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This is not just a quick note written in a half-earnest way to fill space and recruit a few members. This is a genuine plea for you, and every physician you know, to join and participate in something bigger than your practice—something that helps all of medicine. If you know non-member physicians, please ask them to join!

Examples can often be helpful. Let me be more specific about the advantages of membership. Here are some of the highlights of what has been

and is being done for physicians in both county and state organizations:

GCMS and MSMS represent and defend physicians in all venues.

GCMS and MSMS constantly advocate, aggressively and effectively, on your behalf with legislators, Congress and regulators. Their relationships with regulators and legislators are remarkable and irreplaceable.

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GCMS and MSMS have worked aggressively to elect Supreme Court Justices who would protect malpractice reform. Those reforms would have been lost immediately if the trial lawyers' candidates were to win. The fact is, we have beaten back the trial lawyers every year in the Supreme Court races, and that allows the malpractice laws to stay in place.

There have been times when physicians have come to GCMS because they have been dropped by one of the major payers. On many occasions, we have been able to get them back on the panels after intervening to avoid catastrophes for those practices.

GCMS has been and is still, very aggressive in support of International Medical Graduate rights. It was this community that spawned the first State Medical

Society International Medical Graduates Section, which then in turn initiated the AMA IMG Section. This has allowed International Graduates to be treated as equals.

Innumerable changes have been made in the State of Michigan and in the United States, because of resolutions that have come from the Genesee County Medical Society.

Education about everything from liability to required practice guidelines and even CME credits are offered at discounted prices through MSMS. By serving on a committee or board for the county or state CME credits are available, according to new guidelines.

There you have it in a nutshell. Some excellent points as to why these organizations both continue to not only exist, but steadfastly provide something special and very necessary for the membership they represent. Your inclusion contributes in many ways to making these organizations functional, effective and relevant. Imagine for a moment if neither of these organizations were available to represent you. Your practice of medicine would enter a very dark time. Support of these organizations is a must. Do not let yourself, your patients or your peers down. Be a part of these dynamic organizations, not only today, but so long as you actively practice in this distinguished profession.



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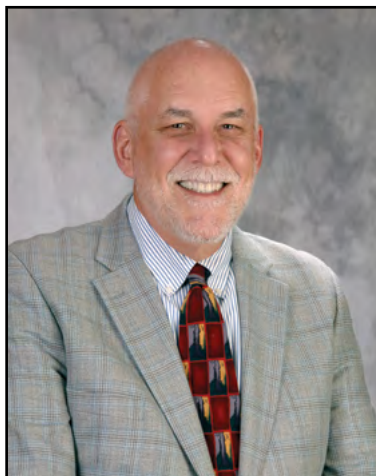
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This issue of *The Bulletin* contains a list of GCMS committees and committee members. We would like to invite member physicians who are interested in serving on one or more of the committees to let us know. Some of the committees are extremely active, and some only meet when needed. Just to orient membership about the committee process, we are always looking for folks. If you are interested in working on the electronic magazine entitled *The Bulletin*, which you receive each month, we would love to have your involvement. It is read by significant percentages of you. There are many opportunities to write, or to edit.

The Community and Environmental Health Committee is meeting on a regular basis, approximately semimonthly. This Committee deals with community, environmental, and public health issues of importance to the county, and/or to physicians. The Legislative Liaison Committee meets most months on the first Monday of the month at 8 AM at the GCMS offices. This group meets with our state and federal legislative delegation and their key staff. These meetings are always fascinating, and reflective of



Peter Levine, MPH

the needs of the physician community, and the public. The Mediation Sub-Committee meets as needed. It is a Sub-Committee which deals primarily with complaints against physicians. Along with the Ethics Sub-Committee and the Aid to Impaired Physicians Sub-Committee, they are part of the Peer Review Committee. They all meet as needed. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee also meets as needed. The Nominating Committee is elected and meets mid-summer once a year.

Your involvement is encouraged. These meetings are never a waste of time. They are only held when there are issues of importance, or if a complaint

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On December 4th, the Genesee County Medical Society Legislative Liaison Committee met with Senator Ken Horn, as well as staff to Representatives Pam Faris, and Sheldon Neeley. Several physicians and staff persons were also present.

On the agenda to discuss were two pieces of legislation, Senate Bills 166 and 274, which address how physicians address drug diversion. MSMS is opposed to the bills as written, but is working with the legislature on better solutions. GCMS members actively expressed opposition to the wording of the bills because of the impact on practice, and the sense that all physicians would be impacted, not only those that the legislation is designed to change.

