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Dear Esteemed Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 33rd Annual Hermes Expo. As we gather to celebrate this significant milestone, we reflect on the enduring impact of our event and the incredible opportunities it has created for our community over the years.

The Hermes Expo has always been more than just an event; it is a vibrant platform that fosters collaboration, innovation, and growth within the Greek-American community. Our Expo serves as a bridge between Greece and America, facilitating trade, communication, and cultural exchange. This unique connection not only strengthens our economic ties but also enriches our cultural heritage, allowing us to preserve and promote our shared values and traditions.

In today's rapidly evolving global landscape, events like the Hermes Expo are vital. They provide a space for businesses to showcase their products and services, for entrepreneurs to share their innovative ideas, and for professionals to network and build lasting relationships. The Expo is a testament to the resilience and dynamism of our community, demonstrating our ability to adapt, grow, and thrive.

We are proud to host a diverse array of exhibitors and honorees who exemplify excellence in their respective fields. Their contributions highlight the importance of unity, collaboration, and mutual support within our community. As we celebrate their achievements, we are reminded of the collective strength and potential of the Greek-American diaspora.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities presented at this year's Expo. Engage with the exhibitors, participate in the informative sessions, and connect with fellow attendees. Together, we can continue to build a prosperous future for our community, both here in America and in Greece.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. We look forward to another successful year of fostering growth, innovation, and cultural exchange.

Warm regards,

Paul

Paul Kotrotsios

Founder & President, Hermes Expo

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Exhibitor Setup Time

Light breakfast and coffee will be provided. ***CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC***

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Hermes Expo's Business Networking Expo ***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

- Featuring Booths from various sectors
- Job Fair for internship opportunities
- Expert Insight Sessions
- Wine Tasting Mixer featuring wines from Greece

2:00 PM – Grand Opening of the 33rd Hermes Expo

- Blessing by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of the Metropolis of New Jersey, assisted by the Chancellor of the Metropolis, V. Rev. Nektarios Cottros
- Welcoming of Sponsors, Exhibitors, and Special Buyers
- Master of Ceremonies, Honorable James Polos, Executive Director Improvement Authority
 - Special Guest Speakers:
 - Honorees and Dignitaries from Local, County, State, and Federal Government
- Dignitaries from Greece: Vice Governor of the Region of Thessaly Mr. Dimitrios Tsatsilas.
- Presentations from the State Senate of New Jersey and Old Bridge Economic Development Office.

3:00 PM - Hermes Expo's Expert Insight Sessions

- Perry N. Halkitis, PhD, MS, MPH, Dean & Professor, Rutgers School of Public Health
TOPIC: Public Health Needs of Greek & Other Immigrant Populations in the U.S.
- George Danis, Entrepreneur & Philanthropist, Author of 'Go Far, Give Back, Live Greek'
TOPIC: His Memoir, *Go Far, Give Back, Live Greek*.

3:00 PM - Greek food & wine MIXER

Featuring wines from A&A Distributing and Wines from the Region of Thessaly

6:00 PM – Hermes Expo ENDS*

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Grand Cocktail Reception –

For dinner ticket holders ONLY. No tickets sold at the door.

7:00 PM - Awards Ceremony & Dinner

- National Anthems (English and Greek) by Conductor Costa Tsourakis
- Invocation by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of the Metropolis of New Jersey
- Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies by Ioanna Kotrotsios, PharmD
- Master of Ceremonies, Honorable James Polos, Executive Director Improvement Authority Middlesex County
 - Welcome Address by Paul Kotrotsios, Founder and President of the Hermes Expo
- Awards Ceremony: – Presentation of Esteemed Honorees: – Aristotelian Award – Business Leadership Award – Hippocratic Award – Paideia Award – Philotimo Award

Entertainment by Stavros Theodorou and Orchestra

HERMES EXPO

INTERNATIONAL

NETWORKING BUSINESS EXPO

Save the date!

November 12, 2025

Grand Marquis | Old Bridge | NJ

Exhibit: 12:00pm to 6:00pm | Awards Dinner: 6:00pm to 11:00pm

UNLOCK NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT THE 34TH HERMES EXPO EXHIBIT SHOWCASE



FREE ADMISSION TO THE EXPO WITH YOUR ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

INDUSTRIES THAT EXHIBIT

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- ✓ BEVERAGE
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- ✓ REAL ESTATE
- ✓ IMPORT & EXPORT
- ✓ TECHNOLOGY
- ✓ RETAIL
- ✓ NON-PROFIT & EDUCATION

HIGHLIGHTING BUSINESSES FROM GREECE



INNOVATION SHOWCASE

It's a prime place to explore & discover innovative products and services.



MARKET INSIGHTS

Visitors gain market insights by exploring diverse exhibitors.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The expo connects professionals from diverse industries, fostering collaboration.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Beyond business, the expo celebrates Greek culture, offering cultural immersion in music, art, and cuisine.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Attendees connect, share insights, and drive business success.



EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS

Keynote speakers offer valuable skills and knowledge to attendees at the expo.



AWARDS DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

A prestigious event celebrating business excellence and community contributions. Tickets must be reserved in advance.

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HERMES EXPO

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Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Grand Marquis | Old Bridge | NJ

Explore Sponsor & Exhibitor Opportunities

Welcome to Hermes Expo, where your business success has been our mission since 1992. As a premier expo for professionals and entrepreneurs, we offer tailored experiences to boost your brand, expand your reach, and foster meaningful connections. Join us to champion excellence, innovation, and growth in a vibrant community of like-minded achievers.

Industries That Exhibit

- ✓ **Food**
- ✓ **Beverage**
- ✓ **Wines**
- ✓ **Healthcare**
- ✓ **Finance & Banking**
- ✓ **Manufacturing**
- ✓ **Hospitality & Tourism**
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Market Expansion

Present your brand to a broader audience, unlocking new markets and untapped customers.



Targeted Audience:

Connect with a focused audience of professionals, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders, enhancing potential client and partner connections.



