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***AMCNO Announces Bicentennial Celebration***

CLEVELAND, OH – The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO), a leading organization in physician advocacy, is proud to announce the celebration of its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The AMCNO will celebrate this milestone achievement with several events for their members and the public starting in May 2024 including an historical exhibition at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), community service event at MedWish International on April 11<sup>th</sup>; lecture from Peter Angood, MD on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Cleveland Clinic at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine’s Health Education Campus; and a culminating Bicentennial gala on May 4<sup>th</sup> at WRHS.

The AMCNO will hold its Bicentennial Gala at the Western Reserve Historical Society from 6 to 9PM on May 4<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser benefitting the Academy’s 501(c)3 charitable organization, the Academy of Medicine Education Foundation, whose purpose is to raise funds for scholarships awarded annually to northern Ohio medical students. Tickets for the gala will cost \$150 for individuals, \$250 for couples, \$75 for medical residents and fellows, and \$50 for medical students. Table sponsorships may also be purchased at \$5,000 for corporations and \$2,000 for nonprofits. Monica Robins of WKYC will emcee the gala. Tickets can be purchased at [www.amcno.org/bicentennial](http://www.amcno.org/bicentennial).

Scholarship award winners will be announced at the gala, and two lifetime achievement awards will be presented to long-time Academy members Richard Fratianne, MD and Nancy Kurfess Johnson, MD. Dr. Fratianne served as president of the AMCNO from 1983-84. During his presidency, he was invited to the White House by President Ronald Reagan for recognition of the Academy’s “Project 83” which provided free medical care who had lost their health insurance due to unemployment. Additional recipient Dr. Kurfess Johnson was a pioneer as one of the area’s early female physicians, and she delivered thousands of babies during her established career before retiring in August 2001.

Additionally, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, President and CEO of American Association for Physician Leadership Dr. Peter Angood will keynote a historic Lower Lecture for the AMCNO and the Cleveland Clinic. The Lower Lecture is based on a tradition started in 1938 by former AMCNO president and Cleveland Clinic founder, William E. Lower, MD. Dr. Lower invited international and national medical experts to Cleveland to speak about groundbreaking medical topics like advances in the study of viruses and surgical shock.

The Western Reserve Historical Society will debut an AMCNO exhibit on 200 years of Cleveland Medical History featuring historical artifacts, photographs, film, and Juno the Transparent Woman, a later version of the “Camp Transparent Woman” debuted by the Academy at the 1936 Great Lakes Expedition. Members of the public can view this exhibit throughout the summer, and gala attendees will be able to visit it during the event.

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Members of the public can stay up to date with the AMCNO's events by following them on social media at @AcademyMedCle and can find more information and purchase tickets at <https://www.amcno.org/bicentennial>.

**ABOUT AMCNO**

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) is a nonprofit 501(c)6 professional organization with the mission of supporting physicians in being strong advocates for all patients and promoting the practice of the highest quality of medicine. Founded in 1824, AMCNO has a long history of physician advocacy as the oldest professional organization in Ohio.

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