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Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Now President-Elect Donald J. Trump pays his respect at the Tomb of President Gerald R. Ford and First Lady Betty Ford.



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Grand Rapids Fire Department and Police Department Raise Flag for the September 11, 2016 Grand Rapids Community Day of Remembrance.

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*Letter from the Executive Director,
Joseph S. Calvaruso*



(l-r) DeVos Learning Center's Director of Engagement and Programming Clare Shubert, Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder tour of the Learning Center's classrooms during ArtPrize 2016.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.

Since the June opening of the new Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, we have been pleased with the increased Museum attendance and positive feedback. The thoughtfully designed exhibits, youth friendly environment and multi-media displays, including videos and interactive technology, have been well received.

Since joining us in January, Clare Shubert, Director of Engagement and Programming of the new DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, has led the Foundation in making significant strides in engaging and educating young people. She has worked side by side with the Museum's education staff to continue the long tradition of education at the Museum. Student groups from preschool through twelfth grade have benefited from the Foundation's newly developed programs. Through classes offered both at the DeVos Learning Center and as outreach programs, students have learned about the character and leadership of President and Mrs. Ford and how to apply these lessons to their everyday lives.

The Foundation also developed and hosted two special Saturday programs for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts participated in an all-day event on November 5th where they learned the importance of

engaging in their communities through the examples of President and Mrs. Ford. A panel of women leaders shared their expertise with the Scouts and the day ended with the girls creating their own campaign videos. Boy Scouts joined us on November 19th to work towards their *Citizenship in the Nation* badge. Scouts learned from the example of President Ford, himself an Eagle Scout, and explored the importance of engaging in their communities and understanding how their government works.

The DeVos Learning Center was happy to host several groups of educators during the late summer and fall. The Museum staff hosted a Teacher Institute where area educators were invited to learn teaching strategies for encouraging civil discourse in the classroom. The Foundation also welcomed a group of character education teachers and partnered with WGTV, our local PBS affiliate, to host their fall *Learning Media Summit*.

Each September 11, the Gerald R. Ford Council of Boy Scouts of America and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum honor those who sacrificed their lives during the terrorist events of September 11, 2001, by hosting a Community Day of Remembrance and day-long Scout Salute. This year, being the 15th anniversary, drew large crowds as people stood in line for hours to experience the Stephen Siller Foundation's *Tunnel to Towers* Exhibit; a three-day visit sponsored by the Foundation.

The Museum continues to be a popular place for ArtPrize visitors, drawing almost two hundred thousand visitors over the course of just a few weeks.

I especially want to recognize the boundless time and effort put forth by our Foundation Trustees and by our many volunteers, sponsors, and partners. It is truly an honor to work with each of you. I wish you and your family a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2017!



In Memoriam

Lilian Hall Fisher

1918 - 2016

Mrs. Lilian Hall Fisher died peacefully at her home in Naples, Florida on September 21, 2016. She was born on June 5, 1918, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, daughter of Edith Chase Hall Harmon and Marcus B. Hall. Mrs. Fisher was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Benjamin Reeves Fisher, former Chairman of the Board of Fisher Scientific Company, founded by his father.

Betty Bloomer (Ford) and Lilian Hall (Fisher) met in dance school in Grand Rapids when they were children and that friendship lasted their entire lives. Mrs. Fisher was interviewed by Historian Richard Norton Smith for the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation's Oral History Project and can be found on the Foundation's website.

We wish to send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Fisher.

New University of Michigan Football Jerseys Recognize Gerald R. Ford and Willis Ward



1934 University of Michigan Football Team. Photo courtesy of the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan.

first hand of the historic story of Gerald R. Ford, Willis Ward, and the 1934 game against Georgia Tech. All of the numbers 4's for 2016 Wolverine football team will have a special numeric number 4, which symbolizes the commitment and friendship between teammates, as well as diversity throughout the program. The number 4 will look exactly like the number 4 that Gerald R. Ford and all of his teammates wore in 1934.

Prior to the 1934 game, the Georgia Tech Yellowjackets requested that Willis Ward be benched because he was African-American. Ford, whose roommate was Ward, refused to accept the benching and voluntarily refused to play in the game. Ford would only go on to play in the game at the request of Willis Ward.



