Twenty-nine years after participating in the formal groundbreaking of the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on Columbia Point, Senator Edward M. Kennedy announced a major and unprecedented effort by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to build a new library – a digital one consisting of the entire collection of papers, documents, photographs and audio recordings of President John F. Kennedy, eventually making them accessible to citizens throughout the world via the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum’s website – www.jfklibrary.org.

Senator Kennedy was joined by Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, and Joe Tucci, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of EMC Corporation, whose company is providing

The groundbreaking initiative we are announcing today is the first of its kind in the nation… Because of this historical initiative, millions of documents, miles of film, and hundreds of thousands of photographs from President Kennedy’s administration will be scanned, digitized, indexed and permanently preserved. More importantly, they will be available to all citizens of the world – not just the scholars and researchers who make the journey to Boston.” ~ Senator Edward M. Kennedy, June 9, 2006

THIS FALL the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum opened the personal papers of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. To mark this historic event, a special display was opened in the Museum at the Kennedy Presidential Library to highlight a few of the historic treasures that are part of this collection.
New Frontiers for the Kennedy Presidential Library

John Shattuck
Chief Executive Officer
John F. Kennedy Library Foundation

“WE CHOOSE TO GO TO THE MOON,”
John F. Kennedy declared in one of the most electrifying speeches of his presidency. On September 12, 1962 at Rice University in Houston, Texas, the President challenged the country to land a man on the moon “in this decade... because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills.”

Today, in that spirit, the Kennedy Library has launched the most far-reaching project that it, or any other presidential library, has ever undertaken. The staff of the Library is working on the cutting edge of information technology to assure that President Kennedy’s legacy will be preserved for countless future generations. To do so we are building a unique digital archive of the entire holdings of the Kennedy Library. This enormous project will take a decade to complete, and will guarantee world-wide access and permanent preservation of 8 million pages of presidential records and papers of the Kennedy Administration and mid-20th century American history, 9,000 hours of audio recordings, 7.5 million feet of motion picture film, 1200 hours of video recordings, and more than 400,000 photographs.

It’s impossible to overstate the importance of this project. For the first time people all over the world will be exposed to the record of a presidency that in many ways set the stage for the kind of future all can aspire to. The Kennedy years launched the modern era of science and technology, defined a new role for governments in promoting human rights, projected the strength of a market economy in a free society, and held out the prospect, as the new president proclaimed in his Inaugural Address, of a “grand and global alliance against the common enemies of man, tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself... that can assure a more fruitful life for all mankind.”

The world-wide accessibility and preservation of President Kennedy’s legacy has been made possible by an unprecedented public-private partnership. At the heart of this partnership is the generous commitment of the Massachusetts-based EMC Corporation to provide the far-reaching technology and expertise necessary to build this first-ever digital archive of an entire presidency.

Working closely with the Kennedy Library Foundation, EMC joins a pioneering group of major donors who earlier helped expand the Kennedy Library’s presence on the internet. We are enormously grateful for what they have done to take the Library to this latest outpost of President Kennedy’s ever-expanding New Frontier.

Another New Frontier for the Kennedy Library Foundation is the pursuit of peace in the Middle East and Northern Ireland. Because of the Foundation’s ability to convene people from all over the world in the name of President Kennedy, in September we hosted a private dialogue among journalists from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Gaza, Beirut, Dubai and Belfast to discuss the professional challenges of covering the conflicts around them. This four-day conference brought together Israelis and Palestinians who have little or no opportunity to communicate with each other at home, and it resulted in a commitment by the participants to continue their professional dialogue on the internet with the assistance of the Kennedy Library Foundation. This represents another new direction for us, and another example of the relevance of President Kennedy’s legacy to the world in which we live.
Remembering Patricia Kennedy Lawford

The Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation mourned the loss of their esteemed colleague Patricia Kennedy Lawford who died on September 17, 2006.

Mrs. Lawford was a loyal and devoted friend to the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and to the Kennedy Library Foundation. As an active member of the Board of Directors, she worked tirelessly to support the work and programs of the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum which she was so very instrumental in building.

After the John F. Kennedy Library Corporation selected the current waterfront site for the Kennedy Presidential Library in 1975, it was Patricia Kennedy Lawford who became overall Museum coordinator, working on a day-to-day basis with the architects, designers and Library staff.

Noting that most of the visitors to the Library after the first few years would not have any memories of President Kennedy, Mrs. Lawford articulated what she saw as the goal of her brother’s Museum:

“People should leave the Library feeling that this was someone they would have liked to know, feeling sorry that they missed those years, and feeling that somewhere, somehow, the country will fulfill the promise that he strove for, and that they will try to help the country achieve that promise.”

Mrs. Lawford succeeded admirably in her mission.

“Mrs. Lawford was as gracious to staff as she was to visiting heads of state and she endeared herself to everyone with whom she worked,” said Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Her energy was indefatigable and her laughter was infectious. Whether she was personally overseeing the refurbishing of the Kennedy Library’s formal reception room, representing the Kennedy family at public events and ceremonies, or closely following the Foundation Board’s proceedings, Patricia Kennedy Lawford embraced the mission of making the Kennedy Library a living and vibrant memorial to her brothers John and Robert. We will miss her courage, her wit, her smile and her guidance.”


