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DIPLOMACY



VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

In late 2019, the United States Department of State unveiled the first Museum of American Diplomacy to pay tribute to US diplomats and State Department staff by telling the story of the history, practice and challenges of American diplomacy over the years.

On July 10th, the Assistant Secretary of State for Culture and Education, Marie Royce, and the center’s director, Mary Kane, hosted Ambassador Maccario Doyle, deputy Karine Médecin and Embassy staff at “Diplomacy After Hours” to preview the new diplomacy center. On display were historical photographs, documents, newspapers and letters documenting the USA’s diplomatic timeline.



From left to right: Ms. Karine Médecin , A/S Marie Royce, « Airman of Note Trio » of the U.S. Airforce, H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, and Ms. Mary D. Kane

For more information on the museum/center, please visit their [website](#).

UNITED NATIONS HONORS PRINCE ALBERT II’s 14 YEARS AS REIGNING MONARCH



Left: To mark the 14th anniversary of the Accession to the Throne by Prince Albert II of Monaco, Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle (left) joined her colleagues, Consul General in New York Mr. Gildo Pallanca Pastor (center), and Monaco’s Ambassador to the United Nations, H.E. Isabelle Picco (right) in honoring and toasting His Serene Highness on July 11th; **Right:** Ambassador Isabelle Pico addresses audience members at the U.N.



LUNCHEON FOR DR. MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Her Excellency Hunaina Al Mughairy of Oman hosted her Washington, D.C. ambassadorial colleagues to a special luncheon to honor the Honorable Dr. Madeleine Albright. The September 5th lunch held at the Omani residence was attended by women Chiefs of Mission from many countries and gave the guests an opportunity to discuss with the United States' first female Secretary of State, who was also a former US Ambassador to the United Nations, her role in international relations and foreign policy. Dr. Albright is a distinguished professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and currently serves on the board of the Council on Foreign Relations.

CELEBRATIONS AND COURTESY VISITS

On September 10th, the French envoy to the United States, His Excellency Philippe Etienne, paid a courtesy visit to the residence of Monaco. He was received by Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle and Embassy staff at an afternoon tea to celebrate the close friendship and special ties between the two nations.

Ambassador Maccario Doyle participated in Liechtenstein's 300th anniversary festivities at their chancery on September 26th, in the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Alois, Hereditary Prince and Regent. Other high-ranking guests included diplomats and congressional delegates from across the United States.

On October 17th, Luxembourg's newest emissary to the United States, His Excellency Gaston Stronck, visited the Embassy to introduce himself and meet the staff.

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From left to right: H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, The Hon. Madeleine Albright, and H.E. Hunaina Al Mughairy



From left to right: Ms. Karine Médecin, H.E. Philippe Etienne, and H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle



From left to right: Ms. Karine Médecin, H.E. Gaston Stronck, and H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle



MONACO ON DISPLAY AT THE 2020 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW



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The Kelly House in Philadelphia, the former home of Princess Grace, was the setting for the Philadelphia Horticultural Society's official announcement of the 2020 flower show theme; "Riviera Holiday."

A key feature in next year's show will be a special focus on sustainable gardening and the environment to be sponsored by the US chapter of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Embassy of Monaco. The seeds for this unique collaboration between the Philadelphia Flower Show – the biggest of its kind in the USA – and Monaco were sown many years ago when Princess Grace participated as a judge.

For further information, please visit *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* [full article](#).

Top left: Mr. Matt Rader, President of the Philadelphia Horticultural Society, delivers a speech to guests; **Top right:** Philadelphia Flower Show 2012; **Bottom left:** A poster on display inside the Kelly House



ANNUAL CONSULAR MEETING SHINES A SPOTLIGHT IN SEATTLE

The Principality of Monaco’s US and Canada-based consular community convened in Seattle and nearby Woodinville, WA, for their annual conference over the Columbus Day holiday weekend.

Monaco’s ambassador to the United States and Canada, Her Excellency Maguy Maccario Doyle, chaired the gathering at Willows Lodge in Woodinville and oversaw the four-day program of high-profile events, which included a private visit to the boathouse/studio of acclaimed Washington artist, Dale Chihuly; VIP receptions and dinners at the renowned, award-winning Château Lill and at Bellevue’s Ascend restaurant; a tour of the Bullitt Center (“the greenest commercial building in the world”); and a visit, led by senior faculty, of the highly respected College of the Environment at the University of Washington.



