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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Senate Wives Red
Cross Luncheon —
Mrs. Ford wore outfit
~~of~~ Joan Leslie by
Kasper - white knit
skirt; ~~top steered~~ blue knit
top with epaulets on
shoulder.

pas de deux

Frio

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sen. Wives
Red Cross
Luncheon (Capitol
(April '22)

Mrs. Ford - notes on
remarks

26 yrs. here - made
a good many trips
to Mt. Vernon. Wonderful
& perfect for Bicentennial
we're getting reared up for.
How grateful -

I miss you & will
sneak in on Tues. &
help Red Cross.

Happy to be here -
This year Luncheon
easier for me than
last years. Thank you

WASHINGTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

Gen. Wines
West Cross
Washington Capital
5 April 52

Maria Davis
224-6348

I was very glad to
hear from you and
hope you are well.
I am sure you will
continue to be very
helpful to the
cause for the
children of the
South. I am sure
you will continue to
be a great help to
the cause.

File under

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

★ Receiving line -

★ center pieces all reflect

① colonial times - toaster,
plate made of pewter,
Cooper Skillet, pipkins
Menu: Explanation

② Shed we very plentiful
in that day.

~~Crab~~ Crab ~~soup~~ soup - Wash
liked it. so did
Eisenhower

Recipes available



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Va. Allen - Ale.

Legettes to honored victims
have made nearly 1000 garments

1265 dressings to be made
a blood bank.

Mrs. Rockefeller intro.

Mrs. Curtis -

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson

Mrs. Henry Wallace

Mrs. Spiro Agnew

Mrs. James Schles.

Mrs. Roger Minton

Mrs. Earl Bantz

Mrs. John Dunlop

Mrs. T



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bicentennial News

Manuscript
2 prints

by Henry
Huges middle of
1800's. George Washington

Home Wakefield - ^(engraving) 1830

last home Mt. Vernon

Presented to Mrs. Ford.

—
Mrs.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Principal dancer in NY ^{City} Ballet
Natl Council of the Arts. ^{Camp.}
Music by John Philip Sousa
Ballet - classical
Choreography by Balanchine
1st performed in 1968
for Furelle.

Mr. Carter - one of the
nicest times
I worked ~~many~~ Ballets.



Mrs. Clair Engle
434 New Jersey Ave. S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

March 26, 1975

Mrs. Sheila Weidenfeld
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Weidenfeld:

Each spring, The Ladies of the Senate give a luncheon honoring our First Lady. This year we are entertaining Mrs. Ford on Tuesday, April 22, 1975. The luncheon will be given in the Caucus Room of the Senate Office Building.

Mrs. Ford will arrive at 12:00 noon and will be met by Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, the President of the Ladies of the Senate; Mrs. Lawton Chiles, Chairman of the luncheon; and Mrs. J. Glenn Beall, Co-Chairman of the luncheon, who will escort her to the Caucus Room.

Other guests invited include the wives of former Presidents, the wives of former Vice-Presidents, and wives of Members of the Cabinet.

The press and photographers are invited to the Caucus Room for a preview of the luncheon between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. when a press information sheet, giving details about the committee, decorations, menu, entertainment, etc. will be available.

The committee requests that the press and photographers leave the Caucus Room promptly at 11:30 and move out to the hall to await the arrival of the luncheon guests.

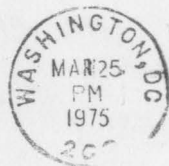
Sincerely,

Clair Engle

Mrs. Clair Engle
Publicity Chairman

P.S. Perhaps you would like to post this info on the press room bulletin board if you have such.





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Mrs. Sheila Weidenfeld
The White House
Washington, D. C.