Kennedy Presidential Library Planning New Addition

IN RESPONSE to a growing problem concerning its ability to adequately and safely store the papers and collection of President John F. Kennedy, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum has been working with a local architecture firm to design a new addition that would be sited immediately adjacent to the Stephen Smith Center.

Plans for the new addition began in 2001 when the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), which oversees all presidential libraries, conducted a program review of the Kennedy Presidential Library which concluded that “the storage problems seen at the Kennedy Library are the worst in the entire Presidential Library system.”

In FY2005 Congress appropriated $1 million for the preliminary design of the 30,000 square foot building and the following year appropriated $1 million more to complete the design and clear the way for construction of the proposed new addition.

The new addition will be built on a portion of land immediately adjacent to the existing Library which the University of Massachusetts of Boston has agreed to sell to the federal government. Legislation authorizing the University of Massachusetts to sell the parcel of land was introduced on behalf of the Kennedy Library by State Senator Jack Hart and was enacted by the Legislature this summer.

Construction of the addition to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is ready to commence once Congress appropriates the necessary funds.
Foundation Sponsors Conference of Journalists from the Middle East and Northern Ireland

Journalists from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Gaza, Dubai, Beirut and Belfast who had significant experience in media work related to the conflicts in the Middle East and Northern Ireland met at the Kennedy Presidential Library from September 16-19 for a private and off-the-record conference organized by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

Several American correspondents with reporting experience in the Middle East and Northern Ireland also participated in the meeting.

The purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for a constructive dialogue between those caught on opposite sides of the conflict; to create an opportunity for professional journalists representing a range of perspectives and different media to discuss common criteria that may apply to their reporting on conflict; to present and analyze “case studies” on how the media report on specific stories involving communal conflict; and to create ongoing channels of communication with one another. The journalists were also invited to participate in a closed-door discussion with Senator George Mitchell, Chairman of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland that led to the historic Good Friday agreement, and Chairman of an International Fact Finding Committee on the crisis between the Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The conference was convened by John Shattuck, CEO of the Kennedy Library Foundation and former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic and Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor under President Clinton, and Mara Rudman, former Deputy Assistant to President Clinton for National Security Affairs, and a Senior Partner at Quorum Strategies, an international consulting firm.

They were assisted in the planning and facilitation of the conference by Karen Mullen, Executive Assistant to John Shattuck; Deborah Sontag, former Jerusalem bureau chief for the New York Times; Kevin Cullen of The Boston Globe, who covered the conflict in Northern Ireland for more than 20 years; Dick Gordon, of National Public Radio and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, who covered the conflicts in Iraq, Bosnia, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Indonesia and Sri Lanka as well as the unrest in South Africa, Mozambique, Pakistan, India and the Middle East; and Ellen Hume,
and Israeli journalists alike strive for professional reporting standards, experience similar challenges in situations where their national identity may come into conflict with their professional responsibilities, and want to discuss how to perform their jobs with integrity.

Discussion was marked by candor and self-criticism. Debate focused on fact, illustrated by example and specific experience. Participants stressed how important it is to hone professional standards of reporting in order to avoid being manipulated by politicians or other interview subjects. One journalist observed that since politicians often make statements to serve themselves, the reporter becomes a tool if these statements are reported without analysis. It is particularly challenging for reporters to ask tough questions when, for example, leaders are announcing a cease fire or a peace agreement. Maintaining professional objectivity can be especially difficult, because like everyone else who lives in the midst of conflict, reporters want peace. And yet, the media should be a watchdog, not a lapdog, and should compete to hold decision-makers accountable.

At the end of the four-day conference, no new plan was unveiled to make peace in the Middle East. Instead, leading Palestinian and Israeli journalists who regularly communicate the reality of the conflict to their own peoples and to the rest of the world asked for help in continuing to communicate with each other. With the assistance of the Kennedy Library Foundation, in partnership with Harvard’s Nieman Foundation, they hope to set up a private intranet blog allowing them to carry on cross-border professional exchanges.

John Shattuck noted to the participants that it was John F. Kennedy, a one-time reporter who wrestled as President with international conflict, who spoke candidly about the struggle for peace in words that served to inspire the journalists convened in his name: “I speak of a practical peace based not on a sudden revolution in human nature, but on a gradual evolution of human institutions – on a series of concrete actions and agreements.”

Ibrahim Barzak, correspondent for the Associated Press in Gaza City, greets former U.S. Senator George Mitchell.
the National Archives and archivists at the Kennedy Presidential Library with the technology and technical expertise needed to undertake the project.

“We are extremely fortunate that EMC has made such a generous and extraordinary donation to preserve forever this treasure of American history,” said Senator Kennedy. “EMC gives testimony to President Kennedy’s Inaugural call to ‘Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.’ When he ran for President, my brother spoke of a New Frontier. ‘I believe the times demand new invention, innovation, imagination, decision,’ he said, and ‘I am asking each of you to be pioneers on that New Frontier.’ How proud Jack would be that the technology, invention and imagination he so championed would one day be developed by a company in the state he so loved.”