Auto no-fault reforms have been voted down in the House of Representatives. The issue of reform is very

complicated. The legislature is still trying to determine how to move forward. MSMS is working with the legislature to identify workable solutions.

Intense discussion ensued regarding the maintenance of certification legislation which is designed to forbid hospitals and insurance companies from using MOC as sole criteria for keeping a physician off of a panel or medical staff. It was announced that there is a national meeting of the ABMS to attempt to determine how to make MOC work better.

The next meeting of the Legislative Liaison Committee will take place on February 5th, 2018, at the GCMS offices. If interested in attending these fascinating meetings, please email Sherry Smith at ssmith@gcms.org, or phone 810-733-9923.



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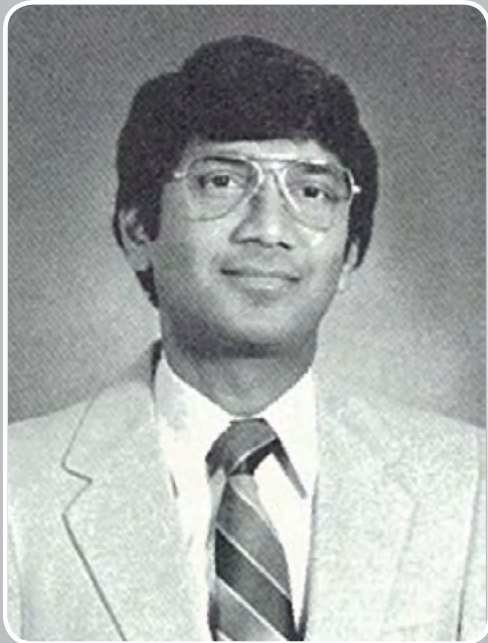
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EMPLOYMENT HOT TOPIC: SEXUAL HARASSMENT

By: Nancy K. Chinonis

Sexual Harassment has been a “hot topic” in the news lately. Numerous high-profile individuals have been accused of engaging in workplace sexual harassment with alleged victims going public and sharing their story via the news media. Given the number of public conversations regarding the topic, it is important to understand what constitutes sexual harassment and how it can affect you. If you are an employer, this is a great time to make sure that harassment and discrimination are addressed in your Employee Handbook and that your Handbook has been reviewed to make sure it is brought up-to-date by an attorney who specializes in employment law.

Sexual harassment in the workplace is not limited to unwelcome touching or demands for sexual acts. Sexual harassment can include, but is not limited to: sexting; forwarding images or videos via cell-phone or e-mail; e-mail forwards, inappropriate or offensive social media posts; offensive touching; crude jokes (even if everyone laughs); or posting images, cartoons, or icons that are pervasive, obscene, dirty, or sexually related. Sexual harassment does not always have to be specifically about sexual behavior or directed at a specific individual. For example, negative comments about women (or men) as a group may be a form of sexual harassment in certain circumstances.

Federal and state anti-discrimination statutes protect Michigan employees from workplace harassment in both the private and the public sectors. Michigan’s Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) and the federal Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII) both recognize workplace harassment as a form of employment discrimination.

The ELCRA defines sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- 1) submission to the conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment,
- 2) submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting the individual’s employment, and
- 3) the conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual’s employment or creating an

intimidating, hostile or offensive employment environment.

Both federal and Michigan courts recognize two types of sexual harassment: (1) quid pro quo harassment, where submission to or rejection of sexual conduct or communication is used as a factor in decisions relating to an individual’s job benefits, and (2) harassment that creates an offensive or hostile environment.

An employer is strictly liable for quid pro quo harassment of an employee. An employer is liable for coworker harassment only if the employer was negligent in failing to stop the harassment after receiving actual or constructive notice. Additionally, an employer’s responsibility to prevent future harassment is heightened where it is dealing with a known serial harasser, and is therefore on clear notice that the same person has engaged in inappropriate behavior in the past. An employer must take prompt remedial action when it has knowledge that illegal harassment has occurred. A prompt termination of the alleged offender has been held to be a sufficient means of avoiding sexual harassment liability. However, termination is not necessary where the employer’s alternate actions are sufficient to prevent continued harassment. An employer faced with a pattern of harassment complaints must both respond appropriately and take increasingly effective steps designed to end the harassment. An employer’s failure to do so suggests indifference and permissiveness of the harassment on the part of its management.

If you are an employee and believe that you have been a victim of sexual harassment or harassment based on any protected status you should consult with an employment attorney promptly. If you believe that you are being harassed, say “NO” to the harasser. Be direct.

