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Celebration Gala and Grand Openings of the New DeVos Learning Center and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum June 6 - June 7, 2016



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Doug DeVos officially opens the New DeVos Learning Center and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on June 7. Over 2,000 people attended the Grand Opening Ceremonies.

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



(l-r) Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso and Bill Erwin from Blackmer look at a pump designed for CVN 78 during a special event for the USS Gerald R. Ford Commissioning.

After over six years of planning and fundraising, the redesigned Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum exhibits and the new DeVos Learning Center are now a reality! A capacity crowd attended the June 6 Celebration Gala at the J.W. Marriott in Grand Rapids. A big thank you goes to the U.S. Army Chorus, who sang at the Gala and at the opening ceremony the following morning - what wonderful performances! Thank you to Vice President Cheney for his extensive participation and his heartfelt tributes to President Ford.

The Gerald R. Ford Journalism Awards were presented at the Gala. The winner of the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency went to Greg Jaffe from *The Washington Post*. The winner of the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense went to Andrew deGrandpre from the *Military Times*.

The President Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service was awarded to President George H. W. Bush. The award was presented to President Bush earlier this year at his office in Houston, and a video of the presentation was shown to the guests at the Gala.

In addition to Vice President Cheney, U.S. Archivist David Ferriero, Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney, and members of the Ford family participated in the opening of the new DeVos Learning Center and the redesigned Museum exhibits. It was wonderful having

over 1000 young people in attendance. Special guest Juliette Turner spoke at the program with a stirring message for the young adults. Following the program, guests toured the new Museum and took part in family events in the adjacent park.

This year the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) celebrated the 75th Anniversary of its relationship with the Presidential Museums and Foundations. An anniversary celebration took place at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. It was an honor to join many of my presidential foundation colleagues in this wonderful tribute to the relationship of presidential libraries and museums with the National Archives, as well as the anniversary of the FDR Library and Museum. Congratulations to United States Archivist David Ferriero and his NARA colleagues!

A big Thank You to Trustee Peter Secchia for making the film "Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character" come to life. It is a wonderful tribute to President Ford. His leadership on this several year project was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Richard Katzenbach for his service as a Foundation Trustee for over ten years. We thank him for his years of service and helpful guidance.

In July, Michigan Lt. Governor Calley and Nebraska Lt. Governor Foley visited the Museum and took the time to pay tribute to President Ford. Jack Harbaugh, former University of Michigan assistant football coach also visited the Museum in July.

I would like to send a special thank you to Rich and Helen DeVos and the DeVos Family for their remarkable gift to create the new DeVos Learning Center, and to the many Capital Campaign donors for making the new permanent exhibits a reality. And our sincere gratitude goes to the *Friends of Ford* whose generosity enables us to continue the Foundation's extensive activities.

Finally, I want to recognize the Museum and Library staff for their support during development of the new permanent exhibits and for their extra efforts during our opening events. Needless to say, the recent events and new facilities are fitting and lasting tributes to the extraordinary legacy of our 38th President.

Foundation Board of Trustees Welcomes New Member!



Trustee Stephen C. Waterbury

Upon graduation from Michigan State University and Harvard Law School, where he served as an editor and officer of the Harvard Law Review for two years, Stephen C. Waterbury served as judicial clerk for U.S. District Court Judge George L. Hart, Jr. (District of Columbia). Since his time in Washington, for more than three decades Steve has practiced business law at Warner Norcross & Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He provides legal advice to leading Michigan-based businesses and volunteers his time and legal services to various non-profit organizations, including the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. Steve is actively involved in the community, and has held many volunteer leadership posts, including roles with the Grand Rapids Symphony (Chair), Association for Corporate Growth of West Michigan (President), University Club of Grand Rapids (President), Saint Andrew Cathedral Pastoral Council (Chair) and other non-profit organizations. Steve is highly engaged professionally, serving on his law firm's Management Committee while being recognized by his peers in Best Lawyers in America, Michigan Super Lawyers and Chambers USA. He is an Eagle Scout.

President George H. W. Bush Awarded the 2016 Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service

Each year, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation awards the Medal for Distinguished Public Service to persons who have served the public good in the private and public sector. The award was established by the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003. The Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service recognizes outstanding public contributions by individuals who reflect the qualities demonstrated by President Ford during his public service career: Strength of character, Integrity, Trustworthiness, Fidelity to principles in decision making, Sound judgment, Decisiveness (particularly during periods of crisis), Determination in the face of adversity, Diligence, Self-confidence balanced with respect for the views of others, Self-discipline in personal life.

This year's recipient President George H.W. Bush has devoted his entire life in service to the American people and to the peace and well-being of the entire international community.

Born in Milton, Massachusetts, he became a decorated naval pilot who flew torpedo bombers during World War II. In 1944, he was shot down over the island of Chichi Jima and rescued. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1948 with a degree in economics, he and his beloved wife Barbara moved to Texas, where he began a successful oil business.

He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966 and served as a Congressman until 1971 when he became United States Ambassador to the United Nations. In 1974, he was appointed by President Gerald R. Ford as Chief of the United States Liaison Office in China and, in 1976, became the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was elected Vice President of the United States in 1981 and served in that office for two terms. In 1989, he became the forty-first President of the United States. He was the first sitting vice president elected to the presidency since 1837 and was only the second

American president to serve a full term without party control in either chamber of Congress. His presidency was historic, and a quarter century later the example of courage and integrity he exhibited as president continues to resonate around the globe. During his term in office, the Cold War ended; the threat of nuclear war was drastically reduced;



Carla Hills announced the recipient of the 2016 Medal for Distinguished Public Service.



(l-r) Former First Lady Barbara Bush, President George H. W. Bush, Trustees Steve Ford and Carla Hills along with Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney during the presentation of the 2016 Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service in Houston, Texas on January 18, 2016.

the Soviet Union ceased to exist, replaced by a democratic Russia with the Baltic States becoming free; the Berlin Wall fell, and Germany was reunified with Eastern Europe; and he put together an unprecedented coalition of 32 nations to liberate Kuwait.

Since leaving office, President Bush has helped to raise hundreds of millions of dollars for charity. He is a Life Member of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors and served as chairman of the board from 2002 to 2003. He is honorary chairman of the Points of Light Institute and, with Mrs. Bush, serves as Honorary Co-Chair of C-Change, a coalition of cancer organizations. He served from 2006 to 2008 as Chairman of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and received the Liberty Medal from that organization in September 2006. He takes an active role in The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, both located on the campus of Texas A&M University. He is the honorary chair of the Points of Light board of directors. At the request of President George W. Bush, President Bush worked with President Bill Clinton to aid in the relief efforts following the catastrophic tsunami in Southeast Asia and the effects of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast states. In 2006, he served as U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's Special Envoy for the South Asia earthquake. Following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike on the Gulf Coast in September of 2008, President Bush again joined with President Clinton to form the Bush-Clinton Gulf Coast Recovery Fund. In 2009, the American people paid special tribute to President Bush and his lifetime of service to America with the commissioning of the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), the final and most advanced aircraft carrier in the Nimitz Carrier Class.

