

# Whistle Stop

Preserving the Legacy of America's 33rd President

## Institute Awarded Prestigious Save America's Treasures Grant

Last month, the chairman for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Bruce Cole, called the Truman Library Institute to announce it had been awarded a \$125,000 Save America's Treasure grant to restore and preserve the office in which Harry S. Truman conducted the personal, political and diplomatic business of his post-presidential years.

Following the former president's death in 1972, Truman's office became popular with Library visitors, who enjoy viewing the contents through an outside window facing the courtyard. But the cumulative effects of more than 30 years of exposure have taken a serious toll on Truman's office, which was designed as administrative space and is lacking museum-quality environmental controls. The long-term survival of the historical contents of President Truman's office has been seriously threatened, making the preservation of Truman's office the Truman Library Institute's number one funding priority.

"This grant will provide crucial funding as we address the urgent preservation needs of this rare treasure in presidential history," said Michael Devine, director of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum. "Winning this prestigious national award underscores the importance of preserving President Truman's office at the Truman Library."

The total scope of the Truman Working Office renovation includes the creation of an exhibit pavilion with engaging interpretive exhibits emphasizing the precedents Truman set for his Library and for the entire presidential library system. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in 2007 to help mark the Truman Library's 50th anniversary.

## Kofi Annan Delivers Farewell Address from Truman Library

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivered his last major speech—"Global Governance and the Role of the United States"—at the Truman Presidential Library & Museum on Dec. 11. Recalling Truman's leadership in the founding of the United Nations, Annan shared five lessons which, he says, apply to those who exercise power in today's world.

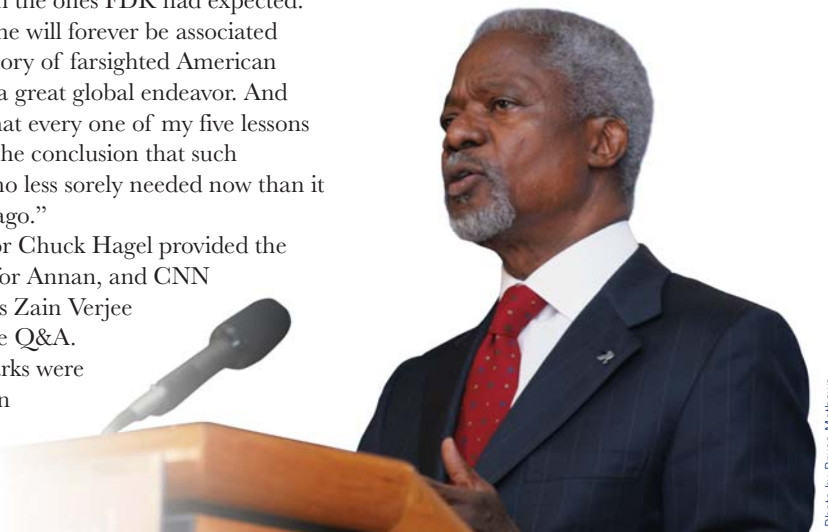
"I think it's especially fitting that I do that here in the house that honors the legacy of Harry S. Truman," Annan said. "If FDR was the architect of the United Nations, President Truman was the master-builder, and the faithful champion of the organization in its first years, when it had to face quite different problems from the ones FDR had expected. Truman's name will forever be associated with the memory of farsighted American leadership in a great global endeavor. And you will see that every one of my five lessons brings me to the conclusion that such leadership is no less sorely needed now than it was 60 years ago."

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel provided the introduction for Annan, and CNN International's Zain Verjee moderated the Q&A. Annan's remarks were delivered to an



Senator Chuck Hagel, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, Nane Annan, Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Stephene Moore, Congressman Dennis Moore

overflow crowd at the Truman Library and carried around the world by international news media. In addition, nearly 16,000 people logged onto [www.trumanlibrary.org](http://www.trumanlibrary.org) for the live webcast.