If you are an employer who has either actual or constructive notice of harassment in the workplace, you must take prompt action to stop the harassing behavior and are strongly encouraged to consult with an employment attorney.

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Genesee County Medical Society Annual General Membership Meeting Presidents' Ball November 18, 2017 Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the grand ballroom of Genesys Banquet & Conference Center at 8:00 pm, by John Hebert, III, MD, President.

Dr. Hebert welcomed the guests and thanked the Ball Committee for putting together such a wonderful event. The 2017 Committee included Maria McCann, Nelda Hebert, Ruqsana Ahmed, Feroza Raffee, Lisa Natzke, Amita Desai, Peter Levine, and Sherry Smith. Dr. Hebert also recognized the GCMS and GCMSA Boards of Directors, as well as the honored guests which included Dr. Cheryl Gibson Fountain, President of the Michigan State Medical Society and Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala, Chair of the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors and a Trustee of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Hebert also took a moment to thank each of the following:

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II. Alliance Remarks

Dr. Hebert introduced Maria McCann, Genesee County Medical Society Alliance Executive Board member, and Immediate Past-President. Maria thanked those assembled for attending and invited all spouses to join the Alliance. She noted that the Alliance has had a bump in membership recently, which has allowed them to make contributions to several good causes, including sponsorship of the 2017 Genesee County Medical Society President's Ball.

III. Elections

Dr. Hebert introduced the Slate of Nominees as published in the August GCMS Bulletin and ratified at the September Dinner Business Meeting.

Motion: that the Slate of Nominees for GCMS offices be accepted by acclamation. The motion carried.

IV. Retiring Board Member, New Board Members

Dr. Hebert welcomed Dr. Ed Christy as President-Elect, as well as Drs. EJ Raj, Khalid Ahmed, and Sayed Osama, as new members of the GCMS Board of Directors. Dr. Hebert also thanked Drs. F. Michael Jaggi and Mona Hardas for their years of service on the Board.

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V. Installation of New President

Dr. Hebert invited Dr. Cathy Blight, a senior member of the GCMS Board of Directors, and Past President of MSMS, to the podium to install Dr. Gerald Natzke, as President. Dr. Blight administered the oath of office to Dr. Gerald Natzke and congratulated him on his installation as President of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Dr. Natzke thanked the membership for the honor of serving as President. He noted that years ago Dr. Reynolds had told him that he would one day become President. At that time, he had not understood the breadth of the Medical Society's activities. Now that he better understands the breadth, he is humbled by it.

VI. Presentation to Immediate Past President

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Dr. Hebert thanked his family, the Board of Directors, Committee's, and staff. He noted that he is thankful for the all the opportunities that he has had. He also thanked those who have mentored him.

He spent some time discussing the Flint Water Crisis, legionella, lead, and the breadth and scope of GCMS involvement.

VII. Adjournment

Following entertainment by the Jumbie's, a steel drum band from the Boys and Girls Club of Flint, Pete Levine invited a few children from the audience to choose numbers in order to select the winners of the \$2,000 Youthful You Med Spa gift certificates, the Hebert family gift basket, and the Levine/Day wine basket.

After thanking the Ball Committee, and Vogt's Flowers, the meeting was adjourned following the recognition of Past Presidents.

From the GCMS Alliance, the honorable, Ruqsana Ahmed, Elizabeth Jordan, PhD, Velynda Makhene, and Maria McCann.

From the Medical Society, Levine introduced Past Presidents, the honorable Drs. Shafi Ahmed, Suresh Anne, Cathy Blight, Pino Colone, Sam Dismond, Deborah Duncan, John Hebert, III, Kenneth Jordan, S. Bobby Mukkamala, and Venkat Rao.

The meeting was adjourned with a dessert buffet, and the beginning of dancing, at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Levine
Executive Director



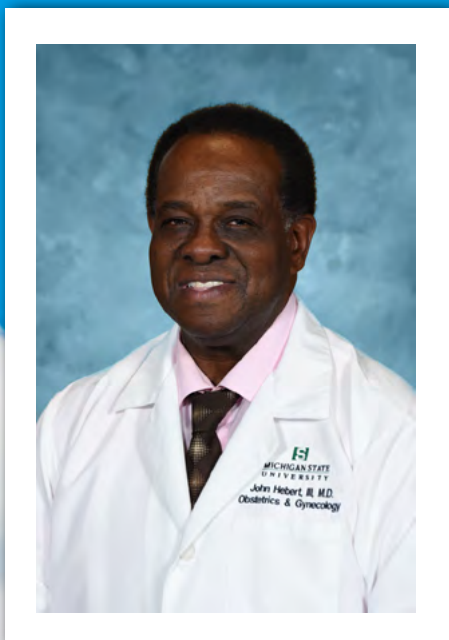
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Say What, Dr.?

