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Message from the President

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President's Message

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New Year's Resolutions

Happy New Year to all.

It is that time of year when many of us look backward and forward. Backward at the year that has passed, at what was accomplished and what was not, and what we might do better in the year ahead.

The ACC requires each state chapter to undertake this process, in what they call the "State of the State" report. We are in the process of creating our report in which we review our accomplishments in 2018. Here are a few highlights:

In 2018 MDACC:

1. Co-hosted a successful Heart Health Day in Annapolis in February in partnership with the Mid-Atlantic affiliate of the American Heart Association.
2. Achieved recognition from ACC for efforts in expanding and enhancing CV Team membership.
3. Engaged with the Maryland Board of Physicians to advance a compromise proposal for the Maryland legislature to allow hospital credentialing of RCIS personnel in cardiac cath labs.
4. Brought new MDACC members to Capitol Hill for ACC Legislative Conference in September.
5. Transitioned to new organization and leadership of MACCS, introducing a new "pre-meeting" focused on FITs. MACCS had improved every year under Michael Solomon's longstanding, skilled guidance, and, building on that success, last year we achieved our best attendance yet.
6. Advanced our collaborative relationship with MedChi.

In 2019, MDACC will:

1. Co-host a dinner for state legislators in Annapolis to discuss issues of mutual importance for the cardiology community and cardiovascular patients.
2. Work with our multi-stakeholder group to propose and advance legislation which would allow credentialing of RCIS personnel in cardiac cath labs in Maryland.
3. Plan for MACCS.19. We will review attendee comments and feedback and incorporate into planning to make MACCS even better.
4. Consider ways to promote Women in Cardiology (WIC) and FIT transition to FACC in Maryland.
5. Find new ways to reach and engage ACC members throughout the state.

I encourage all of our members to give us [feedback](#) on what we are doing to represent and deliver member value for you. I also challenge each of us to consider what we can do better for our patients and for our College in 2019. Over the holiday break, I watched with my kids the old Frank Capra film, "[It's a Wonderful Life](#)". It is a wise old film which dramatizes the power each of us has to influence and improve the little world around us. Cardiology remains a wonderful field because of the cumulative, daily positive effort each of us puts into our work.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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