Throughout his extraordinary public service career, President George H.W. Bush has demonstrated the personal and professional qualities exemplified by President Gerald R. Ford – *Integrity, Strength of Character, Diligence, Patriotism, and Sound Judgment*. He is indeed a worthy recipient of the President Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

Grand Opening Celebration Gala



Foundation Trustee Dick Cheney at the Celebration Gala on June 6, 2016.

Cheney joined CVN 78 Commissioning Co-Chairmen Doug DeVos, Red Cavaney and Greg Willard and presented “Wings of Gold” to Susan Ford Bales, the first woman in history to be named *Honorary Naval Aviator* in a special pinning ceremony (see article on page 6). Trustee Dick Cheney concluded the evening with remarks:

It’s always great to be back in Grand Rapids. When you know the people of Grand Rapids and when you get to spend as much time here as I have, you begin to understand the greatness of Gerald Ford. This annual gathering is an opportunity to reflect on the lives and many contributions of Betty and Jerry Ford. And it’s an important opportunity to continue to be affiliated with and closely involved with so many people who served in the Ford Administration. I’ve been asked to say a few words about what it was like in those very early days when we were just getting started after President Ford had been sworn in as President.

A lot of things stand out in my mind from that period. I can remember that telephone call from Don Rumsfeld, who was my boss in the Nixon term, (sometimes Don thinks he’s still my boss!) (Laughter) Both of us had decided to move on from the Nixon Administration. Don was going to go off to Brussels to be the Ambassador to NATO. I left government altogether and went to work in the private sector. That was at the beginning of the 18 months of Watergate; from January 1973 to the summer of 1974. It turned out to be one of the best decisions we ever made - get the hell out of town before Watergate developed.

On August 8, 1974, I was having dinner with friends at my home when I received a phone call asking me to meet Ambassador Rumsfeld at Dulles Airport the next afternoon, which I was happy to do. In the meantime, the next morning President Nixon resigned; President

Ford was sworn in and I went out to the airport, met Don as he got off his plane. There was a White House fellow there who had a letter for Don. We got in the car to drive down to the White House. The letter basically asked him to come serve as the Transition Coordinator for the Ford Presidency.

Don asked me if I could spend *a few days* to help; of course, it wasn’t a tough sell. I remember driving in the Southwest Gate on to West Executive Avenue and the thing that kept running through my head; Rumsfeld and I were both young enough - and dumb enough - to think we could do anything! Those early assignments in terms of what had to be done were truly remarkable. One of the things from my perspective was that I had never met Jerry Ford. I never had that opportunity in those years that I’d been serving in Washington. I could remember being in a meeting that he was chairing, but I was one of probably a hundred people in the room. I simply didn’t know him personally, and he didn’t know me. But, Don persuaded President Ford. I don’t know what all he said to him; all I know is the day before we were due to take over in the West Wing, the President came down the hall and introduced himself to me, which I thought was remarkable. But he had clearly signed off on my being the number two in the Chief of Staff’s office. It was a remarkable point in my life, my entire career and everything that has happened to me since in the public sector and in the private sector were a direct result of his willingness to make me - a complete unknown from his perspective - to be part of the team he was

pulling together along obviously with Don Rumsfeld and many others, including some of you here tonight. It changed my life in fundamental ways.

One of the memorable events I recall from that period was the day I brought my parents in to meet with the President. He had us into the Oval Office, very gracious and hospitable. He spent about 45 minutes. My mom and dad were obviously “over the moon”. They, of course, knew about my spotted academic career, specifically that I had been kicked out of Yale - twice! (Laughter) They couldn’t believe they were in the Oval Office of the United States with me! But we had a great

On June 6, Ford Family Members, Foundation Trustees, special guests, *Friends of Ford* and the Grand Rapids community gathered at the J.W. Marriott in Grand Rapids to celebrate the Grand Opening of the New DeVos Learning Center and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.

Highlights from the evening included the United States Army Chorus performance of the *National Anthem* and a selection of songs that were personal favorites of President Ford and First Lady Betty Ford along with the Presentation of Colors by the Republic of South Vietnam Veteran Color Guard accompanied by Bagpiper Bill Boetticher.

Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney announced the winners of the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency and Distinguished Reporting on National Defense in 2015. Trustee Carla Hills introduced President George H. W. Bush as the winner of the 2016 President Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service. Following the award announcements Vice President Dick

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Susan Ford Bales introduced Dick Cheney at the Celebration Gala



Vice President Dick Cheney thanks the United States Army Chorus for their service.

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chat with the President and then he personally escorted them. When I went back in that night for our nightly wrap-up of the work we were doing for the day, the President could not stop talking about how young and well-preserved my father was. He said it was truly remarkable. What I didn't tell him is my Dad was younger than he was! I'm not sure he ever figured that out. (Laughter) He hired me in spite of it.

One of the things I find most memorable about those years and about the years since is the extent to which the team the President pulled together involved tremendously capable and talented people. Many of them have been very active in the Ford Foundation work over the years. Many went on to distinguished careers in public service. I think of people like Brent Scowcroft who worked in the Nixon Administration but then, of course, ultimately became head of the National Security Council; Jim Baker who was crucial to the management of our campaign in 1976. There were a large number of folks that went on to distinguished careers.

Red Cavaney ran the Advance Office back in those days and went on to the great things he does. Terry O'Donnell who is here tonight; Terry became the guard in the outer office; had been working at the end of the Nixon

Administration. If you go down the list of people who were crucial in subsequent administrations and who went on to do important things such as George H.W. Bush from the CIA on to be President of the United States. It was a training ground. A lot of us, people like Alan Greenspan for example, others who went on to serve in subsequent administrations benefitted directly from the time we spent working for Jerry Ford. He was a master!

In my time in Washington, I think there have been five Republican presidents since Dwight Eisenhower; I was privileged to work for four of them, and worked closely with the fifth in the Reagan Administration as part of the House Leadership. But from my standpoint in terms of the Presidency and all that it represented, there was nobody who could match Jerry Ford in terms of judgement, courage, and ability to take on very difficult issues and decide tough, tough propositions, no matter what it might mean from the standpoint of his own personal interest. [Applause]

I had the privilege this afternoon to spend some time in the new Museum exhibits. The DeVos Learning Center is a great facility. It is really a tremendous accomplishment. This afternoon we watched a movie, a biography on President Ford and all that he represented on his presidency. Thanks to Peter Secchia

who had a lot to do with funding it. It represents the very best from the standpoint of the United States and the Presidency, and it does a superb job of capturing Jerry Ford, the man, the President, and all that he represented to the Nation.