“EMC is proud to be working with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum to ensure that its historical treasures are preserved and made broadly accessible to scholars and the general public around the world for generations to come,” said Joe Tucci, EMC’s Chairman, President and CEO. “EMC’s mission is to help organizations get the most value possible from their information by providing them with world-class technologies and solutions for capturing, storing, managing, protecting, moving, and archiving information in all forms. It’s especially gratifying to have been able to donate our financial support, storage platforms, software, and technical expertise to such a distinguished library located in our home state of Massachusetts.”

“A large-scale digitizing initiative, such as that initiated by the Kennedy Presidential Library, is a complex undertaking,” said Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States. “The task of digitizing this important and treasured archive will require a dedicated staff and will take years to complete. I have utmost confidence in our ability to undertake this task. We are indebted to EMC for

EMC Corp’s Generosity Makes History

A FEW YEARS AGO, Kennedy Library Foundation board member James T. Brett, President of the New England Council, thought it would be a good idea to invite the senior leadership of EMC Corporation to a visit at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The extraordinary result of that first meeting in early 2004, and subsequent conversations with the leadership of EMC and the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, is an in-kind gift valued in excess of $1M to digitize millions of presidential documents in the library’s collection of archival materials.

Because of the generous leadership of Joseph Tucci, Chairman, President and CEO of EMC, William Teuber, Vice Chairman, and Chris Goode, the technology company’s Senior Director of Corporate, Government and Community Affairs, the Kennedy Library will now have access to EMC’s state-of-the-art software, hardware and technical support services to undertake this innovative digitization project—the first of its kind within the presidential library system. EMC has also generously donated cash gifts to support this historic effort.
providing us with both the resources and technical expertise to launch this historic initiative."

The initiative announced on June 9 to digitize, index and archive millions of presidential documents, manuscripts, photographs and audio/visual recordings is the first of its kind in the nation. It materialized as the result of the leadership of Foundation Board member Ed Schlossberg, husband of Caroline Kennedy, and principal of ESI Design, one of the world’s foremost experiential design firms who designed the new Kennedy Presidential Library website launched last March. Schlossberg envisioned a data asset management system that would enable the Kennedy Presidential Library to eventually make its archives available and accessible to a world wide audience through the new website.

Included among the millions of historical papers, documents and images that will be permanently preserved are precious and irreplaceable records of the nation’s struggle for Civil Rights; its conflict with the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War; its efforts to land a man on the moon and return him safely to earth by the end of the decade; its commitment to public service through the creation of the Peace Corps; its prevention of a nuclear holocaust during the Cuban Missile Crisis; and its embrace of American art and culture under the guidance of first lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

The Kennedy Presidential Library’s research facilities are among the busiest of presidential libraries. Its archives currently include more than 8.4 million pages of the personal, congressional and presidential papers of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and more than 40 million pages of over 300 other individuals who were associated with the Kennedy Administration or mid-20th Century American history. In addition, the archives hold more than 400,000 still photographs; 9,000 hours of audio recordings; 7.5 million feet of motion picture film; and 1,200 hours of video recordings. The project to digitize the collection is expected to take more than 10 years and will begin with the official papers of President Kennedy.

Library Bids Farewell to a Dynamic Director

DEBORAH LEFF, Director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum since 2001, stepped down from her position at the Kennedy Library this past September to become the new President of the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington, D.C.

“I will really miss the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum,” said Ms. Leff. “It’s such a special part of Boston. And the legacy of President Kennedy reminds us of what is best about this country, inspiring us to do what we can to improve conditions for all and to move us toward justice. It’s such an honor to have been here.”

“Deborah Leff has helped turn the Kennedy Library into a bustling center of presidential history and public discussion,” said Kennedy Library Foundation CEO John Shattuck. “She has played a major role in making President Kennedy’s Library the great institution it is today. It’s been a privilege to work closely with her in forging the public-private partnership between the federal government and the Kennedy Library Foundation that has made this all possible.”

Ms. Leff played an important role in many projects during her tenure, including: helping to establish the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum’s new web site; the initial funding for a building addition; the flourishing of the museum store; the Jacqueline Kennedy exhibition on its international tour; the 2006 Vietnam and the Presidency conference, the obtaining of deeds for hundreds of collections and oral histories and the opening of major papers, including those of Sargent Shriver and McGeorge Bundy; and the launching of the docent program.

In her new role Ms. Leff will oversee the Public Welfare Foundation which holds $500-million in assets and distributes a $20-million grant portfolio annually to help improve the lives of those in society who are least advantaged and those who lack fundamental rights.

Tom Putnam, Deputy Director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, has been named Acting Director of the Library by Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States. A national search is now underway for a new Library Director.
Foundation Honors Mora and Murtha with JFK Profile in Courage Award

In what marked the 50th anniversary celebration of the publication of John F. Kennedy’s Pulitzer Prize-winning Profiles in Courage, Caroline Kennedy and Senator Edward M. Kennedy presented former U.S. Navy General Counsel Alberto Mora and U.S. Representative John P. Murtha (D-PA) with the 2006 Profile in Courage Award.

During the annual ceremony held in the Stephen Smith Center at the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Mr. Mora was recognized for the moral and political courage he demonstrated in waging a 3-year behind-the-scenes battle with military and civilian leaders over U.S. military policy regarding the treatment of detainees held by the United States as part of the war on terror. Congressman Murtha was recognized for the difficult and courageous decision of conscience he made in November 2005, when he reversed his support for the Iraq war and called for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the conflict.

