



Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

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The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture
requests the honor of your presence

at

The Forty-Third Annual Excellence Award Dinner

honoring

Linas Antanas Sidrys, M.D.

for his humanitarian work and dedication to Lithuania and Lithuanians

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Amber Ballroom

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

6500 South Pulaski Road

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Reception: 8 p.m. Dinner: 9:00 p.m.

Champagne Toast to the New Year - Midnight

Black Tie Optional --- Dancing

***Linas Antanas Sidrys, M.D.** is an ophthalmologist practicing on the Southwest side of Chicago for 27 years. Together with his wife Rima, he has raised eight children, all of whom participate in Lithuanian-American community activities. He was the first American intern allowed to work in the Soviet Union in 1977, in Vilnius. Subsequently, he made many trips to occupied Lithuania, where he performed 120 free eye surgeries in Kaunas, Vilnius and Panevezys, funding and bringing with him much needed medical supplies, antibiotics and surgical equipment. While there, he often trained ophthalmologists in the latest surgical techniques. After Lithuania regained its independence in 1990, he was a strong voice for reforming the outmoded Soviet medical system, writing numerous articles in the Lithuanian press and "Draugas," and publishing a book entitled "Ar Laukti Stebuklo?" (Should We Wait for a Miracle?) For his twenty years of dedication to improving healthcare in Lithuania, Dr. Linas Sidrys was awarded the Order of Gediminas by President Valdas Adamkus at the Presidential palace in Vilnius, Lithuania on August 7, 2008. Dr. Sidrys was born in New York City, June 13, 1951 and resides in Palos Hills, IL. He has been married to Rima Briedyte since 1978.*

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_____ Reservations at \$100 per ticket

_____ I / We cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the Museum's Building Fund.

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R.S. V. P. by December 26, 2009.