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CIA's OSS 60th Anniversary Celebrations June 6 & 7, 2002

Save the Dates

June 13, 2002 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Office of Strategic Services. The Central Intelligence Agency will celebrate the legacy it inherited from the 13,000 men and women who served in the OSS with a series of events honoring the daring and innovation that has influenced American military and intelligence thinking since WWII. OSS trained many of the leaders and personnel who formed the CIA and witnessed four of its own assume the role of Director of Central Intelligence: Allen Dulles, Richard Helms, William Colby and William Casey. Gen. William I. Donovan's vision—that decisions of national policy based on accurate information afford the best chance for a durable peace—still guides the CIA's current operational methods. Strategic intelligence analysis, technical support as an indispensable component of the mission, and unconventional, asymmetrical warfare are all intelligence capabilities that originated with OSS and now form an integral part of the nation's command and security policies.

On June 7, 2002, the Center for the Study of Intelligence at CIA will sponsor a full day conference at the Agency's Headquarters Building. OSS officers, historians, policymakers and authors will discuss crucial actions and experiences that are still applicable in this new century. On June 6, 2002, the CIA Museum will open a major exhibit entitled "The Office of Strategic Services: America's First Intelligence Agency" highlighting the accomplishments of OSS following a wreath-laying ceremony at the OSS Memorial Wall in the CIA Headquarters lobby. CIA hopes that hundreds of OSS veterans will be able



to attend the wreath-laying ceremony, the opening night reception and the exhibit inauguration on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at the CIA Museum, as well as the full-day conference at CIA Headquarters Auditorium on Friday, June 7, 2002. **SAVE THESE DATES!**

Registration details for the two-day celebration will appear in the next

issue of this newsletter.

In addition to the celebrations at CIA, the OSS Society's own 60th anniversary dinner will be held June 8 at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Vienna, Va. The Society is negotiating with Marriott for special room rates for members. Invitations will be sent out within the next two months.

John Singlaub speaks at the Air Force Academy

OSS veteran met with Air Force cadets and officers at the Air Force Academy, Colorado, last month. Singlaub gave a brief history of the founding of OSS and described



Brigadier General David Wagie, Dean of Faculty welcomes Major General Jack Singlaub to the Academy.

his exploits in China. Based on his own adventures, he emphasized the continuing need for air force intelligence officers and for special operations in the future.

The cadets and officers in attendance asked numerous questions and all felt that it had been a privilege to meet someone who had been part of WWII special operations with the OSS.

OSS Vet Honored

Barbara Podoski, MO/Italy, was awarded a commemorative medal for her OSS operations during WWII by Ambassador Martin Butora of the Slovak embassy in Washington. The event took place at the new embassy at a black-tie dinner for more than 180 distinguished guests. Podoski was the only female veteran to receive the award.

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New Years Message From Our President



Mark Pretzat

Dear OSS Society Member,

2002 promises to be a year of new and interesting opportunities for the Society and its members. At the special meeting of Society members held on November 17, 2001, the membership voted unanimously to authorize your board of directors to proceed with a proposal to amend the Society's Certificate of Incorporation to reflect the Society's current focus on the education of the public on the accomplishments and legacy of the OSS and the importance of strategic intelligence and a proposed change in the Society's tax status from an organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code to one exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3), as well as to effectuate the conversion of the Society's tax status.

Implementing modifications to the Society's Certificate of Incorporation and an application to the Internal Revenue Service are currently in preparation and are expected to be filed with the appropriate authorities soon. Your board of directors takes this opportunity to thank each of you who made additional donations to the Society in connection with the special meeting.

The Board's Special Events Committee is organizing another special luncheon at historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Va. on Feb. 23, 2002, and, marking our 60th anniversary, CIA and OSS plan a series of events June 6-7 to which all society members and lineal descendents are invited.

On a sad note, I observe the passing in November, 2001 of OSS veteran Rene N. Levy, a member of the Society's board of directors since March, 2000. Rene's perceptive counsel will be missed by all. The Board of Directors extends its condolences to Rene's widow and family.