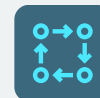
Networking Opportunities

Use the expo's networking for valuable connections, potentially sparking profitable collaborations.



Product Showcase

Display products, services, or innovations to highlight uniqueness and benefits, potentially increasing sales and market interest.



Brand Visibility

Enhance brand credibility and visibility by aligning with Hermes Expo, positioning your business as a leader in the industry.



Market Insights

Perform market research at the expo, gathering insights on trends, preferences, and competitor strategies to guide decisions.



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June 19, 2024



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all of you gathered for the 33rd Hermes Expo Awards Dinner. Since 1992, the Hermes Expo has led the way in fostering commerce, communication, and cultural exchanges between the United States and Greece. In doing so, it has spotlighted Greek American and Philhellenic businesses, providing a platform for professionals and entrepreneurs to showcase their offerings.

As a Vice Co-Chair of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus, a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and a Greek American legislator, I recognize the unique importance of exchanges like this to reinforce the ironclad alliance between the U.S. and Greece. Hermes Expo's efforts to foster key networking opportunities tailored to the Hellenic and Philhellenic community have led to constructive commercial diplomacy, including a landmark business and cultural trade pact signed by the Mayors of Philadelphia and Thessaloniki, facilitated by Hermes Expo.

I would also like to recognize and congratulate tonight's honorees: Dr. Antonios Gasparis, Robert Buhler, Vasiliki Filiotis, Dr. Perry Halkitis, Dr. Dimitrios Monos, George Moutis, Dr. Kostantinos Poulidikidis, George Thomas, Savas Tsivicos, Steve Zervoudis. Your dedication to positively impacting your community and the larger Hellenic family is commendable, and I join the Hermes Expo in toasting to you.

Hermes Expo's successes are a testament to the vibrancy of the Greek American diaspora in the United States and the unbreakable bond we have with our brothers and sisters in Greece. I'm proud to be a Greek American and I'm proud of Paul Kotrotsios's work to bring us closer together.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress



**Ambassador George Tsunis' Statement
on the Occasion of the
33rd Hermes Expo International, 2024**

For over three decades, the Hermes Expo has served as an important resource for companies from Greece and across southeastern Europe seeking to grow and prosper in the U.S. market. The United States is invested in Greece's success, and groups like yours do so much to build connections, promote dialogue, and advance our shared prosperity.

This is an exciting time for the Greek economy. Greece has returned to an investment-grade sovereign debt credit rating and it is attracting increasing levels of U.S. investment. In fact, the United States was the eighth-largest source of foreign direct investment in Greece between 2011 and 2022.

The U.S.-Greece relationship has never been stronger, and we welcome the contributions that the Hermes Expo has made to support the Greek diaspora and nurture U.S.-Greek ties. For more than 30 years, it has served as a unique platform for fostering greater connections in trade, investment, tourism and beyond.

The United States is proud to see so many U.S. businesses discovering the incredible human capital and investment opportunities Greece has to offer. Greek companies are also looking toward the United States to develop new partnerships. We are committed to continuing to foster even stronger ties in the future to the benefit of both our countries and both our peoples.

I extend my best wishes for a successful 2024 Hermes Expo and send my congratulations to the distinguished recipients of this year's Hermes Expo Awards!



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To : Mr Paul Kotrotsios
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Dear Mr. Kotrotsios/Dear Paul

I would first like to thank you for your kind invitation to participate in the 33rd HERMES EXPO.

Unfortunately and despite my great desire, multiple commitments on the one hand and the intensity of the weather phenomena, especially the forest fires, make it impossible for me to be away for a long time and at long distances during this period.

I am, however, particularly happy because the Region of Thessaly will be represented at the 33rd HERMES EXPO with a dynamic delegation consisting of:

Dimitrios Tsetsilas, Vice-Regional Head of the Primary Sector and Rural Economy.

Dr. Dimitrios Stavridis, Director General of Agricultural Economy and Veterinary Medicine and

Dimitrios Sofologis, Regional Councillor and President of the Panhellenic Federation of Agricultural Associations.

As you know, Thessaly faced particularly difficult and unpleasant situations last year, culminating in the DANIEL storm, the devastating effects of which will affect the lives of Thessalians for years to come.

Nevertheless, myself, my staff and all the personnel are working on a daily basis, and not under the best of circumstances, to restore optimism in Thessaly and to create the conditions that will guarantee the safety, economic development and well-being of its citizens.

In this context, we have developed a recovery plan, the main axis of which is to support agriculture and livestock farming, which are the basis of our economy, and we are working intensively to promote and advertise, in every available way, the high quality agricultural products of our region.

Thus, we are pleased to accept your invitation to participate in the upcoming 33rd HERMES EXPO on June 19, 2024, at the Grand Marquis, Old Bridge, New Jersey. With this participation we seek to connect our region with the Greek community in the USA, to present the quality products of the Thessalian agri-food sector and to create

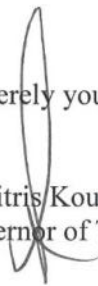
channels of communication and cooperation between the Thessalian export companies and the distribution networks of Greek agricultural products in the large market of the USA.

We perceive HERMES EXPO as a link between Europe and the USA and an opportunity to strengthen the extroversion of the Region of Thessaly and we also aim to create contacts and mutually beneficial relationships with players of the American economy and especially with the prestigious and creative representatives of the Greek diaspora, one of which is you.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for your invitation, to congratulate you for your many years of selfless and uninterrupted contribution to the Hellenism of the diaspora. Finally, I wish you every success in your business activities, health and happiness to your family and I invite you to visit us, to host you and show you around the beauties of Thessaly when you are back home.

