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DIPLOMACY



A FAREWELL – AND A WELCOME – TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

His Excellency Gerard Araud, who served as France's Ambassador to the United States for almost five years departed Washington, D.C. in April. He has moved to New York City but before his departure was feted at several farewell events: on April 3 at the official residence of France in the presence of Jean-Yves Le Drian, France's Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, and on April 15 at Blair House, hosted by then U.S. Chief of Protocol Sean Lawler, with invited guests including members of the diplomatic community and local officials.

His Excellency Philippe Etienne, an expert on the European Union and continental Europe, is the new French Ambassador to the United States. He previously held numerous posts within the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, notably including



Left: H.E. Gérard Araud at his farewell reception



*From left to right: H.E. Gérard Araud, H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle in 2015
photo by Zaid Hammid*

Ambassador of France to Romania (2002-2005), Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (2007-2009), Permanent Representative of France to the European Union (2009-2014), Ambassador of France to Germany (2014-2017) and most recently, Diplomatic Adviser to the President (2017-2019). He has held posts in Moscow, Belgrade, Bucharest, Bonn, Berlin and Brussels. He has also served as an adviser in the French Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.



EMBASSY OF JAPAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO MASTER WINEMAKER

Japan's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Shinsuke Sugiyama, hosted a VIP dinner on April 4 in honor of Japanese master winemaker, Kenzo Tsujimoto, owner of the Kenzo winery. The estate, located in California, produces authentic Bordeaux grape varieties.

The event, which took place during the peak of the famous Washington, D.C. cherry blossom festival, brought together a number of US dignitaries, including Secretary Elaine L. Chao, US Minister of Transportation, Judge William Webster. Chairman of the Homeland Security Advisory Board and a former Director of the CIA and FBI, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce, and former Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd as well as many representatives of the diplomatic corps of Washington, including Ambassador Maccario Doyle. The event allowed the guests to discuss with the political leaders present a number of issues of common interest, including trade and cultural and artistic exchanges.



Above, from left to right: The Hon. Elaine Chao, H.E. Shinsuke Sugiyama, Mr. Kenzo Tsujimoto

Left: Mr. Kenzo Tsujimoto, Ms. Linda Webster, Judge William Webster, The Hon. Chris Dodd, The Hon. Marie Royce, H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle



THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (O.A.S.) WELCOMES THE PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR

The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States held a protocolary session on April 17 at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., in honor of the visit of the President of Ecuador, H.E. Lenin Moreno Garcés. The session was chaired by Ambassador Carlos Trujillo, President of the Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of the United States.

The Principality of Monaco, invited on this occasion as Permanent Observer to the OAS, was represented by Mrs. Karine Médecin, Advisor to the Embassy. Also present were the Secretary-General of the Organization, Luis Almagro Lemes, and representatives of member and observer countries.

In his address to the gathering, the President of Ecuador highlighted the importance of the work of the O.A.S. as a forum for high-level dialogue and spoke of the commitment of his government to democracy and social justice.



*Hall of Americas at the Organization of American States
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Center: H.E. Lenin Garcés, President of Ecuador,



ANNUAL DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN MONACO

The annual Diplomatic Conference of the Department of External Relations and Cooperation of the Government of Monaco took place from April 24-26 at the Monte Carlo Bay Hotel.

Opening the proceedings, Mr. Gilles Tonelli, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, reviewed the main focus of Monaco's foreign policy, particularly on the state of negotiations between the Principality and the European Union (EU), and the Principality's commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG) on the preservation and enhancement of the oceans and seas. His speech was followed by remarks by H.E. Sophie Thevenoux, Ambassador of Monaco in Belgium, on Monaco's relations with the EU; H.E. Catherine Fautrier, Monaco's Ambassador to China, on the recent State visit by the Sovereign Prince to China; H.E. Patrick Médecin, Ambassador of Monaco in India, on the state visit of Prince Albert II to India, and H.E. Bernard Fautrier, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, on the Energy and Resources Institute of India (TERI). Mr. Michel Dotta, President of the Monaco Chamber of Real Estate and Mr. Guillaume Rose, Executive Director of the Monaco Economic Board (MEB) presented updates on the economic aspects of the visit of the Sovereign Prince in these two countries.



