationally for its intense activities, its focus, and the fact that it delivers, always, on behalf of medical families, the medical community, and the community at-large. Stated simply, the Alliance is made up of people who are spouses of physicians.

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Laura A. Carravallab, MD

Alliance members often are half a step away from direct delivery of health care, but close enough to it to see what's really going on. They know what their spouses are dealing with from an emotional, community health, and business standpoint.

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year's accomplishments projected under the presidency of Oya Agabigum, are great enhancements to this community, and great enhancements to this Medical Society. We thank you, Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, for all you do, and for all you will do.

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-Saying (Arab)*

Each year, the July issue of *The Bulletin* is turned over to the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance. This is an opportunity for the Alliance to promote their activities and encourage new memberships. The Alliance is an integral partner in advancing the goals of organized medicine at the local, state, and national levels.

This past year was marked by focused political action, dedicated charitable activities, and fun social and educational programs. Congratulations to Rosa Wang, the Alliance Board of Directors,



Daniel Ryan, MD

and the general membership for a great year and a job well done. Welcome to Oya Agabigum as she takes over the responsibilities as incoming president. She will surely carry on the important work of the organization.

Check the Alliance website for upcoming programs and activities. Encourage your spouse to become a member if they are not already. The more members that participate, the more effective the organization is. After all, membership has its privileges.

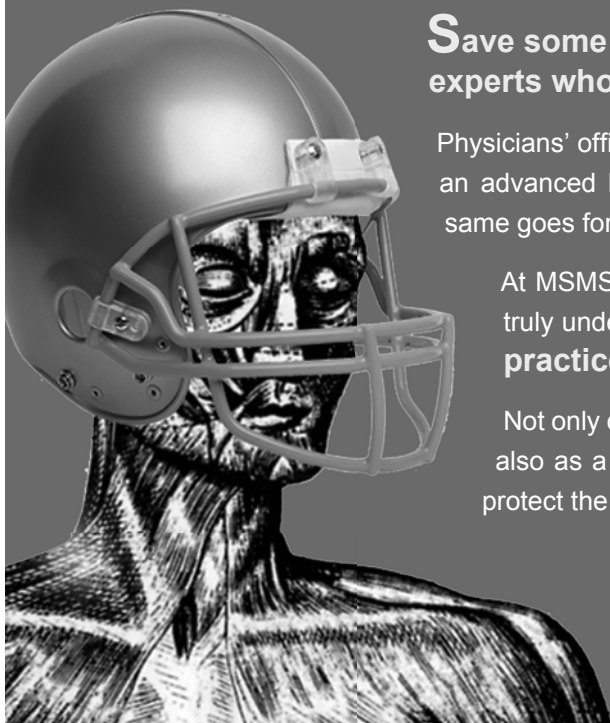
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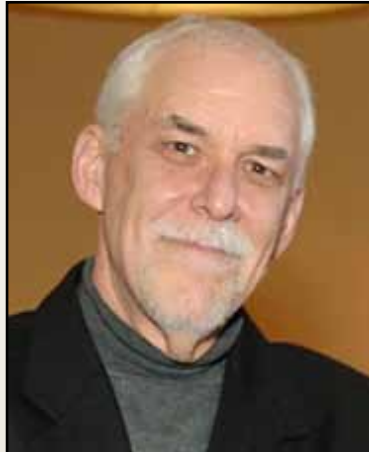
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SALUTE TO OUR ALLIANCE

One of the most amazing things we do every July, is to look at what the GCMS Alliance does for this community. They are all volunteers, who work together, using foresight, compassion, grit, and determination. This is an organization of physician spouses (and physicians) which every year produces great things. They not only perform great humanitarian deeds, but also productive political and charitable activities. They support the GCMS Community Health initiatives, the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, and they plan our ball. They support MSMS activities, and MSMSA activities. Every year, they are the elite Alliance in this state, as we are the elite Medical Society. They do it through organization, selflessness, and commitment, just as GCMS does. It is difficult to come up with superlatives annually for them.