Along with being teammates and roommates, Ford and Willis were lifelong friends. In the 1934 Wolverine football team photo they were also positioned next to each other. Ford wore number 48 and Ward wore number 61. The hidden symbol, Hackett believes, reflects also that the number 4 Ford wore, points to his friend. In 2016, Hackett also believes that the number 4 will reflect the bond between teammates and diversity.

To read the full article from *The Detroit News* by Angelique S. Chengelis, please visit: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/sports/college/university-michigan/wolverines/2016/08/02/unique-4-new-um-uniforms-nod-ward-diversity/87961044/>

Courtesy of the University of Michigan Athletic Department.

Foundation Trustee Jim Hackett stepped down from his role as interim athletic director for the University of Michigan in the spring of 2016, but one of his last decisions will be highlighted throughout Wolverine football games this fall.

Hackett had discussed earlier this year that there would be a hidden symbol in the new Michigan Wolverine football game jerseys, which are being produced by Nike. The new jerseys were shown to the public on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at the Ford Motor Company's Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

As a former Michigan Wolverine football player, Jim Hackett knew

First Group of Students Participated in New Program

On July 13 the first group of students to participate in the Foundation's new educational programs was welcomed to the DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. A summer learning group from Vocal Music Workshop brought 18 middle school students from Grand Rapids Public Schools to learn, explore, and be inspired.

The program focused on what it means to be an engaged citizen, regardless of your age. Students (right) used i-Pads to explore the new Museum exhibits and create their own e-books that showcased examples of the ways President Ford engaged in his community and displayed good citizenship. By taking photos and writing their own text, the middle-schoolers were able to collect the information they learned and share it with their teachers and classmates in a very interactive way. The students worked hard and had fun doing it, too – in fact, they are already making plans to return! One student summed it up: on the last page of his book, he included a photo of his classmates. The text read: "If President Ford hadn't done all of these things, who would inspire us?" For more information on scheduling a program for students, visit www.devoslearningcenter.org.



DeVos Learning Center Website Now Online!

Learners of all ages can now access educational material about President Ford through a new website for the DeVos Learning Center www.devoslearningcenter.org. The site houses information about the new educational programming offered by the Foundation for students in grades K-12 as well as how to schedule a learning experience for visiting classes. Teachers can access activities to use in preparing their students for a visit, as well as follow-up materials for afterward. The new website also contains valuable resources for those unable to visit in person. Educators, parents, and interested learners can access photos, archives, videos, and activities. Our Director of Engagement and Programming will be posting a blog on the site to keep visitors up to date on all of the activities at the Learning Center. Start exploring and learning today at: www.devoslearningcenter.org.



Above Photos: Riders gather for a safety briefing prior to the "9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit" escort ride to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Photos Courtesy of Barry Southwood.

"We Will Never Forget"

9-11 Community Day of Remembrance



Throughout September 8-11, 2016, the Foundation and Museum were honored to host the 15th Annual September 11th Community Day of Remembrance / Scout Salute at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. The events were in conjunction with the Flag Escort, Raising Ceremony, and the President Ford Council Boy Scouts of America Annual Scout Salute. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum were proud to work with the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation in arranging the return of the "9/11 Never Forget" exhibit to Grand Rapids. Thousands of West Michigan residents had the opportunity to tour the exhibit during its three-day display.

Over 200 motorcycles and emergency service vehicles gathered to escort the "9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit" from St. Joseph, Michigan to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in downtown Grand Rapids. Escorts included Wounded Warriors, Grand Rapids Area Police and Fire Departments, Michigan State Police, Kent County Sheriff's Department, Berrien County Sheriff's Department, the Patriot Guard Riders, Members of Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Group, The "Axemen" from Indiana and Michigan Chapters, The "Warhogs", and Boy Scouts of America among many, many others.

Friday, September 9th, was reserved for school groups to visit the "9/11 Never Forget" mobile exhibit. Over 400 students ranging in age from fifth through twelfth grade toured the exhibit with teachers and parents. The majority of these students have no memory of the events of September 11, 2001; for them it is a historical event with no personal connection. Touring the exhibit and speaking with New York City Firefighters who were there that day established that connection. Students were able to learn about the courage and loyalty shown by first responders during a time of grave need in our country's history. The Foundation's teaching team partnered with the education department from the local PBS affiliate, WGJU, to provide multi-media educational activities related to the events of 9/11 in the DeVos Learning Center. Also on hand, the Grand Rapids Fire Department Smoke House gave students a chance to learn and practice safety measures for emergency situations.