Hôtel de Paris

On April 25, a presentation was given by H.E. Christophe Steiner, Ambassador of Monaco in France, on the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie, and the conference participants heard remarks from different Monegasque officials on many economic issues (concerning two urban planning projects and the energy transition); technological (digital transition and digital communication); social affairs (activities of the Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Women's Rights); administrative (provision of works of art to Embassies for example); the United Nations reform, as well as other issues of general interest, such as the presentation of the Monaco Pavilion at the 2020 Dubai Expo and the Prince Albert I Commemoration Committee.



Monaco's Ambassadors on the balcony of the suite Prince Rainier III

The conference ended on April 26 with a tour by the group of the new suites at the Hôtel de Paris, including the magnificent Prince Rainier III suite, which offers a breathtaking view of the Monte-Carlo Casino.



ANNUAL AWARDS OF THE PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FOUNDATION IN SPAIN

H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco presented His Foundation's 2019 Awards on June 20 in Madrid, Spain, as part of the 12th Annual Ceremony Gala, which recognizes outstanding contributions for the preservation of the environment and against climate change.

This year, Ms. Christiana Figueres of Costa Rica was honored with the Foundation's Special Award for her extraordinary work in reducing greenhouse gas emissions; Dr. José Font Sanchis of Spain, President of the Tribunal de las Aguas de la Vega in Valencia, received the top prize in the "Water " category; Jacob Askou Bøss of Denmark, leader of one of the least polluting energy companies in Europe, received the Climate Change Award; and Drs. Bradford C. Lister of the United States and Andrés García Aguayo of Mexico, received the Biodiversity Awards for their research in biology. More than 300 people attended the awards ceremony and dinner, and the screening of the Foundation's presentation film.

The event was preceded by the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation under the aegis of the Sovereign Prince, in the presence of presidents of foreign branches. The American branch of the Foundation was represented by Mr. John B. Kelly, III, President, Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle, Vice-President, and Mr. John Coffman, Executive Director.



From left to right: Ana García Siñériz, Bradford Lister, Dr. Andrés García Aguayo, H.S.H. Prince Albert II, Christiana Figueres, Jakob Askou Boss, Dr. José Font Sanchis



H.S.H. Prince Albert II addresses the annual meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors



Photo: Tomas Abreu

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EVENTS

Cultural and Charitable



EMBASSY HOSTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF “APOLLO” FILM AT MC TV FESTIVAL

Under the Honorary Presidency of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, the Embassy of Monaco in Washington, in partnership with the Monte-Carlo Television Festival and the National Geographic Society, organized the premiere screening on June 17, of the documentary APOLLO: Missions to the Moon, to mark the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing. The “sold-out” screening - free and open to about 800 guests - was followed by a Q&A session on the subject of space exploration in the presence of space personalities and experts, including NASA astronaut Captain Michael Lopez-Alegria who was also an ISS Commander, Jean-François Clervoy, French NASA and ESA astronaut and AirZeroG founder, as well as Tom Jennings, the Peabody and Emmy Award-winning producer of the film, and Rory Kennedy, Academy Award nominee and President of the 2019 Monte-Carlo Television Festival News Jury. The Franco-American television and radio host, Genie Godula, served as a panel moderator.



Golden Nymph Awards Ceremony: Michael Douglas and other awardees stand onstage with H.S.H. Prince Albert II and H.S.H. Princess Charlene



Left to right: Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle, Tom Jennings, Jean-François Clervoy, Rory Kennedy, Michael Lopez-Alegria, the Hon. John Lehman, Ellen Farmer Jennings, and J.B. Kelly III

Photo by Monte-Carlo Television Festival



Left to right: Jean-François Clervoy, Michael Lopez-Alegria, Rory Kennedy, Tom Jennings, and Genie Godula

Photo by Monte-Carlo Television Festival

The event’s convener, Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle said that this event underscored the Principality’s little-known historical links with aviation, aerospace and space exploration. "SSI-Monaco, 'space agency' of Monaco, in partnership with Thales Alenia Space, launched its first MonacoSat-1 communication satellite aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on April 27, 2015 and MonacoSat-2 should be launched in the coming years."



EMBASSY HOSTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF “APOLLO” FILM AT MC TV FESTIVAL (CONTINUED...)