### ANNAN'S FIVE LESSONS OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

1. In today's world, the security of every one of us is linked to that of everyone else.
2. We are not only all responsible for each other's security. We are also, in some measure, responsible for each other's welfare. Global solidarity is both necessary and possible.
3. Both security and development ultimately depend on respect for human rights and the rule of law.
4. Governments must be accountable for their actions in the international arena, as well as in the domestic one.
5. The fifth and final lesson derives inescapably from those other four. We can only do all these things by working together through a multilateral system, and by making the best possible use of the unique instrument bequeathed to us by Harry Truman and his contemporaries, namely the United Nations.

View the video and complete transcript of Kofi Annan's address at [www.trumanlibrary.org](http://www.trumanlibrary.org).

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## Remembering President Gerald R. Ford



**W**e honor the memory and legacy of Gerald R. Ford, the 38th president of the United States. Born July 14, 1913 in Omaha, Nebraska, President Ford was the first vice president chosen under the terms of the Twenty-fifth Amendment, and the first to succeed a president forced to resign his office in the aftermath of a scandal. In the Oval Office, President Ford faced the challenges of inflation, economic depression, energy shortages and a continuing Cold War.

**It was  
President Ford  
who signed  
the legislation  
establishing the  
Harry S. Truman  
Scholarship  
Foundation.**

In a curious coincidence, President Ford's passing marked the 34th anniversary of Harry S. Truman's death, December 26,

1972. "It is remarkable that the two died on the same day of the year," said Ray Geselbracht, interim deputy director of the Truman Library, "especially given the fact that during the 1976 presidential campaign, Gerald Ford looked to President Truman as a model of a candidate running from behind." Geselbracht also noted that it was President Ford who signed the legislation establishing the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, the nation's official memorial to President Truman.

President Ford was an admirer of Harry S. Truman and a friend of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum and Truman Library Institute, coining the enduring moniker for Truman's Library—"Classroom for Democracy."

### Ford on Truman

**O**ne of my long-time associates reminded me that one of the first things a new President usually does is choose which portraits of three Presidents should be hung in the Cabinet Room. 'We will leave President Eisenhower right where he is,' I said, 'and of course, I want Abraham Lincoln.' 'To balance it off,' this associate of mine said, 'how about Andy Jackson?'....'No, Harry Truman,' I said. 'He knew where the buck stops, and he was never afraid of the heat in the kitchen.'

*May 8, 1976, on the occasion of dedicating the Harry S. Truman Statue in Independence, Missouri*

## Truman Library Deputy Director Resigns

**T**he Truman Library and Institute bade a fond farewell to Deputy Director Scott Roley on Monday, January 22, 2007. Roley is leaving a long and distinguished career with the National Archives and Records Administration and returning to his hometown of Bellingham, Washington to be near family.

In Bellingham, Roley will assume the position of Community Engagement Program Manager for Washington Campus Compact, based at Western Washington University. He will be

responsible for overseeing the Students in Service AmeriCorps program—more than 30 sites in Washington and Idaho—and for coordinating an annual Continuums of Service-learning conference serving six west coast states.

"Scott has been an extraordinarily valuable member of the management team at the Truman Library," said Mike Devine, director. "He has served NARA with distinction for twenty years. All of us wish Scott and his family the best in their future endeavors."



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50 YEARS

# LEGACY of LEADERSHIP



U.S. Congressman Ike Skelton

## *The Truman Doctrine* BY IKE SKELTON

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum, *Whistle Stop* will feature reflections on the legacy of President Harry S. Truman. In this installment, U.S. Congressman and Armed Services Committee Chair Ike Skelton shares the lessons he learned from President Truman's leadership. Congressman Skelton is honorary co-chair of the Library's 50th anniversary events.

Harry Truman's legacy serves as a polestar for today's leaders and, one hopes, for the leaders of tomorrow.