Every one of their presidents brings a specific



Peter Levine, MPH

set of skills to the job, and because the organization is entirely voluntary, those specific skills play a huge role in the success of the Alliance. We all owe Rosa Wang a debt of thanks for her year of service. She had a great board, great officers, and great committees. Oya Agabigum's year of presidency started in May. She has hit the ground running and does so with poise and grace which is fun to experience.

If your spouse is not a member, the \$20 dues for the GCMS Alliance is worth every penny and more. They do a great job representing the medical community brilliantly, and reflect well on each of us.

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MSMS UPDATE

It is an honor to have been elected to the Michigan State Medical Society Board representing Genesee and Shiawassee Counties as the Junior District Director. Dr. Bobby Mukkamala is the Senior District Director, and will be a superb mentor. I am stepping into the slot vacated by Dr. Venkat Rao. His tenure was first rate, and the respect of the other board members is reflected by his election as Treasurer of the Board.

My first Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors Meeting was relatively brief, but I would like to take a moment to list off several of the things that MSMS is working on, and which GCMS is supporting. MSMS has aggressively supported legislation that would require the use of universal prior authorization forms. This is as a result of a resolution originally produced by Genesee County. MSMS is questioning Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan about its impending tool which will allow patients to anonymously rate and post comments about physicians. Of particular concern is the fact that the rating system sponsored by a major insurer such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, could imply either endorsement or disapproval of a physician by an insurer.

MSMS is working assertively with the AMA, and of course GCMS is supporting, to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board at the federal level. This has resulted in the SGR mess that we are all familiar with, and are constantly battling.

MSMS has intensely supported tort reform legislation that would help



John Waters, MD
District VI Director

assure access for patients to physicians in this region where it is so difficult to recruit, as our physician population ages. Trial attorneys are pulling out the big guns to shape the debate and to destroy Senate Bills 1115-1118 and House Bills 5669-5672. Trial attorneys are opposing this legislation for obvious reasons, it will make it more difficult to sue, but it will also protect patients by helping alleviate the shortage of 4,500 physicians projected for Michigan by the year 2020. Most importantly, this legislation would hold physicians to the same standards as trial attorneys.

I can assure you that MSMS is working diligently on your behalf as is GCMS. I would encourage you to have your friends who are not members join, and to participate. Thank you for your trust.

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Legislative Liaison



In June the Legislative Liaison Committee met with Senator John Gleason, and Representatives Jim Ananich and Joseph Graves to discuss tort reform legislation, the state budget, elections, and legislation regarding the influenza vaccine.

The committee strongly supported the Michigan State Medical Society package of tort reform bills (S.B. 1115-1118). These bills would make it more likely to be able to attract physicians to Michigan, to help assure access to patients in the future.

Senate bill 950 which relates to the Department of Community Health budget will be part of the omnibus budget legislation. In this bill legislative Medicaid primary care reimbursement will increase to Medicare rates for specific services. Graduate medical education will be cut by \$8.5 million instead of \$17 million as originally proposed. There is a possibility that the other 8.5 million will be restored as well. The Healthy Michigan Fund will get a small boost. Autism will become a covered benefit under Medicaid. It is expected that the budget will be settled within 24 hours.

It was noted that Representative Jim Ananich has a bipartisan bill in place to create incentives for primary care physicians who are retained in Michigan.

It was also reported that house bill 5605 would prohibit hospitals from vaccinating employees on a mandatory basis for influenza.

Representative Dale Kildee will be asked to do his final federal update during the summer.



Genesee County Medical Society Alliance President's Report

*Rosa Wang, 2011-2012 President
Genesee County Medical Society Alliance*



I cannot believe how fast the time flew. It is already time to look back and see if my presidency has made an impact on the Alliance. I cannot thank my board members enough for working so hard and coordinating so many areas. They really helped to make this year a breeze. Together, we have accomplished a lot, and I am proud to share these accomplishments with you now.

