



MIDDLE GEORGIA MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING NOTES NOVEMBER 18, 2018

President's Report presented by President Julian Earls, MD. He and his wife, optometrist Pamela Earls, have joined the advisory board for Northeast Health Science Magnet High School. Plans for 2019 include a multispecialty MGMS panel to include Northeast graduates, and a multilevel training panel to include pre-meds to practicing physicians for Q & A. Dr. Earls and Mercer University have a presence at Ingram-Pye Elementary in the Bibb County Public Schools System. Kimathi Blackwood discussed MGMS partnering with Georgians for a Healthy Future to advocate for our patients regarding Medicaid Expansion in Georgia.

SNMA-MAPS report given by Amy Varghese. They fundraised \$2000.00 for SNMA AMEC 2019 to be held April 17-19, 2018 and may need support from MGMS for travel to Philadelphia, PA. Their Pre-health Gala will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 at Mercer University. They have increased their community service and outreach programs this semester to include MAPS week, after school programs, blood drives, and visiting the Children's Hospital at Navicent Health.

The MGMS Holiday Meeting/Party will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 location not finalized.

MGMS 2019 Officer elected as follows, President: Kimathi Blackwood, MD, Vice-President: Obi Emerole, MD, Secretary: Heather Peltier, MD, Treasurer: Obioha Okoro, MD.

Olin Wiley discussed GSMA and MGMS Member Benefits Programs. Community Involvement, CME, Political Action, and Student Loan Refinance options discussed as ways to attract previous and new members. Traditionally, MGMS has been a conduit to serve our community and our students. Surveying members as well as offering Financial/Tax Literacy for younger members while reducing membership costs were discussed as methods to attract and retain members.

The next meeting of MGMS will be January 20, 2019, Wingate by Wyndham Macon.

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