The verdict of history seems to be that Truman acquitted himself remarkably well on the world stage. As my late friend Sheriff Gene Darnell used to say, "The best politics is doing a good job," and Truman certainly fit that bill. But I don't believe historians necessarily do justice in describing three qualities that define Harry Truman for me.

First, I always found him to be an extremely kind and compassionate man. I will never forget his kindness to me, the letters he wrote to me when I was in the hospital as a teenager, and the encouragement he gave me to run for public office.

Second, Truman did not suffer fools or disloyalty. Everyone knows about Truman's controversial decision to fire General MacArthur. In the years that have since passed, the principled stand taken by Truman to preserve civilian control of the military looks better and better.

Third, President Truman was a straight shooter. In September 1958, I attended a Democratic dinner in Liberty, Missouri, and Truman was the principal speaker. In remarks that were not covered by the press at the time, Truman claimed Dwight D. Eisenhower was the worst President since Ulysses S. Grant. Although Truman and Eisenhower later became friends, he certainly didn't mince any words that election season.

I have had the question put to me several times: "With Harry Truman at the helm,

would our ship of state be different than it is today?" People often try to make sense of the world by seeking parallels in history. Some have suggested that there are a number of parallels between the state of the world faced by Truman during the early days of the Cold War and our situation today as our country confronts two wars – the global war on terror and the insurgency in Iraq.

I am not really convinced by this point of view. Revisiting the many trials faced by Truman during his Presidency, and recognizing how he successfully managed those challenges, may give us hope that we too will overcome the threats that confront us today. But beyond that, instead of trying to stretch the historical analogies past the breaking point, I think that we would be better off trying to emulate the common sense and values we admire so much about Truman.

President Truman liked to tell the story about the grave marker in Tombstone, Arizona, that read, "Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damndest." Truman always strived to do just that – to do his damndest – that is, to do his best. I try to do

the same, and I think that's about the highest praise a person can receive.

As an inspiration to leaders and to people in all walks of life, Truman has few equals. His strength of character, his firm leadership, and his integrity were the guiding lights of his service to America.

The life of the great Harry Truman will always remind us how much a person can contribute through a life of public service. I am honored to have the opportunity to try to follow his example.

*Excerpted from a speech given on the front steps of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum, where the City of Independence presented the Harry S. Truman Award for Public Service to Congressman Ike Skelton.*

Here are a few of the lessons from Truman's example that have inspired me and that I have tried to adopt in my own life, both personally and professionally.

- 1 Genuinely care about people, surround yourself with good people, and be loyal to your friends.
- 2 Keep your word, reject arrogance, and never give cause to lose your good name.
- 3 Know your history, love this country and its institutions, and never forget the privilege and responsibility of representing others.
- 4 Be persistent and determined, learn from mistakes, but most important, always do what's right.

# A Day with Caroline Kennedy

PHOTOS BY BRUCE MATHEWS

Caroline Kennedy made a very special appearance at the Truman Presidential Library & Museum on Saturday, Nov. 18 to open the exhibition *A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls*. Hosted by the Truman Library Institute with Clifton Truman Daniel, Caroline Kennedy and her husband Ed Schlossberg began their day at the Truman Home, then toured the Library and Museum before sharing lunch with nearly 80 contributors and volunteers. Following lunch, Ms. Kennedy toured the exhibition with girl scouts from Harry

Truman's hometown, then graciously signed books for the enthusiastic crowd, some of whom traveled from as far away as Des Moines and Chicago. "A Day with Caroline Kennedy" drew more than 1,000 visitors and was sponsored exclusively by Jean and Don Wagner. Exhibition sponsors include Allen and Barbara Lefko; Build-a-Bear Workshop, Inc.; KUDL; Comcast; Time Warner Cable; and The Kansas City Star. *A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls* is on loan from the John F. Kennedy Library and runs through March 15, 2007.



Caroline Kennedy addresses capacity crowd before signing books.



