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Carter-Mondale Alumni Strong Supporters of Ambassadors Circle

More than 200 are members of the program

Members of the Carter Center's Ambassadors Circle maintain a unique relationship with the Center, but as the Center celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007, these supporters enjoyed special programs and briefings.

The celebration began in April at the Executive Briefing in Atlanta, an annual event since 1997. This year, for the first time, a special dinner brought nearly 400 staff and members together for an evening of reflection on the great work of the past and excitement about the future.

Ambassadors Circle members are listed in the annual report Honor Roll of Donors.

In June, regional briefings were held in Boston and Chicago, and in September, 150 members took part in a tour of "Beyond the Presidency: 25 Years of The Carter Center" at The Jimmy Carter Library & Museum. The tour was followed



President and Mrs. Carter always enjoy greeting Ambassadors Circle members and making personal connections.



Ambassadors Circle members received firsthand information about the work of the Center in June at the regional briefings.

by a celebration dinner hosted by Dr. John Hardman, president and chief executive officer of The Carter Center, and an hour-long conversation with President and Mrs. Carter.

The Ambassadors Circle was established by President and Mrs. Carter to honor and recognize individuals who make annual unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Center. Members are kept informed of program progress in both health and peace. From the annual Executive Briefing and visit to Plains to regular communications from President Carter and Center senior staff, members at all levels are given the opportunity to stay well-connected.

Carter-Mondale alumnus Alonzo McDonald is a member of the Ambassadors Circle and has been a loyal partner of the Center since 1988. "Through our membership, my wife and I have been enlightened and exposed to more about this world than we could ever imagine," McDonald said. "We are

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Searcy Reflects on Life and Work in Vietnam

The following is an excerpt from a Christmas letter from Chuck Searcy, Veterans Administration, Carter-Mondale administration.

I have learned many lessons from the Vietnamese during more than a decade of living and working in this country. I have learned patience, tolerance, and forgiveness. I have learned that I do not have all the answers. I have learned respect, and the art of listening, and the importance of a gentle and truthful response. Those are values that I was taught by my parents, but they were held up as ideals and not necessarily as practices to be routinely observed. From the Vietnamese, I have learned that rewards can come from humble and earnest efforts to follow those tenets of living on a daily basis.

The past year in Vietnam has been another year of changes, growth, adjustments, and mostly positive developments for the nation and its citizens. Vietnam continues to lead the world in dramatic reductions in poverty and overall improvements in the well-being of its people based on most international standards. The economy charges ahead, with growth this year at about 8.2 percent, second highest in the world after China. In early January, Vietnam will become a member of the World Trade Organization, a long-sought benchmark, and the U.S. Congress has removed Vietnam from a punitive trade watch list and accorded permanent normal trade relations to the country. The full impact of these developments may not be all that the Vietnamese hoped for, as the requirements of globalization could open the door to McDonald's and Wal-Mart and the huge—and enticing—advertising and marketing campaigns they bring, but that's the price the Vietnamese must pay. On the one hand, they welcome the new international respect they have achieved; on the other hand, they worry that they will lose some of the unique attributes of the country, some of the traditions and cultural values they have fought and died to protect over past centuries.

This year ends with the full normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam, more than 31 years after the end of the war in April 1975. As I reflect on the past decade, the journey has been remarkable since my arrival here in January 1995, when the United States had no official relations, no embassy, no ambassador. There was still some



Searcy and colleagues Nguyen Thi Van Anh and Tran Gia Quang celebrate the season at the office in Hanoi.

mistrust, occasional incidents of misunderstanding that aroused suspicions. A lingering bitterness that was rooted in a divisive war remained lodged in the attitudes of some Americans toward Vietnam.

Yet the Vietnamese welcomed us, with graciousness and forgiveness, and a final journey toward reconciliation and understanding began in earnest with President Bill Clinton's announcement in July 1995 of full diplomatic normalization of relations with Vietnam. That huge step was followed by laudable efforts from many individuals and institutions, too numerous to name, to achieve full normalization of our relationship at every level.

At one level, close personal friendships have been among the building blocks of trust and mutual respect. The only discordant notes nowadays come from Vietnamese-American citizens, and some American veterans, who are burdened by painful memories of the past. For them it is difficult to accept the reality of Vietnam today, a united and peaceful nation that has nearly recovered from the wounds of war and that opens its arms to all, including former adversaries.