"Say What, Dr.?" is a book recently written by Ted and Naomi Reynolds, who worked as physician's transcribers for many years. GCMS will periodically share these enjoyable "lapses" dictated into medical records. This is simply published in fun.

- "Patient feels fine except for pain "
- "Patient had near respiratory failure yesterday, but improving greatly tomorrow "
- "The patient is homeless...he will be discharged home today "
- "At the time of discharge, she is doing much better, breathing okay without oxygen "
- "She has had an excision of a lump in the right arm pit on the left side "
- "slight involuntary gardening "
- "This 7-month-old baby is alert and bushy-tailed "
- "...arrived unaccompanied on a stretcher "
- "At around 3 PM the next day, her husband found her face in her baby's crib"

YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK

- GCMS and MSMS held a Legislative Liaison Committee meeting with members of the State legislature to express concerns regarding auto no fault reform, federal health reform initiatives, MAPS requirements legislation, and other topics.
- GCMS met with the Islamic Medical Association to invite membership and to explain what GCMS and MSMS are doing on behalf of physicians.
- GCMS continued to meet with other key components of the community to represent physicians in the Greater Flint Health Coalition's CHAP and State Innovation Model settings.
- GCMS continued to represent physicians and patients in public health meetings related to Flint water and other issues.

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Past Presidents

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1841 J.A. Hoyes	1929 D.D. Knapp	1959 G.E. Anthony	1988 Archibald Piper
1866 R.D. Lamond	1930 L.L. Willoughby	1960 F.W. Baske	1989 Jack Tauscher
1867 H.C. Fairbank	1931 R.S. Halligan	1961 H.B. Elliott	1990 Siavosh Varjavandi
1871 D. Clarke	1932 J.C. MacGregor	1962 J.B. Rowe	1991 Cathy Blight
1878 H.P. Seymour	1933 R.S. Morrish	1963 H.E. Branch	1992 Virgil Villarreal
1879 A.A. Thompson	1934 C.P. Clark	1964 L.G. Bateman	1993 Robert Soderstrom
1890 B. Cogshall	1935 R.D. Scott	1965 J.E. Wentworth	1994 AppaRao Mukkamala
1902 C.S. Wheeler	1936 A. Thompson	1966 J.C. Benson, Jr.	1995 Robert Rosenbaum
1903 J.F. Rumer	1937 R. Mc.Arthur	1967 H.M. Golden	1996 Samuel Dismond, Jr.
1904 A.S. Wheelock	1938 L.M. Bogart	1968 Donald Bryant	1997 Kenneth Jordan
1905 H.W. Graham	1939 G.R. Goering	1969 A.R. Sirna	1998 Ali Esfahani
1906 A. Goodfellow	1940 C.W. Colwell	1970 J.F. Dooley	1999 Cyrus Farrehi
1907 L.J. Locy	1941 D.R. Wright	1971 R.L. Rapport	2000 Michael Boucree
1908 N. Bates	1942 J.R. Curtin	1972 G.E. Moore	2001 Abd Alghanem
1913 M.S. Knapp	1944 J.T. Connell	1973 Walter Rundles, Jr.	2002 Peter S. Thoms
1914 B.E. Burnell	1945 D.R. Brasie	1974 L.E. Simoni	2004 Lawrence Reynolds
1916 J.W. Handy	1946 W.Z. Rundles, Sr.	1975 R.J. Rathburn	2006 Prasad Kommareddi
1917 J.G.R. Manwaring	1947 F.D. Johnson	1976 Allen Turcke	2007 Hesham Gayar
1918 C.H. O'Neil	1948 H.H. Hiscock	1977 C.E. Hurd	2008 Suresh Anne
1919 H.E. Randall	1949 I.H. Gutow	1978 Vivian Lewis	2009 John Waters
1920 J.W. Orr	1950 M.S. Chambers	1979 John MacKenzie	2010 Venkat Rao
1921 F.B. Miner	1951 W.W. Stevenson	1980 Richard McMurry	2011 S. Bobby Mukkamala
1922 C.D. Chapell	1952 A.C. Pfeifer	1981 F.V. Wade	2012 Laura Carravallah
1923 W.H. Winchester	1953 Fleming Barbour	1982 Richard Dykewicz	2013 Raymond Rudoni
1924 A. Patterson	1954 E.P. Griffin, Jr.	1983 Edwin Gullekson	2014 Shafi Ahmed
1925 F.E. Reeder	1955 L.O. Shantz	1984 George Greidinger	2015 Deborah Duncan
1926 W.H. Marshall	1956 O.J. Preston	1985 Robert James, Jr.	2016 Pino Colone
1927 O.W. McKenna	1957 C.K. Stroup	1986 Willys Mueller, Jr.	2017 John Hebert, III
1928 J.C. Benson, Sr.	1958 Jackson Livesay	1987 Charles Thompson	