Wishing you health and prosperity for the New Year I remain yours,

Mark F. Pretzat
President

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Book Notes

Journey To Peking: Secret Agent in Wartime China by Dan Pinck will be published later this year. *Journey* is the inside story of Pinck's life behind the lines with Chinese colleagues. No book on this period has been written that takes the reader into everyday life of an American spy whose fluency in Chinese is limited, and his Chinese confreres who speak little English. They manage to work together against the Japanese and somehow win the war! This is a very unusual, humorous and readable book. (Naval Institute Press)

True Men & Traitors: From the OSS to the CIA, My Life In The Shadows by David W. Doyle. This is an engrossing memoir by a former high level CIA agent who started his career with the OSS in occupied Europe. Doyle reveals in detail how the CIA operates, in war and in peace, and answers a lot of questions about the war we are fighting today in Afghanistan. His early accounts of OSS operations make good reading for Society members, David lives in Hawaii today with his wife. (John Wiley & Sons)

The Loyal and Lethal Ladies of Espionage by Thomas Moon, details the adventures of female spies in WWII. These include Julia Child and Aline Romanones among others. Moon, who fought behind Japanese lines in Burma with 101, lives with his wife in Orange County, Calif.

X-2 by Timothy J. Naftali is praised by the Los Angeles Times as a "magnificent achievement, scholarly without being pedantic, full of revelations and frightening." One of the fascinating accounts in *X-2* is the story of the OSS secret security agents—undercover underwriters who gave WWII spy masters access to a global industry

that both bankrolled and helped bring down Hitler's Third Reich. The unit mined standard insurance records for blueprints of bomb plans, timetables of time changes, thousands of details about possible targets from a brewery in Bangkok to a candy company in Bergedorf. *X-2* is a must read for all of us in OSS who often wondered what *X-2* did, but could never find out. (Basic Books)

For The Glory of France by Floyd Duncan, VMI professor, is in final stages of editing and will be a fictional novel of the early days of the Vietnam conflict. It is dedicated to the memory of Lt. Col. Peter Dewey, killed in a Viet Minh ambush in Saigon and Major Archimedes L.A. Patti, Dewey's counterpart in Hanoi, who worked closely with Ho Chi Minh.



Evangeline Bruce

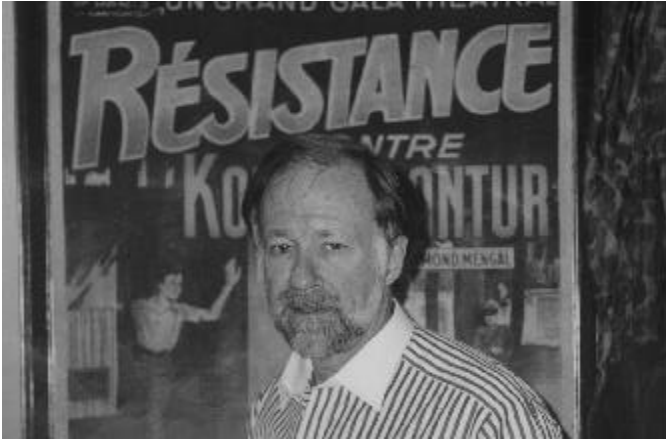
The Georgetown Ladies Social Club: An Intimate Chronicle by C. David Heymann, examines the female power in Georgetown, over the past 50 years, through the lives of five women: Katherine Graham, Pamela Harriman, Lorraine Cooper, Sally Quinn and Evangeline Bruce. "The Georgetown Ladies Social Club" was a term coined by President Ronald Reagan to identify an elite corps of prominent and powerful Washington women—all of whom happened to reside in Georgetown. Evangeline Bruce once served in London OSS headquarters and later married her boss, David Bruce, head of OSS London, also ambassador to France. Sally Quinn's father was General William Quinn, interim SSU head before the CIA was formed, and Washington Post owner, Katherine Graham resided in General Donovan's former Georgetown house.

60th Anniversary Poster

The poster featured on the front page will be placed in Agency buildings throughout the Washington area heralding the upcoming 60th anniversary. Included with General Donovan's portrait are: a B-17 bomber, an SI patch, agent artwork, Virginia Hall receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from Donovan for work with the French resistance, Detachments, 101 jungle fighters in Burma, and an agent with a walkie-talkie.

