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White House Domestic Policy Staff Reunite, Reminisce

On May 12, members of the domestic policy staff of the Carter-Mondale administration gathered in Chevy Chase, Md., to revisit accomplishments and see old friends.

The event, held at the Somerset Club House, was hosted and emceed by Stu Eizenstat; Si Lazarus and Bert Carp co-hosted the reunion, which featured remarks by David Rubenstein, Vice President Walter Mondale, and President Jimmy Carter.

As the speakers and guests reminisced, they praised each other for the administration's many successes in domestic policy. The genuine friendship



Above: Members of the host committee for the reunion of domestic policy staff and the Carters: (from left) Bert Carp, Fran Eizenstat, President Carter, Mrs. Carter, Si Lazarus, Stu Eizenstat. (All photos by T.J. Morgan)

Left: David Rubenstein addresses attendees of the reunion of former staff.



and pride of accomplishment were evident in everyone, though many of these people had not seen one another for years.

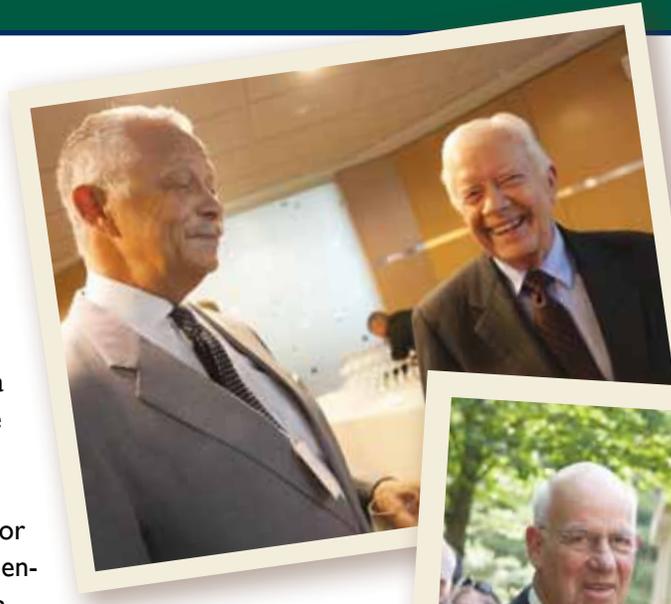
One recurring theme was the Carter-Mondale administration's advocacy for the environment, and many participants thought only the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt deserved to be compared.

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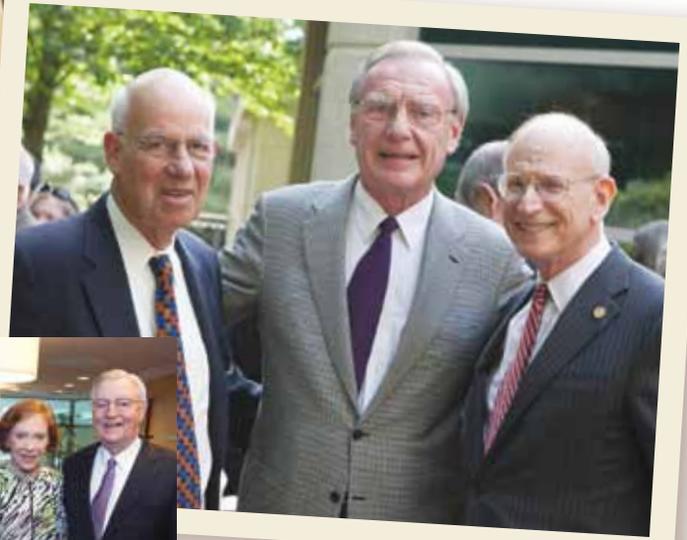
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The Alaska National Interest Conservation Act doubled the size of the national parks, tripled U.S. wilderness areas, and protected 25 freely flowing rivers in their natural state. The act opened 95 percent of Alaska for oil and gas exploration while protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

See the accompanying box for some of the accomplishments mentioned at the policy staff reunion.