My work as representative of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) continues with our support of a significant mine action project in Quang Tri province. Project RENEW has been one of the most rewarding and gratifying efforts in which I have participated, since VVMF undertook funding sponsorship in 2001, and the measurable achievements of our Vietnamese staff and partners are impressive. The number of children and adults who are killed or injured each year by explosive remnants of the war—land mines, mortars, artillery rounds, bombs, grenades, cluster munitions—has gone down significantly, as these lethal items are cleaned up and safely destroyed, and as local people are taught safety and avoidance of accidents. Disabled families,

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honored to play a small role in working toward a solution to the world's injustices.”

As the Center looks ahead into the next quarter century, we would like to encourage the participation of more Carter-Mondale alumni in the Ambassadors Circle. Consider becoming part of this special group of partners and help sustain the Center's future to improve the lives of millions of people around the world. For more information, visit www.cartercenter.org or contact Delita Marsland at delita.marsland@emory.edu or toll-free at (800) 550-3560, ext. 810.



Carter-Mondale alum Mark Cohen and Sheila Fyfe appreciate the opportunity to speak with President Carter at an Executive Briefing. Cohen and Fyfe are Ambassadors Circle members.

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amputees, and other victims of earlier explosions are now earning good livings through income-generation programs. Doctors and hospital staff are better trained and equipped to deal with medical emergencies. The Project RENEW staff has assembled the most comprehensive database in the country on the nature and extent of the problem in Quang Tri province, which is the site of the former DMZ and one of the most heavily bombed areas in the history of the world. The Vietnamese government has approved expansion of the Project RENEW model throughout the province and into other areas, once adequate funding becomes available. The project is an unprecedented success, and the credit goes to

Carter Subject of New Film

“**M**an From Plains,” a new documentary by award-winning filmmaker Jonathan Demme, offers an intimate portrait of the public and private sides of President Carter. Filmed during his book tour in the fall of 2006 for “Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid,” the documentary follows President Carter as he crisscrosses the United States to share his thoughts on Middle East peace prospects. The documentary opened in select cities at the end of October. For more information, visit www.sonypicturesclassics.com.

‘Conversations’ Webcast Live

Conversations at The Carter Center is an annual series of evening programs held at The Carter Center in Atlanta, designed to increase public awareness on issues of national and global importance. People outside Atlanta can be a part of the programs by watching them live at www.cartercenter.org.

All programs start at 7 p.m. EST, and the full schedule is available online. The programs also are archived for viewing at a later time.

the Vietnamese. (Maybe the project is successful because they have to deal with only one foreigner, and that's me—and I've learned to be low-key, to the surprise of some friends!)

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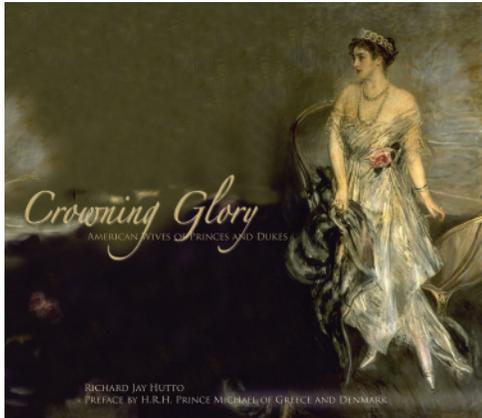
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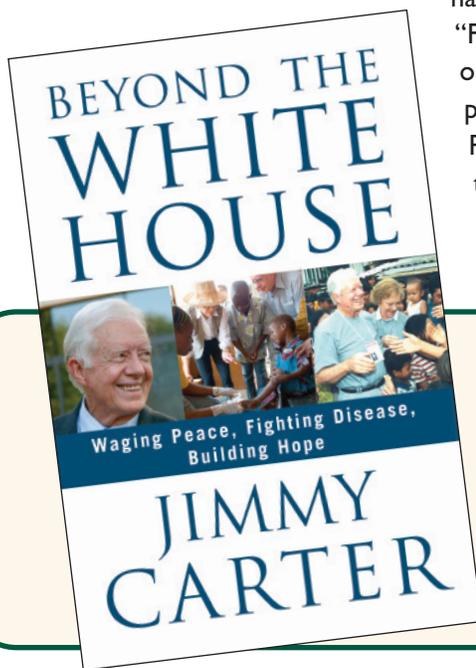
Rick Hutto's new book, "Crowning Glory: American Wives of Princes and Dukes," has received continuous international acclaim since its spring release. In



"Crowning Glory," published by Indigo Custom Publishing, Hutto's exhaustive research has unearthed rich, glittering jewels of trivia, sprinkled liberally throughout the stories of more than 150 American women who married royal or noble husbands. With preface by His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Greece and Denmark and countless never-before-seen photographs contributed by the royal descendants, "Crowning Glory" serves as the authoritative reference of America's connection with the crowns of Europe as well as an engaging tome for coffee-table perusing. For more information, visit www.americanprincesses.com.