Left: Boy Scouts from West Michigan gathered at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum to salute the flag from dawn until dusk on September 11, 2016. This is the 14th year the Scouts have honored the fallen and salute the brave men and women of the armed services, veterans and emergency services.



Below Right: Students from the Michigan Youth Academy toured the Tunnel to Towers exhibit.



9/11 Poster Contest - Along with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, SpartanNash, Boy Scouts of America President Ford Field Service Council, and Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore, the Foundation sponsored a student art contest in an effort to educate young children about the events of 9/11. Students ages 5-18 were invited to create a poster that expressed their understanding of themes like courage, heroism, sacrifice, and patriotism. All artwork was on display in the DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on September 10th and 11th. Top entrants were awarded a cash prize along with a giftcard for SpartanNash stores and a family membership to the Museum. Above: Emmett Chesla, 6, proudly displays the winning artwork he created honoring his father who is a U. S. Marine and Grand Rapids City Firefighter.

A Summer Evening with Starlifter

On August 4th, 2016, the Foundation sponsored a free community concert at Ah-Nab-Awen Park with the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's pop group, Starlifter, as the headliner. Established in 1942, Starlifter is a component of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, the musical ambassador of the Air Mobility Command. The group has traveled the globe, boosting the morale of service men and women as well as performing at civilian events.

Before Starlifter took the stage, The Amazing Clark, a magician and comedian from Oxford, Michigan, was on-hand to provide family-friendly entertainment. True to his name, the Amazing Clark had the crowd spellbound and truly entertained during his act packed with illusions and lots of laughs. Kids were invited on stage to participate in the tricks and later, the Amazing Clark took to the audience to create balloon animals for all of the children in attendance.

Following the performance, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets' Color Guard performed the presentation of colors and Starlifter played the National Anthem. Children from the audience joined the Amazing Clark in leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. After a very patriotic beginning on a beautiful Michigan summer evening, the band took the stage and rocked the riverfront with popular hits from just about every musical genre, from pop and rock to jazz and country. Whether it was the sounds of the 70s or a current top-40 hit, the crowd of picnickers was filled with dancing, toe-tapping, and a feel-good atmosphere. We are grateful to the members of the Starlifter band for their energetic and entertaining performance, and, of course, for their service to our great Nation.



United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's, Starlifter.

Steve Ford Visits Students at the Gerald R. Ford Academic Center and the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps

"Your reputation is what people see; your character is who you are when no one is watching."

On September 15, Trustee Steve Ford shared this lesson from his father with middle school students at the Gerald R. Ford Academic Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After a meet and greet breakfast with teachers, Steve joined the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in the school gym of the building formerly named Madison Elementary, where President Ford attended school as a young boy. After sharing stories about life in the White House and on the sets of Hollywood movies, Ford discussed the most important lesson he learned from his dad—that the way to add value to your own life is to be of service to others. It was a solid support system of family members, teachers, and mentors that helped shape both his and his father's character and contributed to their success. Ford encouraged students to appreciate the support systems they have in their families and in their school.

Later in the day, Ford spoke to students at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps, which is housed in the old South High building, President Ford's alma mater. After entertaining the audience with a montage of his film clips and stories, Ford got serious. He talked about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the importance of making positive life choices. He shared that addiction is a disease that "doesn't care who you are" and if not for his strong support system, he would not have been able to overcome his own. By sharing his story, Ford motivated the students to take advantage of the support system and opportunities provided to them by the Job Corps and to work towards adding value to their own lives and those around them.

"People invested in (my father's) life all the way along. He never would have gotten to be president if it weren't for people coming along and investing in his life," said Ford. About his father's namesake school, he commented, "He would be proud, he would be happy, he'd love the investment of education in young people's lives."



Top: Steve Ford at the Gerald R. Ford Academic Center. **Bottom:** Steve Ford at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps.

DeVos Learning Center Hosts Educator's Open House with Special Guest Steve Ford

On September 15, educators from West Michigan were invited for a first-look at the new DeVos Learning Center. The Open House event offered teachers a chance to learn about educational programming offered through the Museum and Foundation all while enjoying refreshments with fellow educators in the new Learning Center classrooms. Guests were also invited to tour the new Museum exhibits and discover the many educational opportunities that exist for their students. Special host for the afternoon, Trustee Steve Ford, spoke to the group about the value of education and the importance of passing on the lessons of character that encompass his parents' legacy. For more information about educational programming for students, please visit: devoslearningcenter.org and fordlibrarymuseum.gov.