Bob Malson and President Carter



Si Lazarus, Jerry Jasinoski, and Stu Eizenstat



Jane Harmon, President Carter, Mrs. Carter, and Vice President Walter Mondale



Harrison Welford



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Ann and Jim Free



Melanie and Eliot Cutler



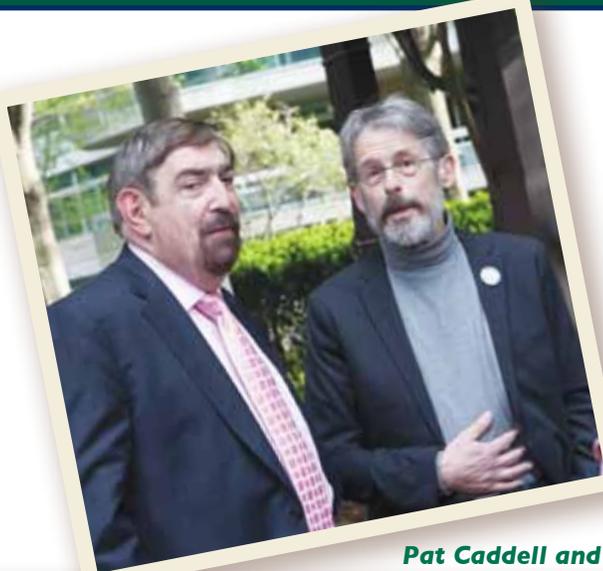
Kurt Schmoke



Ralph Schlosstein



Steve and Eileen Simmons



Pat Caddell and Rick Hertzberg



Vice President Mondale speaks to the Carters during his podium remarks.

Some of the Domestic Policy Achievements in Carter-Mondale Administration

Energy and Environment

- Alaska lands legislation that set aside large areas for development and for the protection of pristine areas
- Superfund legislation to clean up major toxic sites
- Balanced federal controls for off-shore drilling
- Legislation requiring restoration of strip coal mines
- Reform of water-resources development policy by blocking excessive use of dams (politically costly)
- Comprehensive energy legislation, including strong measures for conservation and partial deregulation of national gas prices
- Executive order for phased decontrol of crude oil prices
- Greatly expanded funding for alternative and sustainable energy research and development
- Converted electric power plants as an alternative to oil
- Policies that contributed to cutting oil imports by half

Regulatory Reform

- Ended government price controls and other burdensome regulations, but retained oversight and safeguards for banking, oil, gas, trucking, railroads, airlines, television, and radio

Government Reorganization

- Proposed 11 reorganizations—all but one, Natural Resources Department, went into effect: executive office, U.S. Information Agency consolidation, fair

- employment programs, merger of disaster units into Federal Emergency Management Agency, pension regulation, gas pipeline development, foreign economic aid, international trade, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, civil service reform (especially significant)
- Created Education Department and Energy Department

Economics

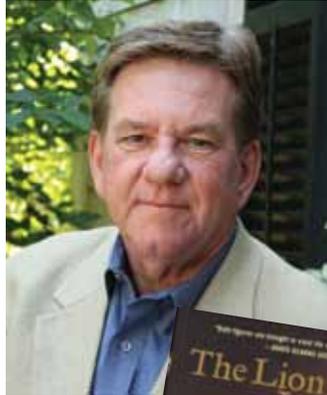
- Social Security financing and improvement
- Zero-based budgeting
- Doubled investment in employment training—creating record 8 million jobs
- Rescue of Chrysler Corp.
- Appointed Paul Volcker to control inflation

Expanding Opportunities

- More women, African-Americans, and Hispanics appointed as federal judges than in all previous administrations combined
- General expansion throughout federal government in aid to urban areas
- Aid to low- and middle-income housing
- Mental Health Systems Act passed and funded
- College student aid legislation and reform: “Should be no child... who cannot, through loans or grants, through scholarships or work-study programs, get a college education”

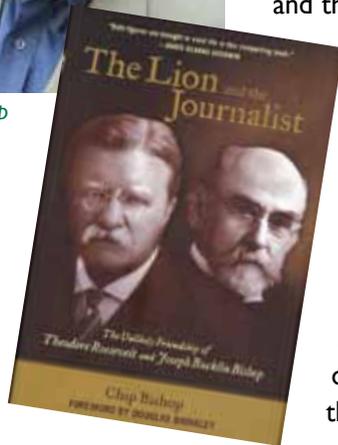
BOOK CLUB

Chip Bishop, an advance man and field organizer in the 1976 campaign and Maine state coordinator in 1980, has written his first book. “The Lion and the Journalist: The Unlikely Friendship of Theodore Roosevelt and Joseph Bucklin Bishop” was published by Lyons Press, an imprint of Globe Pequot Press. It recounts the enduring friendship of the 26th president and Bishop’s great-granduncle, an influential New York City newspaper editor who became Roosevelt’s authorized biographer.