“Alberto Mora and Congressman Murtha’s extraordinary acts of conscience will be remembered by Americans for generations to come,” said Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. “These two courageous individuals exemplify my father’s belief that each of us has the power to make a difference in our world. We are all inspired by their acts, and for standing up for what they believe despite the consequences. The United States is fortunate to have public servants with such integrity.”

In December 2002, Alberto J. Mora, then general counsel of the United States Navy, was alerted by Navy investigators to reports that detainees held by the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay were being subjected to cruel and unlawful interrogation practices. Mora, whose civilian position accorded him a rank equal to that of a four-star general, soon came to learn that the cruel and abusive practices of United States military interrogators at Guantanamo were the result of significant policy shifts at the highest levels of the U.S. government. Over the next three years, Mora waged a campaign inside the Bush Administration to prevent military and civilian leaders from codifying any policy that might implicitly or explicitly sanction the mistreatment of Guantanamo detainees as part of the war on terror. For his moral courage and his commitment to upholding American values, Alberto Mora was honored with the 2006 Profile in Courage Award.

In November 2005, Congressman John P. Murtha, a Vietnam War veteran and the ranking Democrat and former chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, galvanized debate about the war in Iraq by calling for the phased withdrawal of U.S. troops from the conflict. Murtha, who had voted in favor of the Iraq war, argued that American soldiers had become targets and “a catalyst for violence” in Iraq. His unexpected and dramatic reversal of support for the war put him at odds with military leaders, the Bush Administration, and many members of his own party. For his political courage and his dedication to principled public service, John P. Murtha was honored with the 2006 Profile in Courage Award.

The John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award is presented annually to public servants who have withstood strong opposition to follow what they believe is the right course of action. The award is named for President Kennedy’s book, Profiles in Courage, which recounts the stories of eight U.S. senators who risked their careers to fight for their beliefs.
It is astonishing to me, still, that I should be here today addressing the issue of American cruelty—or that anyone would ever have to. Our forefathers, who permanently defined our civic values, drafted our Constitution inspired by the belief that law could not create, but only recognize, certain inalienable rights granted by God—to every person, not just citizens, and not just here, but everywhere. Those rights form a shield that protects core human dignity. 

There should have been no doubt or ambiguity about the standard of conduct that our laws require of us. And even if laws have jurisdictional limits, there could have been no doubt about what our values forbade. 

...We need to be clear. Cruelty disfigures our national character. It is incompatible with our constitutional order, with our laws, and with our most prized values. Cruelty can be as effective as torture in destroying human dignity, and there is no moral distinction between one and the other. To adopt and apply a policy of cruelty anywhere within this world is to say that our forefathers were wrong about their belief in the rights of man, because there is no more fundamental right than to be safe from cruel and inhumane treatment. Where cruelty exists, law does not. Why should we still care about these issues? ...We should care because the issues raised by a policy of cruelty are too fundamental to be left unaddressed, unanswered, or ambiguous. We should care because a tolerance of cruelty will corrode our values and our rights and degrade the world in which we live. It will corrupt our heritage, cheapen the valor of the soldiers upon whose past and present sacrifices our freedoms depend, and debase the legacy we will leave to our sons and daughters. We should care because each of us knows that this issue has not gone away.
**Profiles in Courage: A Kennedy Legacy**

On August 26, NBC television stations in major cities across America broadcast *Profiles in Courage: A Kennedy Legacy*, a new one-hour documentary on political courage, civic responsibility, personal sacrifice and public service. The program, which featured an introduction and commentary by Caroline Kennedy, and rare archival footage of President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and John F. Kennedy, Jr., marked the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Profiles in Courage* which was published in 1956.

A production of Al Roker Entertainment, *Profiles in Courage: A Kennedy Legacy*, examined President Kennedy’s lasting legacy of principled public service and showcased several recipients of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation’s annual Profile in Courage Award. The Award honors American public officials whose decisions of conscience carry on the tradition of *Profiles in Courage* and demonstrate the valor and integrity that President Kennedy admired most in public servants.

Profile in Courage Award honorees featured in the one-hour documentary included 2006 recipients Congressman John Murtha and former Navy General Counsel Alberto Mora; Congressman John Lewis, the only recipient of a Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award; Congresswoman Hilda Solis, the first female recipient; President Gerald R. Ford, who made a controversial decision of conscience to pardon President Richard M. Nixon; and the heroic public servants and first responders of September 11, 2001.

*Profiles in Courage: A Kennedy Legacy* was developed by Executive Producers, Al Roker and Lisa Sharkey; Co-Executive Producer, Susan Lester; and producer, Randy Lebowitz Roth. The production was also made possible by Frank Comerford, President and General Manager, of WNBC, and Jay Ireland, President of the NBC Universal Television Stations.

To purchase a copy of this documentary visit the Museum Store at the Kennedy Presidential Library or visit the Museum Store online at www.jfklibrary.org.

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**Profile in Courage Essay Contest**

John Seigenthaler, chairman of the Profile in Courage Award Committee, talks with David Weinstein of Fidelity Investments, Caroline Kennedy, Essay Contest winner Ben Loffredo and Ben’s nominating teacher Joe Kleinman.

