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WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

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“I ask every American to make an enduring commitment to serving your community and your country in whatever way you can. ... And together, we will measure our progress not just in number of hours served or volunteers mobilized – but in the impact our efforts have on the life of this nation..” — President Barack Obama



The 2008-2009 class of White House Fellows meets with First Lady Michelle Obama

On April 24, the current class of Fellows met with Mrs. Obama in the Map Room, where they discussed a wide variety of topics. Mrs. Obama is a strong supporter of the Fellows program and has served previously as a regional panelist in Chicago.

Above: The Diplomatic Reception Room, Below: The Map Room



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Commissioners, Fellows and Friends:

Since President Obama recently announced my appointment to become the Director of the White House Fellows program, it might be surprising that my first letter is a thank you note. But during times of transition, it is critical to have advocates and allies that believe in the mission of the White House Fellows program and therefore sustain and support it. This program has had such advocates since the time of its inception under President Johnson in 1964. People from different regions, political perspectives, and with diverse backgrounds have consistently embraced the ideals of the Program. This new Administration will continue to strengthen that legacy and I look forward to being part of that chapter in the Fellows history.



Director Cindy Moelis

My first note of gratitude is to President and Mrs. Obama. Their commitment to the ideals of this program has been demonstrated not only by their words but also by their actions. They have mentored young leaders throughout their lives. Mrs. Obama was a regional panelist for the Fellows program in Chicago and has already met with this class of Fellows to share her story and learn about their experiences. It is clear that they are deeply supportive of the Fellows program.

I would also like to acknowledge the Senior Staff of the President and First Lady for providing support during the transition and continuing to provide guidance to ensure the Program's success. Peter Rundlet ('97-98), Jackie Norris, Pete Rouse, Don Gips, Chris Lu and David Jacobson deserve special acknowledgement for their extraordinary support.

I would also like to express appreciation to my predecessors for offering guidance and ensuring a smooth transition. I welcome the new staff and thank them for working hard to ensure that the current and next classes of Fellows have a seamless experience. The staff are profiled in this newsletter. Please take a moment to learn about these dynamic and committed individuals.

Finally, thank you to the Fellows, both past and present. Transitions can be exciting but challenging. The current class has had the opportunity to observe and be part of history. Before their Fellowship year is over, they will have met and worked for two Presidents. They will have witnessed the peaceful transition of power between political parties. Change is often unpredictable. Placements and Principals have changed, as well as experiences. I am just getting to know this engaging class of Fellows and am working with them to ensure that the Program's ideals continue to be upheld during their tenure. In my short time here, I have realized that the alumni network is critical to the success of the Program. The alumni have welcomed me through emails from all over the world, as well as drop-by visits to the WHF office. Alumni contribute greatly to the Program whether through their involvement in the selection process or mentoring the current Fellows. Jack LeCuyer, the Director of the WHFF, deserves credit for strengthening and supporting the alumni network for the last 13 years.

Thank you all. It is an honor to be part of the Fellows family and I look forward to working together to continue the legacy that began 45 years ago.