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1959 H. Cook	1986 E.V. Golden	2002 John Reid	2013 Amitabha Banerjee
1967 J.E. Leach	1990 A.L. Tuuri	2003 Kalyani Misra	2014 Jagdish Shah
1976 C.J. Scavarda	1991 R. Ormond	2004 Sudarsan Misra	Donald Canada
1984 C.B. Kimbrough	1995 R.C. Gumpper	2011 Billie Lewis	2016 Paul Schroeder
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1939 Lena Jenkins

1940 Loretta Curtin

1941 Marguerite Hubbard

1942 Grace Gelenger

1942 Florence Thompson

1943 Duffield Kretchmar

1944 Brenice Wright

1945 Ellen MacDuff

1946 Helene Smith

1947 Betty Shantz

1948 Sarah Harper

1949 Rita MacGregor

1950 Evelyn McLeod

1951 Alice Branch

1952 Marian Barbour

1953 Berneda Farhat

1954 Rose Anthony

1955 Marie Griffin

1956 Ellen Sparks

1957 Stella Kaufman

1958 Kay Billings

1959 Mra Schultz

1960 Genevieve Baird
(Sandberg)

1961 Marge Eichhorn

1962 Elaine MacArthur

1963 Geneva Beyer

1964 Ida Dawson

1965 Janice Varney

1966 Mary Lou Schwartz

1967 Chastine Mangelsdorf

1968 Jean Livesay

1969 Mary Lou Mathias

1970 Betty Wade

1971 Evelyn Dykewicz

1972 Ruth Estfon

1973 Mary McAlindon

1974 Ann Coriasso

1975 Margaret Rabiah

1976 Margaret Bonet

1977 Beverly Price

1978 DeLourde LaVielle

1979 Mary Turcke

1980 Lesley Canada

1981 Mary Tauscher

1982 Marilyn Lindman

1983 Bobbi Schoolfield

1984 Judith McLeod

1985 Lila Esfahani

1986 Clarice James

1987 Lolly Stoler

1988 Sharon Bailey

1989 Karen Sherrin

1990 Kathryn Uebelhart

1991 Ginny Sturm

1992 Katie Moghtassed

1993 Zaria Simoni

1994 Lorraine Edelen-Stevens

1995 Carol Batdorf

1996 Deborah Pack

1997 Katherine Cox

1998 Carmen Villegas

1999 Jay Kommareddi

2000 Sunny Dass

2001 Susan Bhagat

2002 Tammy Bruening
& Darcy Ojeda

2003 Lakshmi Tummala

2004 Marianne Almeida

2005 Kee Kang

2006 Cheryl Thoms

2007 Rula Ali-Bakr
& Liesbeth Fernandez

2008 Beth Schumacher

2009 Elizabeth Jordan

2010 Velynda Makhene

2011 Rosa Wang

2012 Oya Agabigum

2013 Ruqsana Ahmed
& Vibha Kaushal

2014 Ruqsana Ahmed

2015 Maria McCann
& Raquel Yapchai

2016 Maria McCann

'An Enchanted Garden'

The GCMS/GCMSA President's Ball, November 18, 2017

The evening started with social gaiety and mingling under the twinkling lights strung overhead in the beautifully decorated atrium of the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. Then the grand ballroom doors swung open. Guests quickly found their seats amongst the flowers and colorful decorations that lent to the feeling of a colorful, but peaceful garden. With a babbling fountain splashing nearby in low, comforting tones, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by GCMS President John Hebert, III, MD.

Dr. Hebert welcomed guests and thanked the Ball Committee for its hard work and the long hours spent preparing for such a wonderful event. The 2017 Ball Committee included Maria McCann, Nelda Hebert, Ruqana Ahmed, Feroza Raffee, Lisa Natzke, Amita Desai, Peter Levine and Sherry Smith. Dr. Hebert also recognized the GCMS and GCMSA Boards of Directors, as well as honored guests including Dr. Cheryl Gibson Fountain, President of the Michigan State

Medical Society and Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala, Chair of the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors and a Trustee of the American Medical Association.