I am pleased to announce that we have increased our membership to 171 members, thanks to the hard work of Lakshmi Tummala, and many of the GCMS board members who supported us by signing up their spouses.

Health Promotion Chair, Mary Lou Mathias, has accomplished a lot this year. 60 students have registered for the Health Career Youth Volunteer program at Hurley Medical Center. GCMSA will partner with the Hurley Regional Medical Center to prepare for Health Career Day for students in Genesee County in April. Two thousand "I Can Be Healthy" activity books were packaged and delivered to elementary schools in Genesee County under the SAVE Program (Stop America's Violence Everywhere). The Alliance also donated almost \$300 for a student essay contest on peace for Peace Day, chaired by Sue Kirby, on Oct. 2, 2011. Thanks to the \$1,000 donation from GCMS, we are able to resume not only the "Reach Out and Read" program, which supplies books to underprivileged children who have never owned a book of their own, but also to make a \$500 donation to the Whaley Children's Center for the abused children. In addition, GCMSA members, organized by Sara Duda, are in the process of painting a colorful floral motif mural in one of their residence halls.

The 17th Annual Healing Hands 5K Walk/Run Race, chaired by Jeanette Rivera, will be held on May 19, at 9:00am to raise funds for the

Genesee County Free Medical Clinic. This event raised over \$100,000 last year for the Free Clinic. We hope we can surpass this number this year. Please join us for this important cause.

Under the chairmanship of Kee Kang, GCMSA has raised \$750 for the AMA Foundation, which provides financial assistance to deserving medical students and residents through scholarships and grants.

Our Program Coordinator Cheryl Thoms has been coordinating with various program chairs each month, and together they have presented many successful events, including the International Luncheon in September, The Art of Food Presentation in November, An Evening with Maestro Enrique Diemecke in January, and High Tea at the Cork in March. We are looking forward to a Wine Tasting at Dr. and Mrs. Ryan's Lake House in April, and our final Annual Geranium Luncheon in May.

In addition to our monthly programs, the Annual Presidents' Ball in November, chaired by Mona Sahouri, was a huge success and raised an impressive amount of funds for GCMS. In February, Marianne Almeida organized many Alliance



members to make blankets for children in Women's Shelters. The Investment Club chaired by Barb Pougnet has met many times during the year and is going strong. The Focus Newsletter editors Barb Adams and Marianne Almeida, through their creativity and talent, managed to publish three Alliance Focus Newsletters with our limited budget.

Our Annual Geranium Luncheon will be held at the elegant Warwick Hills Country Club on May 22, 2012. I will complete my presidency while Oya Agabigum will be installed as the new president. This will be a special luncheon to honor past presidents, and to honor GCMMSA members who have been part of our organization for over 50 years and will each be presented with a red rose. It will also be a time for reflection to remember those who passed away during the year.

Without the time and effort of all of my board members, many of whom I have not mentioned in this article, the Alliance would not have been able to accomplish so much in one year. With an abundance of joy and gratefulness, this concludes my year-end report for the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance.

GCMMSA Whaley's Children's Center Project

During the early spring GCMMSA started a Mural Project for the Whaley's Children's Center under the direction of Ms. Sara Duda and 2011-2012 GCMMSA President Ms. Rosa Wang. The purpose of this project was to make the interior of the Children's Residence more appealing and home-like by presenting them a mural painted by the GCMMSA members as well as a small monetary contribution towards the Center's needs.

With the contribution of countless hours from many of our board members, Ms. Rosa Wang, Sara Duda, Vibha Kaushal, Cheryl Thoms, Dianne Thompson, Diane Morris, Marianne Almeida, Barbara Adams, Rula Ali-Bakr, Vijayal Sayal, Oya Agabigum, Lakshmi Tummala, Amita Desai, and Kee Ja Kang, the project was successfully completed.

