



## WHAT WE DID FOR YOU IN 2015

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**Represented** your interests in the Washington State Medical Association by participating in the WSMA General Meeting and the WSMA Legislative Summit.

At the WSMA General Meeting, delegates from Thurston and Mason counties introduced several resolutions and worked with Public Health representatives and other county medical societies to urge the WSMA to adopt those resolutions. You can visit our website for further information regarding final passage of resolutions at the WSMA annual meeting.

Thurston and Mason County board members and member physicians participated in the WSMA Legislative Summit in Olympia, WA in January and met with State Representatives to speak on priority legislative issues for the medical society.

**Collaborated** with local physicians to provide informative meetings for our members.

- **Gut Club:** Collaborated with local physician to provide meetings for the Gut Club. In January, TMCMS hosted a Gut Club meeting on “New Treatment for Hepatitis C” by Dr. Renuka Bhattacharya from the University of Washington.
- **TMCMS Annual Meeting:** “Building Resilience into Medical Practice” by Claudia Finkelstein, MD from the University of Washington. Dr. Finkelstein discussed the topic of “mindfulness” and organizational and individual strategies for change.
- **TMCMS Membership Meeting:** “Responsible Management of Opioid Prescribing and the WA State Prescription Monitoring Program”. The TMCMS hosted a membership meeting featuring Gary Franklin, MD, Medical Director of the WA State Department of Labor & Industries and Chris Baumgartner, Director of the WA State Prescription Monitoring Program.

**Welcomed** new physicians to the TMCMS. Building on the success of our New Members Social in the fall of 2014.

**Launched** a new and improved TMCMS website including a physician search database for the public and a private database for our members.

**Partnered** with several local organizations to promote the practice of medicine in Thurston and Mason Counties.

- Worked with local groups striving to provide efficient health care and important information to the community through the Thurston County Safety Net Council.
- Worked with the Thurston County Health Department to support Thurston Thrives. Thurston Thrives is an initiative to engage the community in public health priorities.
- Worked with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce to recognize local Health Care Champions in the annual community event that honors local physicians and others who have gone above the call of duty in the health care field.

**Participated** in the review and provided input to WSMA’s Legislative and Regulatory Agenda for 2015.

**Planned** the “Blooming with Health” Gala for the spring of 2016. We hope this will become an annual fundraising event to support local organizations providing much needed health services in our local communities.

**Referred** new patients to our member practices.

*The mission of the Thurston-Mason County Medical Society is to promote the art, science and practice of medicine; promote the care and well-being of patients; protect and improve the health of the public; and, provide leadership for its members.*