Museum Wish List

Among the wartime artifacts the J.F.Kennedy Special Warfare Museum at Fort Bragg is hoping to access is an OSS Limpet Mine; a Sleeping Beauty (OSS maritime unit boat); ethnographic material belonging to Kachin Rangers, OSS, Burma; propaganda leaflets from ETO and CBI theaters. Also General Donovan's WWII uniforms and wartime materiel. If you can help, write to the museum at P.O.Box 70060, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.



Curator Kenneth Randell

Boston WWII Museum a Must...

A visit to Boston by OSSers should include a trip to the Museum of World War Two, organized by Kenneth W. Randell, an historical documents dealer.

According to **Dan Pinck**, who heads the OSS Society group in the Boston area, much of the museum material is unique: Hitler's eyeglasses and his chair from the Berlin bunker, as well as Allied equipment, some unmatched by any other museum devoted to WWII, including the Imperial War Museum.

Dan invites OSSers visiting Boston to phone him at 617-423-0728 and he'll arrange a visit. The museum is private.

I.D. Query

A couple of us on the Air Operations side of OSS are curious about an event that took place in England at Harrington, Station 179, in November 1944, recorded in the Group History as a briefing by a "Lt. Burton, Officer in Charge of a Harassing Unit." Since the terms O.I.C. and Harassing Unit are very British, we surmise he may have been a part of a British unit that operated in France in the summer of 1944, or an officer at Special Forces headquarters in London at that time. Anyone having a clue is invited to enlighten **Tom Ensminger**, DeFacto Historian, 801st/492nd BG. www.carpetbaggerops.com

The War & Hollywood

A cryptic note from OSSer **E. Howard Hunt** states that he is appearing in an upcoming American Movie Classics (AMC), *The CIA in Hollywood*.

The accompanying AMC blurb notes: "In times of crisis, Hollywood has offered its extensive talent to the U.S. Government from WWII to the Current War on Terrorism AMC takes you inside this historic alliance." Howard, long retired from CIA is still writing exciting spy books in Miami Beach, Fla.

A Dream Come True...

Floating on Air

At the age of 78, **Ann Boyle Gallagher** decided she wanted to jump out of an airplane. It was just something she had never done. On October 21 she did a tandem dive and landed safely on Virginian soil. "When I first jumped I was nervous, and I closed my eyes. Then the instructor told me to look where I was going, and pointed to a dot on the ground. I opened my eyes. It was beautiful." And she's planning to jump again in the spring—solo. Ann worked in OSS at Que Building during the early part of WWII.

Editor's note: In a recent speech at the CIA, the first Mrs. George Bush noted: "I must have married a nutcake! On his last birthday, he jumped out of an airplane. And there was nothing wrong with the plane!"

Some Tomato

John J. Lyons, our special correspondent from Wichita, Ks., sends this news item: **Julia Child** now has a certified organic tomato bearing her name! Gary Ibsen, founder of the annual Tomatofest in Carmel.

Cal., announced the production of his "Julia Child" tomato. "This tomato isn't for sissies," he says. "It's not a simple, sugary-sweet variety. It has bold straightforward character in its taste with more than enough acidity and earthy nuances to balance its sweet, fruity flavors." Sounds a lot like OSS's Julia, doesn't it?



Attention OGs

Peter Russo, OSS/OG Italy, would greatly appreciate hearing from any OG's who were on the Chicago II seven-man mission to the island of Pianosa. On this raid Co1. George E. Stapleton was in command. Also, Russo would like to make contact with any OSSer on the non-coded ten-man mission to Corsica September 23/24, 1943. This raid was led by Lt. Thomas Gordon who was killed, together with Rocco Grasso and Sam Maselli. Please contact Russo at 574 Kings Highway, Mickleton, N.J.08056; Phone (856) 423-3822.

And another urgent request from **Sikvio Tasselli** in Milan, Italy, an historical researcher interested in OG operations in Sardinia, Italy in 1943. Tasselli would like to locate the following: Antonio Camboni (Tony) and Giovanni De Montis, of Sardinia; Vincenzo Pavia, Sicily; Charles Taquey, France; and Giuseppe Pu Leo, Rochester, N.Y. Please write to Tasselli, Via A. Tantarini 15, 20136 Milan, Italy. Email: folgore56@yahoo.it.