The most rewarding part of the project was seeing the happy expressions on the children's faces and hearing their appreciative comments as our members painted the mural on one of the bare walls of the Center.

Next year we hope to continue this project and paint another mural by the lunch area to bring more color and hope.

Whaley Children's Center serves abused and neglected children throughout the State of Michigan between the ages of 5 and 17. Most of the children are permanent wards of the court and will never return to the custody of their biological parents. Many children who reside there have been placed several times in foster care and other institutions before coming to Whaley. Whaley is one of the only facilities in the state that house the younger child, those 5 to 10 (www.whaleychildren.org).

If you would like to donate or become a mentor to one of these children, please kindly contact the Whaley's Children Center: (810) 234-3603.



Installation Speech

OYA AGABIGUM GCMSA President 2012-2013



Dear friends and Alliance members, before I welcome you to our new year of the 2012- 2013 Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, I would like to invite you to give a wholehearted ovation to our wonderful immediate past president Ms. Rosa Wang and her Board members. They had such a successful and resourceful year.

I am honored to be your President. Thank you for placing your trust in me to represent you as the leader of this praiseworthy organization.

Genesee County Medical Society and its Alliance play a pivotal role in our community. Contrary to the common misconception of the physician spouses, sitting at home pretty, and enjoying the benefits of a privileged life, this vital association provides us with the great privilege of serving our community's needs! Especially during these tough economic times of the lasting decade-plus, the role of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance has expanded with sincere commitment and attention. After all, we not only have the important responsibilities in serving our community's essential needs, but also we have a huge

obligation to support the tireless efforts and dedication of our physician spouses, and providing the support and the commitment to our members.

At the start of my term, I would like to focus on a few important goals and objectives:

One of the goals I have, is to review our mandates with our Board and redefining our GCMS Alliance mission and vision statements. I believe, the changing times require us to revisit our mission and vision statements to address the ever-changing needs of our medical community and the needs of Genesee County's constituents.

On the legislative front, as the GCMSA, we will continue our efforts supporting the Michigan State Medical Society and GCMS:

To fight the childhood obesity, to strengthen Michigan's tort laws, to remove the red tape that delays prior authorization of life saving prescription drugs, to protect Medicaid funding, and for many other crucial issues. We must continue our efforts to support MSMS and position ourselves on a unified front. Our unity is more important than it ever was! Our organization continuously needs to provide awareness to our members and relay information on the legislative front. We all lead busy lives, and sometimes the imperative issues go unnoticed. So strengthening our legislative front will be one of the objectives I would like to tackle with the help of our dedicated Board members.

Over many decades, the GCMSA has contributed countless hours of service. Via our health promotions programs and more recently established children's programs, we will continue our efforts to bring education, awareness, and help to our community.

This year, one of our objectives will be to give support to the Greater Flint Health Coalition and GCMS's efforts through their Commit to Fit program. Unfortunately, in 2012, Genesee County ranked 77th out of 82 counties as the result of unhealthy living choices. The good news is that since the Commit to Fit program's establishment these numbers are improved numbers from 2010. I strongly believe that it is our responsibility as the medical community to bring more awareness to this issue, alongside of GCMS and the Greater Flint Health Coalition.

Our new Commit to Fit Committee will also be learning along the way, as we create more awareness on this issue. Bad habits take a long time to correct. As we will help to distribute information to our community, and to schools, our achievements will increase resulting, long term, in a healthier community.

We will also plan to create awareness by visual expression with a Healthy Living Art Contest, if we can iron out some of the logistics.

So please, watch out for information on the Healthy Living Art Contest! If we can succeed on this vision I would love to see the talents and submissions from our very own medical community as a part of this exhibit!

Last, but not the least of my objectives will be giving back to our members. We have planned some enjoyable social events for you this year. Please take look at the programs list! We have a diverse selection of programs. I especially would like to bring your attention to a few of them, since they require some advance commitment from you.