Sincerely yours

Dimitris Kouretas
Governor of Thessaly



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Mayor's Office of Economic Development



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

May 30h, 2024

Paul Kotrotsios, MBA

Founder & CEO, Hellenic News of America

Founder, President & CEO | Hermes Expo International

Dear Paul,

I would like to take this opportunity to first congratulate you on the 34th year of the Hermes Expo, as well as making Old Bridge Township the Expo's new home. I would also like to express my appreciation for your efforts to assist the Old Bridge Mayor's Office of Economic Development in fostering economic growth between your organization and the Old Bridge Township business community and other communities. My office works closely with our local businesses, stakeholders, developers, and investors seeking opportunities both within Old Bridge Township and the international business community.

Old Bridge Township is the perfect location to bridge the Greek, American, and Township cultures together through your platform. Through working together, there is no doubt we will drive commerce and forge strong relationships with our diverse businesses across our town with your domestic and international partners. This annual event will be a great opportunity to continue to explore the over 600 + businesses that make up the Old Bridge Township business community. Furthermore, the Expo will provide us with an opportunity to show that Old Bridge Township is an unbeatable location with its well-educated workforce, demographics and strong retail and wholesale marketplace profile.

I am looking forward to working with you and networking with the Greek American community, companies, representatives, business leaders and entrepreneurs. Also, I am eager to interact with prospective partners from both sides of the international marketplace at the event and in the future. I wish you another successful Expo here in Old Bridge Township.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Steve Mamakas

Executive Officer, Mayor's Office of Economic Development

NJBIZ – NJLM Public Private - Partnership Award Winner

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Paul Kotrotsios, MS

Founder of Hellenic News of America and Hermes Expo

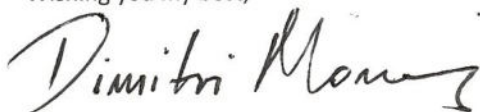
Philadelphia, June 3, 2024

Dear Paul,

It is my pleasure and honor to receive the Hippocratic Award at the Hermes Expo Awards Dinner organized by the Hellenic News of America on June 19th. Thank you for your kind initiative to recognize the work we have been doing, whether clinical or research, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. All is done with the hope we can contribute, even to a very minimal extend, in alleviating the pain and suffering of the many children we see in our programs.

Independently though, I would very much like to congratulate you also for the tremendous effort you have been placing in maintaining the "Hellenic News of America" throughout the years and by doing so offer an opportunity to our community to maintain our culture and traditions. Enhancing business and bringing people together with mutual interests through the "Hermes Expo" is a very commendable initiative with far reaching impact and benefits for all involved.

Wishing you my best,



Dimitri Monos, Ph.D.

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO

Paul Kotrotsios

On the 33rd Annual Hermes Expo! Your commitment to excellence and your relentless pursuit of empowering the Greek-American community is an inspiration to us all.

MARIYANA SPYROPOULOS
COMMISSIONER,
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
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Intl. Coordinating Committee
Justice for Cyprus
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Salutes Hermes Expo
and
reminds all exhibitors that we are also
commemorating the
50th Dark Anniversary
of the illegal invasion and continued
occupation of Cyprus.

The occupation must end.



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO

Paul Kotrotsios

Events such as the Hermes Expo hold immense significance for the Greek American community.

It serves as a powerful catalyst for unity, entrepreneurship, and cultural preservation. Through networking opportunities, Hermes Expo enables Greek American professionals and business owners to connect, collaborate, and thrive.

VASILIOS MATARAGAS
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Leadership 100[®]

We join the Hermes Expo International at the Awards Dinner Gala
on June 19, 2024, in honoring distinguished members of Leadership 100
who have made outstanding contributions to the Greek American community:

Robert Buhler, Steve Zervoudis, and Savas Tsivicos

We congratulate all the honorees and commend them for their support of
Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

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to

HERMES EXPO INTERNATIONAL

For its 33rd Annual Awards Gala on June 19th, 2024

HIPPOCRATIC AWARD HONOREES

Dr. Antonios Gasparis, President, Hellenic Medical Society, NY

**Dr. Dimitrios Monos, Director of the Immunogenetics Laboratory
at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

Dr. Perry Halkitis, Dean, Rutgers School of Public Health

**Dr. Kostantinos Poulikidis, Thoracic Surgery, Hackensack
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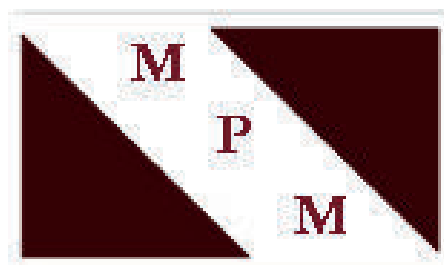


Congratulations

to all the honorees of the 33rd
Hermes Expo! Your achievements and
dedication are truly inspiring. We also
extend our heartfelt appreciation to
Paul Kotrotsios for his exceptional
leadership and commitment to
fostering growth and unity within the
Greek community.

James Polos
President

Midlantic Property Management





Congratulations

to the honorees of the
33rd Hermes Expo
and to

Paul Kotrotsios for his
visionary leadership and
unwavering commitment to
supporting and strengthening
the Greek community.



James & Rita Polos & Family



Congratulations

to the honorees of the
33rd Hermes Expo
and to

Steve Zervoudis
&
Savas Tsivicos

for their remarkable achievements
and contributions to our
community

Steve Tenedios & Family





CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR GOOD FRIEND

Steve Zervoudis

PANTA AXIOS!

LIBBY AND MIKE ANGELIADES
AND FAMILY



Best Wishes

to Hermes Expo for continued
success
and Warmest Congratulations to the
honoree

Mr. Savas Tsivicos
Supreme President AHEPA
for his hard work and dedication to
promoting Hellenism



The President Kyriacos Papastylianos
& Board of Directors
Federation of Cypriot American Organizations



Congratulations

Dr. Gasparis
on your
well-deserved
recognition.





CONGRATULATIONS

TO

*All the honorees of the
Hermes Expo*



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VICE PRESIDENT



CONGRATULATIONS
TO

*Paul Kotrotsios
&
All the Hermorees*



FOTIS FARMAKIS

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CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!