Remembering 109

By Harry "Skittles" Hengshoon



My own special memories of General Donovan go back to that day when he was flown into our KNOTHEAD HQ at Nawbum, Kachin States in Northern Burma in the CBI Theater. Our landing strip was 150 miles behind enemy lines. His pilot was Carl Eiffler, head of our detachment. This flight, to visit a field HQ so deep behind the enemy lines, may be one of the few, perhaps the only one, taken by a commanding General. I was then a civilian employee of OSS Detachment 101. I was out on an assignment 60 miles deeper into enemy territory and missed meeting the general personally. However, later, after the War, in 1952 while visiting the U.S. on private business, I went to see him in his New York office but found that he was away in London on a case involving China Airlines.

I left my card with "Skittles" written by my name. Two days later his secretary called to say that the general wished to see me. I promptly visited him, and the moment we met he remarked that he was glad to finally meet me in person after having missed me when he made his visit in the field.

He then asked me what I knew about Thailand. I told him what I knew from my recent visits to Thailand and the contacts I had, being a member of the Burmese Golf Team participating in matches against the Thai team. The general was aware that I had been in the Thai territory during my last assignment with Detachment 101 which included operations into the Golden Triangle opium venue.

Two years later I heard he was posted as Ambassador to Thailand.

Editor's note: Skittles is the author of Green Hell: Unconventional Warfare in the CBI Theater.

Spring Luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern

George Washington's Legion Post, Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Va., will be the setting for an OSS Society luncheon Saturday, February 23 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Members who attended last year's lunch at Gadsby's will recall that parking garages are located at the corner of Cameron and North Pitt Streets and there is a wheelchair entrance through Gadsby's restaurant. Lunch is served in the second floor ball room.

The speaker will be Milton Bearden, former CIA officer whose article "The Afghan Quagmire" appeared in the last *Foreign Affairs* issue. Bearden is an expert on Afghanistan and the author of a fictionalized account of the problems there: *Black Tulip*. He will speak on the present situation in that country.

The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Chairman Anne Mary Ingraham says she would appreciate it if you send your checks to her at an early date: 827 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., 22314.

War of Words

Mark Fritz, Boston Globe staffer, has been writing an in-depth series of WWII articles on little-known aspects of that war such as the part insurance firms played in uncovering Nazi sources of income; the story of Hans Kolbe, the Nazi who spied for Allan Dulles; and, recently, an article "War of Words." In this study of propaganda, Fritz quotes Edwin J. Putzel Jr., one-time Donovan aide, who feels that a lot of lessons in WWII could be of great use today; Barbara Podoski, who tells of her morale operations against the Nazis in Italy, and Betty McIntosh, reporting on China MO.

Also included: Tokyo Rose, who both taunted and entertained American troops over Japanese radio; the muckraking radio commentator Drew Pearson, Roosevelt's main media mouthpiece; and on the other side, Joseph Goebbels, the Third Reich's propaganda minister.

OSSer Named Honorary Mayor

Rene Defourneaux, who trained and directed resistance groups, later jumped into Japanese-held French Indo China for OSS has now been named honorary mayor-president of the City of Baton Rouge!

This surprise honor was conferred upon Defourneaux during a December visit to Baton Rouge where he was invited to address the LSU School of Mass Communications and history department. There he spent four days with undergrads, telling them about OSS exploits in WWII. He

was also written up by Columnist David Perlmutter in an article entitled "Where are the old spooks now that we need them?" Defourneaux was quoted as saying that the best way we can fight terrorists is to become one of them and use the most politically incorrect methods possible. We must plant long-term assets. . .

Later, at the dinner honoring him, the usually garrulous Defourneaux said, "I was so surprised when they gave me the Mayor's award that I was speechless. So I kissed the lady representing the real Mayor, and sat down!"

An OSS Hero in France

A fascinating life story of **Owen Denis Johnson**, first American OSS service man to join the French Resistance, is recounted in the French July-August edition of *Histoire de Guerre* (War History).

