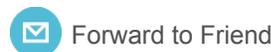


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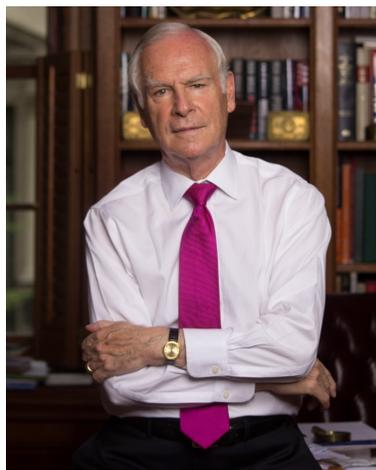
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Week of February 26, 2018

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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Georgescu Hosts Event Honoring Ike & the Memorial



Last week Peter Georgescu hosted an event honoring his special connection to Eisenhower and the forthcoming memorial. Mr. Georgescu credits Eisenhower with saving his life as a young boy. Peter was born in Romania on the eve of WWII. During one of his father's business trips to New York, the Iron Curtain fell and his parents were left stranded in America, unable to return to get Peter and

his brother who were left with their grandparents. The boys and their grandparents were soon put in work camps. After seven years, his parents were approached by Romanian Communist diplomats and



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asked to spy on the US in exchange for their children's safety. Instead of agreeing, Georgescu's parents went to the press and caused an international scandal. Eventually, Congressman Frances Bolton and President Eisenhower intervened and brokered an exchange for the boys. Eventually attending Exeter Academy, Princeton and Stanford, Peter went on to become Chairman and CEO of Young & Rubicam.

The event, hosted at [The Links Club](#) in New York City, was attended by Eisenhower's granddaughter Anne Eisenhower who was accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter.



The reunited Georgescu family with President Eisenhower, 1954

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Ike's Timeless Legacy

Honoring Women's History Month



*Jacqueline Cochran in the cockpit of her North American Aviation P-51B-15-NA Mustang
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Already a world-famous aviatrix before America's entry into World War II, Jacqueline Cochran was appointed by Army Air Forces Commander, General Hap Arnold, to direct the Women's Airforce

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Service Pilots (WASPs) during the war, joining the Commander General's offices at the Pentagon and supervising the training of over one thousand women who performed distinguished service flying experimental Air Force planes. She received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for her war efforts and reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From 1941 to 1943 she would serve as President of the 99s, an organization of women aviators.

Cochran was instrumental in convincing Eisenhower to run for President in 1952, a story told through the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film, [1952, Winning the Presidency: Daring All For Our Country](#). She helped sponsor a rally at Madison Square Garden in New York City in February 1952 and then subsequently flew a recording of the rally to Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris. Upon viewing the film, Eisenhower broke into tears and eventually decided to run for President.

A pioneer in every definition of the word, Cochran was the first woman to land and take off from an aircraft carrier, the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier, the first woman to pilot a bomber across the North Atlantic and later to fly a jet aircraft on a transatlantic flight, the first pilot to make a blind (instrument) landing, the only woman ever to be president of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (1958–1961), the first woman to fly a fixed-wing, jet aircraft across the Atlantic, the first pilot to fly above 20,000 feet with an oxygen mask, and the first woman to enter the Bendix Transcontinental Race. She still holds more distance and speed records than any pilot living or dead, male or female.

The debt that all men owe to women is not merely that through women we are brought forth on this world, it is because they have done far more than we have to sustain and teach those ideals that make our kind of life worthwhile.

- Dwight Eisenhower, Remarks to a Group of Business and Professional Women, Detroit, Michigan, October 17, 1960

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Oscar Awards Edition Special: In what year did *Seeds of Destiny*, a film made by the U.S. Army Signal Corps under orders from General Eisenhower, win the Oscar for Best Documentary (Short Subject)?

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Trivia Answer: 1947 at the 19th Academy Awards. The film, released in 1946, brought awareness to the famine in Europe after World War II and the suffering of orphaned refugee children in displaced persons camps throughout Europe. It effectively served as a marketing tool for the Marshall Plan. Through private viewings, the film raised millions of dollars for hunger relief in war-devastated countries.



VIDEO: [Seeds of Destiny](#)

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