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2018 Will-Grundy County Medical Society's Annual Meeting, Dinner and Business Reception Thursday, March 22nd

You don't want to miss this great event! It's a celebration for all physicians in the Will-Grundy County area and a special night for our membership.

Mark your calendars for the biggest event of the year. Join us on **Thursday, March 22nd**, at the Bolingbrook Golf Club located 2001 Rodeo Drive in Bolingbrook for the **2018 Annual Meeting, Dinner and Business Reception**. Come and reconnect with your fellow physicians and their guests. Enjoy appetizers and cocktails during the Business Reception from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Talk with the evening's sponsors and see what's new in the healthcare industry. Once you've filled your bags with fun giveaways, join us for a delicious dinner in appreciation for all you do during the year.

We have a special speaker this year. We welcome Dr. John Kahler with MedGlobal. MedGlobal is an international medical non-profit organization providing health services to people in need, including refugees and displaced persons, in disaster and underserved regions. The team is composed of medical and public health volunteers of diverse backgrounds, working together for the common good, advocating for equitable healthcare policies, adhering to best practices and humanitarian ethics, utilizing innovation in medical technology, and focusing on sustainable impact. The global reach and diversity allows them to operate where few can.

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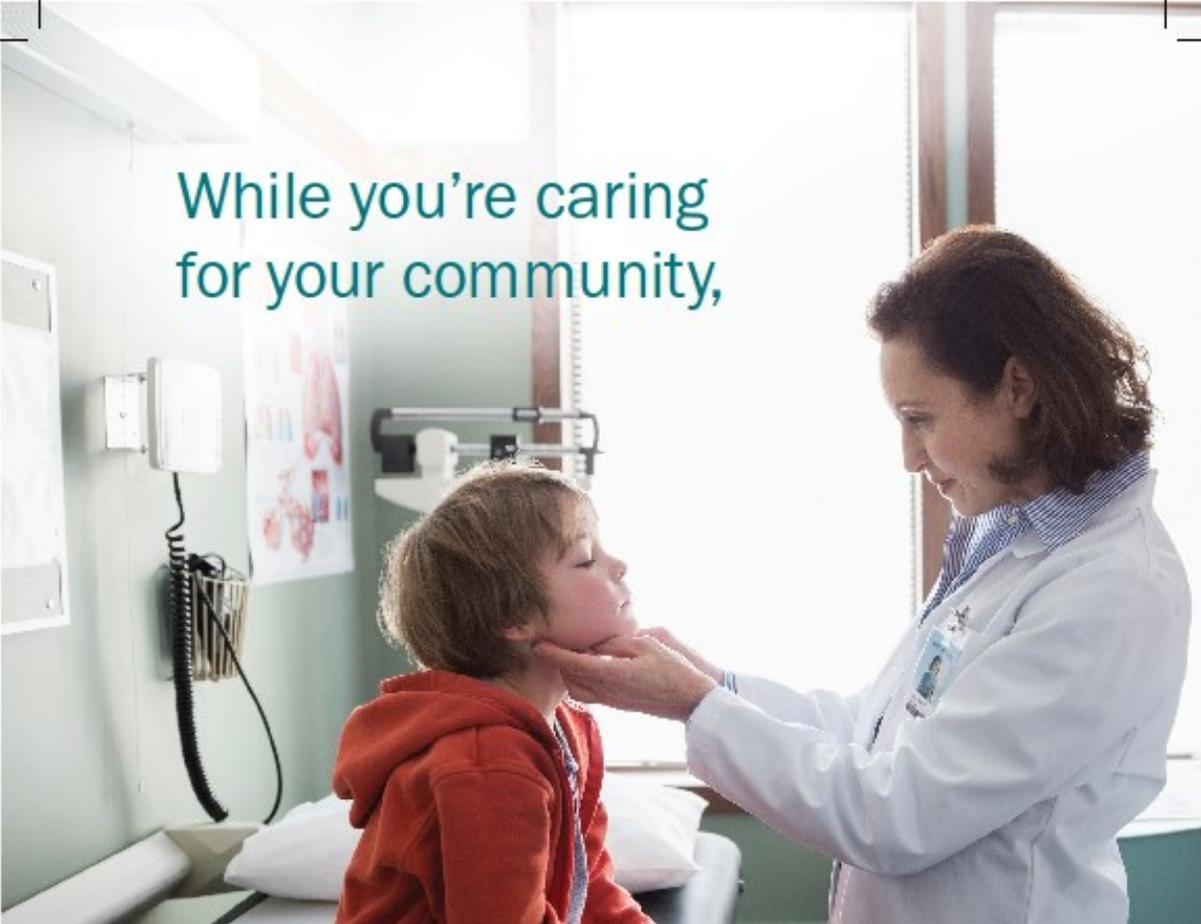
It will be an enlightening presentation. We look forward to hearing from Dr. Kahler. Any physician is invited, member or non-member. Please feel free to invite a guest.

