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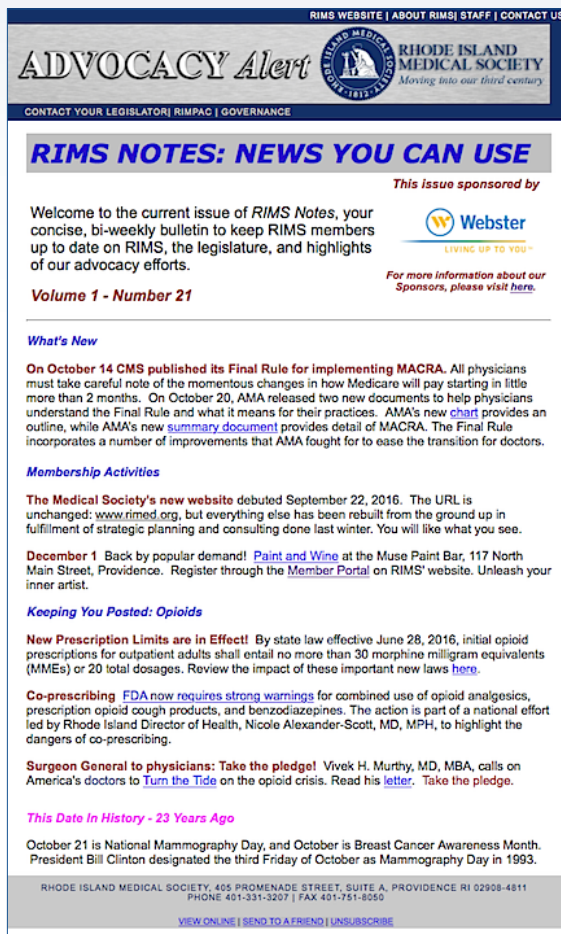
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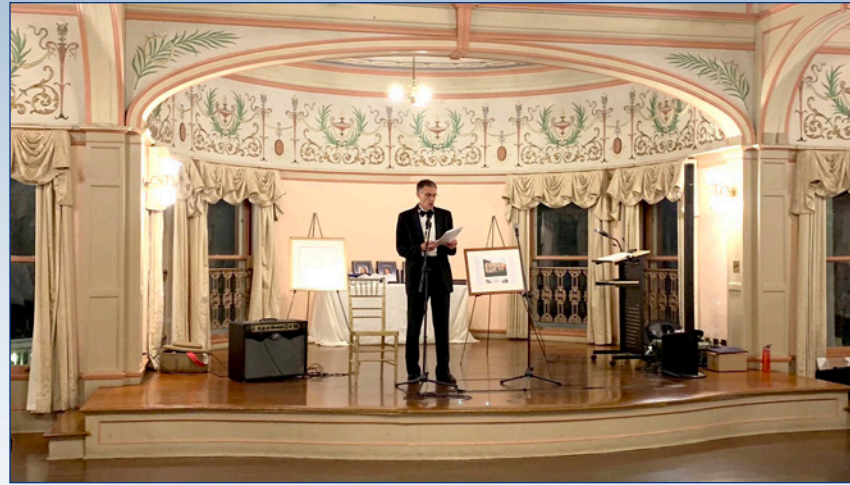
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CONVIVIUM

The Rhode Island Medical Society held its annual membership Convivium and awards dinner on September 20th at the historic Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence. **Peter A. Hollmann, MD**, (right) served as emcee, completing his term as RIMS President, prior to his inauguration that evening as Chair of RIMS Board.



President **Christine Brousseau, MD**, shown at event podium, will lead the newly inaugurated slate of officers.



Elaine C. Jones, MD, received the Dr. Charles L. Hill Award in recognition of her service to the medical profession and the public.



RI Sen. Joshua Miller received the Dr. John Clarke Award, which recognizes an individual who has promoted the health and wellbeing of state residents through public service. He has served as chair of the RI Senate Health and Human Services Committee since 2013.



Charles B. Kahn, MD, the 135th President of RIMS, received the Halifax Award for medical volunteerism, in particular for his efforts in establishing educational and clinical endocrine/diabetes programs in Kenya.



Edward W. Martin, MD, received the Dr. Herbert Rakatansky Award which recognized medical professionalism, and is named in honor of Dr. Rakatansky, founding chair and leader of the Physician Health Program at RIMS.



Pamela Harrop, MD, accepted the inaugural Best of Rhode Island Medicine Award for **Clinica Esperanza**, Providence, on behalf of its medical director, **Anne DeGroot, MD**. The recipient was chosen by nomination and vote of the community to recognize significant advances and milestones in health care in the Ocean State.

Clinica Esperanza offers primary medical care to RI residents without health insurance, with an emphasis on Spanish-speaking and culturally accustomed care.



Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH, (left) was honored for his many years of exemplary service and professionalism with an award presented by Executive Director **Newell E. Warde, PhD**, (center) and **Peter A. Hollmann, MD** (right). Dr. Sweeney had the additional pleasure of seeing his daughter, Dr. Brousseau inaugurated as RIMS' 161st President that evening.



CONVIVIUM

The Rhode Island Medical Society inaugurated its 2019–2020 slate of officers on September 20.

President: Christine Brousseau, MD
President-Elect: Catherine A. Cummings, MD
Vice President: Elizabeth B. Lange, MD
Secretary: Thomas A. Bledsoe, MD
Treasurer: Paari Gopalakrishnan, MD, MBA
Chair of the Board: Peter A. Hollmann, MD



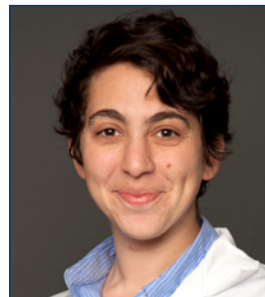
(From left) Dina Himelfarb, MD; Elizabeth Samuels, MD; RIMS' President-Elect Catherine Cummings, MD.



The **Bebop Docs** (top) and Alpert Medical School's **Medical Records A Cappella Group** provided music for the event.



(From left) David Carter, MD; Robert A. Anderson, Jr; Jeffrey Chase-Lubitz, Esq; Peter A. Hollmann, MD; Vicki Hollmann; April Chase-Lubitz; Shirley Carter.



The Under 40 Awards were presented to medical professionals in Rhode Island who have demonstrated early-career achievement, leadership and professional promise. Recognized this year were (left to right) **Edén R. Cardoza, MD**; **Adam C. Levine, MD, MPH**; **Gillian A. Morris, MD**; **Elizabeth Samuels, MD**, and **Simone Thavaseelan, MD**.



Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

September 2, Monday

RIMS closed in observance of Labor Day

September 3, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

September 6, Friday

RIMS Notes issue production

September 9, Monday

RI ACEP Emergency Directors' meeting
regarding new legislation

September 11, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Governor's Overdose Prevention and
Intervention Task Force
Meeting with Senate HHS Chair and
staff regarding Reimbursement Impact
Commission
RI Department of Labor and Training
Medical Fee Schedule Task Force
House of Hope 30th Anniversary
Celebration

September 13, Friday

Medical Group Managers Association
(MGMA) MA/RI legislative update and
discussion
World Diabetes Day Executive Committee
conference call

September 17, Tuesday

Governor's Overdose Prevention and
Intervention Harm Reduction Task Force
RIMS Board of Directors:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President
September 18, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory
Committee

September 20, Friday

RIMS Notes issue production
RIMS Annual Membership
Convivium and Awards Dinner

September 23, Monday

American Tort Reform Association
Digital Privacy webinar

September 25, Wednesday

OHIC Small Business Market Stability
Work Group

September 27, Friday

Rhode Island Mental Health Parity
Initiative

September 28, Saturday

New England Delegation to the AMA and
Council of New England State Medical
Societies, Massachusetts Medical Society
Headquarters: Peter A. Hollmann, MD,
AMA Delegate; Alyn Adrain, MD, AMA
Delegate; Christine Brousseau, MD,
President; RIMS staff

September 30, Monday

Meeting with Hospital Association of RI
(HARI) and Day One

The Rhode Island Medical Society's Eleventh Hour CME Event

On a biennial basis, Rhode Island physicians are required to document to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline that they have earned a minimum of forty (40) hours of American Medical Association, Physician Recognition Award or American Osteopathic Association (AOA Category 1a) continuing medical education credits. At least four (4) hours of continuing medical education shall be earned on topics of current concern as determined by the director of the RI Department of Health.

2020 topics will be announced soon. Prior years' topics have included:

- Risk Management
- Opioid Pain Management and Chronic Pain Management
- End of Life and Palliative Care
- Antimicrobial Stewardship

Watch your email for more information regarding the date, topics, and registration deadlines for the 2020 event.

Spring 2020 date to be announced

The Rhode Island Medical Society's **Eleventh Hour Educational Event** is usually held on a Saturday in April from 7:30am to 1pm, and is designed to assist physicians obtain the four hours of required CME before re-licensure applications are due on June 1, 2020.

RIMS members will receive a reduced registration fee.



RIMS CORPORATE AFFILIATES

The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanded its Affinity Program to allow for more of our colleagues in health-care and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

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RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care member physicians. Our PCP's act as primary care providers for over 340,000 patients throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA was formed to provide a venue for the smaller independent practices to work together with the ultimate goal of improving quality of care for our patients.



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