Bill and Barbara Nelson, Ed Schlossberg, Caroline Kennedy, and Beth Smith



The opening of *A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls* drew more than 1,000 visitors to the Truman Library.



Caroline Kennedy tours exhibition, *A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls* with children.



Caroline Kennedy greets Cindy and Ken McClain, Mary Hunkeler, and Barbara and Allen Lefko.



Betsey Solberg greets Caroline Kennedy.

## *A Child in the White House* CAROLINE KENNEDY'S DOLLS

**WHAT:** Traveling exhibition featuring more than 80 dolls from around the world, highlighted by Kennedy family photos and home movies; interactive activities for young children.

**WHEN:** Now through March 15, 2007

**COST:** Free with Museum admission (\$7 adult)

Caroline Kennedy with Jean Wagner, exclusive sponsor of "A Day with Caroline Kennedy"





Ed Schlossberg, Caroline Kennedy, Library Director Michael Devine, Jean Wagner, Jill Dean, Nicky Bunch, and Pam McKee tour Harry Truman's office.



Clifton Truman Daniel, President Truman's eldest grandson, tours the Museum with Caroline Kennedy.

Shawsie Branton shares a gift with Caroline Kennedy.



Caroline Kennedy and husband Ed Schlossberg review documents with Supervisory Archivist Amy Williams.



## FIRST KIDS

A Public Program Presented in Conjunction with *A Child in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls*

**WHAT:** Talk & Book Signing with author Gibbs Davis

**DESCRIPTION:** Kids will be kids—even when they live in the White House! From Tad Lincoln (secretly called a “tyrant”) to the Roosevelt gang (who kept a pet badger, a rat, dogs, snakes, horses, parrots, and a one-legged chicken!) to the Kennedys (who used the oval office as a playground) to Chelsea Clinton, the children featured in *First Kids* shared a unique experience and role in American history.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Truman Library Auditorium

**COST:** Free with Museum admission (just \$3 for kids)

**EXTRA:** Perfect for primary students; get your copy of *First Kids* at the Museum Store.



## Savvy Estate Planning Leave Your IRA to Charity

**W**hen building your estate plan and deciding how to allocate your assets, make sure the IRS isn't a major beneficiary. To preserve your assets and satisfy your charitable inclinations, SmartMoney.com suggests leaving your IRA to the charity of your choice.

“Our tax laws make a traditional IRA a terrible asset to leave to a loved one,” says SmartMoney.com, “because IRA balances are potentially subject to double, triple or even quadruple taxation.” First, IRA balances are subject to federal estate tax that will slash your balance by 45% or more. Next, federal income tax rates run as high as 35%. Finally, the state can come in to claim income and estate taxes.

You can preserve your hard-earned savings, however, by leaving your IRA to the non-profit organization of your choice. Unlike other beneficiaries—say, your kids—the non-profit named as your account beneficiary will receive 100% of your traditional IRA.

Once you have provided for your loved ones, we hope you will consider a bequest to the Truman Library Institute, the non-profit partner of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum. Your gift—large or small—will help preserve the legacy of Harry S. Truman and enrich the public's understanding of history, the presidency, public policy and citizenship.

For more information about including the Truman Library in your estate plan, please contact Alex Burden, executive vice president, at (816) 268-8243 or alex.burden@nara.gov.



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50 YEARS

# BUILDING a DREAM

Truman Aides Reflect on Library's 50th Anniversary

## HST's Honor Roll

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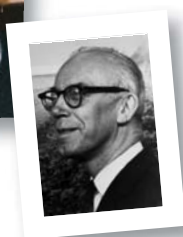
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**Ken Hechler**

Special Assistant to the President, 1949-1953



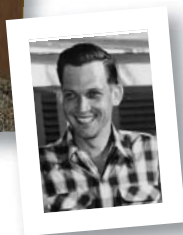
**Milton P. Kayle**

Writer, Public Affairs Institute, 1948; Budget Analyst, Legislative Reference Division, Bureau of the Budget, 1949-57; Assistant General Counsel, Office of Defense Mobilization, 1951; Special Assistant in the White House Office, 1951-53