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434 New Jersey Ave. S. E.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

VIA: RED CAVANEY 

FROM: PETER SORUM

SUBJECT: YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE
SENATE WIVES LUNCHEON
S-318 Old Senate Office Building
Tuesday, April 22, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for your attendance at the Senate Wives Luncheon.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____



BACKGROUND

The Ladies of the Senate meet once a week to tie bandages for the Red Cross. Each spring they honor the First Lady at luncheon at the Senate, with a reciprocal luncheon at the White House which you will host on May 5. By tradition, you will join the Cabinet Wives and the Wives of the Vice President and former Vice Presidents in a Receiving Line prior to the luncheon.

Following the luncheon, a program with entertainment will include a presentation to you of two antique prints as a gift from the Senate Wives. A brief response of appreciation is appropriate.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
SENATE WIVES LUNCHEON
S-318 Old Senate Office Building
Tuesday, April 22, 1975

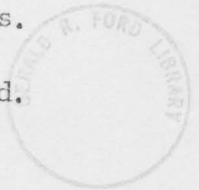
- 11:45 am Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Old Senate Office Building (Elevator Entrance).

[Driving time: 10 minutes]
- 11:55 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Old Senate Office Building.

Mrs. Ford will be met by:
Mrs. Nelson (Happy) Rockefeller
Mrs. Lawton (Rhea) Chiles
Mrs. J. Glenn (Nancy) Beall
- 11:58 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs.
Chiles, and Mrs. Beall, proceeds to the Caucus
Room of the Old Senate Office Building.
- 12:00 noon Mrs. Ford arrives Caucus Room entrance.

NOTE: Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Rockefeller,
Mrs. Chiles, and Mrs. Beall will pause
briefly for press pool photo coverage.
- 12:15 pm Mrs. Ford joins receiving line to greet guests.
- 12:40 pm Mrs. Ford proceeds to her table and is seated.
- 12:42 pm Invocation by Mrs. Henry Bellmon.
- 12:45 pm Luncheon is served.



NOTE: During luncheon Mrs. Fritz Hollings will introduce Mrs. Russell Long, Mrs. Mark Hatfield, and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller for remarks.

- 1:30 pm Luncheon concludes.
- 1:31 pm Mrs. Hollings introduces Mrs. Roman Hruska and Mrs. James Allen for committee reports.
- 1:35 pm Mrs. Carl Curtis introduces honored guests.
- 1:38 pm Mrs. Henry Jackson presents gift to Mrs. Ford.
- 1:40 pm Mrs. Ford responds.

NO PRESS COVERAGE

- 1:43 pm Response concludes.
- 1:44 pm Mrs. Harrison Williams introduces Edward Villella of the New York City Ballet for entertainment.
- 2:00 pm Entertainment concludes.
- 2:05 pm Mrs. Ford departs luncheon table en route motorcade for boarding.
- 2:10 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Old Senate Office Building en route South Grounds.
- [Driving time: 10 minutes]
- 2:20 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

Press Information Sheet

Luncheon given by The Ladies of the Senate
in honor of Mrs. Ford

April 22, 1975
Caucus Room - Senate Office Building

Committee:

Chairman	Mrs. Lawton Chiles
Co-Chairmen	Mrs. J. Glenn Beall
Gift Chairman	Mrs. Henry M. Jackson
Co-Chairman	Mrs. James L. Buckley
Decorations Chairman	Mrs. Russell Long
Co-Chairman	Mrs. Jesse Helms
Menu Chairman	Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield
Co-Chairman	Mrs. Sam Nunn
Entertainment Chairman	Mrs. Harrison A. Williams
Co-Chairman	Mrs. Dewey F. Bartlett
Hostess and Seating Chairman	Mrs. Carl T. Curtis
Chairmen Pre-Luncheon Procedure	Mrs. Ernest F. Hollings Mrs. Gaylord Nelson
Publicity Chairman	Mrs. Clair Engle
Prayer	Mrs. Henry Bellmon
Chairmen, Invitation and Ticket	Mrs. Milton R. Young Mrs. Ted Stevens
Decorations	"A Glimpse of a Colonial Kitchen" Bi-centennial theme; culinary artifacts from Mt. Vernon and The Octagon. Herbs from National Cathedral Gardens.
Menu	Martha Washington's Crab Soup Mt. Vernon Specialties Revolutionary Cornbread Bisketts Herb Garden Salad Minuteman Trifle Spirits (Tavel Rose) Coffee