Center: Ambassador Maccario Doyle and honorary consuls at the Willows Lodge

Monaco’s consul general in New York and honorary consuls and vice consuls for the principality from Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Vancouver were in attendance, and guest speakers included Mr. John “J.B.” Kelly, III (president of the US chapter of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation), Ms. Brisa Trincherro (chief executive officer of the Princess Grace Foundation USA), Ms. Cindy Hoddeson (director of the Monaco Government Tourist Office in North America), Ms. Karla Modolo (secretary/treasurer of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation USA), and Monaco-based Mr. Michel Bouquier (senior advisor for Monaco Private Label).

“It was a unanimous choice to hold our conference in Washington State, due in no small part to the warmth and hospitality of the locals. We wanted to learn more about the wonderful “green” initiatives and programs supported by the University of Washington and the Bullitt Center which align with the conservation goals and mission of His Serene Highness Prince Albert and his Foundation for the environment, and the Princely Government’s policies on sustainability and protection of our ocean. Our Sovereign is known as the “Green Prince,” and it made sense for us to meet this year in the “Evergreen State,” said Ambassador Maccario Doyle. “Of course, our consuls were also eager to sample the fine wines and unique local cuisine offerings from the Pacific Northwest!”



From left to right: H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, Mr. Dale Chihuly, and Ms. Leslie Jackson Chihuly



Mr. Alex Gagnon at the University of Washington’s College of the Environment



Honorary consuls join Earth Day founder, Denis Hayes, at the Bullitt Center



DAY ONE EVENTS AND THE EMBASSY OF MONACO JOIN FORCES TO BRING SPACE FORUM TO THE PRINCIPALITY

At the annual *Day One Events* forum in Monaco in mid-October, the CEO of Commercial Spaceflight Federation, Mr. Eric Stallmer announced, on behalf of Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle, the future partnership between the Embassy of Monaco and Day-One Events to host the Embassy's biennial space initiative, "Pioneers and Innovators of Our Time" in October 2020 in Monaco.

The organizers of DAY ONE, a summit for the digital age designed for global decision makers and "doers," and the Embassy of Monaco in Washington, D.C., signed a Memorandum of Understanding to incorporate the Embassy's highly successful space initiative, "Pioneers & Innovators of Our Time" (PIOT), into the framework of future DAY ONE forums.



Mr. Eric Stallmer, the president of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation, the world's largest trade organization dedicated to promoting the development of commercial spaceflight, made the announcement during DAY ONE's 2019 program on behalf of Monaco's Ambassador to the United States and Canada, Her Excellency Maguy Maccario Doyle -- the convener of the biennial PIOT event, which focuses on the future of space exploration, and which underscores the Principality's historical interest in aviation, aerospace technology and earth sciences -- and Mr. Denis Jacquet, founder of DAY ONE.

In announcing the partnership, Mr. Stallmer outlined some of the topics to be covered in future PIOT sessions, including the new space economy, the role of public-private partnerships in low-Earth orbit space stations, space tourism and related industries, and the future of healthcare in space and how satellite technology and space exploration could be the key to addressing climate change.

Dr. Ilhami Aygun, president of Space Systems International Monaco and panelist in the 2016 and 2018 PIOT events, also addressed the gathering to speak about Monaco SAT2, the second satellite to be launched in 2021-2022 - in follow up to the successful launch in April 2015 of Monaco's first telecommunications satellite.

"This new partnership, along with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA, Monaco's 'space agency,' SSI-Monaco and SAT1 will focus on the relationship between humanity and space: the economics and commercial opportunities of space travel, as well as its challenges for the protection of our planet. We hope to elaborate on, and answer, the age-old question, 'Does the future of our planet depend on space?' Our goal is also to inspire young people to follow careers in science and technology and will always feature an informative educational component for our youth," said Mme. Maccario Doyle.



DAY ONE EVENTS AND THE EMBASSY OF MONACO CONTINUED...

This 2-3 day event brings together high-level decision and change makers, and “doers” who challenge participants to forge an inclusive vision of the world with humanity at its center; to help corporations understand where the world is digitally-speaking and explain updates in today’s technologies (AI, data use, blockchain, e-health) and their practical impact on three main pillars: jobs, health and food, and our cities and territories. Topics covered include smart cities and communities of the future, wellness, impact investing, space exploration, earth science and the new space economy.