Cindy S. Moelis, Director

EDUCATION EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

Mr. Fred Malek, Chair, Thayer Capital Jan. 29	Chairman Dan Glickman, MPAA Apr. 6
Leadership Retreat Jan. 31	Tour of White House Situation Room Apr. 9
Secretary Jim Nicholson, Former Secretary of Department of Veterans Affairs Feb. 2	White House Easter Egg Roll Apr. 13
Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard Feb. 9	Ambassador Nancy Brinker, Founder, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Apr. 15
Chancellor Michelle Rhee, DC Public Schools Feb. 10	Director Peter Orszag, OMB Apr. 16
Ambassador Peter N.R.O. Ogego, Embassy of Kenya Feb. 11	Mr. David Gergen, Professor, Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government Apr. 17
Mr. David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times Feb. 13	Dr. Zeke Emanuel, Chair, NIH Clinical Center Apr. 21
Rear Admiral Marsha Evans, USN (Ret.) (79-80) Feb. 19	First Lady Michelle Obama Apr. 24
U.S. Supreme Court Oral Argument Feb. 24	Congressman Joe Barton (81-82), U.S. House of Representatives Apr. 27
Mr. Dean Kamen, Founder, DEKA Feb. 25	Mr. Jamie Dimon, CEO & Chairman, JP Morgan Chase Apr. 28
Mr. Marshall Carter (75-76), Deputy Chairman, NYSE Euronext Feb. 26	U.S. Navy SEAL visit May 1
Domestic Policy Trip to Seattle, WA Mar. 2-6	Embark on aircraft carrier USS Harry Truman May 2, 3
Mr. Jim Kimsey, Co-Founder of AOL Mar. 10	Tour of Library of Congress May 5
Tour of Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Mar. 11	Secretary Steven Chu, Department of Energy May 8
Mr. Brit Hume, Former D.C. Managing Editor, FOX News Mar. 16	Senator John McCain, U.S. Senate May 11
Washington National Opera performance Mar. 18	Tour of Ford's Theater May 12
Mr. Mike Feinberg, Co-Founder, KIPP Mar. 19	Admiral Dennis Blair (75-76), Director of National Intelligence May 15
General David Petraeus, Commander, U.S. Central Command Mar. 20	Domestic Policy Trip to New York City May 18-20
Mr. Chris Lu, Cabinet Secretary Mar. 25	Dr. Francis Collins, Former Director of National Human Genome Research Institute May 21
Tour of the Blair House Mar. 30	Ms. Melody Barnes, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council May 22
Lunch with Washington Industrial Roundtable Apr. 1	Lunch with Justice Antonin Scalia and Tour of U.S. Supreme Court May 26

TRIP REPORT

From 2-6 March, the 2008-2009 Fellows traveled to Seattle, WA for their second domestic study trip, designed to explore issues ranging from global health, technology, port security, venture capital and innovation in the Pacific Northwest.

During the early morning hours of March 2nd, inches of snow blanketed the DC-Metro area and threatened our well-choreographed agenda before the second domestic trip formally began. The United States Air Force, which kindly offered the class military air transportation, easily demonstrated its strength and flexibility as we departed Andrews Air Force Base aboard a KC-135 Stratotanker with only minor delay. The next four days were filled with tremendous dialogue, generosity,

and two clear, sunny days that amazed even our hosts; we are a lucky class.



*Ryan Janovic,
placed at the
Federal Acquisition
Service*



2008-2009 Fellows with Mr. Bill Gates

Our studies began with Dr. Leroy Hood and his team at the Institute for Systems Biology. Their revolutionary work and promising advancement of P4 Medicine set the stage for subsequent conversations about the national health care challenge and the clear requirement for innovative, multidisciplinary solutions. While it was difficult to pull Dan Fletcher away from the state-of-the-art equipment lining

the laboratories, we found our way to the Port of Seattle, where we spent several hours examining the challenges inherent with balancing trade, security, and transportation in a condensed urban environment. Travis Matheson ('07-08) met us with a smile and led us through a series of discussions with the United States Coast Guard, the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Ferry Service, and members of the Seattle Fire Department. Later that afternoon, we were pleased to

spend a couple hours with Craig Mundie at the Microsoft Headquarters in Redmond, WA. We enjoyed a fascinating, open discussion with Mr. Mundie and how he sees a role in healthcare, innovation, and corporate leadership during trying times. We had a hard time pulling Sarita James away from her alma mater, but dinner called. And, it was a fabulous dinner with many of our alumni hosts who, collectively, set a tremendous example for how to continue to serve as alumni.



2008-2009 Fellows at McCord AFB before return flight to Washington on board a KC-135 Stratotanker.

TRIP REPORT

Wednesday began in an intimate wood-paneled conference room and ended in the world's largest building by volume. The class was humbled to spend the morning talking with Bill Gates and members of his team at the Gates Foundation. Our lessons in leadership greatly expanded as Mr. Gates shared stories of his early career and his deep belief in continued investment in global health. By lunch we were in Everett, WA and would find ourselves driving through the Boeing Plant with 777's in various stages of development.

Every class tires toward the end of a domestic trip, but few classes have the chance to perk up with a coffee tasting session with the Master Barista of Starbucks. Our tasting was a great experience that well prepared us for the enthusiasm and kindness of Howard Shultz, the CEO of Starbucks, who candidly shared his views on universal health care, the economy, and the power of optimism. Mayor Greg Nickels echoed some of those thoughts from a different perspective and happily welcomed the White House Fellows to a city proud to be a leader in climate change. While a few of our aspiring political leaders yearned to stay with the Mayor, Eyrique Miller was eager to gather the class with a panel of venture capitalists who shed light upon what makes Seattle unique and promising during difficult economic times.