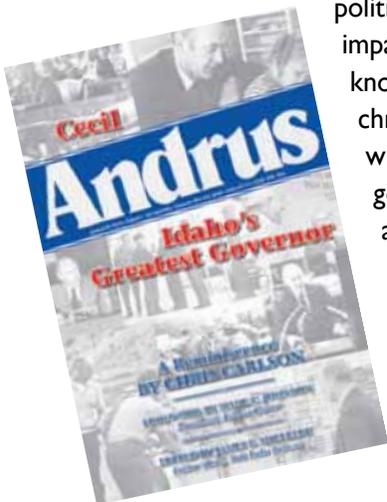


Chip Bishop

Bishop served in both Carter campaigns, ultimately as deputy director of scheduling in the 1980 general election campaign. He also served in congressional relations in the Transportation Department during the Carter administration. He lives on Cape Cod with his wife, Jane Nichols Bishop, whom he met during the 1980 Maine caucus campaign.



Chris Carlson, a former newspaperman who was press secretary to Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus from 1977 to 1981, has written “Cecil Andrus: Idaho’s Greatest Governor,” detailing Andrus’ important record and distinguished career in federal and state public service. The book both entertains and informs as it describes the personal and political character of the man and his impact on those who have come to know him. One interesting section chronicles a fly-fishing trip during which Gov. Andrus and Alaska’s governor, Jay Hammond, hopped around Alaska in a Cessna 172 pontoon plane, using maps to help determine the boundaries of the Alaska Native Land Claims legislation. The book contains Andrus’ sage political reflections and anecdotes.



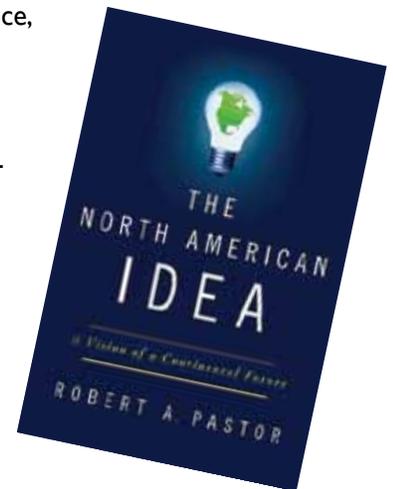
Former Carter Center staff member **Dr. Robert A. Pastor** returned to Atlanta on April 12 to give several lectures on his latest book, “The North American Idea: A Vision of a Continental Future,” from Oxford University Press. Pastor is the founding director of the Carter Center’s Latin American and Caribbean Program, Democracy Program, and China Village Elections Project and former professor at Emory University.



Robert Pastor (Photo by Jeff Watts, American University)

The book examines the history and evolution of the relationship among Canada, Mexico, and the United States and charts a new continental path for the 21st century. “Few Americans realize,” writes Pastor, “that the two most important markets for U.S. goods are not China and Japan but Canada and Mexico, and the two largest sources of energy imports are not Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, but Canada and Mexico.” No one in Mexico or Canada questions the importance of the United States for their future, but few Americans realize that their economic competitiveness, social coherence, and national security depend more on their neighbors than any other country.

Pastor, who is now professor of international relations at American University and founder and director of the Center for North American Studies, is a leading scholar on North America. In this, his 17th book, he drafts a vision for rethinking the relationship among the region’s nations and provides a policy blueprint for taking full advantage of the continent’s promise. The result, according to Zbigniew Brzezinski, is “a brilliant work offering a creative vision of North America’s future. Buttressed by masterful scholarship, it is profoundly challenging and politically insightful.”



Comings & Goings

Thank you, **James Carrico**, for sending this photo from the 1976 general election campaign in Delaware. During the Carter-Mondale administration, Carrico worked in the office of Secretary of the Navy W. Graham Claytor. He currently lives in Washington, D.C.



(From left) Henry Topel, Delaware's Democratic Party chair; Delaware's Carter-Mondale campaign staff: coordinator Carla Reames, director of field operations Jim Carrico, and press secretary Jim Tull. The photographer, Bob Dunn, was a volunteer from Glenview, Ohio.

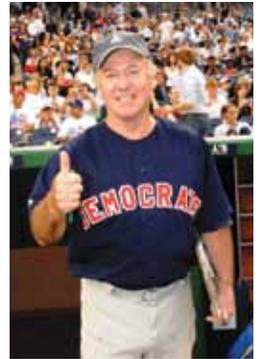
Dayton Duncan, deputy press secretary in Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, has been collaborating with Ken Burns on several documentaries. Duncan was prominently featured in the national parks series "America's Best Idea," is currently working with Burns on a series about the 1930s Dust Bowl (to be broadcast this year), and will begin developing a series on country music.