Johnson was part of the inter-allied mission (MUSC) dropped in German-occupied France. He was also the first OSS agent fighting with the French resistance against Reich security forces in the Ain and Haute Jura regions of France, and finally, he masterminded the landing of the first Douglas C47 Dakota in occupied France.

Born in Stockbridge, Maine, Johnson studied at Yale and the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques, Paris. He was a reporter for Time Magazine in Morocco until forced to leave the country by the Vichy French. He wrote a detailed situation report about the area with emphasis on the weak points in the defenses there. This report reached the desk of Sherman Kent, his former teacher at Yale, then with the R&A Section, OSS. He was recruited in April, 1942, trained in guerilla warfare and sent to Paris. He was dropped in the area of Pont-de-Veux with Richard Heslop,

British SOE and Jean Rosenthal, BCRA. He spent the rest of the war behind enemy lines. Forty-eight hours after Day he cabled FFI HQ in London that the resistance was in control in the Oyamar and Nautia regions.

After the war Johnson settled in Chatillon sur Chalarome where

he was an honorary citizen, and where they named a street after him. He is buried in that French town, his grave marked by a stone telling the story of his link to France in WWII. *Translated by Barbara Podoski*



Tea with Tito



OSSers Ellery Huntington and wife, the former Catherine Du Bois, meet for tea with Yugoslav leader Marshall Tito in Belgrad shortly after WWII. Huntington worked with Tito during the war as OSS liaison officer. His wife was OSS in Cairo, where they met. She supplied the photo "out of the attic" for the Newsletter. We welcome your contributions.

OSSer's Murals on Exhibit

Visitors to St. Mary's College, Maryland, can now visit the outstanding murals depicting the founding of the state of Maryland by the late artist **William Arthur Smith**.

During the war Smith served with the Morale Operation office in Kunming, China and also assisted in evacuation of allied prisoners of war after V-J Day. An accomplished artist, Smith's works hang in Washington and New York galleries. The Smith murals are located in Kent Hall at the college.

Barga Remembers September 11

Citizens of Barga, Italy, celebrated a mass in memory of the victims of the September 11 tragedy. This was followed by the dedication of a plaque commemorating the attacks on the Trade Center and Pentagon.

The townspeople of Barga have been especially close to American forces, particularly OSS, since WWII. During the bitter winter of 1943 Allied forces were stalled at the Gothic line and depended upon partisans for tactical intelligence. Liaison was furnished by the OSS Fifth Army Detachment located at Barga. Here a relationship was formed which continues to this day. A memorable Reunion of Friendship was held in 1991. OSSers who made that trip will never forget the wonderful reception given them by the people of Barga, according to Al Matarazzi who participated.

Join OSS Internet

The OSS Society has set up a discussion group on the Internet to enable The Society to communicate more frequently with its membership and permit members to communicate with one another. We will use it to advise members of upcoming OSS Society events and related issues. In just the first two days after its inception on January 8, 2002, 18 messages came in.

If you would like to join the group send an Email message to: charlie313@AOL.com

In Memoriam

Anargyros Antonopoulos, 80, Greek restaurateur and freedom fighter died in October in San Jose. He joined the OSS early in the war, was trained as a paratrooper, and was sent to Greece to work with the underground blowing up bridges and railroads. His work was so effective that Hitler issued an order to summarily execute members of this underground. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Guy Dalias Allen, 88, of Circleville, Ohio, died December 14. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. An Army veteran of WWII, he served with the Office of Strategic Services.

Milton A. Berger, died in Fairfax, Va., December 6 after a stroke. Berger, an international economist who retired in 1980 from the Department of Commerce, received a law degree from Harvard. He studied Chinese language and Far East affairs later at Yale. During the war he served in the Army Signal Corps and the OSS. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Berger of Falls Church, Va.

Irving Bernstein, professor emeritus of political sciences and a leading labor historian, died September 25 in Los Angeles. During the war he served as a Swedish language specialist with the OSS.

David Brodie, died in New York City November 24. During WWII Brodie served with the OSS in Italy with Communications where he helped rescue downed U.S. airmen from Albania. He set up communications for the Tito government in Yugoslavia, and later transferred to the OSS detachment in China.