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GCMS MEETINGS

— January 2018 —

Legislative Liaison Committee
Recessed

**Community & Environmental Health
Committee, TBD**
12:30pm, GCMS Office

MSF Fundraising Committee, TBD
6:00pm, GCMS Office

Finance Committee, 1/23
5:15pm, GCMS Office

Board of Directors, 1/23
6:00pm, GCMS Office

Practice Managers, 1/25
8:00am, GCMS Office

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The gathered crowd clapped in appreciation for the Ball sponsors.

At that time, Dr. Hebert introduced Maria McCann, Genesee County Medical Society Alliance Executive Board member and Immediate Past-President. Maria thanked those assembled for attending and invited all spouses of physicians to join the Alliance. She happily noted that the Alliance has had a bump in membership recently, which has allowed them to make contributions to several good causes, including sponsorship of the 2017 Genesee County Medical Society President's Ball.

Dr. Hebert then introduced the Slate of Nominees as published in the August GCMS Bulletin and ratified at the September Dinner Business Meeting.
A motion

to accept the Slate of Nominees for GCMS offices was carried by acclamation.

Dr. Ed Christy was welcomed as President-Elect and Drs. EJ Raj, Khalid Ahmed, and Sayed Osama were welcomed as new members of the GCMS Board of Directors. Dr. Hebert thanked Drs. F. Michael Jaggi and Mona Hardas for their many years of service on the Board.

Dr. Cathy Blight, senior member of the GCMS Board of Directors and Past President of MSMS, was

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invited to the podium to install Dr. Gerald Natzke, Jr. as President.

Dr. Blight graciously administered the oath of office to Dr. Natzke and congratulated him on his installation as President of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Dr. Natzke then thanked the membership for endowing him with the honor of serving as President, noting that years ago, Dr. Lawrence Reynolds had told him that he would one day become President. Although, at that time, he had very little understanding of the breadth of the Medical Society's activities; now he better



understands, and is humbled to be asked to serve as President.

Dr. John Hebert was called back to the podium and was presented with his gavel and plaque so that he can display his Presidential gavel with pride. Dr. Natzke said it is a small

representation of the recognition from his peers for his successful year of leadership in an organization which leads other organizations.

Dr. Hebert took time to express his appreciation for

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the support of his family, the GCMS Board of Directors, Committee's, and staff. He also noted that he is very thankful for the all the opportunities that he has had and grateful for those who have mentored him. He spent a few moments discussing the Flint Water Crisis,

legionella, lead, and the breadth and scope of GCMS involvement.

To punctuate the evening, entertainment was provided by the Jumbie's, a steel drum band from the Boys and Girls Club of Flint, Led by Mr. James Coviak, percussionist, and director of the internationally



acclaimed steel drum band, Steelheads. The five young musicians were energetic, and it was easy to see that they loved the music they were making and were genuinely excited to share it with such an esteemed crowd. At the end of their performance, the dynamic group received a rousing standing ovation. Several guests remarked

that the Jumbie's were the best entertainment yet at a GCMS/GCMSA President's Ball. Some even went so far as to say that they should be invited back again next year!

To wrap up the festivities, Peter Levine invited

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three young children from the audience to each choose a number to select the winning individuals of the three door prizes. Prizes included Youthful You Med Spa gift certificates valued at \$2,000, an Hebert family wine and gift basket, and a Levine/Day wine basket. The Ball

Committee was recognized, along with Vogt's Flowers, which had provided the lovely "Enchanted Garden" décor for the gala. Past Presidents of both GCMSA and GCMS were recognized.

From the GCMS Alliance: the honorable, Ruqsana Ahmed, Elizabeth Jordan, PhD, Velynda Makhene,



and Maria McCann. From the Medical Society, Levine acknowledged Past Presidents: the honorable Drs. Shafi Ahmed, Suresh Anne, Cathy Blight, Pino Colone, Sam Dismond, Deborah Duncan, John Hebert, III, Kenneth Jordan, S. Bobby Mukkamala, and Venkat Rao.

The meeting portion of the event was adjourned

and the evening ended with a lovely dessert buffet and dancing.

If you have not been to a GCMS/GCMSA President's Ball in a while, do yourself a favor and plan to attend the 2018 President's Ball, where we will honor Dr. Gerald Natzke's successful year of presidency!