ON YOUR OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIC WORK AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR
GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY!
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND YOU'RE BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS
PHILOTIMO AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR
EFFORTS AND POSITIVE IMPACT, AND
WHOLEHEARTEDLY JOIN IN HONORING AND
CELEBRATING WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

REGARDS,
THE VARKARIS FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREES OF THE 33RD HERMES EXPO!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the
distinguished honorees of the 33rd Hermes Expo.
Your dedication and achievements exemplify the spirit
of excellence and community that the
Hermes Expo celebrates.

GEORGE MOUTIS & FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS

THE HELLENIC MEDICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA
CONGRATULATES MR PAUL KOTROTSIOS FOR THE 33RD
HERMES EXPO;
DR. ANTONIOS GASPARIS, PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK FOR RECEIVING THE
HIPPOCRATIC AWARD;
AND ALL THE AWARDEES AT THE HERMES EXPO AWARD GALA



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

Dr. Dimitrios Monos

&

All the Hermes Expo Honorees

FOR THEIR PASSION, HARD WORK, AND UNWAVERING
DEDICATION HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE
GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

BASIL & DEMI KOLLIAS



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

All the Honorees

&

Paul Kotrotsios

FOR THEIR STEADFAST DEDICATION AND INVALUABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREEK AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

JIMMY & ELENi BOUSIS
CHICAGO, IL



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

HERMES EXPO

IN SELECTING

SAVAS TSIVICOS

THIS YEAR'S HONOREE

OF

THE ARISTOTELIAN AWARD

FOR HIS CONTINUING OUTSTANDING

PHILANTHROPIC WORK

AND

UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE GREEK AMERICAN
AND CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES

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Συγχαρητήρια

Συγχαίρουμε και ευχαριστούμε τον εκδότη και διευθυντή της έγκριτης εφημερίδας Hellenic News, τους συνεργάτες του και τον Ερμή Expo International, τον κορυφαίο αυτόν Οργανισμό, για την ανεκτίμητη προσφορά του στον απόδημο ελληνισμό που επί 33 συνεχή έτη παρουσιάζει και προωθεί ελληνικά προϊόντα, επιχειρήσεις, υπηρεσίες, τους επιστήμονες, τον τουρισμό τις επικοινωνίες, τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό στο εξωτερικό και συμβάλλει στις ελληνοαμερικανικές σχέσεις φιλίας και συνεργασίας. Το έργο του επεκτείνεται και στα θέματα της ελληνικής παιδείας και πολιτισμού με διάφορα προγράμματα και σοβαρούς στόχους. Συγχαίρουμε τους διοργανωτές αυτής της λαμπρής εκδήλωσης και όλους τους τιμώμενους διαπρεπείς παράγοντες, για το σημαντικό έργο που προσφέρουν σε διάφορους τομείς. Άξιοι! Εκφράζομαι τα θερμά μας συγχαρητήρια και τις ευχές μας στην αγαπημένη μας αδελφή Βασιλική Φιλιώτη Πρόεδρο του Οργανισμού Ελληνικής Παιδείας για το σπουδαίο, δυναμικό και αξιόλογο έργο της για το οποίο και τιμάται στη μεγάλη αυτή εκδήλωση του Ερμή Expo και της ευχόμαστε υγεία και δύναμη να συνεχίσει τη δημιουργική δράση της, υπέρμαχος της Ελληνικής Γλώσσας, του Ελληνικού Πολιτισμού και της Ορθοδοξίας. Πάντα Άξια!

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MEET THE HONOREES

James Polos
Master of Ceremonies

James Polos is the Executive Director of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), driving key projects like the new North Brunswick train station and the renovation of the New Brunswick Train Station. He has served as a Councilman, Mayor of Highland Park, and Freeholder of Middlesex County. Jim's current roles include Commissioner of the NJ State Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission and Chairman for the Middlesex County Crime Stoppers Program. He is also the President of Midlantic Property Management Inc. and an active member of St. George Parish in Piscataway. Jim is a devoted husband to his wife Rita and father to their three daughters, and serves as Vice President of the Metropolis Council of New Jersey.

Vasiliki Filioti
Paideia Award

Vasiliki Filioti, a graduate of the Arsakeio Pedagogical Academy of Patras, has had a distinguished career in education. She taught in various Greek schools in Greece and New York, including St. Irene Chrysovalantou, where she also served as principal. She earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education, as well as an interdisciplinary degree in Philosophy and Political Science from Queens College, and pursued a Ph.D. in Political Science at the City University of New York.

Vasiliki has been honored by the United States Congress, the New York State Assembly, the Council of Hellenes Abroad, Hermes Expo, and the Federation of Greek Teachers. She has published works in Philosophy, Political Science, Pedagogy, and Religious Education. She co-published the newspaper "Nea Atlantis" and served as president of the Organization of European Americans and the Association of Greek Teachers "Prometheus."

As president of "Greek Education of America," she promotes the preservation of the Greek language and cultural heritage.

Dr. Konstantinos Poulidikis
Hippocratic Award

Dr. Konstantinos Poulidikis, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon with advanced training in minimally invasive thoracic surgery from Brigham and Women's Hospital, and cardiothoracic surgery from Loyola University Medical Center. He earned his medical degree from New York Medical College and completed his residency at Stamford Hospital.

Dr. Poulidikis is part of the Advanced Lung and Airway Center at Hackensack Meridian Health's JFK University Medical Center, specializing in lung and esophageal cancer, and benign foregut disorders. His expertise includes robotic surgery of the lung, esophagus, and mediastinum. He collaborates with Dr. Faiz Y. Bhora, Chief of Thoracic Surgery.

He has previously served as an attending thoracic surgeon at Nuvance Health and is widely published with a strong research background.

Dr. Perry N. Halkitis
Hippocratic Award

Dr. Perry N. Halkitis is an esteemed infectious disease epidemiologist, applied statistician, and public health psychologist. He is Dean and Hunterdon Professor of Public Health & Health Equity at Rutgers School of Public Health and founder of the Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies.