Joe Foley's firm, Foley Government & Public Affairs Inc., recently celebrated its 25th year of successful business. One of his major clients is the National Federation of Croatian Americans. Foley helped promote the Republic of Croatia's accession to NATO in 2009 with legislative and related dip-

lomatic support. He also has set up Southeast Europe Business and Trade Group and has several trade projects underway in the Balkans and Africa.

Foley joined the Carter-Mondale administration's congressional affairs team to assist in drafting the president's foreign policy response to the Soviet Union's Christmas Eve invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

Joe Foley is the longtime coach for the Democrats baseball team, which has beaten the Republicans in the annual Roll Call Congressional Baseball Game at Nationals Park three years in a row! He can be contacted at www.foleycoinc.com.



Joe Foley

Matt Nimetz has been named managing director and chief operating officer of General Atlantic, a leading global growth equity firm that he joined in January 2000. Previously, from December 1980, he was a partner (and former chair) of the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, where he concentrated on corporate and international law.

Nimetz served in the Carter administration as undersecretary of state for security assistance, science, and technology and as counselor of the Department of State. In those capacities, he supervised U.S. security assistance programs and the department's international scientific and technological programs, including scientific and technical cooperation, nuclear nonproliferation issues, and international environmental and communications policies of the U.S. government. He also supervised, among other things, U.S. policy on the Eastern Mediterranean (Greece, Turkey, Cyprus) and relationships with Eastern European countries.



Matt Nimetz

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He was President Clinton's special envoy in the mediation of a dispute between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Later he was appointed special representative of the U.N. secretary-general in connection with the continuing negotiations between those two parties and continues to serve in that capacity.

Nimetz is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; member and former chair of the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe; a trustee of Central European University, Budapest; and a trustee of the State University of New York's Levin Institute.

Dot Padgett, one of Douglasville's most well-known and well-respected residents, was named Citizen of the Year



Dot Padgett is named Citizen of the Year in Douglasville, Ga. (Photo courtesy of the Douglas County Sentinel.)

by the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. Her 1977 appointment as assistant chief of protocol for the White House and the Department of State also was recognized at an awards banquet in February 2012.

Padgett has lived in Douglas County since 1941 and in the same house for 51

years. She is considered by many to be a matriarch in the community. Recently, she was appointed to the Douglasville Historic Preservation Commission and the Douglas County Tourism and History Commission. She is an active Chamber of Commerce member and is involved at First United Methodist Church, the Hydrangea Festival, Douglasville's tour of homes, and the Douglasville Livable Centers Committee.

Charlotte Scot was a press secretary on Jimmy Carter's national staff; became director of communications and press secretary for the Democratic National Committee in Washington; and was a consultant to the White House for press/media advance, traveling to Venezuela with the president. She worked in local television as a reporter and anchor before joining "ABC News," where she became syndicated on the network's owned-and-operated stations. She co-



Artist Charlotte Scot donated this piece to the Winter Weekend auction.

anchored a series focusing on adult literacy called "Learn to Read." In the 1980s, she returned to art, which she had pursued in her 20s, exhibiting in Maine and Connecticut before moving to Canada where she graduated

from University Canada West's Victoria College of Art. Now living in Santa Fe, N.M., she paints in oil and has been in shows and galleries in the U.S. and Canada. Scot recently donated one of her paintings to the Winter Weekend auction to benefit The Carter Center.

Chuck Sponis was the Carter White House liaison at the Department of Commerce where he worked closely with Phil Klutznik, becoming his director of special operations.

Sponis has started nine companies, two of which he has taken public. He currently is working on a 10th one that aims to rival U.S. News & World Report's college rankings by allowing students rather than administrators to rank the schools. He and his wife, Gaylin, and their two sons live in Gainesville, Fl. A golf enthusiast, he plays whenever time allows.

Lance Simmens, congressional liaison to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Carter/Mondale administration, recently was appointed deputy director of communications and public policy for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. He will oversee communications, statewide outreach, and public policy.

