Betty Ford and Ford Family Pay Tribute to Dr. Alan Greenspan

Betty Ford, the Ford Family, and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation paid tribute at the Annual Dinner in Washington, DC to Dr. Alan Greenspan. In addition to the framed photograph, as pictured, the Ford Family presented Dr. Greenspan with a Steuben Crystal American Eagle that President Ford kept near his desk for many years. Mrs. Ford personally selected this gift “as a momento of the special place that you, Alan, and Andrea (Mitchell), will always hold in the hearts of the Ford Family.” President Ford’s own words were inscribed on the photograph presented to Dr. Greenspan: “I was extremely fortunate to receive advice from such a brilliant person as Alan Greenspan. Alan conducted himself as my chief economic adviser and throughout his subsequent extraordinary public service to the American people with character, decisiveness, and integrity.”
The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Board of Trustees was held June 7, 2010 at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, DC. Jack Ford completed his four year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Steve Ford was elected the new Chairman. Steve Ford remarked “I am honored to serve and I just hope to build on my brother Jack’s great work over the last four years. It is all about Dad and Mom’s legacy.”

Red Cavaney was named President of the Foundation’s Board and in this capacity will spearhead Washington, DC initiatives. Also at the Annual Meeting three new Trustees’ were elected to the Board. Joining the Board are James Cavanaugh, Sanford Weill and Albert Zapanta.

Two special presentations highlighted the annual dinner. The first was the 2010 Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service awarded to Dr. Henry Kissinger. Jack Ford, Chairman of the Foundation, presented the award to this extraordinary individual. There was also a very touching video of Dr. Kissinger’s service to President Ford and our country. The second was to Alan Greenspan. Mrs. Ford and the Ford family honored him for his service to President Ford. Susan and Steven Ford presented Alan with a special gift from the family.

The annual Journalism Awards luncheon at the National Press Club was also held on June 7. The 2010 Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting were presented to Greg Jaffe of “The Washington Post” for his reporting on National Defense and to Ben Feller of “The Associated Press” for his reporting on the Presidency. It was an honor to have General Brent Scowcroft as the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

The Foundation is now on Facebook, reaching a whole new audience increasing awareness of President Ford’s legacy. Last year the Foundation launched a new website, www.geraldfordfoundation.org, and an updated format for the newsletter. We are committed to growing our communication methods and keeping them current and updated with new content, event announcements and features. We are always looking for new ideas so please feel free to contact me with your suggestions.

Steve Ford presents remarks at the Annual Dinner.

In Memoriam
Glenn Steil Sr.
1940 - 2010

Friend and former Trustee Glenn Steil passed away on May 7, 2010. Glenn served as a member of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees from 2001 until 2008. His dedication and generosity played a major role in the success of the Museum and Library. Glenn served his country as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Michigan as a Senator in the state’s legislature. Glenn was a very successful businessman and will be remembered for his philanthropic endeavors.

Joseph S. Calvaruso
Executive Director
Diane VanAllsburg
Administrative Assistant

Testimonial
Joseph M. Sweeney

Trustee Joe Sweeney retired from the board this year, having served as trustee and legal counsel for the Foundation since its inception in 1981. Prior to the formation of the Foundation, Joe incorporated and counseled the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee which coordinated the fundraising, construction and dedication of the Museum and partnered with the University of Michigan in creation of the Library. Joe’s dedicated counsel and leadership made significant contributions to the success of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and Library as well as the Foundation.
Trustees General Brent Scowcroft and Jack Ford presented the 2009 Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense to Greg Jaffe from the Washington Post. Mr. Jaffe’s reporting on the battle of Wanat was described by the selection committee as “riveting”. In a world in which national security issues can become both complex and confusing, the readability of Mr. Jaffe’s work helped to illuminate critically important defense challenges that foster greater public understanding of the meaning behind the headlines.