Juan Manuel Garcia, who served in the Hispanic Advisory Group to the Secretary of State in the Carter administration,

has compiled "Futuros Alternos" on the Carter policies about Puerto Rico in the context of the Caribbean.



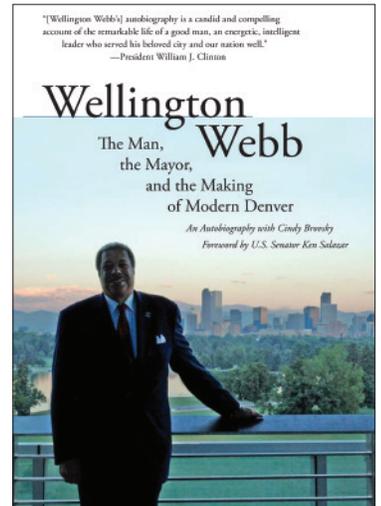
"BEYOND THE WHITE HOUSE: Waging Peace, Fighting Disease, Building Hope" by Jimmy Carter, just published by Simon & Schuster, chronicles dramatic, emotional, and heartwarming moments in a quarter century of The Carter Center. Recounting progress on all corners of the globe in the fields of peacemaking, health, and human rights, President Carter reminds readers that, with determination and optimism, the world truly can be changed for the better.

Garcia's book, which will elaborate on lessons for the 21st century initiative, will be published by Universidad del Este in Puerto Rico in two volumes. Garcia can be reached at pasalacua@gmail.com.

Wellington E. Webb was Denver's first African-American mayor and is a nationally recognized political figure. In his candid autobiography, "Wellington Webb: The Man, the Mayor, and the Making of Modern Denver," Webb reflects on the ups and downs of his public and private life. Covering the time from his difficult childhood to his bid for Democratic National Committee chairman in 2005, Webb's autobiography offers a comprehensive and exceptionally candid look at his life.

The book is filled with anecdotes that paint a vivid picture of Webb's character and resolve, such as his 1991 underdog bid for mayor when he walked the streets of the entire city, meeting voters and sleeping in the homes of residents. Nothing is off limits in this retrospective: He also discusses his brutal 1995 re-election bid and his battle with prostate cancer.

Co-written with former *Denver Post* reporter Cindy Brovsky, this moving autobiography draws on more than 60 interviews with Webb's longtime friends, former colleagues, and community and political leaders. "Wellington Webb has written a memoir that is both inspiring and instructive. He reminds us that passion and purpose are paramount," said Tavis Smiley, author and television and radio host. For more information, visit www.fulcrumbooks.com.



Comings & Goings

Hope Boonshaft has joined Hill & Knowlton as executive vice president and general manager, Los Angeles/Irvine offices, as of July 16, 2007. Hill & Knowlton is one of the largest and most comprehensive public relations, public/government affairs, and issues management firms in the world. Contact Boonshaft at (310) 633-9490 or hope.boonshaft@hillandknowlton.com.

Rob Caughlan, (below, left) who was featured in the recent Green Issue of *Vanity Fair*, was chairman of the Conservationists for Carter in California in 1976 and special assistant to Barbara Blum in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has served as president of the Surfrider Foundation and continued his career in environmental protection last year as a key figure in the fight to unseat Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Calif.).



Caughlan was press secretary for both a Republican and Democratic candidate against Pombo. In the primary, he served as Republican Pete McCloskey's communications director and press secretary, and in the general election, the Democratic candidate, wind-energy engineer Jerry McNerney, recruited Caughlan to do the same job for him.

The Defenders of Wildlife, The Sierra Club, and other environmental groups from all over the country contributed to McNerney's effort. Although Pombo significantly outspent McNerney, Caughlan said, "We beat him with shoe leather." The Saturday before the election, McNerney had 1,029 volunteers walking precincts and making calls.