In making the appointment, the authority's chief executive officer, Roelof Van Ark, said, "California's high-speed rail system is an essential investment in our growing state's future. Communicating the project's value and widespread benefits to the public and to local and state government partners and stakeholders is critical as we approach initial construction next year. I am quite pleased to welcome Lance Simmens, a professional with over 35 years of executive experience, to the high-speed rail team."

"I'm extremely honored to have the opportunity to contribute my experience to this exciting project. High-speed rail will revolutionize the state's transportation network and

offer a faster, safer, and more environmentally friendly travel option,” said Simmens. “Open dialogue with all stakeholders is vital as this project progresses. I look forward to working closely with communities, business groups, state and local governments, and more to ensure we plan and implement the best high-speed rail system possible.”

Kathy Fletcher, who was President Carter’s assistant director for the environment on the domestic policy staff and worked on the Alaska lands legislation and other major initiatives, retired in June 2011. For the past quarter century, she has devoted her energy to protecting and restoring Puget Sound—for the past 20 years as founder and executive director of the citizen group People For Puget Sound. She is a

founder and president of Restore America’s Estuaries, which includes similar citizen groups from most of the nation’s great estuaries from Chesapeake Bay to San Francisco Bay.

Fletcher’s efforts have been recognized in the following ways. She received the Peter Benchley “Hero of the Seas” award; she was named among the Nature Conservancy’s environmental heroes of Washington for the past 50 years; she received the Leonov Medallion as a hero of the planet for environmental stewardship from the Planetary Congress of Astronauts and Cosmonauts; and she was a “Leaving a Legacy” honoree at the Seattle Aquarium.

She and her husband, Ken Weiner, continue to reside in Seattle.

Nancy Konigsmark, Longtime Aide to President and Mrs. Carter, Dies at 67

Nancy Konigsmark, longtime right-hand aide to President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter, died on March 9, 2012, after a battle with cancer. She was 67.

Although she was officially known as President Carter’s director of scheduling, anyone who knew her realized that the Carters’ public life went off without a hitch because of Konigsmark’s deft hand and expertise behind the scenes. Recognized for her detailed and flawless execution of the Carters’ active and complex schedule, she was a virtuoso with the negotiating skills of a diplomat and the scheduling precision of a Swiss clock. Whether the Carters were going to war-torn countries such as Sudan and Lebanon or monitoring elections in Nepal or Egypt, it was Konigsmark who provided the painstaking support that allowed the Carters and their teams to carry out their missions.

“For more than 45 years, Nancy has been like a member of our family,” said President Carter. “She has been at the same time a personal adviser, a political activist, a steady hand during moments of stress or turmoil, and was always able to cut to the heart of a complex problem and find the best possible solution.

“Nancy had a unique ability to plan and orchestrate complicated schedules. She protected us from unreasonable demands and was still able to make the persons extending those invitations feel that we were brokenhearted to



decline. She also knew how to give us the unvarnished truth, quite gently, even when it was unpleasant. It will be impossible to replace her in our lives.”

Konigsmark was born in Atlanta on Feb. 10, 1945, the second daughter of Louise Osborn Konigsmark and Reed Konigsmark. Reed died in 1947. Louise (everyone called her Bill) remarried in 1954, and Nancy became the stepdaughter of Allan Benton Morton of Atlanta. She graduated

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ed from the University of Georgia, where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Before Nancy began traveling the globe with the Carters, she taught special education classes at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She was a backyard botanist, birding enthusiast, and Atlanta Braves fan. She married her college sweetheart, the late Hamilton Jordan, President Carter's White House chief of staff. They divorced in 1978.

She and Jordan volunteered for Jimmy Carter's first Georgia gubernatorial campaign. When Carter won the presidency in 1976, she went to Washington where she served as scheduling and advance assistant for the first lady, supervising the advance preparation teams for Rosalynn Carter's domestic and international travels.

"When Jimmy ran for governor in 1966, Nancy and Hamilton Jordan came to our home to volunteer to help in the campaign. They were college students at the time, and we put them to work. From then on, all these many years, Nancy was an integral part of our family," said former First Lady Rosalynn Carter. "We had many wonderful experiences together ... and a few times that weren't so wonderful, but she stuck with us through it all. In taking care of our daily schedules, Nancy came to know us as few others ever have. She knew all our likes and dislikes, being able to make our schedules day by day pleasant and gratifying. Nancy was a blessing to us from her earliest days, and we will miss her dearly."