The October 23rd program is about Goal Setting and Prioritizing your Time. My good friend and well-known motivational coach, John Tenza will graciously be favoring us with his presence. He is a remarkable speaker and he is also very funny. So please mark your calendars to attend!

Cars, Trees, and Traditions, on December 9th is an early Christmas event. It is a guided day trip to Walter P. Chrysler Museum and Olde World Canterbury Village via Mitchell Motor Coach. You and your family can enjoy the decorated vintage trees paired with Chrysler cars of the same era. You can also do some Christmas shopping at the Olde World Canterbury Village. Again, your early commitment is much appreciated and is necessary in order to reserve the bus!

No leader can attain her dreams, without the hard work and the support of her Board and committee members; so, ladies and gentleman here are this year's Board members. As we all stand here in front of you, we hope to have a great year and make you all proud to be a part of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance.

Thank you again!

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OYA S. AGABIGUM, PRESIDENT

Oya Agabigum was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey.

When she met her husband Mehmet Agabigum, she was studying Chemical Engineering at Istanbul Technical University. They married in 1978 and moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Mehmet was currently doing his Otolaryngology residency at Wayne State University.

The couple moved to Flint, MI in 1981 where Mehmet started his private practice. After studying engineering at Wayne State University, Oya decided to follow her passion in the fields of Art and Design. She attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she completed a BFA degree. She started her own business Art In Graphics where she worked as an Interior Consultant and Graphic Designer for many years.

Oya and Mehmet have three children (ages 26, 23, 20). Their deep involvement in music gave her the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of classical music from a closer perspective. Her passion for fine arts continues today, and Oya spends some of her time

working as a volunteer Docent at the Flint Institute of Arts. She enjoys sharing the beauty of arts with people of all ages.

Oya helps with the management of her husband's office and also works as a Realtor for RE/MAX Platinum. She has ABR and CDPE designations. Oya is currently attending the University of Michigan, Flint pursuing an MA in Arts Administration.



VIBHA KAUSHAL, SECRETARY

Vibha was born in India and moved to the United States with her family at the age of 8. She grew up primarily in Ann Arbor, Michigan and earned her Bachelor in Business

Administration (BBA) from Eastern Michigan University. After earning her CPA certification, she worked at the Office of the Auditor General in Lansing for 10 years. During her employment, she met and married her husband Sunil, who is a practicing gastroenterologist in Flint. After leaving her employment, Vibha focused on raising their three children (now ages 14, 18, and 22) and volunteering. She currently works part time in her husband's office. Her interests include gardening, cooking, and fitness.



AMITA DESAI, TREASURER

Amita was born and raised in India. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Medical Technology. After finishing her studies in university, she married Hemant, an anesthesiologist. They came to Detroit, Michigan where she worked at Detroit Medical Center.

Then they moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Hemant completed his residency at Temple University Hospital. Amita and Hemant then moved to Flint, Michigan where she devoted her time to raising her sons and volunteering in the community.

Amita served the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance as Treasurer during 2010-2012. She will be serving again as Treasurer in 2012-2013.

Amita enjoys reading, traveling, and painting. She takes an active interest in gardening and hiking.

Amita's favorite quote is, "Being happy is not a matter of destiny. It is a matter of option." – Dalai Lama.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS! Join Us For A Family Fun Event

*Cars, Trees & Traditions at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum
Sunday, December 9, 2012*



SARA DUDA, PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sara was raised in Akron. She is married to Dr. Andrew Duda III, and has four children, Zoey (10), Hayley (9), Andrew IV (2) and Anthony (newborn). She attended the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio where she majored in English and Social Work. She is currently Chair of the Children's Program for GCMSA. Sara has always been interested in photography, and recently has been able to pursue her passion by starting her own business, Belle Facce Photography. She is currently the head coach of the Powers Catholic Volleyball Program. She is a former college athlete and still competes in races and volleyball leagues. Most recently, she completed her first Half Marathon and is currently training to compete in more this fall.