I have always thought about that period of time when he took over as, next to the Civil War, the worst Constitutional crisis in our country. He confronted the challenge of being the first and presumably the only President under the 25th Amendment to move from, in this case, his role in Congress to Vice President to President of the United States. His capaci-

ty to take on the challenges we faced then, the terrible strains of Watergate, the difficulties that beset us from the national policy standpoint, ongoing conflict in Vietnam, an economy that was in deep, deep trouble, but most of all, especially something that meant a great deal to him, was the decision he made to pardon his predecessor. To think back about those days, there were a great many people who thought the decision was a disaster. He was heartily criticized for it for many years afterwards. The fact is he knew exactly what he wanted to do; he knew why he wanted to do it; and he also knew that he might indeed risk his own presidency.

I had the privilege of going to Capitol Hill with him the day he testified before the House Judiciary Committee about the arrangements for the pardon. I was absolutely delighted, as were many of us, that when we got farther down the road, he lived long enough, so that the rest of the country became convinced that he had done exactly the right thing! It wasn't based on self-interest. It wasn't based on any kind of political deal. It was Jerry Ford at his absolute courageous best, and we were all extremely proud of him because of that. [Applause]

So, I want to thank you again for being here tonight and for supporting the noble cause of the *USS Gerald R. Ford* and her proud Sponsor Susan Ford Bales.

Thank you very much.



Wings of Gold Presented to America's Newest Honorary Naval Aviator Susan Ford Bales



(l-r) Red Cavaney, Doug DeVos, Dick Cheney, Susan Ford Bales and Greg Willard at Pinning Ceremony.

Doug DeVos Comments at Pinning Ceremony:

My fellow *USS Gerald R. Ford* Commissioning Co-Chairmen, Greg Willard and Red Cavaney, join me tonight to recognize our Ship Sponsor in a special way. Susan Ford Bales has represented her father and led all of us in this unprecedented effort for America's mightiest ship. And the three of us have been thrilled with what she personally has done for the ship and its crew. And Susan's efforts have also caught the eye of a few others. We thought that tonight in front of our hometown friends it would be nice to recognize her with a surprise - and I hope she doesn't get cross at us for doing this! (Laughter)

In 1949, the United States Navy established a unique honor -- Honorary Naval Aviator. It's an honor that can only be given by the Chief of Naval Operations. In the last 70 years only 30 Americans, including Admiral Hyman Rickover, General Jimmy Doolittle and Bob Hope, have received this extraordinary recognition. Several weeks ago on board the *USS Gerald R. Ford*, Susan was participating in an event with Admiral J. R. Haley and Captain John Meier. Suddenly, Admiral Haley and Captain Meier deviated from the printed program. They then read an official proclamation of the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral John Richardson: "In recognition of her setting an unprecedented standard of commitment, integrity and excellence by which all future Ship Sponsors will be measured and with profound gratitude for her devotion and tireless inspiration to the Gerald R. Ford's crew and their families", Admiral Richardson bestowed on Susan Ford Bales the title of Honorary Naval Aviator. [Applause] Wait, there's more...Susan becomes the first woman in history to receive this honor! [Applause] And, there's more...this honor was announced on April 8th, Betty Ford's Birthday - very sweet.

Honorary Naval Aviators are afforded a unique Navy privilege. They are authorized to wear the official Naval Aviator Wings of Gold. Tonight, as our surprise, Susan will officially receive her Wings of Gold. Susan's Wings have been personally provided by Captain John Meier, the first commanding officer of the *USS Gerald R. Ford* and himself a Naval Aviator. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me and rise for this presentation. Greg Willard, would you please present the Wings of Gold to Vice President Dick Cheney. Mr. Vice President, on the authority of the Chief of Naval Operations of the United States Navy, Admiral John Richardson, would you please pin the Wings of Gold on America's newest Honorary Naval Aviator and the first woman in history to be so honored, Susan Ford Bales.

Vice President Dick Cheney remarks: "Susan, I am delighted to have the opportunity to present you with the Wings of Gold from the United States Navy as the Ship Sponsor of the *USS Gerald R. Ford*. One of the highlights of my career and my relationship with your dad was when John Warner, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called to tell me that the Armed Services Committee had passed legislation for our next carrier and next carrier class to be the *USS Gerald R. Ford*. The last time I spoke to your dad was to call him and give him that news. He obviously was ecstatic about it, and it was a special moment for me. Now, Navy ceremonies aren't always perfect in terms of the way they operate. I was assured there'd be some appropriate place on Susan's dress where I could pin these Wings. But, as you see, she's wearing a lovely black, lace dress. And if a sailor did what I have been asked to do, he'd likely be slapped silly. [Laughter] [Vice President Cheney handed Susan her Wings of Gold, and she proudly completed the pinning]. [Applause]

29th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prizes



Left: Greg Jaffe, White House Reporter for *The Washington Post* accepts The Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency in 2015 at the Celebration Gala on June 6, 2016. **Right:** Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney (right) presents the Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense in 2015 to Andrew deGrandpre, a senior editor with the *Military Times* network in Washington, DC.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation presented the 29th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prizes at the Foundation's Annual Dinner on June 6, 2016, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney presented the Awards to Greg Jaffe, White House Reporter for *The Washington Post*, and Andrew deGrandpre, Senior Editor with the *Military Times* network.

Greg Jaffe has been a reporter for *The Washington Post* since 2009. He began covering the White House for the *Post* in 2014. From 2000-2013 Greg covered the Pentagon and the U.S. military for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, traveling regularly to Iraq and Afghanistan. Jaffe shared a Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for a series on defense spending and won the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense in 2002 and again in 2009.

When announcing their decision to award Greg Jaffe with the Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency in 2015, the judges issued the following statement:

"During a time of intense divisiveness in Washington, DC, journalists are increasingly challenged to transcend routine partisan back-and-forth in political coverage. But Greg Jaffe of *The Washington Post*, in his first year as a White House correspondent, repeatedly overcame that divide in his evenhanded, analytical coverage of President Obama during his final months in office. Jaffe was able to explain the President's evolving view of the proper role for American intervention in world conflicts. Jaffe also reported and wrote

-- from a White House that values highly the potentially transformative power of public remarks -- notable insider accounts of high-profile Obama speeches, on American exceptionalism and the influence of Christianity in American public affairs. These well-sourced reports gave his readers remarkable insight into the President's inspiration and unique approach that often disrupted conventional political thinking. In his reporting, Greg Jaffe is comfortable with both policy and politics. He manages to illuminate without burning and to include dissident voices without offense."

Andrew deGrandpre is a senior editor with the *Military Times* network in Washington, DC, the largest independent media organization covering the U.S. Armed Forces. He oversees investigations and enterprise storytelling. deGrandpre has covered national security issues since 2004, with a focus on the United States Marine Corps. His most recent investigative project "Task Force Violent: The Unforgiven," is a five-part series examining the U.S. military's betrayal of an elite special operations unit whose personnel were falsely accused of committing war crimes in Afghanistan.