After the White House, Konigsmark joined the Carters at their newly formed Carter Center in Atlanta. There she was central to the planning of their involvement in myriad human rights, election-monitoring, conflict resolution, and health projects over the past three decades. She also traveled as trip director and aide de camp to war-torn countries and on health missions around the globe, including more than a dozen countries in Africa, where The Carter Center has helped to eliminate Guinea worm disease and fight malaria.

Her attention to tiny details was legend. Frank Moore, Carter's chief of staff as governor and assistant to the president in the White House, said she arrived early with Secret Service when President Carter was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize at the Oslo City Hall in Norway, a room with the capacity of 90.

"When Nancy walked in, she said, 'This isn't going

to work. The Carters are bringing 120 family and guests,' and without missing a beat, she started moving furniture that hadn't been moved in decades to convert a room for 90 into a space for 120. Nancy was the kind of person who would roll up her sleeves and do whatever it took to get the job done. She was determined, and people respected her for that."

Whether visiting sick children in Africa or meeting world leaders, Konigsmark always demonstrated a genuine interest in the stories and lives of those she met. Everyone she encountered was struck by and remembered her strong character and always upbeat demeanor.

"Not only have I lost a valued colleague, I've lost someone close to my heart," said Phil Wise, lifelong friend and vice president for operations at The Carter Center. "She always played at the top of her game, from arranging to get the Carters and whole entourages into remote locations, such as the Himalayas, Machu Picchu, the Arctic, Everest, and Timbuktu, to glancing at a schedule and just knowing what would and would not work. She took great pride in her job, was really good at it, and enjoyed every moment."

For more than 25 years, she worked alongside the Carters, co-workers, friends, and family at Habitat for Humanity sites around the globe. One of her best friends, Carolyn Shields, said Konigsmark was always "mothering workers, making sure everyone was staying hydrated in the hot sun, especially President Carter."

Nancy was committed to her community and helping those in need. She belonged to the Smyrna First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Smyrna Social Club, a women's organization cofounded in 1908 by her grandmother, Alma Reed Konigsmark, and 18 other strong women of the Smyrna community.

Nancy was diagnosed with cancer in 2011. She passed away peacefully at the home of her sister, Ann Konigsmark Johnson, and brother-in-law, Dr. James M. (Jimmy) Johnson Jr., in Atlanta. She is also survived by her nephew, James M. (Jim) Johnson III, and his two children, Jake and Mac; her niece, Nancy Elizabeth (Beth) Johnson Ross, who is married to Jeffrey D. (Jeff) Ross, and their two children, Ellie and Kate; along with a lifetime of family and friends who were touched by her and who will miss her dearly. She is predeceased by her mother, who died in 2009, and her stepfather, who died in 1976.

Passages

Benjamin Bates Alexander, formerly director of the Business Council of the Democratic National Committee and New Mexico state campaign chairman for President Carter, died in January. He was an engaging personality with a successful career in oil, real estate, and ranching in New Mexico and Texas.

A World War II veteran, Alexander received many awards throughout his life for political and civic activities.

Elkin Goddard Alston (Mrs. Philip Henry Alston Jr.) passed away at her residence in Sea Island, Ga., in July 2011. She was 94.

She served alongside her late husband, Philip, whom President Carter named ambassador to Australia. They remained great friends and supporters of the Carters and The Carter Center. She was active in many community organizations.

Patricia Bario, 79, a deputy press secretary in the Carter White House, died May 30, 2012, in Marina Del Rey, Calif. A former newspaper reporter for the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News, she was a top communications aide to the late Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., for 14 years, including several years of service on the



Patricia Bario

Senate Anti-Trust and Monopoly Subcommittee he chaired. Bario was the first woman to become a White House deputy press secretary. She ran the Office of Media Liaison, which concentrated on outreach to outside-of-Washington media. Bario was briefly press secretary to Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 and served for two years as vice president of public relations firm Burson Marsteller. She founded Patricia Bario Associates, a public relations firm that won the Silver Anvil (the Public Relations Society's highest award) three times. She ran her firm for nearly 25 years before retiring to St. Michaels, Md. Five years ago, Bario moved to Marina Del Rey to be near her two sons, Franco and Marco, both of Los Angeles, and Marco's wife, Holly, and their two children, Emma and Peter.

Dr. Mark J. Brand, 61, of Davenport, Iowa, died in August 2011. Brand was a professor at St. Ambrose

University and was named the 2011 Faculty Member of the Year, the same award he received from Johnson & Wales University in Denver in 2002.