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Resolution regarding School Drinking Water Quality Testing, Monitoring, and Maintenance and Associated Availability of Bottled Water Purified by Reverse Osmosis for School Children

Whereas, the Genesee County Medical Society is an association of physicians in Genesee County, whose mission it is to advocate on behalf of physicians and their patients and the people of Genesee County, and

Whereas, the Genesee County Medical Society has engaged in multiple discussions and reviewed detailed information regarding the state of the City of Flint's water supply and its potential health impacts on all residents, and

Whereas, evidence-based research indicates that even a small amount of lead in a child's body can cause serious health problems, and

Whereas, other studies have demonstrated lead's compromising effects on child health, the immune system, and association with impairments in neurobehavioral factors such as a child's learning skills, hearing, and self-regulatory ability resulting in delinquent behavior, and

Whereas, children may be more susceptible to the adverse health effects of chemical, physical, and biological hazards than adults, while having reduced immunity, immaturity of organs and functions than adults, and

Whereas, rapid growth and development can make children more vulnerable to the toxic effects of environmental hazards than adults, and

Whereas, during critical developmental stages, children spend much of their day within school environments, and

Whereas, the current action limit for lead in drinking water of 15 ppb is a regulatory measure, not a public health one, and

Whereas, research shows that there is no 100 percent "safe" level of lead in drinking water for school children, and

Whereas, the State of Michigan has committed to supporting the City of Flint in recovery from city-wide lead contamination of Flint's water supply, providing resources and financial support to ensure water quality improvements, pipe replacement, healthcare, food resources, educational resources, job training and creation, and more, and

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Whereas, these committed resources include the availability, distribution, and warehousing of bottled water purified by reverse osmosis for local schools, made possible through a public-private partnership between the State of Michigan and a coalition of national corporations, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors recommends the State of Michigan continue to provide resources to ensure a robust protocol is both in place, implemented and sustained, that ensures school building water quality is free of contaminants and toxins, including lead and bacteria, and safe for the consumption of children at all times, prior to any discontinuation of State of Michigan supported availability of bottled water purified by reverse osmosis for school facilities and school children, and be it further

RESOLVED: the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors recommends the State of Michigan, its Department of Environmental Quality, and its Department of Education collaborate with the City of Flint, Flint Community Schools, School for the Deaf, and local private and charter schools to develop a sustainable protocol to ensure school water safety that includes detailed water monitoring and maintenance protocols and schedules, guidance on flushing of pipes and filter replacement/maintenance as deemed necessary given the condition of the water system, technical assistance, and both regulatory and independent oversight to ensure such protocols are sustained by associated state, local, and school system entities.

THIS RESOLUTION has been unanimously adopted by the GCMS Board of Directors effective November 28, 2017.



Gerald Natzke, Jr., DO
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
JANUARY 2018	1 	2	3 Enhance Fitness Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Forest Township Senior Center 12:30–1:30pm Community Yoga 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Crim Fitness Foundation Zumba Gold GAC 5:30 p.m.	4 Enhance Fitness Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Grand Blanc Senior Center 10-11:00am Basic Yoga IHFC 6:45 p.m.	5 Enhance Fitness Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Swartz Creek Senior Center 11am-12pm	6
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January 2018 Fitness Calendar

FREE! Commit to Fit! Class Schedule

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New Year New You Healthy Habits Challenge!

The Commit to Fit! New Year, New You! Challenge is an eight week individual challenge to encourage individuals to practice daily activities to be more active, eat healthier, and promote wellness to others. Overall Wellness Score Drawing Each participant who reaches the eight-week goal of 3,000 Total Wellness Points will be entered into a drawing to win a Farmers' Market Gift Card.

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January 2018 Fitness Calendar

FREE! Commit to Fit! Class Schedule

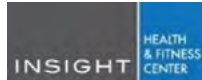
Class Descriptions & Locations

Basic Yoga (1 hour)

This class is a balanced flow of postures designed to build stamina, strength, and flexibility while promoting weight loss and general stress relief.

Insight Health & Fitness Center (IHFC)

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Genesys Athletic Club (GAC)

801 Health Park Blvd
Grand Blanc, MI 48439



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“Physician & Staff Burnout”
Julie Hardy, MSA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P
Lead Physician Services Consultant, Data Integrity & Compliance
The Rybar Group

**February 22nd
Presenter(s):**

“A Local Practices’ Approach to Compliance”
Carrie Berlin, Director Technology & Operations
Regional Medical Imaging

**March 22nd
Presenter(s):**

“Discussing BCBSM Service Issues”
Dan Martin, Director II Provider Outreach
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

**Genesee County Medical Society | Rapport Conference Room
4438 Oak Bridge Drive, Suite B | Flint, MI 48532**



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Consider a donation to the Medical Society Foundation for all of your holiday giving. What a wonderful way of expressing your holiday sentiments while supporting important health related causes.

