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6:30 PM

Cocktail Hour

Food Stations

Networking

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Welcome

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Welcome

from Chris Frick

New Jersey Leadership Board Chair



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Arthritis Foundation's 2024 Evening of Honors. Your presence here tonight reflects your deep commitment to the ongoing fight against a serious grouping of rheumatic diseases that impact people of all ages, walks of life, socioeconomic statuses, races, religions, and ethnicities.

- **Arthritis limits lives and we are here to improve them.**
- **One in 5 people with rheumatoid arthritis have no treatment that works.** We are investing millions of dollars in research and with your dollars we can accelerate this effort.
- **Millions of patients are required by insurance to take**

medications and fail them first. Our advocacy team is fighting hard to get Step Therapy passed in New Jersey so millions of patients will not be required to take medications and fail them before they can take the medication their doctor initially prescribed.

- **There are no FDA-approved drugs that effectively treat Osteoarthritis.** We are leading the way in the effort to discover drugs that slow or end the progression of Osteoarthritis. That is why we established the OA Clinical Trail Network with top OA researchers throughout the country and the world to prioritize the need for OA treatments.
- **Nine states have no Pediatric Rheumatologists and six states have only one.** We provide Fellowships and grants to help expand care in rural and underserved areas.
- **Twice as many adult Rheumatologists will be needed by the patient population by 2030.** With your support, we are working to increase the number and diversity of rheumatologists and allied professionals through our workforce development and diversity, equity, and inclusion fellowship committees.

These are only some of the many challenges we are working hard to overcome for patients with arthritis. Your support of the Evening of Honors enables the Arthritis Foundation to continue to offer important programs such as Camp JRA, a week-long camp for children with arthritis, JA Family Day, our Young Adult Program, and our Military Luncheon. It also supports our Advocacy efforts to ensure that people with arthritis have access to the care they need. Through these efforts, we invested \$12 million for arthritis research in 2023. We exist to conquer arthritis, and together, we will succeed!

In New Jersey alone, over 1.4 million people are affected by arthritis and other related rheumatic diseases. Nationally, it remains the leading cause of disability, affecting one in four people in the general population and one in three in the military. As highlighted above, arthritis does not discriminate. Sadly, 300,000 children nationwide are currently living with provider-diagnosed arthritis. These numbers are staggering - there are more children with arthritis than juvenile diabetes, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and cerebral palsy combined!

Thank you for joining us tonight and impacting the lives of everyone living with arthritis.

Christopher Frick
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2024 Lifetime Achievement Award

Robert G. Lahita, MD, Ph.D.

Director, Institute for Autoimmune and Rheumatic Diseases



“Dr. Bob” Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D. (Wayne, NJ) is the director of the Institute for Autoimmune and Rheumatic Disease at St. Joseph’s Health in Paterson, New Jersey. He is a Master of the American College of Rheumatology, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians in London. His research interests are the molecular aspects of antigen expression in reproductive immunology, the effects of sex and gender on the autoimmune diseases, and the etiopathogenesis of the phospholipid syndrome.

Dr. Lahita is the author or editor of more than 16 books and 150 scientific publications in the field of autoimmunity. He is the editor of the standard textbook now in its 6th edition called *Lahita’s Systemic Lupus Erythematosus*, the senior editor of the *Textbook of Autoimmunity* and co-editor of the *Yearbook of Rheumatology*. He is also author of several books for lay audiences: *Lupus: Q&A; Autoimmunity in Women*, *the way the body betrays itself*; and finally, *Immunity Strong* (released Jan 5, 2022).

Dr. Lahita is a Professor of Medicine at the new Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine and clinical Professor of Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. He proudly served as an Associate Professor in immunology for 11 years in the laboratory of the legendary Henry G. Kunkel at The Rockefeller University in New York City. While at Rockefeller, he was an adjunct Professor at Weill-Cornell Medical School, Hospital for Special Surgery and worked in Rheumatology with Dr. Charles Christian. For more than a decade, he was also an associate Professor at Columbia University. Prior to his current work, Dr. Lahita was Chair of Medicine at Saint Joseph Medical Center, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and Jersey City Medical Center and was Division Director of Rheumatic Disease for many years at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He also served as Division Chief of Rheumatology at Saint Vincent Hospital in New York City and Professor at NYMC. He has trained countless medical students, residents, and fellows during his career which spanned over 50 years.