Right: Steve Ford (left) visits with Ford family cousin and high school history teacher, Ted Burba, at the Educator's Open House.



Let's Be Candid. Betty Would Be So Proud!

On October 19, 2016, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation partnered with Spectrum Health to host the fourth annual **Candid Conversations**, a Spectrum Health Cancer Center and Betty Ford Breast Care Services free community event to celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Susan Ford Bales created a video to honor her mother's legacy while continuing to share her message of awareness and candor about breast cancer with the public. She also shared some personal insights into Betty's career as a dancer.

Tony Award winner and breast cancer survivor, Diahann Carroll, shared her own personal story. The dance performances by Imprint Dance Co. also inspired the audience. Judy Smith, MD, chief of Spectrum Health Cancer Center, served as panel moderator for an onstage discussion with a group of Spectrum Health experts and a breast cancer survivor. The evening was filled with education, awareness and stories from survivors.

Special guests enjoyed a private meet and greet with Ms. Carroll at the Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Arts and Worship, and everyone was invited to the welcome reception in the lobby featuring light bites, live music and vendor booths. Attendees were encouraged to sign up for a mammogram while at the event and share the importance of early detection through screening with family and friends. A great evening was enjoyed by all—friends, family, survivors and everyone in attendance. *Courtesy of Spectrum Health.*



Diahann Carroll at the fourth annual *Candid Conversations*.

Mary Taber and Johnny Quirin / Spectrum Health

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The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Library and Museum were proud to partner with the Hauenstein Center in two programs for the Center's "The Common Ground Initiative" series. In honor of Constitution Day the first program "The Constitution Today" by legal scholar Akhil Reed Amar of Yale University was on September 14, 2016 and the second program was "A Keynote" by Ronald C. White on October 20, 2016 as he introduced his book, *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*. Videos from both presentations can be found on the Hauenstein Center's website www.hauensteincenter.org.

Akhil Reed Amar
"The Constitution Today"
September 14, 2016

Few subjects of interest to journalists and scholars involve questions as large in scope, or as serious in consequence, as those surrounding constitutional law. Given the enormous intellectual stakes that hinge on the interpretation of America's most important political document, it can be difficult for even the most informed citizens to understand fully the enduring influence of the Constitution on American politics and culture in the twenty-first century.

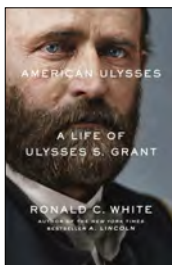


Akhil Reed Amar

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Ronald C. White
"American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant"
October 20, 2016

By the late nineteenth century, Ulysses S. Grant — famous Civil War general and eighteenth President of the United States — was considered among the greatest leaders in American history. His *Personal Memoirs*, completed rapidly as he fought his last battle with cancer, were published by Mark Twain shortly after Grant's death in 1885, to enduring acclaim.



During the twentieth century, evaluations of Grant's legacy became more critical. In *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*, bestselling historian Ronald C. White mobilizes meticulous research and a masterful prose style to argue that the time is ripe for a fresh evaluation of Grant's important contributions to American life. As a multidimensional portrait of an iconic nineteenth-century figure, *American Ulysses* attempts to set a new standard of excellence for Grant biographers.



Ronald C. White

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Man in Space

By James W. Draper

Museum Registrar at Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum - National Archives & Records Administration

A visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum will bring you into contact with the first major sculpture in the history of art to depict weightlessness. *Man in Space* by Judson Nelson, installed in 1984, portrays a U.S. astronaut precariously tethered to a Space Shuttle hatch. In recent years the sculpture has been missing from the property as it has undergone restoration. It returned for the museum's reopening in June 2016.

Former President Gerald Ford suggested a sculpture in 1981 that reflected the space program for the grounds of his Presidential Museum. A committee formed and selected sculptor Judson Nelson for the task. Nelson's vision was to capture weightlessness with his creation. He meticulously studied original NASA space suits, interviewed astronauts, and journeyed to the Johnson Space Center in Houston and Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum. He decided to synthesize the elements of suits worn on Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle missions. Nelson also increased the scale by a third, making the astronaut 9-ft tall.