We will also be voting on our new 2018 Board of Directors. Please see the slate of officers up for nomination:

President: J.D. Wright, MD
Vice President: John Mikuzis, DO
Past President: Farhana Alvi, MD
Delegate: Erik Borncamp, MD
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Alt. Delegate: Jennifer Byrd, MD
Alt. Delegate: J.D. Wright



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Obituary of Dr. Theodore Kanellakes, M.D.

Theodore M. Kanellakes, M.D., age 75, of Joliet, IL, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 8, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL.

The Will-Grundy County Medical Society was blessed to have Dr. Kanellakes as an avid member since 1978. He served as President in 1985 and again in 2015. He became a delegate for the Illinois State Medical Society, representing the county society, from 1985 up until the 2017 House of Delegates. He was a staunch believer in organized medicine and an advocate for the Will-Grundy County Medical Society. He was known to stop many a physician in the hospital hallway to talk about membership in the societies.

Dr. Kanellakes will be sorely missed. His charm and charisma outshined all in the room. Though your light has been dimmed here, your next steps will be bright and glorious.

He was born August 7, 1942, the son of proud Greek immigrants, Milton T. and Helen (Tsatsos) Kanellakes in Harvey, IL, where he was raised. A graduate of Thornton Fractional South High School, he received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison before continuing his education at the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University. Dr. Kanellakes completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Louis University Hospitals before he entered the U.S. Army Medical Corp., serving from 1971-1973, at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO; after being Honorably Discharged from the Army, Doctor began his Fellowship in Ann Arbor Michigan at the University of Michigan.

Survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Smith) Kanellakes; beloved sons, Milton Kanellakes, Ted (Elaine) Kanellakes and Christian (Dana) Kanellakes; dearest grandchildren, Giana and Nicholas and twins, Christian and Natalia; his dear sister, Efrosine "Effie" Kanellakes; and Patricia's son, daughter and granddaughter, Darcy Parsons, Dana Parsons and Gretchen Fitzgibbons. He was preceded by his parents.

Dr. Ted Kanellakes was a dedicated advocate and servant to the mission of Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center. With a 37 year career as a distinguished Joliet-based allergist on the Medical Staff at St. Joe's, Dr. Kanellakes has made a difference in countless lives in our community.

Ted is well known in the community for his selfless service. He was a Founding Father of the Will-Grundy County Medical Clinic (for the indigent), has been President of the Board and currently was a Medical Advisory Committee member. He was a recipient of the 2015 PSJMC Pandola-Lewis Award, 2012 PSJMC Founders' Award, the 2008 Lewis University DeLaSalle Award, and a top finalist for the Physician of the Year Award at PSJMC in 2007.

Ted will always be remembered for his time in the spotlight on the WJOL radio program "Doctors Call" for the Will Grundy Medical Society. Ted has had a variety of other community involvement, including service at Silver Cross Hospital, the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Will-Grundy County, the Parent Advisory Board for Special Education for Joliet Grade School District #86, and the Chicago Chapter Board of Medical Advisors at the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

Ted was the Chairman of the Department of Medicine for fifteen years, the President of the Medical Staff, a past member of the Divisional Board and was a current member of the Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center Foundation Board. He also served as a co-chair of the Foundation Gala for four years with his wife Patti, alongside Bill and the late Carol Koc.

President's Message

My article comes to you with gratitude and some sadness. First, this will be my last article for our newsletter



Farhana Alvi, MD

as J.D. Wright, MD will now become the President of the Will-Grundy County Medical Society. He is one of the best in this area and he will be a great asset to the county society. I believe we've made great strides with our society this past year. We gained some new members and kept our strong membership base intact. I appreciate everyone that joined this past year. This could only be done because you are passionate and avid backers of organized medicine and your state and county societies. I had big shoes to fill during my tenure, many of whom have become quite involved in the state society.

With that being said, I am saddened to tell you that long-time advocate, avid member of the Will-Grundy County Medical and passionate past ISMS Trustee and delegate, Dr. Ted Kanellakes, passed away on January 8th. He was a man of many words, all positive and encouraging for the society. He was always so enthusiastic when it came to the county society. His heart was in medicine and his strength was in his leadership of the Will-Grundy County Medical Society. He will be sorely missed.

Good luck to all our members in all your pursuits in 2018. Always remember why we became doctors in the first place. We are compassionate and caring people. Be passionate and avid about your vocation and your medical society. WGCMs is there for you. Make sure you renew your membership so we can continue to work for you.

