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Foundation Honors Ecumenical Patriarch

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation honored His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of the Orthodox Church at a Distinguished Foreign Visitors Program dinner at the Library on October 28.

The Foundation recognized the Ecumenical Patriarch for his highly active role in advancing global conflict resolution and his courageous leadership for peace in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the eastern Mediterranean where he has worked to promote reconciliation among the Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Orthodox communities. Also acknowledged was His All Holiness' commitment to protecting

and preserving the environment, which has earned him the title of "Green Patriarch" in Europe.

In welcoming His All Holiness to the Library, John J. Cullinane, founder of the Distinguished Foreign Visitors Program, stated: "As spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, the Ecumenical Patriarch has traveled to the most troubled areas of the post-Cold War world. The international dialogue and communication he advocates are vital in a world whose countries are becoming increasingly interdependent. They are also critical in a world which is at the same time experiencing a resurgence of nationalistic movements - political,

The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.

John F. Kennedy
Address to the Nation
June 11, 1963

ethnic and religious - that bring with them the accompanying dangers and evils of intolerance, hatred and human rights violations.

"It is particularly fitting that the Ecumenical Patriarch's visit to the Library is part of our Distinguished Foreign Visitors Program. His life and work exemplify the three principles which the program values and honors - international cooperation, understanding and dialogue."

In his remarks, His All Holiness called President Kennedy a symbol of freedom whose leadership inspired future generations to work for peace and reach for the stars. He stated: "I represent the Ecumenical Patriarchate which is an age-old institution, serving the same ideals [as President Kennedy] and working throughout the centuries to protect the dignity of the human person and guarantee peace, hope and unity around the world."

Three hundred guests, representing New England's Greek, Greek-American and Orthodox communities, attended the black-tie dinner, hosted by John and Diddy Cullinane and Courtney Kennedy Hill on behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Funding was provided by the Host Committee for the Ecumenical Patriarch's three-day visit

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His All Holiness presents a book on the Ecumenical Patriarchate, in Greek and English, to John and Diddy Cullinane, who accepted it on behalf of the Library. Looking on, from left to right in the background, are Archbishop Spyridon of America and Metropolitan Ioakim of Chalcedon.

The Library and Foundation are now accessible on the World Wide Web. Our address is:
<http://www.cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm>

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Michael LeMoyne Kennedy

The Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and employees of the Library and Foundation are saddened by the tragic death of Board member Michael LeMoyne Kennedy in a skiing accident in Aspen, Colorado.

Mr. Kennedy, son of Robert and Ethel Kennedy, had been active in the Foundation's efforts to support and sustain the Library through fundraising, promotional activities and program development. He was particularly involved in areas relating to his father, serving as chairperson of the Library's screening committee which grants access to Robert F. Kennedy's papers and other materials, and as advisor to Museum staff developing exhibits on Robert F. Kennedy's work as attorney general and as a United States senator.

Paul G. Kirk, Jr., chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors,

remembered Mr. Kennedy this way: "For seven years, Michael served with distinction on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Kennedy Library Foundation. His uncle and his father would be proud of his contribution and commitment to the preservation and perpetuation of their legacies. We will miss him as a Board member and as a friend."

Mr. Kennedy was chairman and chief executive officer of Citizens Energy Corporation, a non-profit energy company. The company's activities include providing low-priced fuel to the poor, shelter to the homeless and life-saving medicines to those living with AIDS, and encouraging U.S. businesses to invest in South Africa and Angola. In recent years, Mr. Kennedy devoted



Michael Kennedy with his daughter Kyle at the opening of the Library's New Museum, October 1993

time to such nonprofit ventures as founding a Catholic university in Angola, and providing loans to women-run businesses in Ecuador. He cofounded Stop Handgun Violence which raises awareness about gun violence through billboards memorializing murder victims.

New Frontier Society Reaches Out To Future Leaders

This fall, the Library and Foundation launched the New Frontier Society (NFS), a nonpartisan, membership program for young persons ages 21 to 35. The Society's goals are to promote a greater understanding of local and national political issues, particularly those affecting its membership; encourage active participation in public affairs; and support the programs and activities of the Kennedy Library.