Nelson spent nine months shaping the clay. Another five months on the plaster mold. Then he cast it in bronze in twelve sections at the Johnson Atelier furnace in Mercerville, New Jersey. He painstakingly assembled the whole over another two months. He then carefully applied the patina and paint.

The final 3,000 pound bronze masterpiece depicts an astronaut hovering weightlessly

in space. Nelson painted the suit as it would have looked and polished the face mask to a mirror finish, allowing the viewer to see his or her reflection. As Martin Friedman, former Director of the Walker Art Center, wrote, "He considers his sculpture to be as much a monument of the genius of the anonymous thousands who engineered such adventures in space as to the pioneer group of Americans who, having donned the magic suit, were able to float in this limitless domain."



Gerald R. Ford supported space exploration throughout his entire political career. As a member of the House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration in 1958, Congressman Ford helped draft the original Space Act. The legislation provided NASA its charter. He sat on appropriations committees that funded many of the vast achievements of the space race during the 1950s and 1960s.

The first international space mission took place during Ford's administration with the successful launch of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project mission. It was the first joint space mission between the United States and the Soviet Union. Successful launches to Skylab and the landings of two Viking robotic explorers on Mars also highlighted space exploration feats during Ford's presidency. Ford enthusiastically followed every mission.

"I think it's amazing to think that in the span of a single lifetime, the exploration of air and space has grown from the dreams of a very, very few individuals to such a massive cooperative reality. We have gone from a flight of a few seconds and a few hundred feet for a year-long journey to Mars, crossing some 440 million miles," President Gerald R. Ford on the Viking missions, 1976.



Today, through the generosity of donors to the Foundation's Capital Campaign, the restored sculpture is docked at a new prominent location outside the DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, where it will inspire many future generations of space explorers.

Photos Courtesy of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum.

Letter from the Library and Museum Director, Elaine K. Didier, Ph.D.

With the grand re-opening of the Museum and the debut of the new DeVos Learning Center last June, the Museum is back in full action and busier than ever! Visitation is up, classes and tours for all ages are in full swing, and increased numbers of outside groups are calling to reserve space and request special guided tours of our new exhibits. Feedback regarding every aspect of our new exhibits and teaching spaces has been very positive, and we are so grateful to the Foundation and all who supported us to make these wonderful advancements possible. The Museum's Curator, Don Holloway, wrote and directed a video tour of our updated Museum – be sure to check out the link on the Museum's website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSnJCpdxKg&feature=youtu.be>

Among the VIP visitors we've hosted at the Museum this fall are Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, the Consul General of Mexico in Detroit, Juan Manuel Solana Morales, and a surprise visit by presidential candidate Donald Trump in the midst of our thousands of ArtPrize visitors. The Museum also hosted colleagues from the GR Art Museum and from Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL, estate and home of Robert McCormick.

This fall the Museum participated in a new course titled *Leadership in Times of Crisis*, developed over the past two years by our Education Specialist, Barbara McGregor, in collaboration with faculty from WMU and Cooley Law. Over three intensive sessions at the Ford Museum,

students studied difficult decisions President Ford faced: the pardon of Richard Nixon, the fall of Saigon, and the New York City financial crisis. The course met with very favorable reviews and plans are underway to expand it and partner with other interested institutions.

At the Library, research is ongoing by individuals from around the world and class visits by students from UM and GVSU. We also met with an architect working on plans for a national library for a former prime minister – all in a day's work!

In addition to these external links, Library and Museum staff continued their work to preserve and provide access to our collections. Digitization at both sites continued, funded by the Ford Foundation, and we now have more than 500,000 pages scanned and available on the website, with about 15,000, or 75%, of the Museum's artifacts scanned for future display. Library and Museum staff members Elizabeth Druga and Jen Vos contributed to a National Archives social media project involving all of the presidential

libraries – see the project at <https://www.docsteach.org/topics/election>.

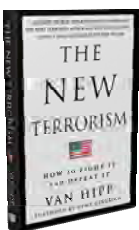
In the midst of all of these activities, our speaker series continues to bring fascinating authors and historians to Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids – highlights are available throughout this issue. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and welcoming you to the ALL NEW Ford Presidential Museum and DeVos Learning Center very soon!