For a fitting conclusion on Friday, we ferried to Port Madison to meet with leaders of the Suquamish Tribe. Standing at the burial site of Chief Seattle, we heard of his early leadership in the Pacific Northwest. By mid-day we were back in the belly of a USAF fuel tanker and completely thrilled that our study had taken us to Seattle. We arrived back in "the other Washington" with new understanding, stronger class bonds, less snow, and a great sense of gratitude to the alumni who graciously made the trip so rewarding.

—Contributed by Ryan Janovic



Fellows and crew after touring a C-17 Globemaster III at McChord AFB (above).



*Fellows on board Fireboat Leschi (above).
Coffee-tasting at Starbucks Headquarters (right).*



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dennis Blair (75-76) is now the Director of National Intelligence.

Lael Brainard (94-95) has been nominated to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs.

Sam Brownback (90-91) has been honored by Refugees International as a recipient of the Congressional Leadership Award. He has been given this award because of his leadership as a champion for humanitarian needs and his advocacy for protecting refugees throughout Africa, including Darfur and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Kurt Campbell (92-93) has been nominated to become an Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Tina Choi (01-02) is the Marketing Director – Europe, for Ashoka in London.

Phil Cullom (94-95) is now Director for Fleet Readiness (N43), Department of the Navy.

Bob Edmonds (95-96) is now Vice President for Government Operations and Strategy for Syndetics, Inc. in Northern Virginia.

Ursie Fairbairn (73-74) has been named an Outstanding Director for 2009 by the Columbia Business School.

Mike Fenzel (00-01) has been selected for early promotion to Colonel by the Army and is now in a doctoral program at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA.

Michael Froman (92-93) is a Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs on the National Security Council.

Karen Galatz (85-86) has been named Executive Director for the Mid-Atlantic Division of the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Juan Garcia (99-00) has been nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Jonathan George (88-89) is the Director of Defense Policies and Capabilities on the National Security Council.

Scott Gould (93-94) was confirmed by the Senate to be Deputy Secretary for Veterans Affairs.

Will Gunn (90-91) has been nominated to be General Counsel for the Department of Veterans Affairs.



2008-2009 Fellows on board USS Harry Truman

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Chuck Hirsch (84-85) is now the Managing Director of MHz, LLC in Seattle.

Fred Kacher (06-07) is the Commanding Officer of the USS Stockdale.

Barry McBee (89-90) is the Vice Chancellor for Government Affairs, The University of Texas System, in Austin, TX.

David Melcher (87-88) has been promoted to President of IIT Defense Electronics & Services in McLean, VA.

David Mulford (65-66), most recently the U.S. Ambassador to India, has been named as Vice Chairman International of Credit Suisse.

Ron Naples (74-75) has been appointed as Chief Accountability Officer for federal stimulus funds for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Governor Ed Rendell.

Anne Neuberger (07-08) has been appointed Deputy Chief Management Officer for the Department of the Navy.

Barbara Paige (93-94) is a Principal for Segora Consulting in Houston, TX.



2008-2009 Fellows at Navy SEAL visit

Dan Poneman (89-90) has been nominated to be the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Ron Quincy (85-86) has been selected as the Founding Director for the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance and as a Professor at Rutgers University in NJ.

Jay Reich (79-80) is moving to Washington D.C. to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke.

Peter Rundlet (97-98) has been appointed Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Staff Secretary to President Obama.

George Sarauskas (79-80) is now the Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Riverside, IL.

John Shephard (88-89) has been named VP for Strategy and Business Development for IIT Defense in Vienna, VA.

Kimberly Till (90-91) is President and CEO of Harris Interactive, Inc. in New York City.

Wayne Tuan (89-90) is now with Value Systems, LLC in Newark, NJ.

George Weathersby (72-73) is the Chief Executive Officer for Young Presidents Organization International (YPOI) headquartered in Wayne, PA.

CLASS OF 1968-69 REUNION

Class of 1968-69 Reunion: Of our 14 surviving classmates, 12 attended - our best turnout ever. Only David Miller and Edgar Kaiser were not able to join us and Edgar had to cancel at the last minute. So we almost had a full house. David's and Edgar's absence did not prevent us from talking about them. But they forfeited the opportunity to rebut all the scandalous things that were said about them.