For over three decades, Dr. Halkitis has focused on the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases in minority populations. He has authored six books, over 300 peer-reviewed articles, and serves as Editor-in-Chief of Behavioral Medicine and Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health.

Dr. Halkitis has received numerous awards and is a fellow of several prestigious organizations. He is a dedicated advocate for public health, serving on various advisory boards and contributing extensively to media and academia.

MEET THE HONOREES

Dr. Antonios P. Gasparis, MD, FACS
Hippocratic Award

Dr. Antonios Gasparis, born in Bronx, NY, is a renowned Vascular Surgeon with a distinguished career spanning over two decades. He earned his B.A. in Classical Civilization of Greece and Rome from New York University in 1992 and completed his Medical Degree and residency in General Surgery at SUNY HSC at Syracuse. Dr. Gasparis further specialized with fellowships in Vascular Surgery and Endovascular surgery.

At Stony Brook University Medical Center, Dr. Gasparis developed the leading Stony Brook Vein Center and opened the first Office-based lab for Stony Brook Medicine. In 2023, he joined Northwell Health as System Chief for Venous Disease, tasked with developing a comprehensive venous program.

Dr. Gasparis has held leadership positions including President of the American Venous Forum and President of the Hellenic Medical Society. He is an esteemed researcher with over 85 published papers and 200 lectures delivered globally. He co-directs the Venous Symposium, one of the largest venous educational meetings in the world.

Dr. Gasparis's contributions to venous disease research, education, and clinical practice are widely recognized, making him a prominent figure in his field.

Dr. Dimitrios S. Monos
Hippocratic Award

Dr. Monos earned his B.S. in Biology from the University of Patras, Greece, and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Immunology from Georgetown University. He is the Evelyn Willing Bromley Professor of Pathology and Lab Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and Director of the Immunogenetics Laboratory at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Monos has significantly advanced our understanding of HLA molecules in autoimmune diseases, pioneered DNA-based methodologies for HLA typing, and introduced Next Generation Sequencing in Immunogenetics. His work has been widely published, funded by major organizations, and he is a recipient of the prestigious Rose Payne Award from ASHI.

Robert A. Buhler
Philotimo Award

Robert A. Buhler, President and CEO of Open Pantry Food Marts of Wisconsin, Inc., was born and raised in Racine, WI. He holds B.S. and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After a successful career in investment banking, Robert took over his family's convenience store company, and also runs E&K Land, LLC, a real estate investment holding company.

Robert is dedicated to the Greek Orthodox Church, education, and Multiple Sclerosis research. He has served on Parish Councils for nearly 30 years, contributed to building a new church, and is a member of Leadership 100 and an Archon. As Chairman of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation since 2015, he has supported Greek American college students. He has also been a Trustee of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society since 2002.

George Moutis
Philotimo Award

George Moutis has been a pillar of the St. George Greek Orthodox Parish for over three decades, showcasing dedication in both personal and professional life. As Youth Director of GOYA, Sunday School Teacher, and Festival Chair, he fosters youth involvement in the Orthodox faith and community service. His contributions extend to the NJ Metropolis, organizing significant events.

Professionally, George has led Structural Concepts, Inc. for 38 years, excelling in construction management. His extensive involvement in St. George Greek Orthodox Church includes 35 years on the Parish Council, with four terms as President, and leadership in various committees.

George also supports interfaith dialogue as a Board Member of the Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought (MCWRET). With degrees in Business Management and Civil Engineering, he became an Archon of The Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2021.

MEET THE HONOREES

Steve Zervoudis
Philotimo Award

Steve Zervoudis, founder and president of "Galaxy General Contracting Corp" in the Bronx, is a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, and benefactor of the church and Greek community. Born in Mesa Didyma, Chios, he immigrated to America at 14. He studied at Samuel Gompers Career & Technical Education High School, Bronx Community College, and the RCA Institute of Technology.

Married to Angeliki Tzini, they have four sons: Gus, Jimmy, Telly, and Ari. Steve began his career in home improvement with his father before founding "Galaxy General Contracting Corp" in the early 1980s. The company, known for its reliability, was selected by NYC Municipality for affordable housing projects and participated in the "New York's Build it Back Program" post-Hurricane Sandy.

An Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Steve is renowned for his philanthropy, particularly his contributions to the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle in the Bronx, which he built. His dedication to service has earned him wide recognition and gratitude from his community.

George Thomas
Restaurateur of the Year Award

George Thomas, has a career marked by dedication, generosity, and excellence. Honored by the Assembly, Police, Fire Department, Township Committee, and Chamber of Commerce, his accolades reflect his commitment to his craft and community. A steadfast supporter of Deborah Hospital, George's generosity includes sponsoring a 5-star wedding for a disabled veteran.

Known for his warm hospitality, George ensures every guest feels valued. As a business leader, he fosters growth and development among his employees. His entrepreneurial journey began with the Spotless Diner in Newark, expanding to 27 restaurants, including the iconic Galloping Hill in Union. He has also served as President of the Pangregorian Organization and was a partner/owner of Harrison Baking Company. George's story is one of resilience, vision, and unwavering dedication to excellence, making a positive impact in his community.

Sam Chekwas
Paideia Award

Dr. Sam Chekwas was the 2004 recipient of the Ambassador of Hellenism award from the Greek government. He is a graduate of Aristotle University Greece with a degree in Greek Philology and Doctor of Dental Surgery. He has written books in both Greek and English languages and lectures at various institutions around the world. He is the publisher of Seaburn Media Group which he started in 1990 with over 6,500 books in print. He is the publisher of The African Diasporan News, the largest continuous publication for Africans in Diaspora. Dr. Chekwas lives in New York with his wife Tyra and three children.

Savas Tsivicos
Aristotelian Award

Savas C. Tsivicos, CEO of Cypreco Industries, Inc., holds a B.S. and M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's certificate from George Washington University. He is a member of the Metropolitan Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and currently serves as the Supreme President of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

Savas has been recognized for his dedication to preserving Hellenism and Orthodoxy. He received the "Medal of Saint Paul" from Archbishop Elpidophoros and the Medal of Exceptional Service from the President of Cyprus. As National President of the Cyprus Children's Fund, he led efforts to support needy children, awarding over \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

Savas worships at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean, NJ, where he served six terms as President of the Parish Council. Under his leadership, the church complex in Ocean Township was completed in under three years.