Dr. Lahita is a reviewer for some 15 medical journals and on the editorial boards of three. He has also been an associate editor for the *Lupus International Journal* since 2004.

Dr. Lahita is also a volunteer emergency responder since 1990 and was featured in the recent documentary *Memory Box: Echoes of 9/11*. Dr Lahita was present during the 9/11 attacks on America and is featured in many works like the “Faces of Ground Zero” and others. He is currently the volunteer medical director of the Village of Ridgewood, NJ (since 1990) and medical director of the Borough of Saddle River, NJ.

Dr. Lahita is an expert on immunity, autoimmune, and rheumatic disease and is consulted constantly by media across the globe including Reuters, Newsmax, Fox Business, Fox News, NBC Now, MSNBC, EWTN, CBSN, LxNBC, Newsnation, and other national and international media.

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Diana Manning is the Firm Managing Principal of Bressler, Dr. Jankowski is an alumnus of the College of the Holy Cross she earned a BA in psychology with a pre-medical concentration. She then went to medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 2016. Since then she

has been part of the Rutgers RWJBH system, having done her residency and fellowship at JCMC/CBMC, and subsequently joining BHMG Orthopaedics. She was the first combined Orthopaedic Trauma and Adult Reconstructive Surgery Fellow at Rutgers RWJBH. She is currently on the teaching faculty for both her former residency and fellowship, and is the QA/PI Officer for BHMG Orthopaedics. Her special interests include revision total joint arthroplasty and the management of periprosthetic fracture and infection.

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Special Guest

Olivia Judicke



At the age of 14, Olivia was diagnosed with enthesitis-related juvenile idiopathic arthritis, after years of joint pain and inflammation. Her arthritis has been most active in her knees, ankles, hips, and lower back. Over the years, Olivia has tried many different medications to manage her symptoms, and she is so thankful to have found a biologic, which helps lessen her day-to-day pain. Olivia's journey with arthritis is always changing, but she is grateful to be able to captain her high school fencing team, fence at national competitions, play the flute, and spend time with her friends. Now, Olivia is 17 years old, and she looks to raise awareness for arthritis, especially in children and adolescents. Her experience has inspired her to pursue a career in biochemical engineering in order to find a cure for arthritis. She is so honored to work with the Arthritis Foundation to champion this cause.

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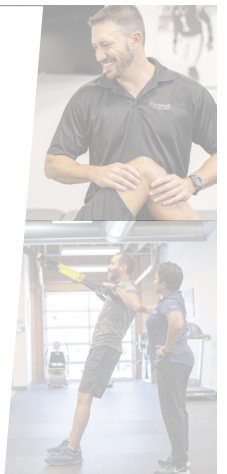
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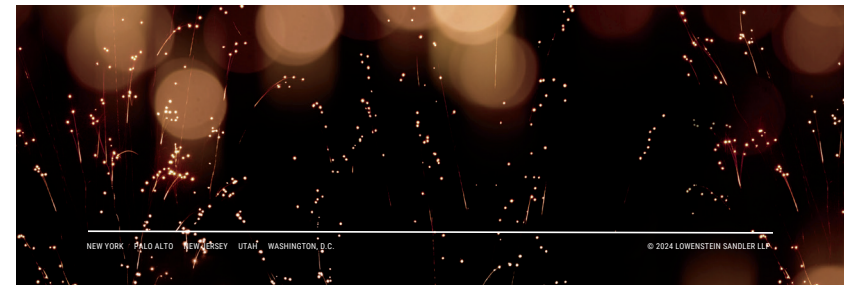


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