



THE SOCIETY *of* PRESIDENTIAL DESCENDANTS

A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DIRECT LINEAGE TO ONE OR MORE
OF THE FORTY-SIX UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS



ABOUT US

We are a group of direct descendants of one or more of the United States presidents who support the study of the presidency. We encourage all Americans to learn about and support our democracy. We also gather biennially at different presidential sites to celebrate the life and contributions of one of America's presidents.





OUR INITIATIVES

- In association with The Roosevelt School at Long Island University, we help Americans learn more about their civic responsibilities through programs ranging from educating students about how our government works to hosting influential leaders, providing them a platform to discuss a major issue of the day and propose solutions. In conjunction with LIU, we will offer scholarships to students studying government and the presidency.
- We encourage new books on the presidency and offer a biennial monetary prize awarded at a gala event for the best book on presidential leadership.
- We foresee numerous other projects, including contests; the creation of lesson plans for schools and college courses; publishing a journal devoted to presidential studies; hosting public on-line forums on presidential issues; creating a series of podcasts; initiating an award for innovative projects at presidential sites; providing presidential descendants as speakers for schools, retirement homes, and other institution; and other projects.
- We will organize biennial meetings of descendants and guests at different presidential sites, including public events such as symposia and gala fundraising dinners.

THE SOCIETY OF PRESIDENTIAL DESCENDANTS OFFICERS



TWEED ROOSEVELT

President

Tweed Roosevelt, President and Co-founder of The Society of Presidential Descendants, is Chairman of The Roosevelt School at LIU, where he is a University Professor.

Tweed has focused for many years on preserving Theodore Roosevelt's memory and legacy, on conservation, and on civic education in the U.S. He has held various roles at the Theodore Roosevelt Association, which is dedicated to TR's memory. He has written and lectured extensively on TR and other subjects. He spearheaded the effort to have TR awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and he has retraced many of TR's adventures in Africa, South America, and the American West.

Tweed has taught at Harvard, Columbia and other schools and universities. He also has had a successful business career.



MASSEE MCKINLEY

Vice President and Chief of Staff

Masee McKinley's paternal ancestor is the 25th U.S. President William McKinley. He is the great-great nephew of McKinley. McKinley's maternal ancestor is the 22nd and 24th US President Grover Cleveland.

McKinley is the founding partner of Peerage Communications, LLC, an executive and political communications boutique consulting firm headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. He has written for the likes of Delta Airlines, The Coca-Cola Company, LVMH (Louis Vuitton), Hermès and Ferragamo. McKinley has also written for three former United States House Speakers.



LYNDA JOHNSON ROBB

Vice President

Lynda Johnson Robb is the daughter of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. She has served as a member of the Selection Board of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Among of her past affiliations include a presidential appointment by Jimmy Carter to serve as chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women (1979-1981), chair of the Virginia's Women Cultural History Project (1982-1985), Vice Chair of Americans Promise and chair of the Virginia Task Force on Infant Mortality. She also received a congressional appointment to serve as commissioner of the National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality (1989-1996).



CLIFTON TRUMAN DANIEL

Vice President

Clifton Truman Daniel is the oldest grandson of President Harry S. Truman. He is the son of author Margaret Truman and former *New York Times* Managing Editor E. Clifton Daniel Jr.

Mr. Daniel is honorary chairman of the board of the Truman Library Institute and board secretary of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. He is the author of *Growing Up With My Grandfather: Memories of Harry S. Truman* and *Dear Harry, Love Bess: Bess Truman's Letters to Harry Truman, 1919-1943*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **James A. Garfield III**
Great-Great-Great Grandson of President James A. Garfield
- **Edward Hayes**
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- **Bob Taft**
Great-Grandson of President William Howard Taft
- **Patricia M. Taft**
Great-Granddaughter of President William Howard Taft

INAUGURAL GALA WEEKEND

June 10–12, 2022

The first biennial gathering of The Society of Presidential Descendants will honor Theodore Roosevelt at his home, Sagamore Hill, in the town of Oyster Bay, N.Y., on Long Island, and at nearby Long Island University, the administrative home of The Society, on June 10–12, 2022.

The gathering will start on Friday night with a dinner featuring local delicacies, including lobsters and oysters at Long Island University President Kimberly R. Cline's home, McGrath House, and gardens on the LIU campus, the former home of E. F. Hutton and Marjorie Merriweather Post. On Saturday morning a symposium of leading scholars and others examine TR's life and legacy. In the afternoon TR's great-grandson, Tweed Roosevelt, and other family members will lead private tours of Sagamore Hill.

The early evening will feature a panel of presidential descendants sharing personal stories about their ancestors and how they deal with the burden of having such a famous ancestor. At the gala dinner, held on the campus of LIU, Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin, this year's winner of the prestigious Society's Distinguished Presidential Historian Award will share insights into the presidency and Theodore Roosevelt, gained from a lifetime of study.



DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

Honoree

DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

Presidential Historian & Master of Ceremonies



INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL BOOK AWARD

October 23, 2021

The Society of Presidential Descendants is sponsoring a biennial book award contest for books on Presidential leadership. Books on any aspect of the Presidency, but not biographies, are eligible. Of primary concern will be literary excellence and preeminent scholarship.

The awards will be presented at a dinner in New York City on Saturday, October 23, 2021. The Master of Ceremonies will be Douglas Brinkley, the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History at Rice University, a CNN Presidential Historian, and a contributing editor at Vanity Fair.

To learn more and register, please visit:

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Descendant \$100 / year

Direct descendant of a United States President.

Collateral Descendant \$150 / year

Direct descendant of the union of a United States President's parents.

Friends \$250 / year
(Students: \$25 / year)

Individuals who do not have a presidential ancestor but are interested in supporting the Society and attending the gala dinners at the Society Weekend and the Book Award dinner. They will also have the opportunity to attend various other special events.

To join, please visit:

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ENDOWMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Presidential Book Award Endowment \$ 1,000,000

A biennial Presidential Book Award will be given to the year's best book on Presidential Leadership to encourage writers and publishers to publish. The award will generate significant publicity in the publishing industry and nationally. The winning book and author will receive a substantial monetary award and will be honored at a gala dinner in either New York City or Washington, D.C.

Society Lifetime Achievement Award \$ 500,000

Biennially, The Society will honor a leading presidential writer for contributions to presidential scholarship with a gift and a substantial monetary award.

Contests \$ 250,000

National contests at the school, college, and graduate levels will provide monetary and scholarship awards.

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