A Tribute from the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic

More than thirty years ago, Dr. Theodore Kanellakes, a pioneering physician in Joliet saw a need in his community. Many of the indigent in the community lacked access to health care. The poor in the community often used emergency rooms for their health care or went without care at all. After intense study of the issue, Dr. Kanellakes knew he had to do something. For the good of the poor and the overall health of the community, he knew he had to do something. Dr. Kanellakes convened and led the Will-Grundy Medical task force spearheaded by the Will-Grundy County Medical Society. The taskforce conducted further study and traveled the U.S. reviewing other charity care models. This taskforce designed and implemented a charity care model that was most appropriate for Will and Grundy Counties. The concern, actions, thoughts, and leadership of Dr. Kanellakes led to the formation of the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic. He was not only a leader of the taskforce to start the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, he was also instrumental in obtaining favorable state legislation so that the Clinic and others like it throughout Illinois could operate. His actions brought health care to tens of thousands of people in this community. His legacy looms large, as countless patients of the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic have reported that they would have died had they not found the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic. Dr. Kanellakes continued serving the Clinic, in fact he was currently serving as co-chair of the Medical Advisory Committee. He served as a mentor to the current executive director and current clinical director and other staff. He will be truly missed.



Upcoming Events

Learning Event:

“Are You Buried?: A Financial Primer and Debt Management Lecture for Early Career Physicians”

Speaker: Jeff Witz, CFP and David Zemon with Mediquis Asset Advisors

When: April 12, 2018

Where: Al’s Steakhouse at 1990 W. Jefferson St, Joliet

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner included with program.

No cost for any physicians.

Mediquis Asset Advisors is one of the top financial advisor firms for physicians every year running since 2000.

Next Board Meeting

When: Thursday, March 22 at the Bolingbrook Country Club before the Annual Meeting. All welcome.

Retired Physicians Luncheon

Watch for our next meeting this spring.

Please rsvp to Sue at 815-744-5676 or email to wgcms220@outlook.com .



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Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

A new Illinois law requires ALL prescribers with controlled substance licenses to enroll in the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) by January 1, 2018.

The Illinois PMP is an electronic tool that collects information on controlled substance prescriptions, reported on a daily basis by retail pharmacies dispensing in Illinois. There is no cost to enroll or to use the program, which is also integrated into many electronic medical record systems.

All prescribers with an Illinois controlled substance license – including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, and others – must enroll in the PMP, regardless of whether they actually prescribe controlled substances. Visit www.isms.org/PMP for a summary of the new law and a helpful free webinar with information about using the PMP.

More information, including FAQs, how-to videos, and drug treatment links, can be found on the PMP website at www.ilpmp.org. If you have questions, call the PMP directly at 217-524-1311 or send an email to dhs.pmp@illinois.gov

Be aware that the PMP is experiencing significant call/email volume due to the influx of enrollments. Normal support/customer service is taking longer than usual, and there are reports that the PMP voicemail has been full. As always, ISMS members can reach out to the ISMS Division of Health Policy Research & Advocacy any time at 800-782-4767 ext. 1470 or hpresearch@isms.org.

Starting Your Career: A Guide for New Physicians in Illinois

If you will be launching your professional career in the coming months or are recruiting a new doctor to your practice, download ISMS' new resource, *Starting Your Career: A Guide for New Physicians in Illinois*.

This comprehensive guide offers general advice and resources for physicians completing their training or those returning to practice after a break, including:

- Organizing an effective job search while finishing up a busy residency, fellowship or current position (including samples of cover letters and CVs to build a portfolio);
- Evaluating job offers and contracts;
- Licensing and credentialing information for new Illinois physicians, including specifics for International Medical Graduates (IMGs);
- Financial planning, including basics of managing medical student debt;
- Understanding Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements in Illinois; and
- Enjoying ISMS-specific benefits that smooth all aspects of starting a new practice in our state.

ISMS members can request multiple copies for medical students or new practice members. Email StephanieVazquez@isms.org with your request.

New Medical Legal Guidelines

Two new Medical Legal Guidelines, great sources of information on medical legal issues important to physicians, are now available on www.isms.org/MedLegal. Note that your ISMS username and password are required to access these documents.

Telemedicine Tips

Confused on what is and isn't considered "telemedicine" in Illinois? Need to know the legal, privacy and documentation requirements for telemedicine? Get this info and much more from the newly released *Telemedicine Tips* Medical Legal Guideline.

Administration of Injections/Vaccinations by Non-Physician Licensed Health Care Professionals

Dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, physician assistants, podiatrists and registered nurses all have different rules regarding what injections/vaccinations they can and cannot administer. A new Medical Legal Guideline, *Administration of Injections/Vaccinations by Non-Physician Licensed Health Care Professionals*, breaks this down in an easy-to-read document.

As always, ISMS members can access the full ISMS Medical Legal Library at www.isms.org/MedLegal for forms, guidelines, and summaries of laws that impact your practice.



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