**George Elsey**

White House Map Room, 1941-46; Assistant to the Special Counsel to the President, 1947-49; Administrative Assistant to the President, 1949-51



Last September, the Truman Library played host to a rare convergence of minds and personalities when three senior members of President Truman's White House staff—George Elsey, Ken Hechler, and Milton P. Kayle—gathered at the Truman Library. Following interviews with Kansas City's local ABC affiliate, we asked the three about Harry Truman and his presidential library.

### What kind of person was President Truman?

**MK** When I was on the White House staff, the White House was being renovated, so the President and Mrs. Truman were living across in the Blair House. Whenever we'd come down to work on a Saturday or a Sunday, invariably the president would say, "I just left the boss across the street. I want you to know I appreciate so much your leaving your wives or your sweethearts to come down here." Invariably, he would say that. He was a considerate man, no question about it.

**KH** As a very junior member of the White House staff from 1949 to 1953, I was treated by President Truman equally with those who got the headlines like Clark Clifford and the more senior members of the staff. [He had a] down-to-earth, homespun, genuine love of people which is exhibited as you go through the Library. You can feel that personality, you can feel the fact that he loved all types of people—rich, poor, black, white, whatever religion or origin—he simply loved people, and the Library exudes that fact.



50 years ago, President Truman envisioned its presidential library as a center for discovery about our nation's democracy. Former aide George Else declared, "It has become that."



**2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum. How do you feel Truman's Library serves the public, and what role does it play in a healthy democracy?**

**GE** When President Truman first began to talk to me about his legacy, and his papers and where they should go, I suggested he think very seriously about leaving his papers to the Library of Congress and not follow the Roosevelt example of a library on an estate, because if presidents scattered their papers all over the country it would be extremely difficult for scholars to do their research. He said, "You don't understand. I want more than a library. I want it to be a center of learning. I want my Library to be a place where students—boys and girls from grade school on up—can learn what government is all about and how government works. That's more interesting to me than where my papers are stored." So from the very beginning President Truman had this goal for his Library, and I think it has—with programs like The White House Decision Center—admirably fulfilled his aim and goal. He wanted it to be a living museum, and it has become that.

**KH** While President Truman was alive, he demonstrated what he wanted the Library to be. As visitors came, he would personally greet them and tell them, in his own words, the personalities and the policies of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin and other founders of our republic. After his death, the Library has built on that kind of educational experience so that everyone who visits the Library can have an opportunity to see how government operates, as well as President Truman's role in that government. The recent Churchill exhibition [*Churchill and the*

*Great Republic*, Aug. 19 – Oct. 15, 2006] is a good example of how the Library doesn't confine itself to President Truman but to other leaders throughout the world.

**If Harry Truman walked through his Library today, what do you think he'd be most proud of?**

**GE** I think he'd be most proud of The White House Decision Center, because it brings students in and gives them a feel for how government works and how tough it is to make decisions. It requires thought, it requires dedication, it requires devotion, and always you have to keep your eye on the long-range goals of what's best for this nation.

**Milton, you are a Board member of the Truman Library Institute, the fund-raising arm of the Truman Library. What message do you have for supporters, or those who might consider supporting the mission of the Truman Library?**

**MK** The thing that stands in my mind about President Truman is what he said about history: "There's nothing new except the history you don't know." David McCullough, in particular, has been very critical of the nature of teaching at the elementary levels today where children are not learning about our country the way we did in our day. The Truman Library stands for a very important proposition: of letting generations know what happened to make this the great nation we are. The exhibits and programs are not confined only to what Harry Truman did but to what other very important presidents and personalities did. That's the message of the Truman Library and why it's so very important.