Sara and Andrew both share a passion for teaching. He is an Attending Physician at McLaren Flint with the Family Medicine Residency Program.

Her goals for her year as President-Elect are to bring the focus of the GCMSA back to volunteering in the community as well as focusing more on children's programs.

Motor coach transportation takes you to this unique exhibition which features a look back to the early 1900s through the 1980s with 23 authentically decorated vintage trees, paired with Chrysler cars of the same era. Nostalgic ads and season photos of Detroit, time lines of beloved toys and popular gifts, and a collection of holiday greetings complete the exhibit. A box lunch will be served on site prior to taking the guided tour.

After the Museum a stop is made at Olde World Canterbury Village, a historical landmark, which spans 21 acres with 18 specialty shops. We give you time to explore on your own. A nice way to spend the day with family and friends! Cost: \$69 per person



Photo: (www.wpchryslermuseum.org)

ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

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2012 Annual Geranium Luncheon

By: Marianne Almeida

The 2012 Annual Geranium Luncheon for the GCMS Alliance members was held at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club on May 22nd. We had a wonderful turnout this year, featuring past-presidents, current members and honored guests. Rosa Wang, 2011-2012 President, warmly welcomed all in attendance, as we enjoyed a delicious lunch. A memorial was said by Mary McAlindon in remembrance of our Alliance members who passed this year. Dr. Laura Carravallah was able to take time out of her busy schedule to also attend the luncheon and offer words of encouragement. Pete Levine, Executive Director of GCMS and Becky Doty, Executive Secretary for GCMS were also able to attend the luncheon. Many of our past presidents were in attendance and were recognized for their outstanding support and dedication as well as current Alliance members who have tirelessly volunteered for many projects the Alliance has been involved in the past years. Sue Kirby received a Community Service Award from the MSMSA Foundation for her outstanding contributions to the community. It was then time to honor the tradition of installing our new President, Oya Agabigum and her Board, President-Elect Sara Duda, Secretary Vibha Kaushal, and Treasurer Amita Desai. I have no doubt that it will be another tremendous year for the Alliance.







2012-2013	Programs	Venue
Tuesday, September 25, 2012 11:00 a.m.	International Luncheon Program Chair: Lakshmi Tummala	Dr. Hemant Desai and Mrs. Amita Desai's Residence
Tuesday, October 23, 2012 11:00 a.m. Seminar 12:00 noon Lunch	"Goal Setting and Prioritizing Your Time" Seminar with the renowned Motivational Coach John Tenza Program Chair: Cynthia Zureikat	TBA
Saturday, November TBA, 2012 6:00 p.m.	President's Ball Program Co-Chairs: Anjali Misra JoyDawn Rowley-Hardman	TBA
Sunday, December 9, 2012 10:30 a.m. Mitchell Motorcoach \$64.00 or \$69.00 per person (depending on attendee count)	Cars, Trees, and Traditions Take a guided tour of the special exhibit at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum (Boxed lunch) Program Chair: TBA	Bus Meeting Place: TBA Walter P. Chrysler Museum/ Olde World Canterbury Village
January TBA, 2013	Alliance Social: Happy Hour <i>Even if you don't drink come and socialize with the members!</i> Program Chair: Sue Lauber	TBA
Saturday, March TBA, 2013 5:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest in March Program Chair: Velynda Makhene	Zehnder's of Frankenmuth 730 S. Main St. Frankenmuth, MI 48734
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 1:30 p.m. 2 nd Discussion: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (if one likes to continue)	Book Discussion: <u>Lydia Cassatt</u> <u>Reading the Morning Paper</u> by <u>Harriet Scott Chessman</u> (Lunch on your own) Program Chair: Susan Henke	Flint Institute of Arts, Isabel Hall FIA Café 1120 E. Kearsley Street Flint, MI 48503
Friday, April TBA, 2013 –or– Friday, May TBA, 2012 5:30 p.m.	Healthy Living Art Contest Gallery Opening/Art Walk Program Chair: Oya Agabigum	University of Michigan-Flint UCEN Art Gallery 303 E. Kearsley Street Flint, MI 48502
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:30 a.m.	Geranium Luncheon Program Chair: Marianne Almeida	Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club 9057 S. Saginaw Grand Blanc, MI 48439