Students from Cooley Law / WMU "Leadership in Times of Crisis".



Above: Van Hipp presentation at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum; and Below: Mr. Hipp's presentation to the students at the West Michigan Aviation Academy.



Van Hipp
 "The Greatest Challenge of our Next President:
 Keeping America Safe During These Times"
 November 3, 2016

Grand Rapids: Just days before the 2016 Presidential Election the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum welcomed Van Hipp to Grand Rapids to lecture on "The Greatest Challenge of our Next President: Keeping America Safe During These Times," a talk based on his book titled, "The New Terrorism: How to Fight It, How to Defeat It." Mr. Hipp is the Chairman of American Defense International, Inc., a Washington, DC based consulting firm specializing in government affairs, business development and public relations. In 1990, Van Hipp was sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Reserve Forces and Mobilization) and served in this position during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Following the "Tailhook Scandal," Hipp was named by Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to be the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy. He served in this capacity until January 1993.

Hipp began his talk describing the core responsibility of the President of the U.S. as Commander-in-Chief, and then reviewed the various types of threats facing our country. He stressed the need to upgrade our missile defenses, protect ourselves from cyber attacks, strengthen aviation security, combat biological threats, and eliminate the danger posed by our porous borders. He also stated his view that education and knowledge of history are national security issues. Following his presentation, audience questions were numerous and focused, and there were many positive comments about the presentation.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Hipp presented to high school students at West Michigan Aviation Academy in Grand Rapids. He spoke about the security challenges that face our next president and the importance of cyber-security as well as the growing demand for professionals in that area. The students took full advantage of the opportunity to interact with Mr. Hipp following the presentation with questions that reflected both knowledge and thoughtful inquiry.

ArtPrize® 8 Exhibits at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum



ARTPRIZE

Once again the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum was honored to participate as a venue for ArtPrize 2016. This year's competition ran from September 21 - October 9, 2016 and was the 8th year art has taken over downtown Grand Rapids. The Museum hosted 33 artists (4 international, 6 out-of-state and the rest Michigan artists) and was the largest number of artists hosted at the Museum to date. Museum Exhibit Specialist Bettina Cousineau helped select the work, *Coherency*, (by Faig Ahmed from Baku, Azerbaijan) which made the Juried Short List. Of the Top 100 of the Public Vote, 18 of the Museum's artists made the cut. This tied only one other venue in competition for number of works being selected. With the Top 20 announcement, two of the Museum's artists continued onto the next round of competition. Due to a ArtPrize rule change each venue could have only two artists in the final round. The Museum's works in the final rounds were: *Sand Sturgeon*, by Gary Moran from Arizona and *Continental U.S.*, by Valerie Hoostein from Utah.

ArtPrize® is an independently organized international art competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan and is recognized as "the most-attended public art event on the planet" according to *The Art Newspaper*, and was recently highlighted in *The New York Times' 52 Places To Go in 2016*. For 19 days in the early fall, around 400,000 visitors descend upon three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan where anyone can find a voice in the conversation about what is art and why it matters. Art from around the world pops up in every inch of downtown in over 170 venues—museums, galleries, bars, restaurants, theaters, hotels, public parks, lobbies, buildings, walls, bridges, laundromats, and auto body shops—and it's all free and open to the public. In all, 1,453 art entries were exhibited and over \$500,000 in grand prize money was awarded. You can view all of the art entries and winners at www.artprize.org.



"Sand Sturgeon" is a temporary sand painting by Gary Morgan.
4th Place Winner in the 2-Dimensional Category



"Continental U.S." is a glass collage by Valerie Hollstein.
2nd Place Winner in the 2-Dimensional Category



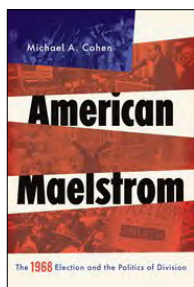
Left: While ArtPrize 2016 has come and gone...we are left with some fabulous memories. Grand Rapids native Morgan Frasier is teaching students basic ballet moves in the DeVos Learning Center classrooms turned dance studio. While at the Museum, participants in these ArtPrize Education Days classes also learned about Mrs. Ford's love of dancing. Morgan's short film, "Bourgeois," played in the Museum's auditorium throughout ArtPrize.

ArtPrize Photos Courtesy of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.