In a related event, and to coincide with the Apollo 11 moon landing anniversary, the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC) convened a forum on May 14 on Capitol Hill with the topic of space and “the road to Mars.”



Left to right: Brendan Curry, Kevin O’Connell, the Hon. Bob Walker, the Hon. Kendra Horn, Scott Pace, and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine



NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and Ambassador Maccario Doyle.

Invited guests included US parliamentarians and representatives of the diplomatic corps of Washington. The Principality was represented by the Ambassador, accompanied by Mrs. Karine Médecin, Advisor to the Embassy, and other Embassy staff. Also present were former House of Representatives member Bob Walker, organizer of the forum, Kendra Horn, Democratic Member of Parliament and Chair of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics of the House of Representatives, Jim Bridenstine, Administrator of the US Space Agency (NASA), Scott Pace, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Space, Brendan Curry, head of the Planetary Society, a non-governmental organization known worldwide for its projects related to astronomy, global science and space exploration; and Kevin O’Connell, Director of the Office of Commercial Space at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During the forum, NASA Administrator Bridenstine announced that the US Space Mission to the Moon would be named "Artemis", after the twin sister of Apollo and goddess of the moon in Greek mythology. The Apollo mission was named for the god of arts and light and sent 12 American astronauts to the moon and back from 1969 to 1972.



ARCTICA: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY CONCERT AT KENNEDY CENTER

In early spring, the National Geographic Society based in Washington, D.C., collaborated with the National Symphony Orchestra to co-commission a symphonic work that conveys the vulnerable state of the Arctic. Premiering on March 30, 2019 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, [ARCTICA](#) takes listeners on an artistic voyage to reflect on the wonders of the region and the unprecedented human impact on the world's wildlife and environments.

The piece, by contemporary Russian-American composer Lera Auerbach, was inspired by her travels to Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the Barents Sea. Her expedition was organized by marine ecologist Dr. Enric Sala, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and founder of the National Geographic Society's [Pristine Seas](#) project, which works to protect the last wild places in the ocean.

Dr. Sala has led two expeditions to document Arctic wildlife and the traditional way of life of the Inuit. Dr. Sala partnered with the Embassy of Monaco and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA to present the [67th Organization of American States Policy Roundtable](#), titled "Our Shared Treasure: Oceans and Climate Change," to mark Monaco's fifth anniversary as an official observer at the OAS.



Clockwise from top:

- Kennedy Center
- Center left and right : Lera Auerbach, Enric Sala
- Arctic glacier
courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



VISIT TO GUNSTON HALL, THE “HOME OF AMERICAN RIGHTS”

On April 6, the Ambassador of Monaco to the United States, H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, was the guest of honor at the Board of Regents annual dinner for the members of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA).

This organization brings together 46 women whose direct descendants had settled in one of the 13 American colonies before 1776, when the United States became independent. The dinner was held at Gunston Hall, an 18th century mansion in the middle of a 22-square-kilometer plantation in Mason Neck, Virginia, near Washington. The manor, today classified as a historical monument, was home, in the second half of the 18th century, to George Mason, one of the founding fathers of the United States and principal author of the Bill of Rights adopted by the Congress in 1790. Today the organization, headquartered in Washington, has more than 15,000 members nationwide. Its mission is the active promotion of American heritage through projects of historical preservation, patriotic and educational services.



From left to right: Rebecca Martin, Ambassador Maccario Doyle, Samantha Dorsey

Each year the Board of Directors invites local political and artistic personalities, as well as important donors and arts patrons to the dinner, and offers dignitaries a private tour of the home and grounds.

After thanking Ms. Helen Bragg Cleary, First Regent, and the Board for their kind invitation, the Ambassador mentioned that, having grown up in a family of art and antique dealers, she particularly appreciated the grace, the beauty and the art of decoration that prevailed in the manor, and the close attention paid to the restoration and maintenance of the building and its surroundings.



WASHINGTON, D.C. ECONOMIC CLUB HOLDS PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL DINNER

On April 8, members of the diplomatic corps and Washington's social and business communities gathered for the annual Economic Club of Washington dinner to honor donors and patrons who fund Club activities. The prestigious event was held this year at the National Museum of African American History.