DAY ONE EVENTS 2019 was held in Nice (October 15) and in Monaco (October 16-17) and will next take place at Monaco’s Grimaldi Forum from October 20-21, 2020.

Initiated in 2016 by the Embassy of Monaco in Washington, D.C., this forum, held under the High Patronage of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, on the future of space exploration underscores the Principality’s historical interest in aviation, aerospace technology and exploration. Past panelists and guests have included NASA-trained astronauts from the USA, Canada, and Europe; industry leaders in space and aerospace technology; expert scientists; and award-winning film makers. The format includes a documentary film with space as its central theme (past examples are “The Last Man on the Moon,” “Above & Beyond: NASA’s Journey to Tomorrow,” “APOLLO Missions to the Moon”), followed by a panel discussion featuring experts (astronauts, scientists, film makers). The discussion is recorded, streamed live, and promoted on social media. The event is free and open to the public, with advanced reservation. For information on previous editions, please visit: monacoeventsusa.com .



Above: 2018 PIOT event at Monaco’s Grimaldi Forum; **Right:** NatGeo’s “APOLLO” poster, 2019





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GUIDES AND SCOUTS OF MONACO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.



Left: Ms. Karine Médecin (second from right) and Ms. Marie-Hélène Gamba (far right) pose with the Guides and Scouts of Monaco in downtown Washington, D.C.

Right: Ms Marie-Hélène Gamba (far left) poses with the Guides and Scouts of Monaco stand outside of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



In mid-August, at the end of their long participation in the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, the Guides and Scouts of Monaco were welcomed to Washington DC by the Embassy's deputy, Mme. Karine Médecin.

The Embassy arranged a private guided tour of the world-famous Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum for the group of 23 youths (aged approx. 15-18 years) with five adult chaperones.



UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE WEEK

The Ambassador -- along with Mr. "J.B." Kelly, president of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA, Monaco's consul general in New York Gildo Pallanca Pastor, and Monaco's Consulate General and UN Mission staff -- was among the enthusiastic greeters on New York's harbor to welcome Team Malizia including Pierre Casiraghi and the young Swedish advocate for the environment, Greta Thunberg, as they arrived ashore on August 28th after a 14-day, zero-emission journey. The crew departed from Plymouth, England in mid-August aboard the solar-powered racing yacht and spent two weeks crossing the Atlantic to participate in this year's Climate Action Summit.

In her capacity as vice president for the US chapter of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle travelled to New York City during Climate Week - coinciding with the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly - and attended several events including the September 24th One Blue Dot think tank hosted by Grist, Conservation International and Elemental Labs.

Held at the National Geographic Encounter: Ocean Odyssey, the underwater immersive experience in Times Square which brings visitors face-to-face with marine wildlife within an urban-built environment, the forum featured many environmental leaders and speakers including Kate Brandt (Sustainability Officer at Google), Christiana Figueres (former Executive Secretary of the UN Climate Change Convention and Founding Partner, Global Optimism and Convener, Mission 2020), Harrison Ford (actor, activist and Vice Chair, Conservation International), Tom Friedman (Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist), Chip Giller (founder of Grist), Andy Karsner (Executive Chairman, Elemental Labs), and Andrew McAfee (Co-director, MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy).



Photo 1: (Left to right) Mr. Gildo Pallanca Pastor, Mr. J.B. Kelly, Mr. Pierre Casiraghi, and H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle celebrate Team Malizia's arrival;
Photo 2: H.S.H. Prince Albert II addresses the U.N.;
Photo 3: Mr. Thomas L. Friedman and Mr. Andrew McAfee speak onstage at One Blue Dot think tank event



INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Embassy participated in this year’s 70th International Astronautical Congress in late October (21-25) held in Washington D.C. Hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the week-long series of events drew hundreds of guests to hear keynote speakers discuss the future of space travel, commercial space tourism, and space diplomacy.

Highlights of the week included virtual space travel experiences: “SpaceBuzz,” a virtual reality rocket; and Blue Moon Lunar Lander, a robotic space cargo carrier and lander for making cargo deliveries to the Moon, which was designed and operated by Blue Origin for use on a mission aimed for 2024.