"Coherency" is a carpet designed by Faig Ahmed.
Juried Short List

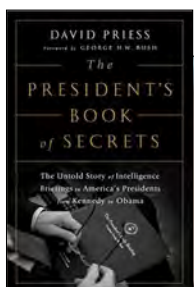
Michael A. Cohen
"American Maelstrom: The 1968 Election and the Politics of Division"
 November 1, 2016



Ann Arbor: Michael Cohen, author and *Boston Globe* columnist, spoke at the Library before a capacity audience about his new book, "American Maelstrom: The 1968 Election and the Politics of Division," which chronicles the drama and impact of this watershed election that in many ways set the stage for the next half century of American politics. During his well-received and timely talk, Mr. Cohen highlighted the central issues and candidates at the heart of the 1968 election and drew parallels with our current electoral and political landscape. The fully engaged audience asked many questions during the question and answer session and continued the dialogue with our speaker during the book signing and reception following the program. This program will be aired on C-Span's American History TV this fall and is available on our website.



Michael A. Cohen



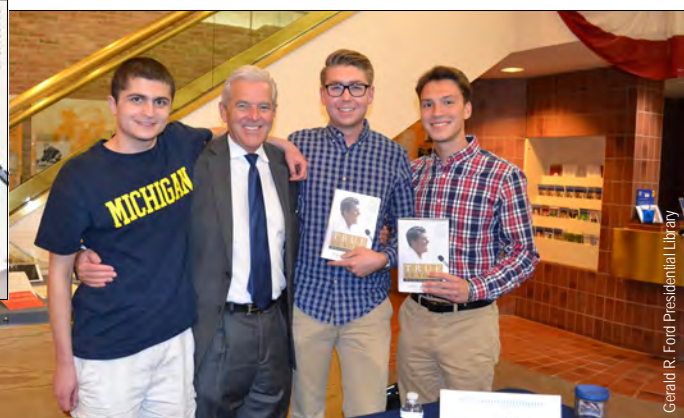
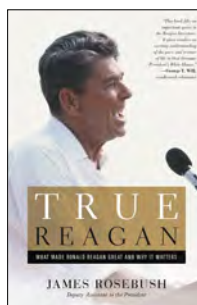
David Priess

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"The President's Book of Secrets: The Untold Story of Intelligence Briefings to America's Presidents from Kennedy to Obama"
 October 25, 2016

Grand Rapids: In late October the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum welcomed Dr. David Priess, to speak about his book, *The President's Book of Secrets: The Untold Story of Intelligence Briefings to America's Presidents from Kennedy to Obama*. The fast-paced talk covered fascinating ground examining how Presidents receive sensitive intelligence reporting and analysis through the President's Daily Brief (PDB). During his presentation, Dr. Priess touched on how the PDB has evolved to suit the interests and style of various presidents, and how the scope of its distribution to Cabinet officers and others has expanded over time. This was a special program, back by popular demand, following his well-received presentation at the Library last spring.

James Rosebush
"True Reagan: What Makes Ronald Reagan Great and Why It Matters"
 October 18, 2016

Ann Arbor: On October 18, James Rosebush presented a fascinating talk at the Ford Library regarding his new book *True Reagan: What Makes Ronald Reagan Great and Why It Matters*. He provided the rapt audience with insights gleaned from six years working in very close proximity to President and Mrs. Reagan, serving simultaneously as "point man" managing the President's favorite domestic program fostering public-private partnerships while also serving as Chief of Staff to the First Lady. He referred to Presidents Ford and Reagan as rivals in politics but brothers in leadership, sharing Midwestern values, temperament, character and education. The Library sold out of copies of his book!



(l-r) Louis Waxman, James Rosebush, Grant Strobl, and Jacob Chludzinski at the book signing following the lecture.

Linda Greenhouse
"In Commemoration of Constitution Day"
 September 15, 2016

Ann Arbor: On September, 15, the Ford Library was honored to host journalist and now Yale Law School professor Linda Greenhouse for a program *In Commemoration of Constitution Day*. The program was nearly two years in the planning due to Ms. Greenhouse's busy schedule. A very attentive overflow crowd heard Ms. Greenhouse discuss President Ford's nomination of Justice John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court and his amazingly fast confirmation process. She opened with a quotation from a letter President Ford wrote in 1975 on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Justice Stevens' appointment: "I am prepared to allow history's judgment of my term in office to rest, if necessary, exclusively on my nomination 30 years ago of Justice John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court." She went on to describe his many contributions to the court, noting that he tended to offer nuance and was not doctrinaire in his views. As usual, the Library's audience had challenging questions which she handled with aplomb.