Left to right: Jack Woodmansee, Bob Haas, Jerry Garbacz, Glen Wegner, Richard Pascale

Classmates drifted into Wye Plantation in Maryland during the day on Friday and socialized informally. Our first event was

dinner on Friday - no agenda, but at the end of dinner, each person, including the 9 spouses present, told us what their single biggest concern or worry was these days. The comments ranged from loose nukes in Pakistan to a teenage grand-daughter suffering from a bad dose of low self esteem and everything in between. We also took time to remember those classmates who are no longer with us: Jim Bockhaus, Jim Connor, David Lelewer, Larry Moss, and Bob Sansom.



Left to right: Chuck Larson, Glen Wegner, and Hud Drake

On Saturday, we assembled in the main salon - a grand room that

easily accommodated our group of 21 - and spent literally the whole day (9am-6pm) going around the room with each of us talking about anything we wanted - what we've been doing for the last 10 years (or in some cases since our Fellows year), our current lives, big worries, etc.

The day concluded with most of us sitting around another big table on the back terrace. We focused on how the class can support the WHF Program and agreed on some actions that we can take individually and as a class to recapture the flavor of the early years of the program. John Gardner would have been proud to have participated directly and we all felt his presence in every discussion.

Sunday morning was mostly socializing over breakfast again on the back terrace with people drifting off again through lunchtime and afternoon departures.



First row (left to right): Richard Pascale, Jack Woodmansee, Gene Dewey, Paul Anderson, Caro Lubrs and Hudson Drake. Second row (left to right): Jerry Garbacz, Chuck Larson, Glen Wegner, Bob Haas, Bob Joss and Tom Williams.



Paul Anderson and Caro Lubrs

As organizer of the reunion, I note: "The Aspen facility at Wye is ideal for a class reunion -- convenient, very private, elegant surroundings in the countryside, not too expensive, the right scale, high quality meeting facilities, etc. If any of the other classes are interested, I would be happy to connect them with the right people there. As an Aspen trustee, I think that I would probably get a slightly better response from the Wye staff than the average bear."

— Contributed by Paul Anderson (68-69)

CLASS OF 1970-71 REUNION

The Class of 70-71 gathered in Asheboro, North Carolina at the home of Jane and Keith Crisco for their sixth annual class reunion. This is the second of the reunions hosted by Jane and Keith. We are ready to make them permanent hosts.

Activities included tours of the great pottery studios near Asheboro, a visit to Victory Junction Gang Camp, a camp established by the Petty family in honor of their son Kyle for children with serious medical problems, and dinner at the North Carolina Zoo.



Left to right: Carmen Queral, Gerry and Charles Gentry, Burn Loeffke, Ron Baukol, Keith Crisco



Left to right: Mel Copen, John Hanson, Dana Mead, Ron Baukol upon arrival at the Crisco's home.

Asheboro should be on everyone's list for a visit. All three activities showed North Carolina at its best.

Evening activities included ego wrestling among the fellows and polite resignation among the spouses. There were lots of serious hugs and great memories. Eleven of the original 17 were there.

—Contributed by Mel Copen (70-71)



Left to right: Dana Mead, Sharon Coleman, Charles Gentry, Gerry Gentry, Tom O'Brien, Stephanie Hanson, John Hanson, Jane Crisco, Nancy Mead, Rod Coleman, Liz Klass, Dick Klass, Keith Crisco, host Patti Petty, Marshall Turner, Carmen Queral, Ann Turner, Gay Baukol, Burn Loeffke, Ron Baukol, Beverly Copen, Mel Copen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Secretary Eric Shinseki,
Department of Veterans Affairs

Director Placido Domingo,
Washington National Opera

Mr. Robert Gibbs, White House Press
Secretary

Tour of The National Archives

Judge Richard Leon, U.S. District Court for the
District of Columbia and Mr. John Podesta,
President, Center for American Progress

Secretary Robert Gates,
Department of Defense

Secretary Shaun Donovan, Department of
Housing & Urban Development

Secretary Ray LaHood,
Department of Transportation

Ms. Penny Pritzker, President and CEO
Pritzker Realty Group

Ms. Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant
to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and
Public Liaison