When announcing their decision to select Andrew deGrandpre as this year's National Defense Journalism Prize winner, the judges issued the following statement:

"In a year of compelling and diverse defense reporting entries, the judges selected Andrew deGrandpre of *Military Times* as the winner of the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense for reporting in 2015. As we approach the 15th year of the United States military forces engaged in

combat in Afghanistan - America's longest war - this comprehensive series addressed the complicated issues that have emerged in what is known as a grey zone conflict. The investigative stories by Mr. deGrandpre explored the blurred lines between reality, perception, accusation, and missteps in the rush to judgement that characterize military operations today. In the "Task Force Violent" series, the *Military Times* reporter deftly described the formation and deployment of a new elite Marine Special Forces unit to Afghanistan, and the subsequent "wrongful branding" of these highly trained and dedicated men as suspected war criminals. Although they were cleared of all charges that they had inflicted mass civilian casualties when ambushed on a routine patrol, their military careers, and their psychological well-being was forever scarred. Mr. deGrandpre's investigative research brought to the forefront the shortcomings of multiple bureaucratic systems that were intent on assigning immediate guilt in the absence of the full accounting of actual events."

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation sponsors the Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prizes for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency and Distinguished Reporting on National Defense to recognize and encourage thoughtful, insightful, and enterprising work by journalists covering the presidency and national defense. The \$5,000 award recognizes journalists whose high standards for accuracy and substance help foster a better public understanding. To learn more about the Gerald R. Ford Journalism Awards, please visit: <http://geraldrfordfoundation.org/journalism-award-prizes/>.

Grand Opening Celebration Gala Memories



Members from the Republic of South Vietnam Veteran Color Guard Present Colors at the Celebration Gala.



The United States Army Chorus performs the National Anthem at the Celebration Gala.



(l-r) Foundation Trustees Susan Ford Bales, Don Rumsfeld, Mike Ford and Steve Ford.



Foundation Chairman Red Cavany welcomes guests to the June 6 Celebration Gala.



(l-r) Trustee Peter Secchia, Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss and Vice President Dick Cheney.



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Left Photo: Author Juliette Turner, Trustee Carla Hills and Actress, Radio Talk Show Host and Author Janine Turner at the Trustee Reception on June 6. Center Photo: Trustee Mike Ford delivers the Invocation at the Celebration Gala dinner. Right Photo: (l-r) Bagpiper Bill Boetticher, Foundation Chairman Red Cavany and Vice Chairman Hank Meijer during the Presentation of Colors.



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(l-r) Peter Stewart, Monreau DeVos, Maria DeVos and Trustee Doug DeVos at the Celebration Gala.



Jim Hill

Cynthia Schuette and Trustee Bill Schuette at the June 6 Celebration Gala.



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Trustee Don Rumsfeld and Foundation Secretary Terry O'Donnell at the Trustee Reception.



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(l-r) Joan Secchia, Trustee Buzz Thomas and Foundation Treasurer David Hoogendoorn chat at the Celebration Gala.



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Above: (l-r) Foundation Chairman Emeritus Marty Allen, Trustee Peter Secchia and Foundation Treasurer David Hoogendoorn at the Trustee Reception prior to the Celebration Gala. Left: (l-r) Don Sheets, Angela Sheets and Don Rumsfeld. Below: Dick Cheney with Boy Scouts from the Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council.



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Trustees Carla Hills and David Hume Kennerly at the reception.



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Trustee Mike Ford (left) chats with Gleaves Whitney, Director of the Hauenstein Center.



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(l-r) Charlie Leppert, Birge Watkins, and Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso.



Jim Hill

(l-r) Gordon Didier, Library and Museum Director Elaine Didier and Trustee Greg Willard.



Left: (l-r) Susan Ford Bales, United States Archivist David Ferriero, Dick Cheney, Steve Ford, Doug Devos, Juliette Turner and Mike Ford sit with children from local schools during the Grand Opening Ceremonies. Right: Trustees, Foundation staff and local school children gather for a photo following the ceremonies.

Grand Opening Celebrations

After months of extensive renovations, the NEW Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum celebrated its Grand Opening on June 7th, 2016. Along with an entirely new museum, we also welcomed the DeVos Learning Center, an 8,000 square foot addition designed for use by learners of all ages.

The staff of both the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum were joined by Board Trustees, VIP guests, community members, families, educators, and over 1,000 students from area schools to commemorate this historic event. The Grand Opening Ceremony began with Chairman of the Board, Red Cavaney, welcoming the crowd followed by the Presentation of the Colors by the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps students who were accompanied by Bill Boetticher on the bagpipes. Whitaker Oosterman, representative of the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout Council, led the crowd in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *National Anthem* was performed by the U.S. Army Chorus. It was a truly regal and patriotic beginning to a very special celebration.

The audience was treated to several speakers who addressed the topics of character, integrity, public service, and civic education. U.S. Archivist, David Ferriero, spoke to the audience about the importance of civic education and the great resource we have in our Presidential Museums. Steve Ford spoke about the pride he imagined his parents would have felt about the opening of the DeVos Learning Center. Ms. Juliette Turner, teenage author and Youth Coordinator for Constituting America, gave an impassioned speech directed toward the young people in the audience, urging them to become engaged citizens and make a difference in

their communities, regardless of their age. We were honored to have our final speaker, Former Vice President, Dick Cheney, who gave remarks on President Ford's character and the legacy he has left for our young people. He also commented on the great importance of teaching history and civics in schools today.

After Doug DeVos officially announced the grand opening of both the NEW Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and the DeVos Learning Center, the audience was treated to several patriotic songs performed by the United States Army Chorus, ending with a surprise number – the University of Michigan fight song in honor of President Ford's alma mater.

Following the program, all were invited to tour the brand new Museum which now boasts interactive touch screen displays, the addition of several short films and a new introductory theater, brand new exhibits with never-before-seen artifacts, and a lighter, brighter and more welcoming feel. The story of President Ford is told through six galleries, from his childhood in Grand Rapids through his time in the White House and now also includes much more of his post-presidency contributions to our country. The gallery devoted to Mrs. Ford has been expanded to share the lasting impact she made in so many areas.

The addition of the DeVos Learning Center includes three state-of-the-art classrooms providing interactive technology and plenty of space for students to explore, analyze, debate, and discuss both before and after exploring the Museum exhibits. Following the opening ceremony, the very first students to

use this space were the eighth graders from the Gerald R. Ford Academic Center who were treated to a private Q&A session with Ms. Juliette Turner who mentored the class about careers in writing and gave each student an autographed copy of her book. The eighth graders, in turn, gifted her with a copy of the biography they had written in class about President Ford. Along with the addition of the classrooms, the Foundation will be joining the Museum staff in providing educational programming. This new initiative aims to provide programming for young people that teaches character and leadership skills by exploring history and learning from the examples of President and Mrs. Ford. More information about educational programs can be found at www.devoslearningcenter.org.

