

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Alfalfa Club Dinner

Date: January 29, 1994
Time: 7:40 pm - 11:00 pm
Location: Capital Hilton
From: Anne Walley, Katey Newell

I. PURPOSE

The Alfalfa Club takes its name from the plant reputed to send its roots farthest in search of liquid refreshment. Aside from its members and their guests gathering once a year for fellowship, good food, and good music, the Alfalfa Club has no purpose. It is purely a social club whose object is "to make life brighter and more comfortable for its members and their friends."

II. BACKGROUND

The Alfalfa Club was started in 1913 in Washington, D.C., by four Southern men. Although it started small, the Alfalfa Club grew considerably during the 1930's. Today there are 200 members who gather once a year for dinner.

Traditionally, the Alfalfa Club has been for men only. This is the first year that women are allowed to attend the dinner or become members. Last year, female members of the Cabinet and Justice O'Connor were invited, but none were able to attend. Of the nine new members, three are female. The Club is bipartisan and politically and racially unbiased. African Americans were recruited as members approximately 15 years ago under the leadership of former Chief Justice and Alfalfa President Warren Burger. Past presidents of the Alfalfa Club also include Sen. David Boren, Hon. Henry Kissinger, Sen. Alan Simpson, Hon. James Baker III, and Col. John Bourgeois. The outgoing president this year is Sen. Charles Robb, and the incoming president is Sen. Pete Domenici.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Partial list is attached.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

7:20 pm Music of Marine Band and Marine Drum and Bugle Corps; march on of Colors.

7:45 pm Off-stage introduction of you and the First Lady; "Ruffles and Flourishes" is played.

7:50 pm President Robb welcomes guests, acknowledges the Marine Band and Drum and Bugle Corps, and opens the 81st Anniversary Dinner of Alfalfa.

7:55 pm Lobster is served.

8:20 pm Entree is served.

8:55 pm President Robb gives farewell address and introduces new Alfalfa president, Sen. Pete Domenici.

9:07 pm Sgt. Michael Ryan sings "For He's Our President."

9:10 pm President Domenici gives acceptance speech.

9:20 pm Salad is served.

9:40 pm James Symington is recognized by President Domenici, then initiates new members. President Domenici welcomes new members and announces that Sgt. Michael Ryan will serenade with "Come to the Land of Alfalfa" as they return to their seats. The new members are as follows:

- * Katharine Graham
- * Elizabeth Dole
- * Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
- * Sen. David Pryor
- * Sen. Christopher Bond
- * Malcomb S. Forbes, Jr.
- * E.C. Grayson
- * Dale Petroskey
- * Calvert Bowie

10:10 pm Desert and coffee are served.

10:18 pm Richard Pearson signals time for the toast to the President of the United States.

10:30 pm President Domenici temporarily recesses dinner and recognizes the Hon. Richard Cheney to offer resolution nominating the Alfalfa ticket's candidate for President of the United States.

10:35 pm Alfalfa candidate (Speaker Thomas Foley) gives acceptance speech; President Domenici responds briefly.

10:40 pm President Domenici calls on you for brief remarks.

10:45 pm You make brief remarks.

11:00 pm President Domenici thanks you, thanks organizers,
and adjourns dinner.

V. PRESS PLAN

Closed press

VI. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriting

Alfalfa Dinner

Dwayne Andreas
James Baker
Griffin Bell
David Boren
Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Warren Burger
President George Bush (ret.)
Andrew Card
Pete Domenici
Barry Diller
Lawrence Eagleburger
Speaker Foley
Dick Cheney
Bill Coleman
Malcolm Forbes, Jr.
Henry Fowler
Alexander Haig
Howell Heflin
Leon Higginbotham
General David Jones (ret.)
Robert L. Johnson
Robert Wood Johnson IV
Bennett Johnston
Vernon Jordan
Bob Kerrey
Henry Kissinger
Paul Laxalt
Bob Michel
G. William Miller
Bob Mosbacher
Edmund Muskie
Paul Nitze
Michael Ovitz
General Colin Powell (ret.)
Howard Paster
Lewis Powell
*David Pryor
William Rehnquist
Elliott Richardson
David Rockefeller
Dan Rostenkowski
Jim Sasser
William Sessions
Alan Simpson
Sam Skinner
Bob Strauss
Jack Valenti
General John W. Vessey
Paul Volcker
John Warner
William Webster
John Welch

General Westmoreland (ret.)

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Admiral Frank Kelso
General Merrill A. McPeak
General Carl Mundy, Jr.
General Shalikashvili

Administration

Mrs. Clinton
Madeleine Albright
Les Aspin
Lloyd Bentsen
Sandy Berger
Jesse Brown
Ron Brown
Warren Christopher
Mike Espy
David Gergen
Phil Lader
Mack McLarty
Hazel O'Leary
Federico Pena
Molly Raiser
Richard Riley
Donna Shalala
Strobe Talbott

Women outside administration

*Elizabeth Dole
*Sandra Day O'Connor
Heather Foley
*Katharine Graham
Ann Dore Miklaughlin
Barbara Mikulski
Barbara Walters
Linda Wauchner
Elyse G. Wander

*will be inducted as new members at the dinner.