# The Buck Stops Here

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Lately, it seems everyone is talking about Harry Truman. Here we turn the tables and challenge you to identify the person talked about by Harry Truman.

- 1 "The greatest public figure of our time."
  - a. Winston Churchill
  - b. Joseph Kennedy
  - c. Daniel Webster
- 2 "He's worse than the Cabots and the Lodges—at least they talked with one another before they told God what to do. [He] tells God right off."
  - a. Douglas MacArthur
  - b. Dwight Eisenhower
  - c. George Patton
- 3 "When the decisions were hard to make, he made them, and he carried through."
  - a. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  - b. Thomas Jefferson
  - c. George Washington
- 4 "[He] doesn't know any more about politics than a pig knows about Sunday."
  - a. Joseph Stalin
  - b. Richard Nixon
  - c. Dwight Eisenhower
- 5 "He was one of the brainiest men of his time."
  - a. Thomas Jefferson
  - b. Socrates
  - c. Mark Twain
- 6 "The more I see and talk to him, the more certain I am he's the great one of the age."
  - a. Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - b. George Marshall
  - c. John F. Kennedy

Answers: a, a, a, a, c, c, a, a, b

## Get a Taste of Presidential History

Here's a recipe for a memorable President's Day: start with a pinch of patriotism and a dash of



White House history, then fold in a visit from America's 33rd president. The Truman Library will mark President's Day by serving fresh-baked presidential cookies to visitors, who can meet Harry Truman, as portrayed by historical re-enactor Niel Johnson.

Truman Library volunteers will don their aprons for this favorite annual event, baking selections from the ever-popular *Presidential Cookies* cookbook. Visitors will be able to sample George Washington's Shrewsbury Cakes, Ford's Double Chocolate Chip Cookies, Roosevelt's Honey Drops, the Carters' Pecan Squares, Bess and Harry's Coconut Balls, and more.

*Presidential Cookies* is a nationwide bestseller and a sweet read for history buffs and foodies, alike. More than a cookbook, *Presidential Cookies* highlights White House anecdotes, historical folklore, and fun facts about treasured American symbols. *Presidential Cookies* is available for sale in the Museum Store.

### PRESIDENT'S DAY

- WHAT:** Presidential Cookies  
**WHEN:** Monday, February 19, 2007  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. until cookies are gone!  
**COST:** Free with Museum admission (\$7)  
**EXTRA:** Meet Harry Truman from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (portrayed by historical re-enactor Niel Johnson)



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## Doris Kearns Goodwin is "Wild About Harry"

America is still "Wild About Harry," making the 2007 annual fundraiser by the same name one of the year's highlights marking the 50th anniversary of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum.

**Ann Dickinson** and **Kirk Carpenter** are honorary chairs of this spectacular event featuring **Doris Kearns Goodwin** on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the Marriott-Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Wild About Harry co-chairs are **Tom and Jill McGee**, and **Tom and Eileen Weir**.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and presidential historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin is one of America's favorite commentators. Her most recent bestseller, *Team of Rivals*, is a brilliant multiple biography centered on Lincoln's mastery of men and how it shaped the most significant presidency in the nation's history. She also is the author of the bestsellers *Wait Till Next Year*, *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, and *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. A former Harvard professor, Ms. Goodwin serves as an NBC-TV news analyst and lectures around the world. She lives in Concord, Massachusetts, with her husband, Richard Goodwin, a former advisor to John and Robert Kennedy.

Please join us as we pay tribute to the memory of President Truman and support the mission of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum.

To purchase tickets, or for information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Kim Rausch at (816) 268-8237 or [kim.rausch@nara.gov](mailto:kim.rausch@nara.gov).

Pictured l. to r.:  
Event Co-Chairs Tom & Eileen Weir with Honorary Chairs Ann Dickinson and Kirk Carpenter. Out of camera range: Event Co-Chairs Jill and Tom McGee.



Doris Kearns Goodwin



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