"The members of the New Frontier Society share President Kennedy's conviction that one person can make a difference and that every person should try," said Michelle Kane Foerster, coordinator of the membership program. "It is open to anyone who cares about the political and social issues challenging our generation and who is looking for an informal environment in which to meet and discuss them."

The New Frontier Society will offer its members the opportunity to meet periodically with the day's news makers for dinner and conversation on a range of public policy and social issues; conduct political discussions or debates in Boston middle and high schools to encourage responsible citizenship and increase awareness of current political events; assist and mentor members of the JFK Library Corps, a community service program for middle and high school students in Boston; and attend social gatherings and Library events.

This fall's calendar of activities shows the variety of programs the NFS plans to offer its members. The NFS hosted a reception and private viewing of the new Jacqueline Kennedy exhibits in September; cosponsored a public forum, *Generational Perspectives on Social*

Security, in October; and in November presented the annual Fenn Award for Political Leadership, followed by a talk by *Boston Globe* political columnist David Nyhan.

At the November program, the NFS, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, presented the Fenn Award to Lynn [MA] City Councilor John Timothy Phelan, who spearheaded efforts to reduce cigarette smoking among that city's youth. Named for Dan H. Fenn, Jr., the first director of the Library, the award recognizes a Massachusetts elected official aged 35 years or younger who has demonstrated outstanding political leadership.

Councilor Phelan was selected for his proactive leadership in proposing and successfully negotiating the passage of two city ordinances prohibiting minors from purchasing or

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New Exhibit Celebrates Art and Ceremony at the Kennedy White House

As part of a new, changing exhibit series profiling ceremonial and state events at the Kennedy White House, the Museum opened a special display featuring President and Mrs. Kennedy's April 30, 1963 state dinner for Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg.

This exhibit is the first in a series designed to demonstrate how President and Mrs. Kennedy used diplomatic occasions at home and abroad to express important national values; to celebrate American history, culture, and achievement; and to enhance the role of the arts in national life.

Among the items featured are Mrs. Kennedy's correspondence with New York jeweler David Webb whom she had asked to design a state gift for Grand Duchess Charlotte, incorporating gemstones mined in different regions of the United States; a prototype of the azurite and malachite paperweight Webb designed; the Luxembourg dolls Grand Duchess Charlotte presented to Caroline and John, Jr.; Mrs. Kennedy's notes on the after-dinner program she planned featuring Elizabethan music and readings from William Shakespeare by actor Basil Rathbone; President Kennedy's dinner doodles; and the pale mauve evening gown worn by the First Lady.



President and Mrs. Kennedy presented Grand Duchess Charlotte with a paperweight made of azurite and malachite from New Mexico, accented with golden grass and turquoise flowers.



Following a private reception in the White House residence, the Kennedys escort Grand Duchess Charlotte and Prince Jean to the state dinner.

Grand Duchess Charlotte, then Europe's longest-reigning monarch, received a 21-gun salute and full military honors when she arrived by helicopter on the White House lawn. That evening, President and Mrs. Kennedy served as hosts to the grand duchess and her son, Prince Jean, at a state dinner attended by 170 guests from the worlds of the arts and diplomacy.

The collection, designed to complement the Library's expanded exhibit on Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, shows visitors the hands-on role Mrs. Kennedy played in planning state dinners and the pains she took to profile and highlight American culture. Of Mr. Webb's design for paperweights, for example, Mrs. Kennedy wrote to the jeweler: "...they are everything a state present should be - grand enough and [of] American design and materials...It would make me so proud for

this country to give something absolutely contemporary in design and execution - and using a native material that no one but some geologist ever paid attention to before. It was in the rock rooms of the Smithsonian that I got the idea."

The exhibit will run through the spring of 1998.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Richard Plepler at Home Box Office (HBO) for supporting our ninth annual May fundraising dinner. HBO was inadvertently omitted from the list of table sponsors in our summer 1997 newsletter. Our apologies for the omission.

Library Ads Win Top Honors

Congratulations to The Martin Agency, the Foundation's *pro bono* ad agency in Richmond, Virginia, for receiving one of the advertising industry's most prestigious awards. *Communication Arts* in California, the premier journal of

creative advertising in the country, selected the agency's three print ads promoting the new exhibits on Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy from more than 12,000 entries submitted nationally.