Entertainment

Stars and Stripes
Pas de Deux
Music: Sousa - Kay
Choreography: Balanchine
VIOLETTE VERDY EDWARD VILLELLA
 Courtesy New York City Ballet

Gift

The gift for Mrs. Ford from The Ladies of the Senate is a pair of small prints (2½" x 3"): one of Wakefield, the original residence of the George Washington family and the other of Mt. Vernon. They were done by Henry Hays who, along with his son by the same name, was producing about 1850.

The only social activity of The Ladies of the Senate is giving the luncheon each year for the First Lady. The usual activity of the group is making blood bank sponges, layettes, and knitted garments for the Red Cross every Tuesday in Room 155 of the Old Senate Office Building.



SENATE WIVES LUNCHEON FOR MRS. FORD APRIL 22

- 11:00 Everything should be in place in the room and on tables ready for food service.
Sherry and glasses ready at opposite end of room from committee table
Press review of room hosted by Lou Engle
- 11:30 Press people leave room
Senate wives convene
Sherry is served (at least two people serving)
Ann Stevens to be at station in hall to receive dues
- 11:45 Cabinet wives and special guests arrive to be greeted by hostesses appointed by Mildred Curtis who will give them their nametags and see that they have sherry
- 11:50 Mrs. Rockefeller arrives and is to be greeted by Nancy Beall and Rhea Chiles. All three will go to downstairs elevator entrance to meet Mrs. Ford.
- 12:00 Mrs. Ford arrives with escort committee. Peatsey to see that Mrs. Ford and Mrs Rockefeller are offered sherry upon arrival.
- 12:15 Peatsey to supervise forming of receiving line. Hostesses should guide cabinet wives to left of door as you enter where line will form. Peatsey will have order of line for receiving line.
- 12:45 SEATED

PROGRAM

Peatsey introduces Shirley Bellmon for invocation
During lunch Peatsey will give short welcome and introduce Carolyn Long to give remarks about artifacts and Antoinette Hatfield who will talk of Colonial food.
Peatsey introduces Mrs. Rockefeller
After coffee is served Peatsey will introduce Vicki Hruska and Maryon Allen for red cross committee reports
Also Mildred Curtis to introduce honored guests
Also Helen Jackson who will present gift to Mrs. Ford
Mrs. Ford responds
Peatsey introduces Jeannette Williams who will introduce Edward Villella and instruct the ladies as to procedure for viewing entertainment.

Properties:

Decorations, tablecloths, chairs and tables and palms - Carolyn Long
Lectern and mike - Nancy Beall
Dancing platform and leaning benches - Jeannette Williams
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Not Just A Lunch, a Production

By Betty Beale

Washington Star Staff Writer

Mrs. Spiro Agnew had a new, blonde hairdo. Happy Rockefeller was there for the first time and in a uniform. Lady Bird Johnson wore brown and white plaid and a broad smile. And Betty Ford arrived wearing epaulettes on her navy blue top, a subtle suggestion of the military that seemed made to order for the Bicentennial theme.

Wednesday, April 23, 1975

The Washington Star C-7



AND THERE WERE such oldtime ex-Senate wives as Mrs. Tom Connally, whose husband was chairman of the Foreign

said the erect, elegant-looking Texan.

When it was all over, Mrs. Ford walked out with the couple's gift to her

—Wakefield and Mt. Vernon—chosen by Helen Jackson and Anne Buckley.

As for Villella, he will be back on May 8 to deliver

"There isn't a woman alive," said Verdy, "daughter, mother or grandmother, who doesn't adore Villella."

Dining and Dancing

By Sally Quinn

"Yes," he said, It was, in fact, the first time he had ever danced at a lunch. cerned that it has made very pleasant what could have been a very tedious and dif-

