

## President's Message: Reflect & Plan

RISOPS closed out 2018 in style with another successful holiday gathering of almost 40 members and guests at Trattoria Zooma on Federal Hill. The opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet the future of our organization is certainly a highlight of the season. During this event, Stephen Fanning, III, DO was honored as the posthumous recipient of the Lawrence Bouchard Award for outstanding service to RISOPS.



facing the challenges and finding the opportunities that 2019 has in store for our organization. As we move forward, please join me in formally welcoming the two newest members elected to the RISOPS Board of Trustees: **Herbert "Hub" Brennan, DO** and **Polly**

**Leonard, DO.** We are fortunate to have them as part of our leadership team!

• Planning is already underway for the 2019 ROME Conference. We look forward to hosting the event in Rhode Island this year.

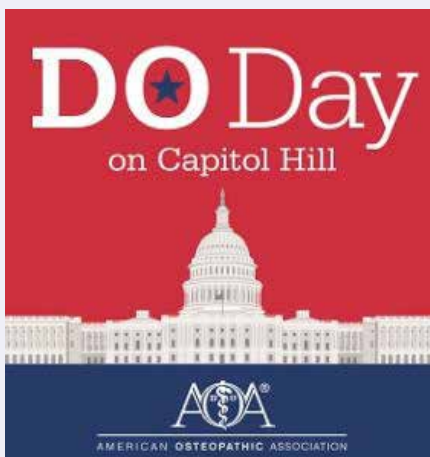
- Stay tuned for important updates in the Lifespan discrimination case against Osteopathic fellowship/training.
- Please remember to renew your RISOPS membership dues! We would not survive without your invaluable support. We will continue creating value for our membership.

Respectfully,  
**Gregory G. Allen, Jr., DO**

The New Year is firmly upon us, and in case there was any question, the polar vortex serves as a stark reminder that old man Winter has no intention of letting go just yet. We look forward to

*Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.*

Mark Twain



**Tuesday, March 5**

## R.I. Legislative Update Winter '19

by RISOPS Staff

**H 5142** expands the scope of practice for physical therapists to include ordering diagnostic imaging and studies.

**STATUS:** Referred to the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee on 1/17/19.

# Holiday Dinner Recap

December 2018

We had an excellent turnout at the RISOPS Annual Holiday Dinner! 45 members and their guests gathered at Trattoria Zooma in Providence on December 19th for delicious food and

good company. Our speaker, Saurabh Agarwal, MD, provided a presentation called ***Lung Cancer Screening 101: The Basics***.

*Thank you to Rhode Island Medical Imaging for your support of our event!*



# Holiday Dinner Recap *(cont'd)*



# A LOOK BACK IN **HISTORY**

photograph courtesy of the NEOHC

**"Premie" infant born at CGHO, 1963. Baby Joseph Souza, Mrs. Perrotti, Dr. Bortle at Osteopathic General Hospital.**



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SAVE THE DATE!

## RISOPS Dinner Meeting

sponsored by Legally Mine

Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
at 6:30 pm

All Rhode Island DOs are invited and welcome to bring a guest/spouse. More information will be posted at [risops.org](http://risops.org) as it becomes available.

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## RISOPS Member Spotlight



**Dr. Sarah Belden just completed residency and has moved back to RI, and is a new member of RISOPS. She is originally from Maine, attended UNE-COM, but spent her third year of UNE-COM at Kent County, which is how she and her husband ended up falling in love with Rhode Island. They are currently building a home on Warwick Neck. Dr. Belden is excited to be a member of the RI DO community and enjoyed the RISOPS holiday dinner, as she was able to meet a lot of new people and connect with former mentors. Dr. Belden works in a group with two other dermatologists and several mid-level providers at Aspire Dermatology. She is currently accepting new patients.**

### RISOPS OFFICERS (2018-19)

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### Admission into UNECOM Interviews

The RISOPS Student Recruitment and Placement Committee holds interviews for students each year who are applying for admission to UNECOM. Interviews are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of September. After the committee completes the interviews, recommendations letters are sent to the UNECOM admissions office. The letters are also available to be sent to other schools that the interviewee would like them sent to. Applying to osteopathic school is a competitive process. Interviewing and getting a recommendation from RISOPS can be a very important addition to your application material. This past September, we interviewed 2 students.

If you would like more information, please email: [risops@osteopathic.org](mailto:risops@osteopathic.org).

### RISOPS Volunteer Opportunities: Committee Members Needed!

**Committees:** Bylaws, Education, Finance and Personnel, and Membership

**Time Commitment:** 1 to 3 hours every month to prepare and participate in board meetings. Participation can be in person or via conference call.

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