In addition to touring the new Museum and Learning Center, families and student groups alike were invited to participate in a youth-friendly celebration held in Ah-Nab-Awen Park. While a local D.J. spun the latest hits, guests enjoyed patriotic cupcakes provided by SpartanNash and tasty ice cream treats from Bumble Bee Ice Cream. Several community groups were on-hand providing activities including the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, Salvation Army Kroc Center, and West Michigan Character Council. We were also joined by some special guests: mascots from local sports teams and colleges who were sure to keep the crowd dancing and entertained.

After years of planning and hard work, the Grand Opening was truly a special day of celebration, honoring President and Mrs. Ford as well as those to whom their legacy will be passed – the young people of West Michigan and beyond.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Capacity crowd gathers for the Grand Opening Ceremonies.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney welcomes guests to the Grand Opening Ceremonies on June 7, 2016.



Jim Hill

Author Juliette Turner speaks about the importance of American youth at the Grand Opening Ceremonies.



Jim Hill

(l-r) Doug DeVos and Dick Cheney.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Members of the Michigan Youth Academy were ushers for the Grand Opening Ceremonies.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Above: (l-r) United States Archivist David Ferriero, Don Rumsfeld and Steve Ford. Right: Dick Cheney and Susan Ford Bales at the grand staircase in the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.



David Hume Kennerly



Jim Hill

Foundation Trustees gather with the Grand Rapids community at the Grand Opening Ceremonies.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries

Left: Members of the United States Army Chorus placed a wreath at the Tomb of President and Mrs. Ford prior to performing at the Grand Opening Ceremonies.



Jim Hill

Presentation of Colors by the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps.

Archivist of the United States David Ferriero Attends Grand Opening of the New DeVos Learning Center



United States Archivist David Ferriero.

David Ferriero Remarks:

Greetings from Washington! I'm honored to be here today to celebrate the opening of the new Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and the DeVos Learning Center. On behalf of more than 3200 National Archives staff members in 43 locations across the country; I carry good wishes and thanks for this exciting additional to our national footprint.

The National Archives was created by an Act of Congress in 1934 with a mission to collect, protect, and preserve the records of the U.S. Government. And, most importantly, to make those records available so that the American public can hold its government accountable and learn from our past. We are the final destination of the most important records of the United States Government.

Today the collection has over 13 billion sheets of paper, 43 million photographs, miles and miles of video and film, and more than 5 billion electronic records—the fastest growing record form. These records start with the Oaths of Allegiance signed by George Washington and his troops at Valley Forge and go all the way up to the Tweets that are being created in the

White House as I speak. They include the U.S. Navy image of Gerald Ford playing basketball aboard the USS Monterey, his pardon of Richard Nixon, the Presidential Proclamation for the Bicentennial Independence Day, the Helsinki Accords, and the Housing and Community Development Act which he signed.

The National Archives administers the network of Presidential Libraries from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush. Thirteen libraries in total with more than 780m pages of textual materials and 625,000 museum objects. Presidential Libraries are not libraries in the usual sense. They are archives and museums, bringing together the documents and artifacts of a President, his administration, and his family and presenting them to the public for study and discussion without regard for political considerations or affiliations.

The intent from the beginning was to have the Presidential Libraries located throughout the country where scholars and school children could learn about their government, the Presidency, and service in government. In dedicating his own library Franklin D. Roosevelt, who created the National Archives and the Presidential Library system, captured the essence of the mission:

"To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a Nation must believe in three things. It must believe in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its own people to learn from the past so that they can gain judgment in creating their own future."

The new Gerald R. Ford Museum and the

DeVos Learning Center will continue this tradition and will emphasize the importance of education, civic literacy, and student engagement. It will augment and extend the global reach of the Museum by providing digital access to the archival documents, now more than 500,000 in total, a project enabled by the support of the Ford Presidential Foundation. This digital component will enhance educational opportunities for students and learners of all ages, not only in Grand Rapids and West Michigan, but state-wide, nationwide, and beyond.

The Presidential Libraries are a uniquely American phenomenon—a partnership of the Federal Government, a private foundation, and the President's family—working together to preserve the legacy of the President and his administration and to educate, inspire, and entertain. And, I hope, to excite young people about careers in public service.

I am very proud of what that partnership has accomplished here and I would like to thank all the Ford Library and Museum staff, led by Director Elaine Didier, who planned simultaneous projects for the exhibit renovation and the building of the learning center, while working in collaboration with the Ford family and Joe Calvaruso and his staff at the Ford Foundation.

And a big thanks to the Ford Presidential Foundation, the Ford family, and the DeVos family for their commitment to supporting the complete renovation, modernization, and expansion of this space both physically and in outreach and programming capability.

A grateful nation thanks you!



Left: Juliette Turner signs autographs at Community Celebration in Ah-Nab-Awen Park following the Grand Opening Ceremony.

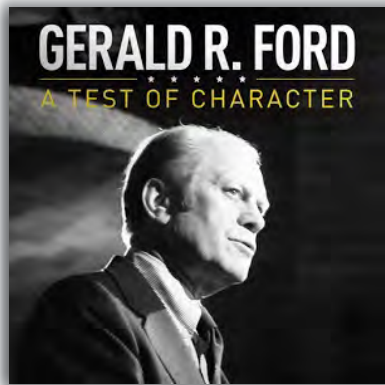
Below: The Grand Rapids Community gathers to celebrate the Grand Openings of the New DeVos Learning Center and Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.



Dr. Robert M. Humphries



Author Juliette Turner (center) is presented with a student-produced biography of President Ford written by eighth-graders from the Gerald R. Ford Academic Center in Grand Rapids.



“Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character”

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum Held a Special Viewing of “Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character”

On May 25th, nearly 300 individuals gathered at the museum for a special preview of the film *Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character*. Prior to the viewing, Foundation Trustee Doug DeVos thanked Foundation Trustee Peter Secchia for his commitment to producing the 60-minute documentary, which chronicles the President's life through his time in office. DeVos presented Secchia with a director's chair in honor of the film's debut on the National Geographic Channel. Earlier that day, Grand Valley State University Hauenstein Center's Director Gleaves Whitney held a special “Facebook Live” interview with Ambassador Secchia on the Hauenstein Center's Facebook page. The two spoke about the President's impact on the nation during his time in office.

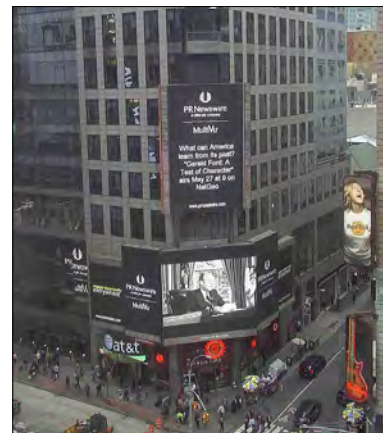


When Gerald R. Ford took office in 1974, the United States was in turmoil, exhibiting parallels with today's political distrust. On May 27, forty years after Gerald Ford's presidency, the National Geographic Channel debuted “Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character.” The film highlights the country's social and political unrest during his presidency and the character of one man with steadfast ability to build trust on both sides of the aisle, unite a nation and gain respect from world leaders.