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Genesee County Medical Society Board Meeting

May 22, 2012 - MINUTES

*Shafi Ahmed, MD
Abd Alghanem, MD
Suresh Anné, MD
*Qazi Azher, MD
*Amitabha Banerjee, MD
Jagdish Bhagat, MD
*Cathy Blight, MD
*Laura Carravallah, MD
Edward Christy, MD
Pino Colone, MD
Niketa Dani, MD
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*Rima Jibaly, MD
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Samasandrapalya Kiran, MD
*Nita Kulkarni, MD
Paul Lazar, MD
Sreen Mannam, MD
AppaRao Mukkamala, MD
*S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD
Gerald Natzke, Jr., DO
*Venkat Rao, MD
Lawrence Reynolds, MD
*Brenda Rogers-Grays, MD
*Raymond Rudoni, MD
*Dan Ryan, MD
Jagdish Shah, MD
*Jawad Shah, MD
Robert Soderstrom, MD
Kenneth Steibel, MD

Peter Thoms, MD
Venu Vadlamudi, MD
*Tarik Wasfie, MD
*John Waters, MD
Medical Students
Nabil Abou-Baker
Justin Lockwood
Erin Lorencz
Angela Marchin
Rachel Paneth-Pollack
Amanda Winston

Guests & Staff:

*Oya Agabigum – GCMSA
*Jonathan Hartman – CC&G
*Peter Levine, Staff

**In attendance*

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Laura Carravallah, MD, President in the Rapport Conference Room.

Review of Minutes:

Motion: That the Board of Directors minutes of April 24, 2012 and the District Directors Briefing minutes of April 24, 2012 be approved as presented. The Motion Carried.

Alliance Report:

Dr. Carravallah introduced Oya Agabigum, whose GCMS Alliance presidency began earlier in the day. Mrs. Agabigum reported that the Healing Hands 5K Run on behalf of the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic had 245 attendees and raised over \$100,000.00. The Geranium Luncheon was well attended and the Alliance's plan for the coming year is in place and starting up immediately.

David Gordan, MD, Dean of U of M-Flint School of Health Professions:

Dr. Carravallah introduced Dr. David Gordan, Dean of U of M-Flint School of Health Professions, noting that he is present to seek input about expansion of a nurse practitioner program and establishment of a PA program by U of M-Flint. Following his presentation, a period of feedback was provided by individual Board members.

Reports:

Finance Committee Report:

Motion: That the Budget to Actual Report for the period ending April 30, 2012 be approved as presented. The Motion Carried.

Dr. Carravallah reported that Dr. John Waters has been asked to assume the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee. Dr. Anne has been the Chair for several years through the organization's toughest times, and has a lot on his plate right now. She thanked Dr. Anne for his leadership and wished Dr. Waters similar success.

Community & Environmental Health Committee Report:

Motion: That Genesee County Medical Society offer a Board Member who is on the Community & Environmental Health Committee to serve on the Committee on GISD's Committee on Genesee County Coordinated School Health Services Program chaired by Brian Nolan. The Motion Carried.

Directive: Staff was directed to contact the staff person at GISD who coordinates the above-referenced committee, to ask when the meetings are and to ask Board Members who serve on the Community & Environmental Health Committee to volunteer.

Motion: That the Greater Flint Health Coalition be asked to convene all interested parties on sexual health education in our community to determine whether outcomes can be improved. The Motion Carried.

Membership Committee Report:

Drs. Amitabha Banerjee and S. Bobby Mukkamala reviewed the dropped member list. Several of them were noted to have left the community.