**AT THE 2006 PROFILE IN COURAGE AWARD CEREMONY,**

Ben Loffredo from New York was recognized as the first place winner of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest. Ben attends the Fieldston School in New York City.

In Mr. Loffredo’s essay, he describes the political courage of Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon who, in 1995, cast the sole Republican vote against the Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution.

More than 1,800 students submitted essays to the Profile in Courage Essay Contest from across the nation and the world. This program is made possible, with the generous support of Fidelity Investments.

For more information on The Profiles in Courage Essay contest visit the contest’s website at www.jfklibrary.org.
LA City Council President and Founder of San Francisco-Based Non-Profit for Assisting Immigrants Named 2006 Recipients of John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti and Jane Leu, Founder and Executive Director of Upwardly Global, a San Francisco-based non-profit that helps legal immigrants establish professional careers in the United States, were recently named the 2006 recipients of the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Awards by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and Harvard’s Institute of Politics. Caroline Kennedy presented Garcetti and Leu with the awards at a formal ceremony on November 20, 2006 at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Kennedy Library Foundation and Harvard’s Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government created the New Frontier Awards to honor Americans under the age of 40 who are changing their communities — and the country — with their commitment to public service. The awards are presented annually to two exceptional individuals whose contributions in elective office, and non-elective community service or advocacy demonstrate the impact and the value of public service in the spirit of John F. Kennedy.

The New Frontier Awards are named after President Kennedy’s bold challenge to Americans given in his acceptance speech to the Democratic National Convention on July 15, 1960:

We stand today on the edge of a New Frontier… a frontier of unknown opportunities and perils — a frontier of unfulfilled hopes and threats. The New Frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises — it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people, but what I intend to ask of them. It appeals to their pride, not to their pocketbook — it holds out the promise of more sacrifice instead of more security…. Beyond that frontier are the uncharted areas of science and space, unsolved problems of peace and war, un conquered pockets of ignorance and prejudice, unanswered questions of poverty and surplus. It would be easier to shrink back from that frontier, to look to the safe mediocrity of the past, to be lulled by good intentions and high rhetoric… but I believe the times demand new invention, innovation, imagination, decision. I am asking each of you to be pioneers on that New Frontier.

A distinguished bipartisan committee of political and community leaders selected Eric Garcetti and Jane Leu based on their contributions to the public and their embodiment of the forward-looking public idealism to which President Kennedy hoped young Americans would aspire. Past recipients of the New Frontier Awards include: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan; Kica Matos, Executive Director of JUNTA, a social service organization in New Haven, Connecticut; Louisiana State Representative Karen Carter; and Wendy Kopp, Founder and CEO of Teach for America.
Champions of Democracy Build Legacy of Profiles in Courage

In the prescient words of President Kennedy “a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers.”

The Profile in Courage Trust, an historic fundraising drive currently underway to secure the future of the Profile in Courage Award program, will allow the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation to recognize valor and integrity in public service for generations to come.

“It is up to us to see that future generations continue to recognize profiles in courage. This Award and this Trust will be our gift to future generations…a gift to this nation,” remarks Kenneth R. Feinberg, Chair of the Profile in Courage Trust and board member of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

This board-led effort to build the Trust has received an overwhelming response. To date, the Foundation has received $4.6 million, halfway toward its goal of $9.2 million from private citizens and institutional benefactors alike who share the Library’s commitment to honoring courageous political leadership, in the tradition of President Kennedy’s Pulitzer Prize winning book.

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is grateful for the extraordinary generosity of each of the dedicated supporters listed whose gifts of $25,000 and above are vital to our drive:

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To learn how you can help participate in the historic Profile in Courage Trust drive, please call Sandra Sedacca, Vice President for Development, 617-514-1673, sandy.sedacca@jfklibrary.org.
Peggy Reed: A New Generation of Giving

Peggy Reed was only a little girl when President John F. Kennedy was sworn in as our nation’s 35th President, but the power of his legacy has always been a source of inspiration for her. She is committed to ensuring that future generations have access to his vision and has made a generous provision for the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in her will.

Owner of Canine Training and Behavior Services, a nationally acclaimed canine training firm, Reed has worked with top name celebrities in film, television, and theater.

As an award-winning animal training professional, her business takes her around the world working with some of Hollywood’s most prestigious production houses. However, her jet-set lifestyle doesn’t keep her away from Kennedy Library programs and special events. Since her first May Dinner, nearly ten years ago, Reed has been a faithful friend and generous supporter.

In addition to her involvement with the Kennedy Library Foundation as a member of the President’s Council, Reed serves her community as an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Wilton, Connecticut and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wilton Family YMCA.

“I have always been deeply moved by the life and contributions of President Kennedy. His timeless message of the importance of service to fellow man reaches across generations and is a beacon of hope. I am proud to help preserve his legacy,” reflects Reed on naming the Kennedy Library Foundation in her bequest plans.

To learn more about your charitable gift and bequest options on behalf of the Kennedy Library Foundation, please contact your personal tax advisor and then give us a call at 617-514-1580. We will be happy to assist you further.