Above Left: Trustee Peter Secchia prior to the film's special showing at the Museum. **Above Right:** Trustee Doug DeVos (left) presents Trustee Peter Secchia with a Director's Chair at the special Museum showing of the film. **Left:** Grand Valley State University Hauenstein Center's Director Gleaves Whitney (left) interviews Trustee Peter Secchia on “Facebook Live” prior to the film special showing at the Museum.

As part of the promotional effort for the film's debut on the National Geographic Channel, a digital billboard in New York City's Time Square (right) displayed the President's image and message letting individuals know about the new film.



“It's interesting to compare the current political dissatisfaction to when Dad became President,” said Steven Ford. “This film gives a historic view that has never been seen before and a look at the tough decisions he had to make as commander-in-chief to heal our country.” Narrated by Jeff Daniels, the film captures interviews with several of Ford's cabinet members including Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Dr. Henry Kissinger. Challenges of the Ford presidency are illuminated by some of America's top political reporters and authors including Tom Brokaw, Bob Woodward, Dan Rather and Bonnie Angelo. The film sheds light on the importance of character and trust as virtues in the world's most powerful position. It also shares how Ford did not have the traditional background associated with the contemporary presidency. He grew up in the Midwest, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, played college football at the University of Michigan and served in the U.S. Navy.

The documentary is available on National Geographic's TV Everywhere platforms. TV Everywhere platforms include natgeotv.com, AppleTV, Roku, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Samsung Connected TVs, Android and iOS phones and iOS tablets. Peter Secchia, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy and personal friend of President Ford, is the film's executive producer. The film was commissioned by the Peter F. Secchia Family with the support of the Doug and Maria DeVos Foundation and the Meijer Foundation. A preview of the new documentary is available at channel.nationalgeographic.com/videos/fords-unusual-rise/. Article and photos courtesy of SeyferthPR and Emily Zoladz Photography.

2016 Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony



On July 14, 2016, Susan Ford Bales hosted the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of President Gerald R. Ford marking the 103rd anniversary of his birth.

Susan was joined by Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss, Foundation Trustees, staff of the Foundation and Museum, as well as friends from throughout Western Michigan. The Republic of South Vietnam Veteran Color Guard presented the Colors while Officer Wally Tett from the Grand Rapids Police Department sang the "National Anthem". Boy Scout Whitaker Oosterman led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Reverend Stephen Holmgren delivered the Invocation.

The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony is a combination of two special traditions. The first is part of a long tradition of the U.S. Presidency.

The Presidential Tradition is conducted on the birthday of each deceased president. The incumbent president sends a tribute wreath to be presented by a military officer at that deceased president's tomb. The second tradition is a very personal one that Mrs. Betty Ford established in 2007.

Several months after President Ford's death, Mrs. Ford learned of the Presidential Tradition. She requested that an additional ceremony be conducted each year on her behalf in conjunction with the Presidential Tradition. This year's Ceremony - the tenth since President Ford's death - was a shining example of Mrs. Ford's wishes being fulfilled, especially with the large and diverse group of individuals and organizations who participated in the Ceremony.

Brigadier General Mike Stone carried on the

Presidential Tradition with the laying of the wreath from President Barack Obama. In addition, wreaths were presented on behalf of President Ford's family and the City of Grand Rapids. A wreath was presented by Jim Kratsas and Ken Hafeli, joined by members of the Museum and Library staff, in tribute to the combined 70 years of service Jim and Ken provided to President Ford's legacy. A final wreath from President Ford's Foundation was presented by Executive Director Joe Calvaruso, accompanied by Foundation staff members Donna Calvaruso, Clare Shubert, Diane Van Allsburg, and Kristy Lecceadone. Personal remembrances were presented by members of law enforcement from Grand Rapids and Kent County, by President and Mrs. Ford's nieces and nephews, and by the student winners of the President Ford Essay Contest.



Brigadier General Mike Stone places the Presidential Wreath.



Left: Susan Ford Bales places the Family Wreath. Above: Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso places the Foundation Wreath.



Left: Former Museum Deputy Director Jim Kratsas and Audiovisual Archivist Ken Hafeli place wreath on behalf of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum staff. Above Left: Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss places wreath on behalf of the City of Grand Rapids. Above Center: Presentation of Colors by the Republic of South Vietnam Veteran Color Guard. Above Right: Susan Ford Bales is joined by the student winners of the President Ford Essay Contest (l-r) Madison Goen, Benjamin Rozema and Lois Biggs following the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Special Events for the *USS Gerald R. Ford* Commissioning



(l-r) Doug DeVos and Susan Ford Bales enjoy remarks by historian and author Jon Meacham at the May 16 reception.

On May 16 and June 16 the two final Michigan fundraising events for the *USS Gerald R. Ford* took place in Grand Rapids. The first event was held at the home of Doug and Maria DeVos with special guest Jon Meacham, historian and author. Mr. Meacham, a friend of the Foundation and supporter of the *USS Gerald R. Ford*, gave remarks on President Ford's legacy of integrity.

The second fundraiser took place at Blackmer Pumps, a local supplier for the carrier's pumps. Blackmer employees were treated to an All-American lunch of hot dogs and apple pie. Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN (Ret), made a special appearance. He was the driving force behind many technological advancements incorporated into the carrier. Ship Sponsor Susan Ford Bales toured the Blackmer facility on May 16.



(l-r) Jon Meacham, Susan Ford Bales and Doug DeVos.



(l-r) Bob Holmes, Mike Hollander, Jon Meacham, Susan Ford Bales and David Kemper.

Funds raised at these events will directly enhance the onboard lives of the ship's crew, including accessions to the ship's library, the Learning Resource Center/Training Classrooms, and the Chapel, and will provide support to the ceremonies and events surrounding Commissioning Weekend. Accessions to the carrier from these funds will also include the President Gerald R. Ford Tribute Room, the ship's ceremonial quarterdeck, and the Commanding Officer's inport cabin. These rooms capture the history and life of the ship's namesake, and the rich history and tradition of the United States Navy. The funds will also provide support for crew education through the *USS Gerald R. Ford* Scholarship Fund.



(l-r) Bob Ashley, Susan Ford Bales, Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso, Dan Bitzer and Bill Erwin during tour at Blackmer on May 16.



(l-r) Blackmer employees Mike Palma, Bob Lauson, and Jake Westrate meet United States Navy Vice Admiral David Architzel (Ret.) (center) at the CVN 78 fundraiser hosted by Blackmer on June 16.



A portrait of President and Mrs. Ford by Blackmer employee Lester White was on display during the tour on May 16.