JUNE 3, 1961: RUSSIA SURRENDERS
TO THE UNITED STATES.



*The diplomatic power
of Jacqueline Bouvier
Kennedy: First Lady.
Part of a new exhibit at
The John F. Kennedy
Library & Museum.
Boston, Massachusetts.*

Winning top honors was this ad showing Mrs. Kennedy with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during the April 1961 Vienna summit.

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Does your employer match gifts? Many companies match their employees' gifts to nonprofit organizations. They believe in encouraging their employees to make charitable donations while at the same time doubling the benefit to the causes their employees care about.

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Library To Commemorate 1963 Struggle For Civil Rights



Dr. Rosa Gragg, president, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy; and Roy Wilkins, executive director, NAACP, at a White House meeting of civil rights leaders on June 22, 1963

The Kennedy Library is sponsoring a major symposium to commemorate the dramatic events surrounding the struggle for civil rights in 1963. Members of President Kennedy's administration and key players and activists who participated in such historic events as the demonstrations in Birmingham, the integration of the University of Alabama, the drafting of the Civil Rights Act, and the March on Washington will gather at the Library on April 29 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of that landmark year.

The symposium, *Facing a Moral Crisis - The Struggle for Civil Rights in 1963*, will feature two panel discussions among many of the men and women who played courageous and creative roles in the massive historical changes that took place in America in 1963. Among those who have already committed to partici-

pate in the symposium are James Farmer, Myrlie Evers-Williams, Burke Marshall, Ted Sorensen, Nick Katzenbach, Tony Lewis, Jack Greenberg, Vivian Malone, Julian Bond and John Lewis.

The following day, many of the forum's participants will visit four Boston public middle schools affiliated with the JFK Library Corps - one of the oldest volunteer youth programs in Massachusetts - to share their experiences with the students.

The Library will also focus many of its ongoing public and educational programs in 1998 on the struggle for civil rights in America. These include public forums on the impact of television, music and churches on the movement; school vacation week programs celebrating African and African-American history and culture; free screenings of a series of films on the civil rights movement in

America; a new, special Museum display featuring from the Library's Archives actual documents chronicling the leadership role of black civil rights leaders in 1963; and an expansion of the current exhibit on Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to better represent the leadership role played by the President's brother in mobilizing the forces of the Justice Department to assist the civil rights movement. In addition, there will be programs for middle and high school students, and teachers.

Through all of these efforts, the Kennedy Library hopes the public will use the decisions and events of 1963 as the basis for understanding the process of social and political change in America, as well as celebrating the many courageous individuals who generated and managed the process of change in such a turbulent time.

For a calendar of events and complete information, please contact Donna Cotterell at 617-929-1272 or dcotter@kennedy.nara.gov (E-Mail).

SAVE THE DATE

Please join members of the Kennedy family and entertainer Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary on Thursday, May 28th at the tenth annual fundraising dinner in support of the educational, cultural and community programs of the Kennedy Library and Foundation. Tickets are \$1,000 per person; \$10,000 for a table of ten. Dinner sponsorship opportunities are available. For further information, please call Kim Dietel at 617-436-9986 ext. 15.

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to Boston, under the leadership of His Grace Bishop Methodios of Boston; George D. Behrakis, general chairman; and George E. Danis, cochairman.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the first religious leader and only the second non-head of state to be honored as a Distinguished Foreign Visitor. Since its founding in 1986 by the Cullinanes, the Distinguished Foreign Visitors Program has welcomed eighteen previous honorees to the Library. Distinguished guests have included Philippines President Corazon Aquino, South African leader Nelson Mandela, former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, and last April, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain, formerly Princess Sophia of Greece.

The Ecumenical Patriarch's three-day visit to Boston was part of a

month-long, 16-city trip to the United States. During his time in the United States, His All Holiness met with Orthodox, Catholic, Jewish and Moslem leaders and held talks with President Bill Clinton, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. On October 21, he received the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda.



Courtney Kennedy Hill with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

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possessing tobacco. The first ordinance requires Lynn's Health Department not only to invoke strict fines and revocation of permits on the sale of cigarettes to minors, but also to include an extensive and detailed educational component. The second ordinance makes it illegal for minors to smoke or possess tobacco products of any kind within Lynn city limits.