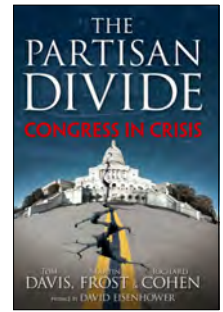
(l-r) University of Michigan students: Zoe Ellsworth, Jameson Swanson, Linda Greenhouse and Annika Dahlmann

Martin Frost and Tom Davis
"The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis" and
"Beyond My Way or the Highway" Teacher Institute
 August 8 - 9, 2016



Top: (l-r) Tom Davis and Martin Frost present lecture at Museum on August 8, 2016. **Bottom:** (l-r) Martin Frost and Tom Davis at Teacher Institute on August 9, 2016.

Authors of *"The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis,"* Martin Frost and Tom Davis, were in Grand Rapids this summer for two programs at the Museum.



Monday evening, August 8, they presented a fascinating public program in the auditorium to a capacity audience. Martin, a Democrat originally from Dallas, Texas, and Tom, a Republican from Virginia, served in the United States House of Representatives together until 2004. Their book examines how we ended up with our current political climate. Redistricting, money and media were three of the themes they addressed. Frost and Davis discussed campaign finance reform as well intended, but not implemented effectively. Attendees commented afterward on how much they enjoyed both the format of the program and that both Frost and Davis offered some practical thoughts on beginning to reverse the worsening atmosphere in American politics and governing.

On Tuesday, August 9, Martin Frost and Tom Davis were the keynote speakers for *"Beyond My Way or the Highway,"* a teacher institute organized by Museum staff. Twenty-eight educators came together in the Museum's new DeVos Learning Center to gather valuable insight into the path that has led politics in the United States to the current point. While Tom and Martins' comments echoed those of the previous evening, participants were able to dig deeper into the topic and themes with their questions and conversation.

Four Michigan educators, three from Michigan high schools and one from Grand Valley State University, then participated in a panel and discussion of best practices. This gave the group an opportunity to explore strategies for maneuvering through the obstacles of today's complex issues and improving their students' ability to explore issues, articulate their beliefs, and look for common ground as a building block for solutions to pressing 21st century issues.

The afternoon was spent with Stacie Molnar-Main, representing the Kettering Foundation and their National Issues Forums Institutes. Stacie provided participants with an overview of their work, then led a Deliberative Forum using "Immigration in America." The day concluded with reflections on deliberation and its classroom applications.



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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

Date	Location	Time	Event
01/20/2017	Grand Rapids Museum	TBD	Inauguration Day at the Museum. Please join us for the Swearing In of the next President of the United States. Please check our website as more details become available.
01/24/2017	Grand Rapids Museum	10:00 AM	Face to Face Productions in collaboration with Circle Theatre Presents: The George Washington Follies. For tickets call the Circle Theater Box Office at 616-632-2997.
01/25/2017	Grand Rapids Museum	12:30 PM	Face to Face Productions in collaboration with Circle Theatre Presents: The George Washington Follies. For tickets call the Circle Theater Box Office at 616-632-2997.
01/26/2017	Grand Rapids Museum	7:00 PM	Professor Joel Goldstein "The White House Vice Presidency: The Path to Significance, Monday to Biden." No Cost to Attend. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by calling 616-254-0384.
02/15/2017	Grand Rapids Museum	7:00 PM	Paul Brandus " Under This Roof: The White House and the Presidency". No Cost to Attend. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by calling 616-254-0384.
02/16/2017	Ann Arbor Library	7:00 PM	Paul Brandus " Under This Roof: The White House and the Presidency". Reception follows program. Free Admission. Free Parking. No reservations required.

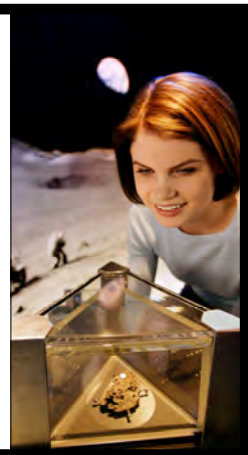
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