Trustees General Brent Scowcroft and Jack Ford presented the 2009 Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency to Ben Feller of the Associated Press. In the first year of a notably newsworthy and often contentious new Presidency, Mr. Feller proved himself to be both a master of deadline reporting and an astute analyst of the meaning and significance of President Obama’s initiatives and actions. In all his stories, Feller displayed insight and resourcefulness and a quality of writing that was engaging, clear, and substantive.
On May 8, 2010 the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation was honored to host the Boy Scouts of America Adventure Base 100 traveling tour celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. This was the only stop in Michigan for the Adventure Base 100. Through interactive experiences, demonstrations, activities and more, over 2,000 visitors had an exciting and inspiring view of the history and future of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts and their families were treated to free admission to the Museum during the Adventure Base 100 stop. Visit YouTube and view the wonderful video of the Grand Rapids BSA 100 visit:

http://www.adventurebase100.org/post/2010/05/21/Grand-Rapids-Reflections-on-an-American-President.aspx

Gerald Ford, Jr. joined the Boy Scouts in 1924 when he enlisted in Troop 15, Trinity United Methodist Church. By the time he attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1927, at age 14, he had earned 26 merit badges. Scouting taught young Ford about civic responsibility, teamwork, and self-discipline. These lessons proved invaluable in shaping his later life, and served him well when he became President, the only Eagle Scout to serve as the nation’s Chief Executive.

Don Holloway, Curator
Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Temporary exhibit of Boy Scout memorabilia on display in Museum.

Photos Courtesy of Dr. Robert M. Humphries
In 1914, the University of Michigan launched the country’s first systematic public service training program with a municipal government focus—a master’s program in municipal administration. Over the next few decades, the program grew. Faculty began to look beyond municipal issues, to problems facing the state and nation. Students took courses in economics and law, but also management, fiscal administration, personnel administration, intergovernmental relations, and research and reporting techniques for public administration.

In 1968, the University’s Master’s in Public Administration degree was joined by a new Master’s in Public Policy. This new degree reflected a revolutionary way of looking at public service training—one that made use of interdisciplinary expertise and advanced methods in the social sciences to provide students with the skills they would need to effectively deal with challenging problems in an increasingly complex environment. Similar programs sprang up at Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, Berkeley, the University of Texas, Duke, and, in time, dozens of other colleges and universities around the country. Over the next 20 years, the program expanded in size and diversity. As in the past, graduates went to work in local and state government, but more and more alumni found roles in the federal government—and others in international affairs.

In 1995, in recognition of the program’s stature and maturity, the University created an independent School of Public Policy. Just four years later, to pay tribute to a 1935 U-M graduate, President Gerald R. Ford, the University renamed it the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. In remarks at the school’s dedication, Ford said that he was deeply honored to be affiliated with a school he knew would be “dedicated to the cause of public service to which I have devoted most of my life.” Since that time, the Ford School has quickly grown in breadth, depth, and prestige. The school constructed a beautiful new building at the corner of State and Hill, adjacent to the schools of law and business. With gifts from alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations (many of which were made in honor of Gerald and Betty Ford), the state-of-the-art Joan and Sanford Weill Hall—designed by world-famous architect, Robert A. M. Stern—helps the school recruit and retain exceptional students and faculty.

New degree programs were added, including an innovative joint doctoral degree for students interested in academic careers bridging public policy and economics, sociology, or political science (2001) and an undergraduate degree in public policy (2007). To add to the vitality and policy engagement of the teaching and research environment, new centers were launched, as well:

- CLOSUP, The Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (2001), which seeks to find effective solutions to problems facing state and local communities;
- The National Poverty Center (2002), a nonpartisan research institute, which seeks to improve understanding of poverty and evaluate poverty-related programs and policies;
- The International Policy Center (2005), which seeks to inform policy makers about issues faced by an increasingly globalized world; and
- The Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies (2009), which seeks to shed light on how public policy can most effectively navigate the opportunities and challenges of increasingly diverse societies.

In 2007, the University appointed international economist Susan M. Collins as Dean. Prior to coming to Michigan, Collins was a professor of economics at Georgetown University and a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution, one of Washington, DC’s oldest and most prestigious think tanks. An expert in the field of international economics, Collins served as a senior staff economist on the President’s Council of Economic Advisers (1989-90) and was a recent participant in the Obama Administration’s White House Jobs Summit (2009). Under Collins’ leadership, the school will work to further enhance its diversity, policy impact, international engagement, and prestige.