"It was one of the best grassroots efforts I have ever seen," said Caughlan. In what was the biggest upset of 2006, McNerney went on to defeat Pombo by 6 percent. Caughlan laughs, "We are always known for our last campaign. I should quit while I'm this far ahead."

Paul B. Darby, who was a special assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and later worked with trade associations, started a consulting firm 13 years ago to work with rural businesses.

Three years ago, Darby and his wife, Cheryl, established a new nonprofit organization, the Coats for Kids Foundation. Its mission is "to ensure that every child who needs a winter coat receives a new one." The organization has delivered nearly 8,000 new winter coats, hats, and gloves to kids, starting first in its home community of Alexandria, Va. In the second year, it shipped nationwide, courtesy of FedEx Express. To help the Darbys with their Coats for Kids effort, contact them at (703) 567-1000 or www.coats-for-kids.org.

Joe Foley's public relations firm, Foley Government and Public Affairs, has celebrated its 20-year anniversary, having successfully completed projects for more than 50 clients. "I had the good fortune to have made a lot of good friends in Washington, had the help of some very valuable assistants during this time period, and contributed to some worthy local charitable events—including the bipartisan Congressional Baseball Game—which is now played at RFK Stadium each summer," said Foley. "We look forward to another 20 years of providing positive solutions for our

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interesting current and future clientele.” For more information on Foley’s firm, see www.foleycoinc.com.

Foley joined the Carter-Mondale administration as a congressional affairs officer after the December 1979 invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union. His House floor and

House Appropriations Committee experience in defense issues later was tapped to help restore the U.S. Selective Service System and to develop support for other military readiness measures. His last position was in national disaster policy evaluation at the Federal Energy Management Agency.

Rick Hutcheson, former White House staff secretary, recently won a seat on the Palm Springs City Council and received the most votes in the eight-person contest for two open seats. In a comment on his victory, Rick said, “Because of your help, I’m going to have the privilege of serving as a Palm Springs City Council member for the next four years.

Passages

Harold Kapelovitz, longtime supporter of President Carter and The Carter Center, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2007. Kapelovitz was well-known in the men’s clothing business, real estate, and philanthropic circles. He also was a member of the Cedars Sinai Medical Center Board of Governors and the Beverly Hills Rotary Club.

President Carter said of Kapelovitz, “Beyond Harold’s unconditional kindness and his delightful and often surprising sense of humor, what I will remember most is that he believed in us, even when the rest of the country was asking, ‘Jimmy who?’ To have Harold Kapelovitz believe in you and what you were doing was a personal endorsement unlike any other. Had we not won in 1976, we would still have regarded the campaign as a success, for, during the course of it, Harold Kapelovitz had become our friend.

“Harold blessed our lives and that of my family in countless ways over the years. His opinions were given honestly and without judgment, his wisdom was shared freely, and his guidance was invaluable. The entire Carter family will miss him deeply.”

Edna Langford, whose daughter, Judy, was married for years to Jack Carter, passed away May 29 from complications following a stroke. Langford, who lived in Calhoun, Ga., until last year when she moved to Illinois to be with her daughter, remained close friends with the Carter family. She wrote “Rosalynn, Friend and First Lady,” co-authored with Linda Maddox, about her friendship with Mrs. Carter and campaign experiences.

“She was very political and was excited about being involved in her community,” said her grandson, Jason

Carter of Atlanta. “She was her own person more than anyone I’ve ever known.”

Leo McCarthy, the former California Assembly speaker who served a record three terms as lieutenant governor, died in February of a kidney ailment at age 76 at his San Francisco home. Born in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1930, McCarthy and his family moved to San Francisco in 1934, where his father opened a tavern. He attended college at the University of San Francisco, donating \$1 million in 2002 to help create the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good. “He tried to be perfect in his service to God by being perfect in his service to others,” said his daughter Conna McCarthy, one of his four children who spoke at his service.

Dee Plymel Sports, 71, died on Sept. 6 from a liver disease diagnosed three years ago. She had been under hospice care at home in Conyers, Ga., for the past three months.

She is survived by her husband, **Joe Sports**, who was executive director of the Democratic Party of Georgia during the administrations of Gov. Lester Maddox and Gov. Jimmy Carter and congressional assistant before becoming a legislative consultant and publisher of a newsletter, “Georgia Beat.” The Sportses celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 24. A resolution in the Georgia General Assembly earlier this year commended Dee Sports for “unyielding strength and unparalleled inspiration to her family, her community, church, and state government.”