Brand spent his 20s working for a multitude of political candidates, notably handling presidential campaign advance for Rep. Morris "Mo" Udall, Sen. Walter Mondale, Sen. Ted Kennedy, and President Jimmy Carter. Mark also worked for the Department of Transportation under President Carter.

Dr. Thomas Bryant was killed in an automobile collision in December 2011. He was a physician, psychiatrist, and lawyer whose brilliant career included the Carter administration role as chairman of the President's Commission on Mental Health.

After receiving his M.D. and J.D. degrees from Emory University in the late 1960s, Bryant went to Washington as the director of health affairs for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity (the War on Poverty). He then joined the Ford Foundation, where he founded the National Drug Abuse Council, a think tank and advocacy organization in the private sector funded by foundations. After the Carter administration, he became a partner in the New York law firm of Webster & Sheffield and founded the Friends of the National Library of Medicine.

At the time of his death, Bryant was president of the National Foundation for Mental Health, president of the Aspirin Foundation of America, and vice president for outreach of the Hospice Foundation of America.

He was a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the Cosmos Club, and the Century Association and was a founder of the Carter Center Mental Health Task Force and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving board.



Lawrence Eagleburger

Lawrence Eagleburger, career diplomat and senior foreign policy adviser, died in June 2011 at the age of 80. Known primarily for his work with Republican administrations, he joined the State Department in 1957 as a foreign service officer. Melvin Laird, defense secretary under President Nixon, tapped

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Eagleburger as his assistant secretary for international security, and from there, he held scores of positions. He served as executive assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, as President Carter's ambassador to Yugoslavia, as an assistant secretary of state and undersecretary of state under President Reagan, and briefly as the secretary of state under President George H. W. Bush.

Mrs. "Betty Gail" Gunter, longtime supporter of President and Mrs. Carter, died in October 2011. She was born in 1924 in Manhattan, Kan., and grew up in Manhattan and Milwaukee, Wis. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas State University and attended Tobe-Coburn design school in New York.

After World War II, she and her late husband, Bill, moved to Gainesville, Ga., where they lived for 40 years. Following her husband's appointment to the Georgia Supreme Court by then Gov. Jimmy Carter, they also resided at Colony Square in Atlanta.

Peggy Harden of Marietta, Ga., died in May 2012 at Camilla Retirement Village in Camilla, Ga. For 46 years, she was married to Richard Harden, who served as the director of the White House Office of Administration during the Carter years.

Harden supported President Carter's gubernatorial and presidential campaigns and was a Peanut Brigader. She and Richard were active supporters of The Carter Center and very involved in family activities. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Harden was a friend to many and enjoyed helping others.



Gene Lee

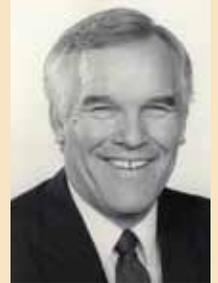
Gene Lee, a Carter Center supporter and husband of Joanne K. Hurley, a special assistant to Stu Eizenstat, died in 2011. Lee was a professor with a multifaceted career as a public servant and distinguished scholar of California government. His scholarly output included extensive writing on state, regional, and local governments and on the administration of higher education.

Lee was a leading administrator of the University of California, twice serving in the office of the president, including as vice president-executive assistant. He was the longtime director of UC Berkeley's Institute

of Governmental Studies during a period in which the institute solidified its existing reputation for nonpartisan research.

Herbert "Herb" Hoover Mabry

passed away in September 2011 at the age of 82. He was president of the Georgia AFL-CIO for 27 years and was named "President Emeritus" upon his retirement in 1999.



Herb Mabry

Mabry led Georgia's unions through difficult and turbulent times, including during the civil rights movement. He was especially proud of his role in promoting the participation of minorities in the labor movement. A dedicated labor representative in Georgia, he still was able to maintain a respectful relationship with the leaders in the business community.

He was an avid supporter and worker in the Peanut Brigade for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaigns. President Carter said, "He was a great labor leader, Georgian, American patriot, and a personal friend of over 40 years. His ability and loyalty were appreciated by all who knew him. His support during my time as governor, the presidential campaigns, and during our time in the White House was key to our successes."

A dedicated "yellow dog" Democrat, Mabry was a member of the Fulton County Democratic Committee, the State Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia, and the Democratic National Committee. He served as delegate to each Democratic National Convention from 1972 to 2000 and was an elector on the ballot for U.S. president in 1992.