Back Row: (l-r) Scott Nelson, Matt Galbraith, Ivars Bergs, Steve Brown, Pete Byl, Steve Hall. **From Row:** (l-r) Christine Raynes, Sue Latham, Susan Ford Bales and Jane Kamp during the Blackmer tour on May 16.

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

Now that we have survived the organized chaos of the final stages of construction and installation of the new exhibits, and the wonderful re-dedication ceremony and events on June 6 and 7, the Library and Museum staff are busy working with "punch lists" of items to be fixed or fine-tuned, as well as catching up on other projects long deferred. Feedback from visitors, including members of the Ford family, trustees and the general public, has all been very positive. As one trustee said, "I had high expectations, and you have exceeded them!"

The new exhibits, coupled with the fabulous new DeVos Learning Center, represent a huge advance in the capability and reach of the Ford Library and Museum. The new Museum Store design is working well, and the auditorium audiovisual upgrades have been noticed and appreciated.

Next on our agenda: expanding the marketing and outreach of the Museum to draw visitors to the exhibits, and teachers and students to the new Learning Center. We have a busy summer of special programs underway, and more planned for the fall. The fall schedule

of speakers is full at both sites, and the roster for winter is filling quickly

While the Museum staff have been swamped with exhibit details, the Library staff completed their invaluable contributions to the content of the new documentary about President and Mrs. Ford, which debuted on the National Geographic channel on May 27. Commissioned by the Peter F. Secchia Family, "Gerald R. Ford: A Test of Character" has received great reviews and will have future airings in many settings this fall. It will be a wonderful resource for the new educational programs being developed by both Museum and Foundation education staff.

In addition, with funding provided by the Foundation, the Ford Library recently had 18 reels of Gerald R. Ford Scrapbooks Microfilm digitized by an outside vendor. The digitized Scrapbooks are a valuable resource about Gerald Ford's multi-faceted life and career from his high school years through his vice presidency and will now be more readily available to researchers, educators, and the general public in digital format via the Library's website. The digitized Scrapbooks will also

allow the Library to temporarily retire and address preservation issues in the original Scrapbook volumes.

In the midst of all of this activity, we had to say "thank you and goodbye" to two long-serving staff members: Ken Hafeli retired from his position as lead audiovisual archivist at the Library on May 27 following 39 years of service, and Jim Kratsas, deputy director, retired on June 24 following 27 years of service. Both Ken and Jim have made major contributions to the quality and reputation of the Library and Museum and are already being greatly missed. Profiles of each of them are featured elsewhere in this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you to the ALL NEW Ford Presidential Museum and DeVos Learning Center very soon!



Dr. Elaine K. Didier



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

"The Ford Family Celebrates the Bicentennial - July 4, 1976"

**New Lobby Exhibit at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor
July 2016 through December 2016**



The American Bicentennial was a series of special celebrations throughout the United States commemorating both the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and the creation of the United States of America as an independent republic.

In observance of the country's "200th birthday", President Ford and his family joined in the celebrations at a variety of historically important places, including Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Valley Forge, PA, and New York City Harbor on July 4, 1976.

The entire country celebrated with a party: during the mid-1970's, hand-made bicentennial themed gifts inundated the White House, and themes of patriotism and U.S. history were used as special motifs on many manufactured items. All those items are now housed at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, MI., and highlights will be on display at the Library in Ann Arbor beginning in July, 2016.

The exhibit will also reveal what happens to a presidential gift AFTER it reaches the White House ... how exactly does it end up at a Presidential Library? Also included are images and documents from Independence Hall, Valley Forge and New York City Harbor from President Ford and his family's travels on July 4, 1976.

Photo Left: President Ford speaks at Independence Hall in a ceremonial event to mark the nation's Bicentennial on July 4, 1976.

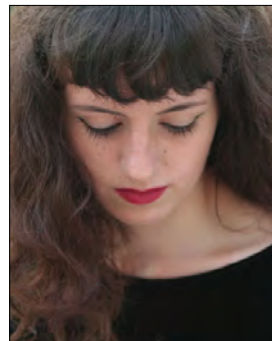
President Gerald R. Ford Essay Challenge 2015 - 2016 School Year "The Meaning of Leadership Today"



Second Place
Benjamin Rozema
11th Grade
Calvin Christian High School



First Place
Madison Goen
12th Grade
Kenowa Hills High School



Third Place
Lois Biggs
12th Grade
Forest Hills Eastern High School

Students, their families and teachers gathered at the Museum this past May, in the midst of our construction, installation, and dust, for our annual President Gerald R. Ford Essay Challenge Awards Ceremony. This year's theme for high school students was, **The Meaning of Leadership Today**. The top twenty essayists were honored, honorable mention recipients recognized, and the top three prizes awarded and essays read. Each year we are so impressed with the quality of the essays, and this year was no exception. First Place went to Madison Goen, a senior at Kenowa Hills High School; Second Place to Benjamin Rozema, a junior at Calvin Christian High School; and Third Place to Lois Biggs, a senior at Forest Hills Eastern High School. The twenty finalists were selected from 600 entries.

Dr. Laurie Chesley, Provost and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Grand Rapids Community College delivered the keynote comments at this year's Awards Ceremony. With her wide-ranging experience in education and leadership she brought a unique perspective to leadership in today's world.



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

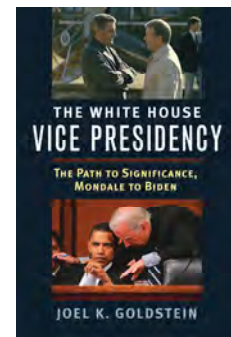
Professor Goldstein autographs his book following the presentation at the Library.

Joel Goldstein
*"The White House Vice Presidency:
The Path to Significance, Mondale to Biden"*
Thursday, May 5, 2016

Ann Arbor: Professor Joel Goldstein of the St. Louis University School of Law addressed an overflow audience at the Ford Library on May 5 regarding his new book, *The White House Vice Presidency: The Path to Significance, Mondale to Biden*. Professor Goldstein described the Founding Fathers' initial visions for the position, and shared numerous anecdotes of how various individuals have viewed the role over the past 200 years. After years of conflicting expectations on the part of former presidents and the vice presidents themselves, he described how President Carter and Vice President Mondale forged a new and robust model for the position as not just a "successor in waiting" but rather a full partner contributing to the success of the president.

From the evolution placing the vice president's working office in the West Wing to his receipt of every document the president receives and involvement in daily meetings and private sessions with the president and his advisors, the position has now become very powerful and essential to the implementation of the president's agenda and U.S. relationships with foreign leaders. This represents a huge transformation in the most disparaged office in our history.

Many thanks to Trustee Greg Willard for his recommendation of Professor Goldstein to us. If you missed this program at the Library, we hope you'll come to hear Professor Goldstein speak at the Museum sometime in the coming year!