I'll be working hard to make this special place even better. Thank you for your support and for all you have done to bring about this result."

Hutcheson currently serves on the Palm Springs Planning Commission and is co-owner of several local tourism and real estate-related businesses, including Vacation Palm Springs Real Estate Inc. Hutcheson also serves on the Palm Springs Police Advisory Board and on the board of his neighborhood organization, represents his company on the Palm Springs Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the board of directors for the Desert Business Association and on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development Block Grants in Palm Springs. He previously served on the board of directors for The New Festival and for GLAAD/NY. Most recently, he was part of the international humanitarian delegation observing the 2006 elections in Nicaragua, as part of the Carter Center's Democracy Project.

Hutcheson, who received the endorsement of the San Bernardino/Riverside Counties Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, also had the support and endorsement of the Palm Springs Planning Commissioner, **Leo S. Cohen**, White House chief of staff 1977-81; **Hamilton Jordan**, president, America Online; and **Robert W. Pittman**, chief operating officer, AOL Time Warner, 1996-2002. E-mail Hutcheson at RickHutcheson@dc.rr.com.

Walter C. Holton, former advance for Vice President Mondale, has opened a law office in Winston-Salem, N.C. Walter C. Holton, Jr. PLLC handles civil and criminal litigation in federal and state courts, and Holton's wife, Lynne, handles commercial and residential real estate closings.

Holton left Grace, Holton, Tisdale & Clifton LLP after five years of handling primarily civil litigation and federal criminal cases and formerly served as the U.S. attorney for the middle district of North Carolina under President Clinton from 1984 to 2001. Holton can be reached at wholton@walterholton.com.

Betty Mizek was in charge of campaign correspondence in Atlanta and served as an alternate delegate from Ohio to the Democratic National Convention in 1976. After the election, she received a political appointment at the Department of State and later worked with Ron Eastman and Robert Lipshutz on the FEC cleanup. In the 1980 campaign, she oversaw the correspondence and administrative functions.

Betty is married to a career foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development. She lives in Rockville, Md., is raising a teenager, and practices clinical

social work with the elderly. Betty continues to be interested in international development and has formed International Social Work in Development (www.iswd.org), an organization that promotes social work in international development.

Lee E. Sheehy recently joined Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) as her chief of staff. Sen. Klobuchar is a former intern for Vice President Mondale and later was a law partner with him. Sheehy worked in advance for Carter-Mondale in 1976 and 1980, consulted with the White House Office of Advance, and worked in advance for Mondale in 1984. For much of the past 25 years, Sheehy has worked in his native Minnesota as a practicing attorney and in several key governmental positions. Sheehy can be reached at (202) 224-3244 or Lee_sheehy@klobuchar.senate.gov.

Gary South, state coordinator for the Carter-Mondale campaign in Montana in 1976, DNC Midwest regional finance director in 1977, and special assistant to Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland 1979-1981, is shown at the Santa Monica Pier with his son Ru-Shiao Lee-South on Ru-Shiao's first birthday, May 26. Pictured with South and Ru-Shiao are



former California Governor Gray Davis and his wife, Sharon. Christine Wei-li Lee (not pictured) is South's wife and Ru-Shiao's proud mother.

Steve Westly, former California comptroller and gubernatorial candidate, has announced a new venture to build clean-tech economy. Said Westly, "Twenty-eight years ago, I went to work for Jimmy Carter in the Office of Conservation and Solar Energy at the Department of Energy. Today I'm proud to say I've formed the Westly Group to help entrepreneurs build the next great companies in solar energy, biofuels, and electric cars. During the past month, I've spoken at some of the largest clean-tech conferences in the country, because I believe these technologies will help prevent global warming and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. I also believe clean-tech will lead California's next economic boom, creating thousands of great jobs and driving new revenues for the state." For more information, contact Westly at update@calleadership.org.

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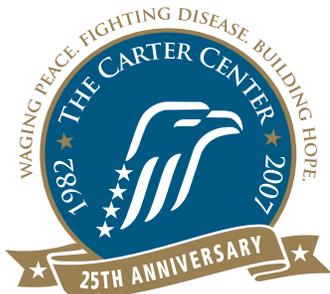
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