Volunteers Lead Successful Launch of Museum Docent Program

The new docent program at the Museum of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library got off to a very successful start this past June as the newly trained volunteer docents began giving highlight tours for Museum visitors twice daily. Each guided tour, which is included with the price of admission, averages 16 visitors per group and begins in the lobby with a welcome and an introduction to the building’s architectural design by I.M. Pei. Visitors then enter the special exhibit, A Journey Home: John F. Kennedy and Ireland, after which they are invited to view the 17-minute introductory film in one of the Museum Theaters. Rejoining the docent in the 1960 Democratic Convention exhibit, visitors are then treated to a guided tour of the highlights of the 25 multi-media exhibits in the Museum. Visitors who have participated in the newly-offered guided tour say the docent program offers a completely new Museum experience. “I had visited the Museum several times in the past but I never realized how many fascinating and engaging materials I had overlooked until I took this guided tour,” offered one visitor. Those interested in more information about the Museum docent program, please contact Katherine Farrior at 617-514-1545.
May Dinner Reaches New Heights

The Eighteenth Annual May Dinner, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation’s annual salute to the life and legacy of President Kennedy, made history on Sunday, May 21, 2006. Event co-chairs Gerry Doherty and Ted Hoff led the Foundation to a record-breaking $1.4 million event—making it the “best ever” May Dinner, according to Board Chairman, Paul G. Kirk, Jr.

During the festive evening, Caroline Kennedy, Edwin Schlossberg, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Victoria Reggie Kennedy hosted over 550 loyal supporters. Each year, funds raised through the May Dinner advance the Kennedy Library’s mission of preserving and perpetuating the legacy of President John F. Kennedy and educating future generations about the ideals of public service that he promoted throughout his life.

As she welcomed guests to dinner, Caroline Kennedy offered heartfelt words of gratitude. “The power of President Kennedy’s memory and the inspiration he still provides has made me feel it easier to grow up without him. I have always felt part of a community of people who are committed to a better world and that is the spirit this Library brings to all its endeavors. Seeing you here each year, and knowing all that you do to pass those values on to the next generation means a great deal to me, to all the members of our family and to the people who do this work every day,” remarked Kennedy.


The Honorable Ralph Martin of Bingham McCutchen with his spouse, Dr. Deborah Scott.

May Dinner Co-Chairs, Ted Hoff and Gerry Doherty with spouses, Kathleen O’Connell and Marilyn Doherty and Tom Hoff, son of Ted and Kathleen.
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Rebuilding Afghanistan, September 25
Former National Public Radio correspondent Sarah Chayes, who has been living in the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, discusses efforts to help reconstruct Afghanistan after 9/11. Award-winning journalist Sebastian Junger, who has covered Afghanistan for ABC News and other publications, also took part in the discussion.

The Irish Tenors in the Kennedy Administration, May 1
Charles Daly, Richard Donahue, and Jack McNally sharing their stories of working in the Kennedy White House.

John F. Kennedy in His Own Words, June 11
Robert Dallek discusses some of President Kennedy’s most memorable speeches.

The Pentagon and the Presidency, June 12
James Carroll discusses his new book House of War in which he argues the Pentagon has, since its founding, operated beyond the control of any force in government including the President himself.

Singing for Justice, May 15
Arlo Guthrie playing one of his songs which gave a voice to the protest movement of the 1960’s.

Poverty and the American Dream, May 8
David Ellwood, Dean of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and Geoffrey Canada, founding President of Harlem Children’s Zone, discussing one of this country’s most compelling challenges, poverty.
Upcoming Forums

A CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK HEMINGWAY
Sunday, December 3, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

A TRIBUTE TO AUGUST WILSON
Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 15, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITERS
President's Day – Monday, February 19, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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Rose Kennedy: In Her Own Words

“I have always enjoyed living and working, and I believe I have had a great life. I consider myself very lucky. I had a wonderful youth; my father gave me the stimulation of travel [and] zest - curiosity and interest and enthusiasm for life. My mother bestowed on me Faith and common sense. I fell in love young and married the man I loved, and lived a full life with him – from finance to the movies to politics to diplomacy. I have been ideally happy with my children.”

—Rose Kennedy, 1969

On September 28, the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library opened a special display on the life of President Kennedy’s mother, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, with personal papers and photographs drawn from the private collection of the Kennedy family matriarch.

The new display marked the formal opening for researchers and scholars of the personal papers and memorabilia of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy that were donated by her family to the Kennedy Presidential Library Archives in 2004. The opening of the historical collection, which dates from 1878 to 1995, received national and international news coverage with feature stories appearing in The Boston Globe, The New York Times, and The London Times, and on ABC World News Tonight, NBC Nightly News, and NBC’s Today Show.

Mining this rich collection, the Museum’s new display, Rose Kennedy: In Her Own Words, includes excerpts from Mrs. Kennedy’s journals, private family photographs, and letters from world leaders and her children.

Born in Boston’s North End in 1890, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy was the daughter of Boston Mayor John F. “Honey Fitz” Fitzgerald and Mary Josephine Hannon Fitzgerald, and the wife of businessman and Ambassador to Great Britain Joseph P. Kennedy whom she married in October of 1914. She was the mother of nine children, Joseph, John, Rosemary, Kathleen, Eunice, Patricia, Robert, Jean and Edward. In her lifetime she would actively support and participate in the public service careers of her family, all the while remaining a prolific correspondent and keeper of a diary. She was an advocate of research and education on mental retardation, and later wrote the 1974 memoir Times to Remember.