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Mayor Dean Trantalis: Leading Fort Lauderdale with Vision and Integrity



Mayor Dean J. Trantalis of Fort Lauderdale

In a recent gathering at a Fort Lauderdale restaurant, Mayor Dean Trantalis engaged in a candid and insightful conversation, shedding light on his journey into politics, his Greek heritage, and his vision for the vibrant city he serves.

Peter Palivos (PP) and Paul Kotrotsios (PK) facilitated the dialogue, expressing admiration for Mayor Trantalis's leadership and discussing the significance of featuring Greek American officials like him in the political landscape.

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Empowering Generations: The Birth of the Hellenic Education Fund

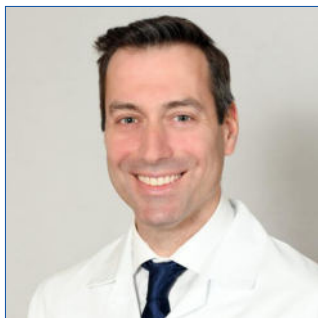


Paulette Poulos, Rev. Gregory-Telemachos Stamkopoulos, Dr. Monica Tadros Athas, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, and Dr. John Athas

Amidst the resounding melodies echoing through the halls of Carnegie Hall, a profound celebration of heritage and education unfolded on Tuesday, January 30th. The occasion marked the birth of the Hellenic Education Fund (HEF), a visionary initiative poised to reshape the landscape of Greek education in America.

Gathered under the auspices of esteemed leaders like His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, a diverse assembly of supporters convened to inaugurate this transformative endeavor.

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Haralabos Zacharatos, D.O.

Haralabos Zacharatos, D.O., Strives to Prevent and Ensure Recovery from Strokes

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has an ischemic (lack of blood flow) stroke, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Strokes are the nation's leading cause of long-term disability.

Haralabos Zacharatos, D.O., strives to prevent his patients from suffering a stroke and works to en-

sure their recovery if they do.

Dr. Zacharatos, an Interventional Neurologist, is board certified in vascular neurology and endovascular neurosurgery and is affiliated with Hackensack Meridian Neuroscience Institute at JFK University Medical Center in Edison (part of the Hackensack Meridian Health network). He has been in practice

for more than 15 years and has co-published several journal articles and book chapters in the field.

"The brain is very sensitive to lack of oxygen," he said. "The better a person can identify neurological changes, the sooner the person can be evaluated for an ischemic stroke, which can make a difference in the overall outcome."

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Catsimatidis Family Hosts Inspiring Greek Independence Day Celebration in NYC



Capturing Greek Pride: A Joyous Celebration of Greek Independence Day at WABC Radio

“Celebrating Greek Independence Day at WABC Radio,” hosted by the Catsimatidis Family, was a true reflection of Greek heritage and pride, bringing together members of the Greek-American community in New York City. Attendees were immersed in the essence of Greece, from the vibrant décor echoing the colors of the Greek flag to the authentic sounds of traditional Greek music that filled the air.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Eftihia Piper, Senior Vice President of the Red Apple Group, and Greek Consul General Ambassador Dinos Konstantinos, setting the tone for a day of celebration and camaraderie. As guests gathered to commemorate Greece’s journey to independence and democracy, the roundtable discussion delved into the significance of Greek Independence Day. Panelists shared their insights on the historical importance of the day and its relevance in today’s world, highlighting the enduring spirit of resilience and freedom that defines the Greek people.

John Catsimatidis, Chairman of Red Apple Group, and Ernie Anastos, a distinguished television news anchor, provided valuable perspectives on the role of Greek heritage in shaping their personal and professional lives.

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Chancellor of the Metropolis of NJ Appointed as Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne

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Dr. Marianthi Ierapetritou: Pioneering Excellence in Chemical Engineering and STEM Advocacy

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Peter Parthenis Sr. and Peter Parthenis Jr.

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"The moral of the story is the realization of a dream. I came to America to become an engineer, study, and build a company. And it is as simple as it sounds," says Parthenis Sr. "It's hard to imagine that 50 years have passed. They were great years. I worked a lot and learned a lot."

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Shelley Berkley: A Champion for the Greek-American Community and Las Vegas

Shelley Berkley, former U.S. Representative and current candidate for Mayor of Las Vegas, has dedicated her career to advocating for the Greek American community and advancing its interests on both local and national levels. Despite the challenges she faced, Berkley's unwavering commitment and tireless efforts have left a lasting impact.

During her time in Congress, Berkley championed various initiatives and legislation that directly benefited the Greek American community. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, she played a pivotal role in advocating for issues concerning Greece, Cyprus, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Berkley's advocacy helped elevate these issues to national prominence, ensuring they remained a priority in the U.S. Congress. Father Alexander Karloutsos, Protospresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, shared, "Our community has never had a greater friend in Congress than Shelley Berkley. I admired her because she was so warm and approachable, yet she stood tall and boldly advocated for, as we often hear, 'truth, justice, and the American way'."