Special guests included a number of NASA legends - many who have recently been in Monaco for the annual “Pioneers and Innovators of Our Time” forums, including former NASA administrator Charlie Bolden, ISS commander Michael Lopez-Alegria, and the second man to walk on the moon, Buzz Aldrin. Also present at IAC was Commercial Spaceflight Federation president, Mr. Eric Stallmer, who was in Monaco in October to announce, that from 2020, the Embassy would partner with Day One Events to present a joint session during their annual seminars to focus on space-related topics, including space tourism and earth sciences. The Day One Events are held under the patronage of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco.



Top: Mr. Eric Stallmer speaks at the IAC 2019;



Bottom: Blue Origin’s Blue Moon lander on display at the IAC



From left to right: Capt. Michael Lopez-Alegria, Dr. Buzz Aldrin, H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, and Mr. Eric Stallmer reunite at the IAC



A CELEBRATION FOR GRACE- “TO CATCH A THIEF” SCREENING AND RECEPTION

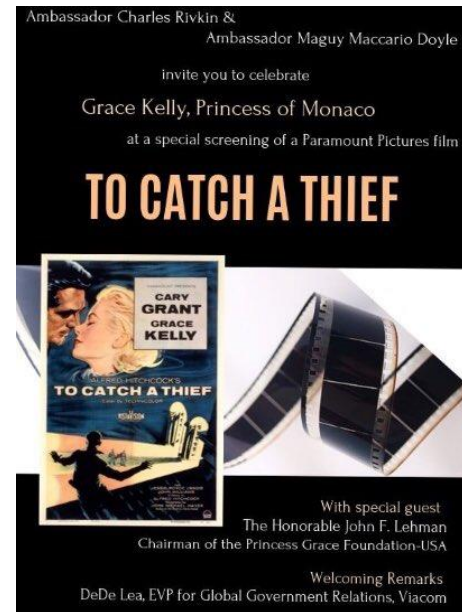
To mark the 90th anniversary of the birth of Princess Grace of Monaco, the Embassy of Monaco in Washington, D.C. held a private screening of her classic 1955 film, “To Catch A Thief,” at the Motion Picture Association theater followed by a reception for 100 VIP guests at the Ambassador’s residence.

Representatives from Washington’s society, philanthropic and business communities, as well as press and diplomats, attended the events. The Washington Ballet was well-represented and included artistic director, Julie Kent; associate artistic director, Victor Barbee; and principal dancer, Gian Carlo Perez, a 2017 Princess Grace Foundation dance award recipient. Other guests included the Irish Ambassador, H.E. Dan Mulhall; Oman’s Ambassador, Hunaina Al Mughairy; the French Ambassador to the OAS, H.E. Anne de le Blache; CEO of the Princess Grace Foundation USA, Ms. Brisa Trincherro; senior representatives from the US Department of State; and ambassadors and diplomats from the European Union, Pakistan and Morocco.

In his welcome remarks, the Chairman of the Princess Grace Foundation USA, the Hon. John Lehman, spoke about the cultural and philanthropic legacy of Princess Grace; “The foundation was founded by Prince Rainier in the year that Princess Grace died. He felt the best monument to her would be to continue her unheralded work helping young emerging artists both financially and mentoring in the performing arts: dance, motion pictures and drama.”

“We really have had a tremendous beneficial impact on the performing arts here in the United States...But these are world class artists that have made major contributions to the culture of the world. Princess Grace would be very proud of what has been accomplished because she helped so many young artists. We are celebrating Her artistic legacy this year as she would’ve turned 90,” H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle, Ambassador of Monaco to the United States told guests at the Motion Picture Association screening which she co-hosted with Ambassador Charles Rivkin, Chairman of the MPA and former US Ambassador to France. “She is - through film - young and beautiful forever. As a Princess of Monaco, we have fond memories of her; of how generous she was of spirit and heart, and how she relentlessly worked for Mediterranean causes. She continued to support and love the arts, and that is why after her passing, Prince Rainier and his children launched this foundation which continued artistic legacy.

DeDe Lea, head of global government relations for Viacom, the parent company of Paramount Pictures, introduced the film. “*To Catch A Thief* is our movie, a Paramount movie and frankly, one of my favorite movies. I have a special place in my heart for the Princess because we share a birthday! So I’ve always just felt like I had to be a little bit more elegant following in these great footsteps. I think you’re going to enjoy the movie which obviously showcases the French Riviera in a way that will make us all want to leave here today and go...I think this is a wonderful way to spend a cloudy day looking at beautiful Monaco...”