Library and Museum say “Farewell” to Retiring Staff

Museum Deputy Director Jim Kratsas

On June 24, **Jim Kratsas** retired after 27 years of service at the Ford Library and Museum. Jim came to the Library from prior positions at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta, and the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka. Jim’s education in American history and his curatorial experience led to a dual role at the Ford Library and Museum, where he held the titles of Supervisory Museum Curator and Deputy Director.

Jim’s career encompassed not one or two, but an amazing FOUR major exhibit renovations: one each at Kansas and Carter, and two at the Ford, in 1997 and again in 2016. Jim’s experience was invaluable to the team planning the re-design of the Ford exhibits. He played a key role in writing and then editing scripts, and served as a key liaison with the Ford Family, the Foundation and the Gallagher and Associates design firm throughout the process. Jim’s broad knowledge about museums and the wonderful hidden artifacts they hold served the Museum well during the conception and design for numerous feature exhibits over the years. In particular, he served as lead curator on special exhibits that focused on America in the 1920s and Teddy Roosevelt, as well as playing major supporting roles on numerous other exhibits. Jim was frequently invited to be a guest speaker to classes and area community groups, and gladly shared his expertise with all. Jim’s quick sense of humor and easy-going personality will be greatly missed.



Jim Kratsas at his retirement gathering at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.



Supervisory Archivist Geir Gundersen (right) presents Certificate of Loyal Service to Ken Hafeli during retirement gathering at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Audiovisual Archivist Kenneth G. Hafeli

On May 27, **Ken Hafeli** retired after 39 years of service at the Ford Library. He was one of the original staff members hired in 1977 and has made many contributions over the years as the Ford Library evolved into one of the leading archival institutions within the Presidential Library system.

Ken spent nearly the entirety of his career in the Library’s audiovisual department where he played a central role in processing, describing, and preserving the audiovisual legacy of President and Mrs. Ford. Ken especially made his mark in reference where he provided a high level of customer service to countless researchers, the Ford office and members of the Ford family, the Ford Presidential Foundation, trustees of the Ford Foundation, the White House, members of Congress, his colleagues at the Ford Museum, and other Presidential Libraries and units within the National Archives. Ken also contributed much to the Library’s outreach and educational efforts and has been a valued mentor and friend to staff, student employees, interns, and volunteers. His expertise, institutional memory, and good cheer will be missed.

2016 Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library is proud to announce that Timothy Crimmins has been chosen as the 2016 winner of the Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter. Mr. Crimmins is a doctoral student in History at the University of Chicago and is completing his doctoral dissertation "The Fall of the Rehabilitative Ideal and Its Aftermath: Social Science, Penal Police, and Mass Imprisonment after 1970." His work explores the changing perspectives on criminology after the mid-20th century, examining the impact that developments in social science had on public policy regarding prisons.

This annual award of \$5,000 is given to a doctoral student conducting dissertation research and writing on an aspect of the United States political process during the latter part of the 20th century. It was established in 2005 to honor the life and work of Robert Teeter. Mr. Teeter spent over thirty years as a leader in public opinion analysis and campaign strategy, including the 1976 campaign of President Gerald R. Ford. The majority of written materials from Mr. Teeter's career are part of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library collection. This award has been made possible by the generous support of the Teeter family and friends, and his colleagues on the United Parcel Service Board of Directors.

The application deadline for next year's award is March 31, 2017. For more information, please visit the Ford Library's website at fordlibrary-museum.gov/library/fsa.asp or contact the Library by phone at 734.205.0555 or email ford.library@nara.gov.



Research Room at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grants Spring 2016 Recipients

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George, Nathaniel
Rice University
Jhong, Ming-Syuan
Texas Tech University
Jones, Dustin
University of Windsor Canada
Justice, David
Oklahoma State University
Kurr, Jeff
Pennsylvania State University

Lutsch, Andreas
Stanford University
Maurer, John
Georgetown University
Minne, Maxime
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Williams, Brandon
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Temple University



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- ★ Free admission to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
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- ★ Invitation to pre-opening exhibit tours by staff members
- ★ Foundation Newsletter, 5 issues per year
- ★ 10% Discount on merchandise at the Museum Store
- ★ Free admission to other Presidential Libraries and Museums
- ★ Membership card
- ★ Members at the Family, Associate, Sustaining, Patron, President's Cabinet and Legacy membership levels receive additional benefits.

For further information, please contact Kristy Lecceadone at 616.254.0396 or email kleceadone@38foundation.org.

Attached is an application envelope for your convenience. Memberships are tax deductible to the limits allowed by the IRS.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

Left: The Gerald R. Ford Foundation's Board of Trustees gathered in Grand Rapids on June 7, 2016 for the Grand Opening of the New DeVos Learning Center and Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.

Date	Location	Time	Event	
09/08 - 09/11 2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	4:45 Arrival	Steven Siller Tunnel -To-Towers 9/11 Memorial Exhibit Returns to Grand Rapids and is on display at the Museum from 09/09/16 through 09/11/2016. Be sure to join us as we welcome the exhibit to the Museum. Please check website for current hours of operation.
09/10/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	Noon; 2:00 PM	"For The Love of Their Brother." Two showings of this spectacular film in the Museum Auditorium. No reservations required. No Cost to View the Film.
09/11/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	All Day	Annual Scout Salute and Community Day of Remembrance at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Visit our website for information flyer. All are welcome to join the Scouts in saluting the flag in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11. Check our website for more information as it becomes available.
09/14/2016	Grand Rapids	Loosemore Auditorium	7:00 PM	Akhil Reed Amar "The Constitution Today". This event is presented in partnership with The Hauenstein Center. RSVP by calling 616-331-2770. No cost to attend.
09/15/2016	Ann Arbor	Library	7:30 PM	Linda Greenhouse presents "The President and the Justice: A Look at the Legacy of Justice John Paul Stevens." No reservations are required.
09/23 thru 10/09/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	All Day	ArtPrize. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is a venue for 2016 ArtPrize exhibits. The Museum is free and open to the public during ArtPrize.
10/18/2016	Ann Arbor	Library	7:30 PM	James Rosebush "True Reagan: What Made Ronald Reagan Great and Why It Matters." No reservations are required.
10/25/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	7:00 PM	David Priess—"The President's Book of Secrets: The Untold Story of Intelligence Briefings to America's Presidents from Kennedy to Obama." Call 616-254-0384 for reservations. No cost to attend but reservations are required.
11/01/2016	Ann Arbor	Library	7:30 PM	Michael A. Cohen, Author of "American Maelstrom: The 1968 Election and the Politics of Division." No reservations are required.
11/16/2016	Ann Arbor	Library	7:30 PM	Leah Wright Rigueur "Between the Lines: The Modern Republican Party's Race Crisis." No reservations are required.
11/17/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	7:00 PM	Annual Tree Lighting. No reservations required. No cost to attend.
12/04/2016	Grand Rapids	Museum	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Holiday Open House. No cost to attend. Family Friendly Activities.

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