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Genesee County Medical Society
Board of Directors
September 26, 2017 - Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Rapport Conference Room at 6:00 pm, by John Hebert, III, MD, President.

II. Review of Minutes

Motion: that the minutes of June 27, 2017, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Motion: that the Executive Committee look at attendance of Board members and consider a proposal for bylaws change to redefine the number of Board attendees that would reflect a quorum. The motion carried.

III. Reports

A) **Community & Environmental Health** Dr. Natzke provided an update on the Flint Adult Chelation Study. Letters have been sent to members of Congress, seeking their help in funding the project. In addition, the budget and project synopsis have been sent with those letters.

B) **Finance**

Motion: that the budget to actual report for the period ending August 31, 2017, be approved as presented. The motion carried.

C) **Membership**

Consensus: that Board members make every effort to convince hospitals to pay resident dues because they reflect in the counts for delegates and also increases the likelihood of retaining residents in the community following completion of their programs.

Consensus: that Peter Levine, Dr. Blight, and Dr. Hebert meet with Melany Gavulic to recoup membership of all residents in the Genesee and Michigan State Medical Societies.

Motion: that GCMS talk with Dr. Lipscomb, Dean of the Flint campus. The motion carried.

Motion: that GCMS develop resolutions to the MSMS House of Delegates to facilitate transfer of third and fourth year student memberships to the counties in which they are serving. The motion carried.

D) **MSMS Update**

Dr. John Waters reviewed the staff leadership changes at MSMS.

Dr. Blight reported that she will not be running for reelection to the delegation to the AMA. She has been a delegate to the American Medical Association for 33 years and has served for 10 years as Chair.

Directive: staff was directed to contact MSMS to let them know that Dr. Blight will not be running for reelection as an AMA Delegate.

The only other election with a Genesee County Society candidate is Dr. Venkat Rao's candidacy for Alternate Delegate to the AMA.

E) **Legislative Liaison**

Dr. Cathy Blight reported that the September Legislative Liaison Committee meeting was very well attended, and covered a broad range of issues. Discussed were the current state of MAPS, the Accountable Care Act, IMG issues, the opioid crisis and related legislation, reform of the auto no-fault structure, and maintenance of certification. She

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invited the Board to attend the upcoming meeting of the Committee.

F) Greater Flint Health Coalition

Dr. Waters reviewed the most recent Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors meeting. The major topic of the agenda was the State Innovation Model (SIM) project which will impact the large number of physicians in this community. He noted that Dr. Farhan Khan and Pete Levine are attending a lot of meetings on the same project.

Dr. Khan reported that the SIM project is very exciting. Insurers are at the table with hospitals and physicians. The focus is on emergency room utilization. The Health Coalition is the backbone. He said the State of Michigan has diminished funding for the project even though it hasn't started yet. The Medical Society is playing a significant role with the State on these issues.

G) A Look Forward for GCMS

Dr. John Waters, as requested by the Board at its meeting in June, provided a presentation on the potential scenarios of how GCMS could function in the future.

Dr. Waters noted that the Executive Director is representing physicians in many venues that are financially, politically and professionally of importance to physicians. A significant number of those meetings are held on Fridays. He also noted that Sherry is coordinating administrative responsibilities in a highly competent fashion. He noted that potential scenarios about how to move forward with the Medical Society depend on how MSMS reinvents itself.

Dr. Waters noted that gifts and grants can help support the Medical Society in the short run.

Consensus: that the Executive Committee begin to develop a plan for working with other counties to discuss how to move forward in light of the MSMS plan to remodel.

H) Presidents' Report

Dr. Hebert reported that the upcoming three meetings for practice managers include updates from Meridian, compliance issues, and physician and staff burn out. He reported that the last session, which focused on Molina, was a fantastic meeting.

Dr. Hebert also provided a synopsis of the GCMS Town Hall with the Chief Medical Officer's held on September 7th. He expressed the great satisfaction that individuals in attendance felt towards the meeting.

Consensus: that the next Dinner Business Meeting be a session on Mindfulness.

Dr. Hebert requested that everyone reserve for the President's Ball on November 18th, and endeavor to find sponsors.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Levine, MPH

Executive Director

The Genesee County Medical Society cordially invites you to a Quarterly Dinner Business Meeting
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Evening Schedule:

6 pm, Registration & Social Hour
6:30 pm, Dinner
7 pm, Meeting
7:15 pm, Presentations

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