Ambassador Maccario Doyle addresses guests at the residence



From left to right: The Hon. John Lehman, Ms. DeDe Lea, and H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle



The Hon. John Lehman, Princess Grace Foundation-USA at MPA



From left to right: Ms. Julie Kent and Ms. Brisa Trincherro



INSTALLATION OF THE 14th SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

On November 1st, the U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. presided over the installation of the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Lonnie G. Bunch, III. The impressive afternoon ceremony included an Honor Guard and an Academic Procession comprising some of the Smithsonian's most senior scholars representing the Institution's range of experts across many disciplines. As Secretary, Mr. Bunch will oversee 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers. Guests at the official ceremony included diplomats, senior business and political leaders, and government officials.

The Principality, and in particular the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, has a close relationship with the Smithsonian and many of its esteemed faculty including former Chair of the Board of Regents, John McCarter who now serves on the foundation's US chapter. In November 2009, during a visit by H.S.H.

Prince Albert for the opening ceremony of the "Antarctica Treaty Summit," held at the National Museum of Natural History, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Foundation and the Institution in recognition of their shared objectives and interests in science, environmental protection, and sustainable development.

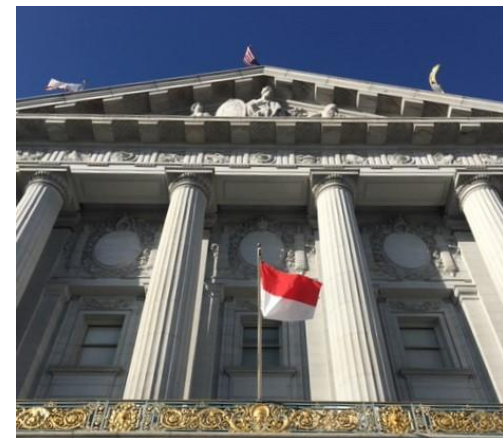


From left to right: Mr. Lonnie G. Bunch III and Chief Justice John G. Roberts

BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO DECLARE NOVEMBER 19 "MONACO DAY"

Mr. Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston in the state of Massachusetts, proclaimed November 19th "Monaco Day," in recognition of the Principality's National Day, and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundations' efforts in the fight against climate change and for the preservation of the environment. The City of Boston, its residents, and council remain at the forefront of environmental issues.

The proclamation was made public by a representative of the town hall to coincide with the annual "Fete du Prince". The ceremony took place at a reception organized at the home of Rina Spence, who serves as the honorary consul of the Principality in Boston. Guests included a number of local dignitaries and officials, as well as a group of young Monegasques who are currently studying in Boston.



Monegasque flag seen in San Francisco

In San Francisco, Mayor London N. Breed proclaimed November 19th as "Monegasque-American Friendship and Heritage Day" to honor the *Fête du Prince*. The Principality's flag was raised at City Hall for the day and Monaco's honorary consul in San Francisco, Mr. Thomas Horn, received a Mayoral proclamation from Mrs. Charlotte Schultz, who is the Chief of Protocol for the City and County of San Francisco, congratulating Monaco on behalf of the city.



2019 PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA AWARDS GALA

In the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, over 200 VIP guests, including some of the brightest stars of Broadway and the silver screen, gathered at New York's famed Plaza Hotel for the 2019 Princess Grace Foundation-USA Awards on November 25th. A special highlight of the evening was a video tribute to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Princess Grace's birth this year.

Continuing the legacy of support of Princess Grace (Kelly) of Monaco to emerging artists in the fields of dance, theatre and film, the Foundation - since 1982 - has awarded nearly 800 artists with annual grants totaling over \$1 million. Artists who have distinguished themselves in their artistic disciplines since receiving their initial Princess Grace Awards are eligible for the Foundation's Princess Grace Statue Award. This year, Chinonye Chukwu, Sundance's 2019 Grand Jury Prize winner, director of *Clemency*, starring Alfre Woodard, will receive the Princess Grace Statue Award. In addition to a \$25,000 unrestricted cash gift, Chinonye was presented with a bronze statue of Princess Grace created by the Dutch artist Kees Verkade. To date, sixty-seven artists have received this award.

The winner of the 2019 coveted Prince Rainier III Award for highly successful artists who have made significant humanitarian contributions, is Broadway legend, Bernadette Peters.



Above: Mr. Victor Garber and Ms. Bernadette Peters onstage at The Plaza Hotel;

Left: Princess Grace Statue Award created by Kees Verkade



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