Jose Santoro, MBA  
CMSA Foundation Treasurer

CMSA Foundation is pleased to introduce you to Jose Santoro from West Orange, NJ.

Tell us about your first involvement with the CMSA Foundation? While I first became aware of the Foundation through my dear friend, Peggy Leonard in 2010, I began serving on the Foundation Board in late 2017 when the CMSA Foundation Bylaws identified the Treasurer of CMSA acting as a dual role as Treasurer for the Foundation, as well.

What other volunteer roles do you hold with CMSA Foundation or with CMSA? In addition to the Treasurer role on both the CMSA board, and the CMSA Foundation board, I was honored to become the Chair of the Chapter Outreach Committee which formed in August 2019, creating and overseeing the Chapter Ambassador program. I have always been very active at the chapter level serving in many roles, including President. And, have also played an integral role in several surrounding chapters including support in developing new chapters in the area.

What is your first memory of the CMSA Foundation, and what surprised you most about working with the Organization? At the 2010 CMSA Annual Conference, Peggy Leonard’s passionate request for support created my first memory of the Foundation.

What do you wish other people knew about the Foundation, that they may not be aware? I wish everyone understood that the Foundation is a vehicle to advance Nursing and provides funds to support education, and hopes to be able to support much needed research and publish findings. There is a need to elevate the nursing professional and publishing research can make such a difference!

When friends and colleagues find out that you volunteer with the CMSA Foundation, what do they say or ask? Often colleagues are confused about the relationship of the CMSA Foundation with CMSA, so I often help define the relationship of the organizations to others.

What does your life look like outside of your career and volunteer work? Outside of my busy CMSA volunteer life, and my hectic executive life, I love to travel and experience different cuisines and cultures.

What might someone be surprised to know about you? That I have four beautiful granddaughters!

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Want to get to know more about Jose’s involvement with the Foundation? Feel free to contact him at jsantoro2020@hotmail.com