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Greek-American Politician, Shelley Berkley

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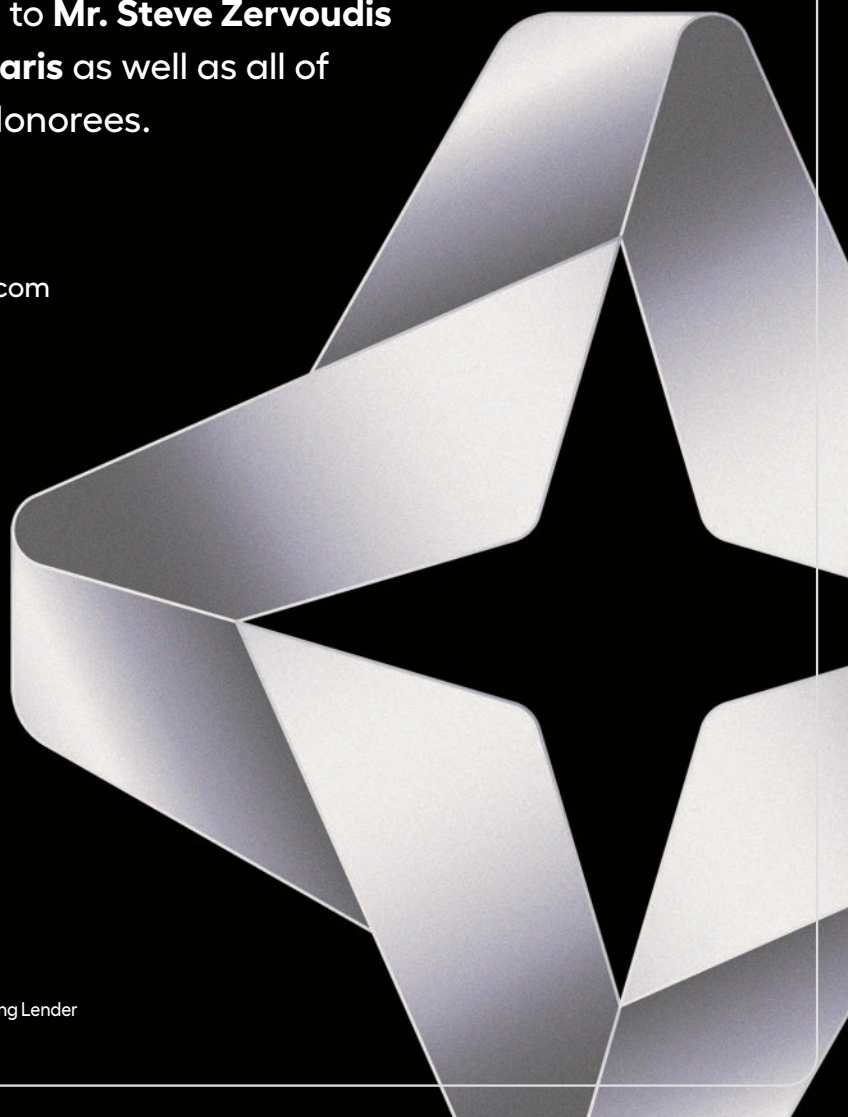
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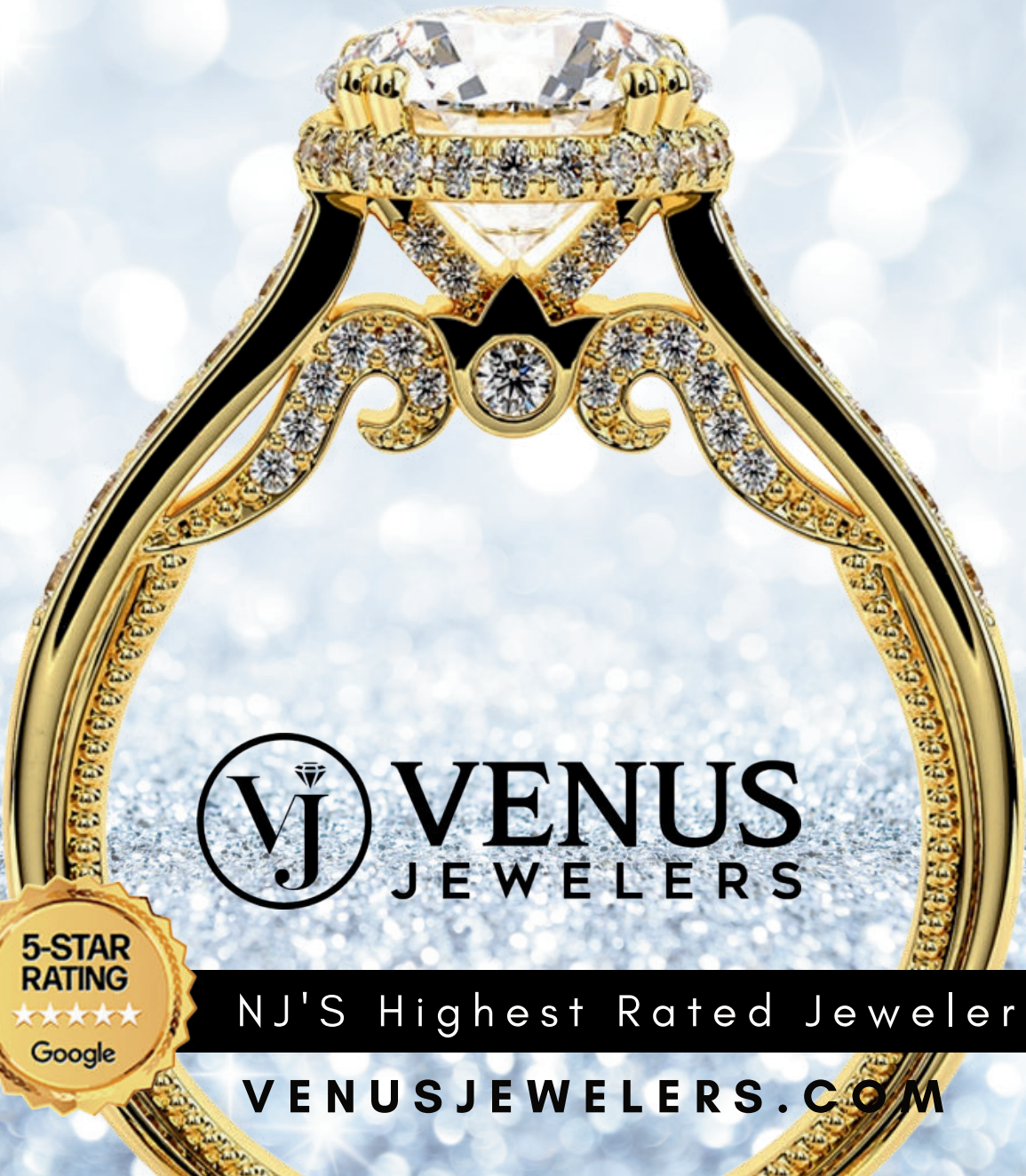
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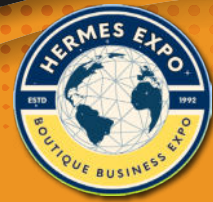