Despite strong opposition, Councilor Phelan was able to convince many businesses, students, civic organizations and elected officials to put aside their philosophical and ideological differences for the common good of Lynn youth. Since the passage of the ordinances, the city of Lynn has received requests for more information from cities across the nation.

Councilor Phelan, 35, was first

elected to the Lynn City Council in 1996. Prior to holding this office, he served on the Lynn School Committee from 1992-1995.

Following the award presentation, David Nyhan spoke about the role the media plays today in politics and public life. Mr. Nyhan remarked that a recent poll found that 66 percent of Americans ages 18 to 35 consider a career in the private sector more appealing than one in government. This statistic is a pendulum swing from the Kennedy years.

Laying blame for the increased level of cynicism and distress about politics largely at the feet of the media, Mr. Nyhan stated: "I'm not sure we are as positive a force as we ought to be. There's something very troubling about the treatment we levy on public officials. There tends to be a tabloid push in the media, a trend to

go down market everywhere, a trend to respond to shrinking demographics, a declining readership, fewer eyeballs in front of TV programs." He further commented that throughout the world, wherever there is an active free press, there is a diminution in trust of elected officials.

Mr. Nyhan cautioned that anyone planning to become involved in politics, at any level and in any capacity, has to be prepared for a barrage of unfavorable, unflattering and unfair media attention.

The members of the New Frontier Society are preparing a full roster of winter and spring programs and activities. For membership information or a calendar of upcoming events, please contact Michele Kane Foerster at 617-929-4548, 617-929-1271 (fax) or michelle.kane@kennedy.nara.gov (E-Mail).

From The Museum Collection - Chief Henry Standing Bear

On August 17, 1962 in Pierre, South Dakota, Boston-born sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski presented President Kennedy with a mahogany bust of Chief Henry Standing Bear of the Oglala Lakota tribe. Mr. Ziolkowski had been engaged since 1948 in creating a gigantic statue of Chief Crazy Horse, the late 19th-century Lakota leader, from a mountain in South Dakota's Black Hills near Mount Rushmore. Chief Henry Standing Bear had inspired Mr. Ziolkowski to begin the colossal task as a memorial to all native Americans. Mr. Ziolkowski's family continues the work to this day.

In November, Chief Henry Standing Bear's grandson Dennis Standing Bear Compos visited the Library with his daughter Diane Jackson to view the bust and pay homage to his forefather.



Admiring the bust of Chief Henry Standing Bear are his grandson Dennis Standing Bear Compos and great-granddaughter Diane Jackson.

An Evening With Archibald Cox



*Former Solicitor General and Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, second from left, was honored at a forum celebrating the publication of Archibald Cox, *Conscience of a Nation* by Ken Gormley. Gathered to honor Mr. Cox were, from left, former Secretary of Labor John Dunlop, economist John Kenneth Galbraith, Mr. Gormley, New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis, and former Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann.*

Commemorative Poster Reissued

Thanks to the generosity of world-renowned artist Jamie Wyeth, the Kennedy Library Foundation has reissued a commemorative poster of a limited edition lithograph drawn by Mr. Wyeth to celebrate the Library's dedication on October 20, 1979. Entitled *John F. Kennedy*, the lithograph shows the President in his sailboat *Victoria*.

The commemorative poster was issued at the time of the dedication and sold exclusively at the Library's

Museum Store. Unlike the lithograph, the poster included the dedication date as well as President Kennedy's famous quote "One man can make a difference and every man should try."

Reissued in a limited run, the poster costs \$26 (\$22.10 for members) plus shipping and handling and may be ordered by contacting the Museum Store at 617-929-4525; Fax: 617-929-4547.



Italian Leader Welcomed



Italian Deputy Prime Minister Walter Veltroni (left) with Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Rhode Island gubernatorial candidate Myrth York during a recent visit to the Library. Congressman Kennedy hosted a private tour and luncheon in Mr. Veltroni's honor. A former journalist, Mr. Veltroni is the author of The Broken Dreams about Robert Kennedy and his ideals.

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