Mr. Walter Isaacson, President and CEO,
The Aspen Institute

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHF Foundation & Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, October 22-24, 2009
“The Challenge of Change — Making Things Happen in a Democracy”
Special Room Rates at the Capitol Hilton, 202-393-1000
Mention code WHF for \$289/night rate

WHF Selection Week for the class of 2009-2010, June 17-20, 2009



2008-2009 Fellows before boarding aircraft bound for USS Harry Truman

MEET THE STAFF

Cindy Moelis most recently served as the Executive Director of the Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation, supporting efforts to improve Chicago's public education system. Earlier in her career, Cindy promoted social justice and youth development as an Assistant to Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley, as well as during her time working for the President of the MacArthur Foundation. Moelis holds an undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. Her supportive spouse, Bob Rivkin (General Counsel at the Department of Transportation) and their three wonderful children: Stephanie (18), Claire (13), and Alexander (11) are all moving to Washington DC this year. Stephanie will be attending Yale University this fall.

Gabe Cohen joins the Fellows staff as the Deputy Director, after nearly two years working for Obama for America, managing various Western states in the primary and serving as General Election Director in Pennsylvania. Gabe is a former resident of Denver, Colorado, where he was an active community member and communications consultant. Prior to that he was a CORO Fellow in Public Affairs in Pittsburgh and graduate of Carnegie Mellon's Heinz School of Public Policy. Living up to the Colorado cliché, he skis and enjoys hiking and camping.

Erika Henderson joins the Fellows team as the Education Director, following almost a year of working for Obama for America on the National Advance Team. Prior to that, she worked over 15 years in the field of higher education. Erika is originally from Houston, Texas. Erika received a B.S. in Business Management and a M.A. in Counseling from Hampton University, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education from George Washington University.

Lindsey Trent served as the Deputy Director of the Fellows Program from 2006-2007. In 2007, she moved to England with her husband for graduate studies, and upon her return last Fall, she re-joined the team as a consultant for the recent Presidential transition. She will now assume a new role as the Director of Communications. Lindsey is originally from Austin, Texas, and received her B.A. in Speech Communications from Texas A&M University.

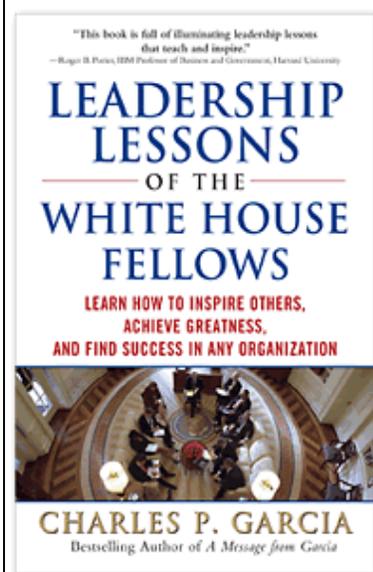
Annick Febrey joins the Fellows team as the Staff Assistant, following nearly two years working for Obama for America in six different states across the country. Prior to that, she served with International Justice Mission, a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of abuse and violent oppression. Annick is originally from the D.C. area and received her B.A. in Policy Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



Pandoria Nobles-Jones has been the Administrative Officer since March 2000. Prior to the White House Fellows Program, she worked at the Library of Congress and the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Virginia. She is married and resides in the District of Columbia.

*Left to right: Lindsey Trent,
Cindy Moelis, Pandoria Nobles-Jones,
First Lady Michelle Obama,
Annick Febrey, Gabe Cohen,
Erika Henderson*

WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS BOOKSHELF



Leadership Lessons of the White House Fellows by Charles Garcia (88-89) was published on May 18 and is now available in bookstores.

Charlie is donating all royalties from the book to the White House Fellows Foundation and Association.
Get your copy now!

IN MEMORIAM

Charles M. Maguire
Class of 1965-66
February 14, 1930 - April 25, 2009

Brooke Shearer
Former Director
July 28, 1950 - May 19, 2009

ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

The White House Fellows Program is a non-partisan program that offers exceptional young leaders firsthand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government.

Fellowship Selection Criteria:

- A record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career.
- Evidence of strong leadership skills and the potential for further growth.
- A demonstrated commitment to public service.
- The knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the highest levels of the Federal government.

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