The Economic Forum was created in 1986 in Washington by local businessmen to encourage leaders of multinationals, industry and finance, senior government officials and representatives of the diplomatic corps to assemble to discuss important issues of our time. Since 2008, the Club has been led by Carlyle Group founder, David Rubenstein who currently serves as Chair of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.



From left to right onstage: Gina Adams, Vice President of Education of the Economic Club; David Rubenstein, President of Economic Club

ARTISTIC COMMEMORATION IN MONACO FOR 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCESS GRACE'S BIRTH

The Ambassador of the United States to France and Monaco, H.E. Jamie McCourt, was a guest of honor in the Principality at the launch on April 18 of an "Extraordinary Tribute to Princess Grace". This artistic exhibition was held to mark the 90th anniversary of the birth of the American-born Princess.

Stéphane Bolongaro, an artist from the region who is a great admirer of Grace Kelly and of 1950s American cinema, brought together many sculptures, paintings and some previously unseen works and exclusive commissions by American artists from 50 US states for the exhibition.

In their artworks, the artists incorporated many different styles and unique formats to pay homage to the style icon and Academy-Award winning actress and her illustrious film career. The exhibition opening took place in the Private Car Collection of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, and many European and American celebrities participated. A musical show and the screening of excerpts from Alfred Hitchcock's cult films wrapped up the evening.



Above: Artwork by Ryan Jones

Left: "Bibi on the Ball" by Carole Feuerman



CONCERT « TOGETHER WITH NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS »

Following the fire that devastated the historic Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris on April 15, the French Embassy in the United States and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception jointly organized a benefit concert to celebrate the spiritual and cultural significance of this world-famous site.

Ms. Karine Médecin, Deputy Chief of Mission, represented the Embassy of Monaco at the event which also aimed to raise funds for the reconstruction of the Cathedral. Many members of Washington, D.C.'s diplomatic, social and business communities attended the concert which featured a performance of sacred music by the organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Johann Vexo, the last musician to have played in the Cathedral before the fire.



Cardinal Donald Wuerl

PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA AWARD-WINNER FEATURED AT WASHINGTON BALLET GALA



Left to right:
Ambassador Maccario
Doyle and Senator Roy
Blunt of Missouri

The 2019 annual Washington Ballet Gala, with its theme of "Illuminate and Ignite" featured a special preview production from Dana Genshaft, winner of the Princess Grace Foundation's 2018 Award.

On May 10, an interpretation of her creation entitled "Shadow Lands" was a highlight during the company's fundraising Gala held at Anthem, cultural center of the US capital. The evening, which raised more than \$800,000 in addition to \$50,000 raised for scholarships, was jointly chaired by Senators Roy Blunt and Mark Warner. Several talented members of the national ballet company have received scholarships and grants from the Princess Grace-USA Foundation in recent years.



6TH ANNUAL SUMMIT OF THE GW-RODHAM INSTITUTE

Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Professor of Medicine and founder of the Rodham Institute, Dr. Jehan El Bayoumi, hosted the 6th Annual GW-Rodham Institute Summit on May 23. The Summit took place in the presence of Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser and many members of the diplomatic corps and the business community, as well as staff from the George Washington University School of Medicine.

The Rodham Institute was established in 2013 to promote the transformative power of health education and was inspired by the philanthropic work and charitable interests of Secretary Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham.



From left to right: The Honorable Hillary Clinton and The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington

The Institute strives to help poor and disadvantaged children discover sports and the arts to improve their condition, a mission similar (but on a local basis) to the one that the Princess Charlene Foundation of Monaco undertakes at the international level.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLOOMBERG GLOBAL BUSINESS FORUM

An informative reception was held on June 11 for representatives of the diplomatic corps in Washington in advance of this year's third annual Bloomberg Global Business Forum. Organized by, and hosted at the residence of Ms. Linda Douglass, Head of Communications at Bloomberg and her husband, John Philips, former US Ambassador to Italy, the event brought together many diplomats and representatives from politics, government and business.

The actual Forum will be held in New York on September 25, during the week of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The theme of the Forum will be "Restoring Environmental and Economic Stability" and it will focus on issues related to food, agriculture and climate change; technology risk management, and leadership skills, including making difficult decisions. Last year, 73 Heads of State and delegations from six continents and more than 200 business leaders took part in the Forum's program.



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... and have a glorious
summer!

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