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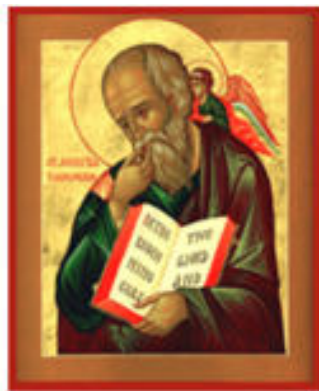
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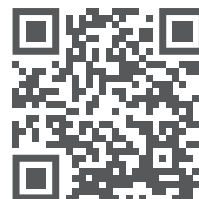
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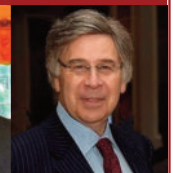
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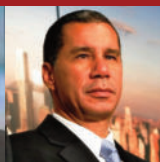
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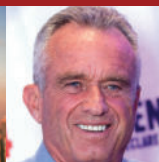
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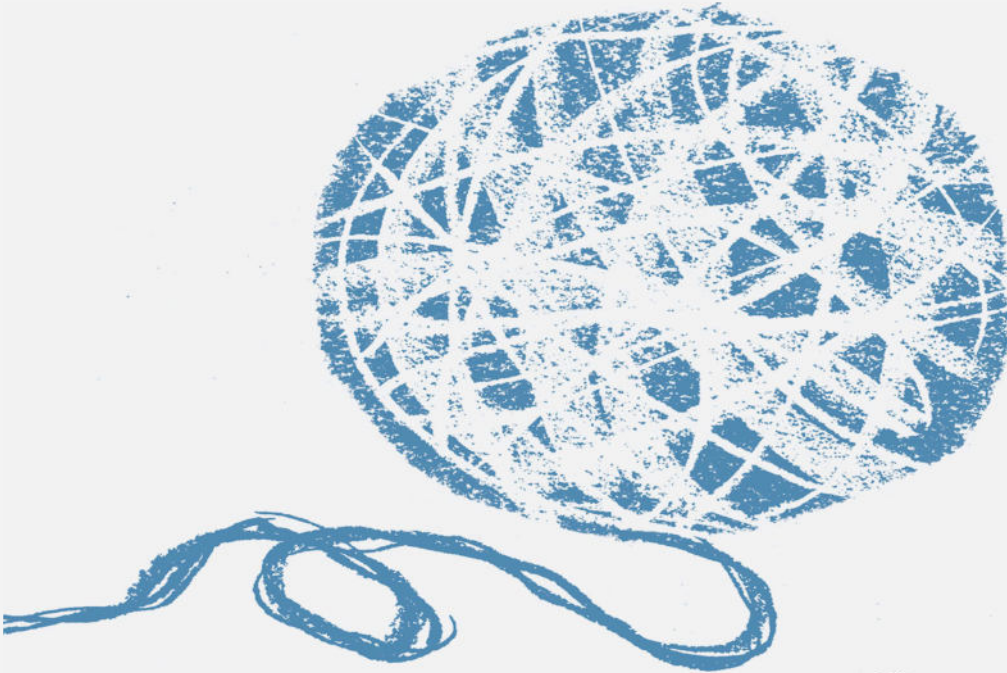
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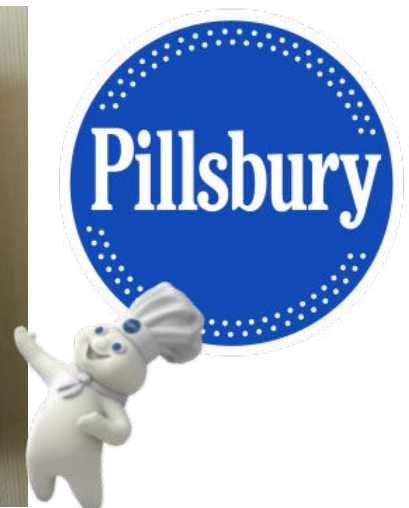


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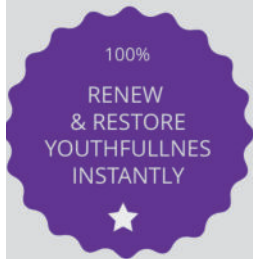
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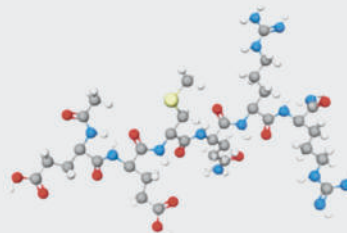
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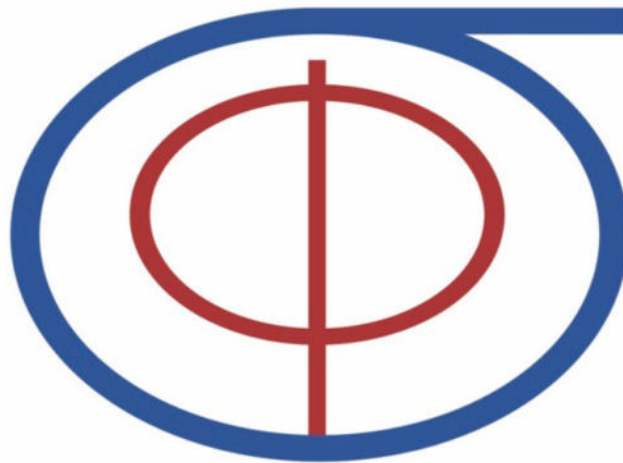
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