Rose Kennedy died at age 104 in her family home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, in 1995.

Rose Kennedy had a strong sense of history. She recorded her life in handwritten diaries, her 1914 wedding and honeymoon in “The Wedding Log,” trips in travel journals like “My Ocean Trip,” their 1938 visit to “Windsor Castle” in scrapbooks, and quotations she liked in her “Little Black Book.” When she was in her eighties, she recorded interviews for her memoir. Mrs. Kennedy kept everything she thought interesting including wedding invitations; calling cards and “at home cards;” postcards; letters and telegrams from her family (including her 29 grandchildren), the general public, heads of state, and friends; as well as notes on various subjects including political campaigns, presentation at Court, installation of a Pope, presidential inaugurations, the Bay of Pigs, and even picking blueberries. Rose Kennedy also kept menus from

In a political speech drafted for the 1960 presidential campaign, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy reminisces about growing up in Concord, Massachusetts in the late 1890’s.
various events including her and Ambassador Kennedy’s dinner for the King and Queen of England, menus from dinners at the White House, as well as the President and First Lady’s 1961 trip to Vienna and Paris.

Rose was exposed to the art of politics at a young age, which prepared her for a life as the wife and mother of public servants. She campaigned for three of her sons for political offices from Congressman to Senator to President. She gave as many as three speeches a day, some in French. In 1959 she was lobbying New York cab drivers who supported Adlai Stevenson to vote for Jack. She prayed all day for Jack’s success in his debate with Richard Nixon. “People think that Jack speaks too fast. I agree and have already told him, because the audience has to become accustomed to his Boston accent.”

In a political speech drafted for John F. Kennedy’s 1960 presidential campaign, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy reminisces about growing up in Concord, Massachusetts in the late 1890’s:

As a little girl I lived on a farm…outside of Boston. Those were the days when we slept in feather beds & read to the lights of kerosene lamps, and got our milk in a 5 gallon tin can. But I was happy and contented, helping my grandmother in the garden & riding home proudly with my grandfather on a load of hay after the men had piled it high…in the old farm wagon drawn by the farm horse. I heard about the hardships, too, in those days…when the rains did not fall & vegetables were parched… and the other gray days when there were too many peas and beans in the market at one time and the prices would fall and the apples would lie rotting on the ground because it was not worth while to pick them...

The collection also includes over 15,000 photographs; thank you notes including many from Jacqueline Kennedy; report cards; health records; birthday and get well cards; sound recordings; and even bills and receipts for decoration and other household expenses in New York, Palm Beach, and Hyannisport.
A Journey Home: John F. Kennedy and Ireland
Held Over by Popular Demand

Since its opening on St. Patrick’s Day 2006, A Journey Home: John F. Kennedy and Ireland has drawn an influx of visitors to the Museum at the Kennedy Presidential Library, and more people have visited from Ireland than any other country in the world outside of the United States.

Due to popular demand, the Museum at the Kennedy Presidential Library is pleased to announce that A Journey Home: John F. Kennedy and Ireland will be held over until the fall of 2007.

Among the many special events held at the Kennedy Presidential Library in conjunction with this exhibit was a reception held jointly by the Consulate General of Ireland and the Kennedy Presidential Library. This reception honored President Kennedy’s visit to Ireland in June of 1963, a visit he later described as “one of the most moving experiences” of his life.

Among the items featured in this exhibit are a silver goblet made in Dublin in 1805, an 1850 edition of the Douay English translation of the Holy Bible brought to America from Ireland by John F. Kennedy’s forebears, and the sword of Commodore John Barry, inscribed “Pro Gloria et Patria” (“For Glory and Country”).

A Journey Home – John F. Kennedy and Ireland is made possible with generous support of Jurys Boston Hotel, Jurys Washington Hotel and American Airlines. The media sponsor is WCVB-TV 5.

Waterford crystal vase depicting an Irish homestead, an immigrant ship, and the White House outlines the history of JFK and his family. Presented to the President by the New Ross Harbor Commissioners on June 27, 1963.

Silver goblet made in Dublin in 1805, given to the president by the people of New Ross. JFK later kept it displayed in the Oval Office and Jacqueline Kennedy instructed the White House gardener to place a fresh flower in it every day. Below, an ad created by The Martin Agency.
Coming Soon to the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library

Jacqueline Kennedy Entertains: The Art of the White House Dinner to Open on April 12, 2007

When Jacqueline Kennedy became first lady at the age of 31, she brought with her a vision of the role of the White House in the life of the nation. By 1963, her work to restore the White House rooms and furnishings had transformed it from a place where the president worked and lived into what she called “an emblem of the American Republic.” The White House was to become a place of pilgrimage, a place to learn about America’s history and culture, and a place to showcase America’s heritage.

But there was more to her vision. She saw the newly restored White House as a stage to honor American intellectual and cultural achievement, and to celebrate the role of the arts in national life.

This special exhibit will include gowns worn by Jacqueline Kennedy at the White House; copies of remarks made at dinners by President Kennedy, with his own handwritten notes; and examples of table settings used at dinners in the Kennedy White House. In addition, the exhibit will include Mrs. Kennedy’s handwritten memos and letters regarding entertainment, guest lists, seating arrangements, menus, table and flower arrangements, illustrating her personal involvement and attention to detail in planning the events.