Eleanor Mondale



Eleanor Mondale

the vivacious daughter of former Vice President Walter Mondale, died in her home in Minnesota in September 2011 after a long battle with cancer.

The middle of three children born to Walter and Joan Mondale, she was active in her father's political campaigns. She also carved out her own reputation as an entertainment reporter and radio show host. An aspiring actress, she had small television roles in "Three's Company" and "Dynasty."

Mondale got her start in broadcasting as an entertain-

ment reporter at WCCO-TV in Minneapolis. After stints at Minneapolis radio station WLOL-FM, cable television at E! Entertainment and ESPN, and network television on CBS's "This Morning," she returned to Minnesota in 2006 to co-host a weekday morning show on WCCO-AM.

Ellen "Muffie" Meier died in October 2010. Meier was a renowned political consultant who played a pivotal role as adviser to politicians and political causes at every level of government. She had an intuitive personal and professional devotion to her community and was deeply committed to the Zen Hospice Project, where she served as co-president of the board of directors. She was a past member of the Concordia Club of San Francisco and a member of the Congregation Emanu-El.

Henry D. Owen, who worked in the State Department as an economic counselor specializing in international affairs under four presidents between 1946 and 1968, died in November 2011. He was 91.



Henry D. Owen

Owen was an influential diplomat who helped institutionalize global economic summitry in the 1970s and was considered an intellectual framer of the elite roundtable known as the Trilateral Commission. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed him ambassador-at-large for international economic summits. With his counterparts in other countries, he helped set the agenda and sketch the framework for agreements on trade, monetary policy, and energy planning during a period of worldwide recession and anxiety over the Islamic revolution and the unfolding American hostage crisis in Iran.

A soft-spoken man who once said that he owned only one necktie, Owen was content to remain behind the scenes, and he was largely unheralded for his pivotal work. "Prominence and influence are in inverse proportions to each other," he once told *The New York Times*. "The less you are written about in the press, the less other people see you as a threat, and the more attention they pay to your ideas on their merits."

Michael L. Patten, the florist for former Gov. Jimmy Carter, died in August 2011.

Along with his partner, Gerald Asherbranner, Patten worked out of the basement of the governor's mansion,

where they kept flowers in coolers. The late Emily Dolvin (Aunt Sissy) introduced the florists to the Carter family.

Patten and Asherbranner handled arrangements for Christmas parties and events hosted at the governor's mansion during the time Carter held the office, from 1971 to 1975. They proudly accepted an invitation to the presidential inaugural and attended one of the balls, and they arranged flowers for a reception honoring Sissy's nephew's presidential election that was held at her Roswell home.

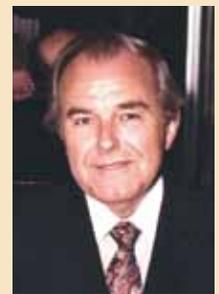
Lawrence Brook Simons died in December 2011 at Hilton Head Hospital. He was 87.

A leading advocate and passionate policymaker for housing issues in America, he became commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration and assistant secretary of housing under President Carter. For four years, he distinguished himself in overseeing the production of hundreds of thousands of safe, decent, affordable housing units. He championed the role of housing as paramount to a great America, the U.S. economy, and the confidence of the American consumer.

In 1980, Simons became a partner in the law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazier, and Murphy where he continued his role as an advocate of housing policy. In 2002, he was admitted into the National Association of Home Builders Hall of Fame for his distinguished work.

James Fred Taylor, self-made businessman and a formidable fixture in Georgia politics for more than four decades, passed away in December 2011.

Once recognized as one of the state's most influential people, Taylor first distinguished himself by helping George Busbee become governor and then serving as his chief of staff. He also helped Zell Miller reach the governor's mansion, was a state fundraising co-chairman for President Jimmy Carter's reelection bid, and was involved with his own son's political career (Mark Taylor, two-term Georgia lieutenant governor). A Democratic Party powerhouse and master politician, Taylor spent more than 30 years in Georgia politics. Though he never ran for office, he was a master at identifying people who should.



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Dot Padgett has these cards and is offering these historic mementos to

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For those who have since married or entered witness protection, be sure to include the name you used at the time you were in the campaign. Also,

Padgett is working on a book about the Peanut Brigade. If you have amusing stories to share, please send them to her, or let her know and she will call you for an interview.



Former Peanut Brigade coordinator Dot Padgett is making enlistment cards available to former Peanut Brigaders.

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