Article and photos provided by the Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

President Ford makes remarks at the Site Dedication Ceremony for the new home of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, September 18, 2003.
2010 Annual Dinner Photos
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Trustee Alan Greenspan and Andrea Mitchell
A rare gathering of four White House photographers addressed a packed house at the Ford Museum on the afternoon of April 24. Ford White House photographer and Ford Foundation Trustee, David Hume Kennerly, moderated the panel that also included David Valdez (photographer for George H.W. Bush), Bob McNeely (Clinton photographer), and Eric Draper (George W. Bush photographer).

Each panelist utilized a power point presentation, which gave the audience a rare glimpse into behind-the-scenes events during critical times in our country’s history as well as capturing the President, the First Family and administration officials during candid moments.

David Kennerly discussed how President Ford allowed him unrestricted access to the President and his family, illustrating this with a touching image of President and Mrs. Ford hugging one another during Mrs. Ford’s recovery from breast cancer surgery. Kennerly also showed candid images of Leonid Brezhnev during the Vladivostok meeting and of Deng Xiaoping during the Ford visit to China. Kennerly also revealed the playful side of Mrs. Ford when he captured her on film as she danced on the Cabinet Room table.

David Valdez has been a photographer for over 30 years with his works appearing in Time, Newsweek, Life, U.S. News and World Report. As the Director of the White House Photography Office under George H.W. Bush, Valdez was able to show the tense moments of the Gulf War from inside the White House. He has also continued to take images of our 41st President, including moments at Kennebunkport and the former President skydiving on his birthday.

Bob McNeely served as the staff photographer for the 1972 McGovern campaign and as the White House photographer for Vice President Walter Mondale. He also photographed the Clinton Presidential campaign prior to becoming the White House photographer for Bill Clinton. McNeely, primarily using black and white photography, showed heated exchanges between the President and advisor George Stephanopoulos as well as a distraught Hillary Clinton during the Monica Lewinsky affair that tarnished the Clinton administration.

Eric Draper served as both Special Assistant to and White House Photographer for George W. Bush. While in this dual role, Draper oversaw the conversion of the White House Photography Office from film to digital. His presentation included the tense moments as the 9/11 terrorist attacks unfolded in New York, Washington and in Pennsylvania, including images aboard Air Force One as the President and his advisors gathered information from the ground on the extent of the tragedy.

The presentations were followed by questions and answers from the capacity audience as well as a reception and book-signing.

Video of presentation available at: www.geraldrfordfoundation.org.
Mrs. Ford’s 92nd Birthday Celebration  
April 8, 2010
Over 2,400 people celebrated Mrs. Ford’s birthday at the Museum with cake donated by Meijer, Inc.

Albion College’s relationship with Gerald R. Ford goes back to the 1960’s when he served on the Board of Trustees of the College. In 1965 the College awarded then Congressman Ford an honorary Doctor of Humane Arts and Letters for his service to Michigan, the College, and its students, staff, and faculty.

In October 1977, nine months after leaving office President Ford dedicated the Gerald R. Ford Institute of Public Policy and Service at Albion College. Pictured below is Albion College President, Donna Randall, at the Museum this past spring in celebration of Albion College’s 175th Anniversary.

Former presidential candidate and Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and Ronald N. Weiser, Ambassador to the Slovak Republic under George W. Bush, and Member of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Board, laid flowers at President Ford’s tomb on April 28, 2010.

Governor Romney and Ambassador Weiser toured the Museum with Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso and Library and Museum Director Elaine Didier. The tour included a visit to the Museum artifact storage area with registrar Jamie Draper.
Davenport University Announced the 2010 Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Jenna Avery!

Davenport University announced the second annual recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship. Jenna Avery lives in Sunfield, Michigan, and is a 2010 graduate of Lakewood High School. She is valedictorian of her class and plans to major in accounting. As a National Honor Society member with a 4.0 high school GPA and very impressive ACT score of 31, Jenna is well prepared academically to succeed in the university environment. She is a member of the varsity tennis team and volunteers extensively in her church and community.

The Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship is Davenport University’s most prestigious scholarship, covering the costs of tuition, books, fees, on-campus housing and meal plan, plus study abroad. Besides academic success, the recipient must demonstrate some of the ideals espoused by Gerald R. Ford, including leadership, civic responsibility, service, ethics and courage of conviction.

Dr. Richard J. Pappas, President of Davenport University, presents the Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship to Jenna Avery.

Gerald R. Ford Research Travel Grants, Spring 2010 Recipients

Beckmann, Matthew
Assistant Professor, University of California Irvine
Assessing Washington’s Arranged Marriage: Presidents and their Party’s Congressional Leaders

Bordelon, Christopher
Ph.D. candidate, Brandeis University
Trading Up, Trading Down: The Domestic Politics of America’s Foreign Trade Since World War II

Bristol, Douglas
Associate Professor, University of Southern Mississippi
Uncle Sam’s Easy Riders and Other Strange Tales of Mass Consumption in the U.S. Army

Gavin, Victor
Lecturer, University of Barcelona (Spain)
The foreign dimension of Spain’s political transition (1975-1978)

Hopkins, Michael
Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool (England)
The State Department and the Making of American Foreign Policy

Johns, Andrew
Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University
In the Eye of the Storm: John Sherman Cooper and the Cold War, 1946-1976

Lauterbach, Allison
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Southern California
Gagged: United States Foreign Aid and Reproductive Rights

McGlinchey, Stephen
Ph.D. Candidate, Cardiff University (Wales)
American Arms and Iranian Ambitions: Continuity and Change in American Foreign Policy Towards Iran in the 1970s

Mitchell, Nancy
Associate Professor, North Carolina State University
Race and Realpolitik: Jimmy Carter and Africa

Mock, Harold
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Virginia
Dangerous Power: An International History of German Unification

Passino, Carlo
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Cagliari (Italy)
Iranian Nuclear Program and U.S. Negotiation in 1970s

Rodberg, Josie
Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University

Sharrow, Elizabeth
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota
Producing Athletes, Defining Citizens: Title IX and the Construction of Gender in American Politics

Spruill, Marjorie
Professor, University of South Carolina
Women’s Rights, Family Values & the Polarization of American Political Culture

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Gerald R. Ford
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Upcoming Events:

Grand Rapids:

Steve Ford and Richard Ford - Gerald R. Ford, The Early Years
Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 8:00 PM
Please join President Ford’s son Steve and brother Richard for an in-depth discussion of Gerald R. Ford's earlier years in conjunction with the Schoolhouse to White House exhibition. For reservations, please call 616-254-0384 or email at ford_events@nara.gov.

Save the Date - Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 1:00 PM
Joint programming with The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.
Check our website: www.geraldrfordfoundation.org for more information as it becomes available.

On Exhibit:

Grand Rapids:

Schoolhouse to the White House: The Education of the Presidents (July 2, 2010 through October 3, 2010)

The School House to White House exhibition features documents, artifacts, photos and films drawn from the collections of the National Archives twelve Presidential Libraries, revealing fascinating details about children that would grow up to be presidents. Visitors can journey back to a time of one room school houses, large public schools, and private tutors and see these future presidents as young sports stars, choir members, and musicians. Visitors can also see these children mature into serious college and military academy students. Together these experiences demonstrate the variety of educational and extra-curricular experiences that trained and influenced our nation's future leaders.

Betty Ford - An Extraordinary Life (October 26, 2010 through February 27, 2011)

Meet one of America’s most consequential First Ladies. From her style and grace to her advocacy for equal rights to her concern for issues of health and wellness, Betty Ford left a bold trail for the First Ladies who followed her. This exhibit will offer visitors a fuller examination of her career.

Ann Arbor:

Economy in Crisis, 1974-1975 (Now through Summer 2010)

Economic crises on an international scale are not new, and President Ford inherited a tough one in 1974. A new exhibit at the Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor show how he attacked a witch’s brew of inflation, recession, budget deficits, and oil supply worries. This exhibit features rarely seen artifacts and archival materials from the Ford Presidential Library and Museum collections.