Dr. Mukkamala reviewed the membership trend since 2004. He noted that total membership is actually up from 2004, and down from 2009, 2010, and 2011 for the period ending March 31. The membership is remarkably stable for paid members. There was a peak in 2009 and 2010 followed by a decrease of 5%.

President's Report:

Dr. Carravallah reported that the General Membership Meeting on the MSU College of Human Medicine plans for Genesee County was very successful.

New Business:

GHP Millage

Motion: That the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors take a position supporting the GHP millage on the November ballot. The Motion Carried.

Directive: Staff was directed to contact Linda Hamacher to let her know of the Board's decision. In addition, staff was directed to circulate via email the GHP support document when it is received from GHP.

Office Depot offered via GFCC

Motion: That GCMS enter into the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce Office Depot endorsed program. The Motion Carried.

Price of Dinner Business Meeting

Motion: That GCMS raise its prices for General Membership Meetings to \$35 for members and their guests, and \$25 for residents and medical students. The Motion Carried.

Consensus: The Board feels very strongly that it needs to work on attendance at these meetings.

Motion: That a subcommittee of the Board be created to discuss Dinner Business Meetings and to survey membership on same. The Motion Carried.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors will take place on June 26, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment:

No further business appearing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK

- § GCMS held a second session on “How to be a Great Biller” for practice managers and billers
- § GCMS planned a practice managers session on OSHA
- § GCMS participated in a push for further medical tort reform for the State of Michigan
- § GCMS continues to press with the Greater Flint Health Coalition for funding of the advanced care planning project
- § GCMS opposed scope of practice expansion bills, and supported graduate medical education and Medicaid funding in the State of Michigan budget
- § GCMS hosted several meetings of POs and practices
- § GCMS continued to liaise with multiple organizations including placing people on key Genesee Intermediate School District health related committees



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Month Day Year

Maiden Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

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EDUCATION (please complete or attach CV)

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PROFESSIONAL DATA

Present Type of Practice (check appropriately):

OFFICE BASED: Solo Hospital Based Teaching Research Government
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Specialty(ies) _____

Board Certifications (list specialties & dates) _____

Present Hospital Appointments (list dates) _____

Practice History _____

Previous Medical Society Membership (list dates) _____

Specialty Society Memberships _____

Within the last five years, have you been convicted of a felony crime?..... Yes No If YES, please provide full information.

Within the last five years, has your license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction been limited, suspended or revoked?..... Yes No If YES, please provide full information.

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I agree to support the GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY Constitution and Bylaws, the MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY Constitution and Bylaws, and the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association as applied by the AMA and the MSMS Judicial Commission.

Signature _____ Date _____

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JULY

Louise Desgranges	1	James Gibbons	8	James Vyskocil	21
Katikuti Dutt	1	Niketa Dani	9	Farhan Khan	22
John Hebert III	1	Bhadrabala Ganatra	9	Nabil Zaki	23
Gali Subbareddy	1	Fikria Hassan	9	Allen Turcke	24
Ivana Vettraino	1	Radwan Alkiek	10	Jae Chul Kim	25
Tarik Wasfie	1	Kathleen Justice-Kirtek	10	Dong Whan Oh	25
Barina Zado	1	Barbara McIntosh	12	Jon Santiago	25
Charles Husson	2	AppaRao Mukkamala	14	James Knaggs	26
John Waters	3	Frederick VanDuyne	15	Linsey Gold	27
Leslie Lemieux Jr	4	Lawrence Irish	17	Edward Holden	27
Linda Diane Norrell	4	Ashvin Patel	18	Orestes lung	27
David Wilson	5	Shahzad Sadiq	18	Sosa Kocheril	27
Abdulfatah Osman	6	Earle McGarvah	19	David Strahle	27
Glen Sullenger	6	Charles Bodem	20	Eyassu Habte-Gabr	28
Kamal Hasan	7	Jose Fernandez	20	Seann Willson	28
Kang Kwon	7	Jaime Ballesteros	21	Robert Cross	29
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