New Sports Exhibit Being Planned for the Fall of 2007

This special exhibit will explore the themes of sporting events and the vigorous life embraced by the Kennedy Family.

Dexter School Football, 1927.
John F. Kennedy seated on ground, right. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. seated first row chair, 3rd from left.
This past spring, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum acquired an original handwritten copy of the poem written by Robert Frost for the Inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

The poem Dedication arrived in the mail unannounced on April 18, 2006. It was donated to the Kennedy Presidential Library by the estate of a former Kennedy Administration staff member who passed away in 2005. Upon its arrival, the poem was sent out for immediate conservation work to preserve its delicate nature. Found on the backside of the framed poem was a note from first lady Jacqueline Kennedy who wrote in pencil, “For Jack. First thing I had framed to be put in your office. First thing to be hung there.” Back from being restored, the poem is now part of the Kennedy Presidential Library’s permanent collection.

On a cold January 20, 1961, crowds sat numbly between piles of cleared snow patiently waiting for the Inauguration Ceremony to begin. Robert Frost, an 86-year-old poet from New England, had planned to read his newly written poem Dedication, but due to the sun glare reflecting off the snow, Frost was only able to read 6 of the 42 lines. He then muttered that he did not have good enough light, so Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson jumped up to try and help Frost by shielding the sun with his top hat. Dedication expresses Frost’s gratification that the arts had been recognized in the Inaugural ceremony and he dedicated his recital to the new president.

When Frost could not proceed with the reading of Dedication, he went on to recite The Gift Outright, written in the 1930’s. At the end of the poem, he changed the last line from “would” to “will,” reading, “To the land vaguely realizing westward, but still unstoried, artless, unenhanced, such as she was, such as she will become.” The Gift Outright was presented at the Inauguration Ceremony from Frost’s memory telling his hopeful thoughts about the destiny of the United States. Frost had always intended to recite The Gift Outright, but he had hoped to read his newly written poem as a preamble to this previously written work.
Yiyun Li Receives the 2006 Hemingway/PEN Award

On April 2, 2006, Patrick Hemingway, son of Nobel Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway, presented the prestigious Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for a distinguished first book of fiction to Yiyun Li, author of *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers*. The award presentation took place at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The late Mary Hemingway, wife of author Ernest Hemingway, founded the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award in 1976 to honor her late husband and draw attention to first books of fiction. During the ceremony finalists for the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award, Daniel Alarcon and Douglas Trevor, were also recognized.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is the world’s principle center for research on the life and works of Ernest Hemingway. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis described Mary Hemingway’s gift of Ernest Hemingway’s papers as helping “to fulfill our hopes that the Library will become a center for the study of American civilization, in all its aspects.”

Mrs. Kennedy brought the presentation of the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award to the Kennedy Library from New York in 1992.

Joyce Carol Oates, recipient of the National Book Award and the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. This year’s judges for the award were acclaimed fiction writers Charlotte Bacon and Bernard Cooper, both past winners of the Hemingway/PEN Award for their own first books, and Rosellen Brown, author of the best-selling novel *Before and After*.

Author Yiyun Li was awarded an $8,000 prize from the Hemingway Foundation and a one-week residency in The Distinguished Visiting Writers Series at the University of Idaho’s MFA Program in Creative Writing. Li also received a Ucross Residency Fellowship at the Ucross Foundation in Wyoming, a retreat for artists and writers.

The two finalists, Daniel Alarcon, author of *War by Candlelight*, and Douglas Trevor, author of *The Thin Tear in the Fabric of Space*, also received a Ucross Residency Fellowship at the Ucross Foundation in Wyoming.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, PEN New England, Cerulli Associates, the Friends of the Hemingway Collection, The Boston Globe Foundation, the Ernest Hemingway Foundation/Society, and the Ucross Foundation help to make the presentation of these awards possible.

For more information on the Hemingway Collection at the Kennedy Presidential Library, please visit our website at www.jfklibrary.org.

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Moakley Public Speaking Institute

This past August, the John J. Moakley Public Speaking Institute offered an intensive two-week program to teach teenagers how to craft and deliver an effective persuasive speech. In this program, students not only gained an understanding of the essential steps of speechwriting, but also learned the skills necessary to deliver a speech with confidence. In addition to their classroom assignment, students had an opportunity to work with a theater coach who helped improve their overall presentations.

During the program, students choose their speech topics, develop an idea, and complete research in order to substantiate their claims. Among the topics students studied this year were: Racial Diversity in the Boston Public Schools, Nuclear Weapons and World Peace, The Rising Costs of College Tuition, and The Effect of Global Warming on Today’s Society.

The program provided students with the opportunity to showcase the improvements they made as a result of attending the institute with a banquet for their families and peers in the Stephen Smith Center at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

The Moakley Public Speaking Institute accepted eighteen students this year. Students were recruited from a variety of college prep programs including Urban Scholars of UMASS Boston, TeachBoston, Boston College College Bound, Boston University Upward Bound, MIT-Wellesley Upward Bound, and WriteBoston. The Moakley Public Speaking Institute is made possible by the Boston Globe Foundation.