Ernest J. Brown, 95, a Harvard law professor who later joined the Justice Department, died at Ft. Worth, Texas. During world War II Dr. Brown joined the legal staff of the War Production Board, later transferred to OSS where he was stationed in China and worked behind enemy lines reporting on troop movements. His decorations include the bronze star.

Frank Craighead, 85, renowned grizzly bear researcher credited with launching the careers of a generation of aspiring biologists and conservationists, died October 21 at Jackson, Wyoming. Craighead conducted survival training courses for the OSS during the war.

Pierre de Benouville, 87, a hero of the French Resistance in World War II, died on December 11 in Paris. In the years of the Nazi occupation he made more than 50 surreptitious border crossings and became an

expert in organizing escape routes for Resistance members. His Resistance work included going to Switzerland to negotiate with Allen Dulles of the OSS about cooperation and support.

William J. Galione died July 9 in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a business executive in broadcasting and during WWII he joined the OSS. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol, and three sons.

Hans H. Landsberg, specialist in energy and minerals, died October 14 in Rockville, Md. at age 88. Born in Pozen, Germany, he settled in the United States three years after his father had been killed by the Nazis. He became a citizen in 1940 and worked for the OSS in intelligence gathering in Algeria and Italy.

Henry Cord Meyer, 88, retired history department chairman, University of California, died September 30 at Claremont, Calif. Dr. Meyer, a modern European history specialist, received a doctorate from Yale. He served with the OSS during the war.

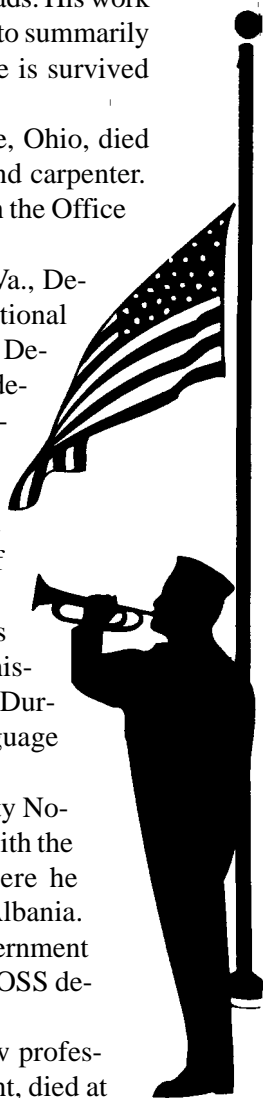
Betty Weethee Mezines, 76, docent at the National Gallery of Art for 28 years, died of a brain tumor October 29 at her Bethesda, Md. home. She was an analyst with the CIA and its predecessor, OSS.

Blanche C. O'Connell, 83, died October 8 at her home in Warrenton, Va. Miss O'Connell received her Bachelor's Degree from Trinity College, and worked for many years for the government, serving with the OSS.

Turner T. Smith Sr., 89, a Manassas Va. lawyer died October 17 at Greenwood Farm, Haymarket, Va. He served in the Navy during WWII and was attached to the OSS where he was stationed in Egypt and Turkey.

John Francis Welch, 77, logistics and support officer, died October 19 in Arlington, Va. During WWII he was posted to the OSS in the CBI theater of operations.

Benjamin Welles, 85, a former foreign correspondent for the New York Times, died of colon cancer Jan. 2 at Sibley Hospital, Washington D.C. Mr. Welles, a resident of Washington was born in Japan, where his father, Sumner Welles, was third secretary of the U.S. Embassy. In 1938 he graduated from Harvard and joined the Times. During WWII, he enlisted in the Army and served in the OSS in the Middle East, North Africa, and France. He was with the U.S. forces who liberated Paris on August 25, 1944. He was awarded a bronze star.



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Spring Luncheon Registration (see pg. 5)

I will will not attend the

OSS Society Spring Luncheon

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2002.

Place: Gadsby's Tavern ballroom, Alexandria Va.
Entrance on Cameron Street
(Same as July, 2001)

Time: 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

I will be bringing ____ guests..

Their names are _____

Cost: \$25.00 per person

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