INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Sacred Fire of Liberty Gala. Tonight renowned national speakers and great entertainers will edify and uplift you. America’s founding principles will once again take center stage. The predominant forces that undermine those principles will be exposed, and all will be rallied to defend the United States against threats domestic and foreign.

Tonight we will also commence the first of a two part awards ceremony, honoring extraordinary individuals whose work has advanced the cause of liberty and freedom of choice around the world.

In the morning we will venture into the heart of the nation’s Capitol on unique and extraordinary excursions, each an opportunity for reflection on the historic efforts undertaken to keep a republican form of government and to defend individual liberty against tyranny. Tomorrow evening we will reunite for more extraordinary speeches. There will be more powerful entertainment. We will regale exceptional physicians, scientists, journalists, and public policy advocates who have enhanced the lives of millions through their innovations, brilliance, courage, persistence, and dedication to freedom of informed choice.

With the aid of dedicated defenders of freedom, with stirring musical performances, with excursions to patriotic venues, and with celebratory tributes to great men and women, we aim to rekindle in you what President George Washington termed “the sacred fire of liberty.” If that sacred fire is extinguished, if the world’s best hope for protection of individual liberty against tyranny fails in its mission, the nation our Founding Fathers consecrated to achieve that end will devolve into despotism. The people’s sovereignty and freedom will then be denied in favor of the power and dictates of those who rule. Rekindling liberty’s sacred fire is thus a necessity if we are to bestow upon future generations the rich blessings of liberty bequeathed to us.

As President Washington put it: "The preservation of the Sacred Fire of Liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." Each generation of Americans must choose whether to accept Washington’s challenge in order to reap the blessings of liberty or to decline that challenge and suffer the dire consequences that come when freedom and independence are exchanged for servility and dependence.

Americans now struggle to endure burdens from a federal government that seems foreign and hostile to them. Our government has lost its founding identity and has drifted far from its constitutional moorings. Those burdens have grown as the central government has mushroomed in size and scope, a centralization of power that has continued unabated for seven and a half long decades. Our Founding Fathers feared unlimited government and were driven to revolution because of it. Since the 1930’s, we have witnessed the progressive establishment of a government that knows no bounds, of the accumulation of massive debt, and of prolific bureaucracy. Indeed, precious few private ventures commence today without satisfaction of complex and costly federal government rules.
We therefore do well to remember the love of freedom that led America to greatness and became our defining characteristic in the world. Unobstructed action according to our will (limited only by the equal rights of others) has served us well through days of calm and eras of strife. With rights to life, liberty, and property secured, our forebears transformed and uplifted themselves from a rustic people with barely a foothold on an untamed North American continent into a prosperous and thriving people: the envy of the world, the wealthiest and most powerful on earth.

If we who gather here tonight can but remember with patriotic pride that fierce Spirit of Liberty that drove the Founding generation to sacrifice all in order to produce a limited federal republic under a Constitution of Liberty, perhaps we may yet inspire our fellow Americans to restore that republic and reclaim American greatness. From this place and moment we may yet spread Washington’s Sacred Fire, setting a bright example that can once again inspire the world to freedom and progress.

In the earliest days of the American experience, Puritan John Winthrop laid the precedent for American exceptionalism. In his famous 1630 sermon, “A Model of Christian Charity,” wherein he reflected on the parable of Salt and Light in Christ’s Sermon on the Mount, Winthrop called upon the people of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to create a shining “city upon a hill” that would illuminate a world in darkness. From that moment forward, the greatest of American statesmen have heeded Winthrops call to remind the American people of their divine mission.

As we join together tonight in celebration, others across the nation huddle in fear of government power and of government officials who wield that power. They harbor grave doubts about our country’s future. They, like we, cannot help but question whether the self-evident truths of the American Revolution have been abandoned in favor of government control. Each day witnesses a new application of political ambition that trumps individual liberty and compromises the destinies of all Americans. We ask: Do we still possess that government which our Declaration of Independence defines, one based on the Consent of the Governed, one respecting the principle that all are created equal and are endowed by God with unalienable rights to life, liberty and property? Do those in government still honor the Founders’ command that government be dedicated to achieve the end of securing those rights?

Enjoy this moment of wise reflection. Receive its inspiration. Recall what defines us as Americans and leads us to greatness. Share in the hope that this generation may yet rekindle George Washington’s Sacred Fire, ensuring that the forces that seek to extinguish it are themselves vanquished.
DEDICATION

We dedicate this Gala to George Washington, that great American Commander-in-Chief, President, true friend of liberty, and brave patriot, whose example of leadership, restraint, courage, humility, piety, grace, respect for the rule of law, and mastery of decorum still define good governance.

Actor Ian Kahn playing the role of General George Washington in AMC’s mini-series, TURN
THE AGENDA

Sept. 5, 2014
(Day 1)

5:00PM: Reception/Ragtime Jazz
5:45PM: Fife and Drum Corps
6:15PM: Our National Anthem (All Rise!): Vocalist Alma Randolph
6:20PM: Introduction: Master of Ceremonies Hollywood Actor and
Talk Show Host Terrence McNally
6:25PM: Invocation: Bishop Robert Walter
6:30PM: Keynote Address: Fox News Chief National
Correspondent Jim Angle
7:00PM: Address: Former Treasurer of the United States and Fox
News Contributor Bay Buchanan
7:30PM: Happy Birthday Emord & Associates (All Sing!)
7:35PM: Fresh Air Music Entertainment’s Vintage Motown Revue
8:05PM: Address: Young America’s Foundation Vice President, Fox
News Contributor, and former Chairman of the Republican Party
of Virginia Kate Obenshain
8:35PM: Address: Best Selling Author, Talk Show Host, and Fox
News Contributor Tammy Bruce
9:05PM: George Mason University’s Brass Quintet
9:20PM: Address: Washington Times Continuous News Writer and
Author Cheryl Chumley
9:40PM: Address: Campaign for Liberty Vice President for Policy
Norm Singleton
10:00PM: You’re a Grand Old Flag: Mark Harris
10:05PM: Address: Author, Investigative Reporter, and Industry
Consultant Bert Schwitters
10:25PM: First Amendment Hall of Fame, Sacred Fire of Liberty,
and Free Speech Global Awards
10:45PM: Battle Hymn of the Republic: Alma Randolph
11:00PM: Conclusion of Day 1: Actor and Talk Show Host Terrence
McNally
THE AGENDA

Sept. 6, 2014
(Day 2)

6:00PM: Prelude: George Mason University’s Colonial String Ensemble
6:30PM: Introduction: Master of Ceremonies, Actor and Talk Show Host Terrence McNally
6:35PM: America the Beautiful: Alma Randolph
6:40PM: Achievement Awards: Special Master of Ceremonies, Young America’s Foundation Vice President, Fox News Contributor, and former Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia Kate Obenshain and Genesis Communications Network Talk Show Host Erskine
8:45PM: God Bless America: Mark Harris and George Mason University’s Brass Quintet
8:50PM: Prelude to Keynote: Master of Ceremonies, Actor and Talk Show Host Terrence McNally
8:55PM: Introduction of Keynote
9:15PM: Ruffles and Flourishes and Hail to the Chief: George Mason University’s Brass Quintet
9:20PM: Keynote Address
9:45PM: Hail Columbia!: Mark Harris and George Mason University’s Brass Quintet
9:50PM: We Shall Overcome: Alma Randolph
10:00PM: Benediction: Bishop Robert Walter
10:05PM: Closing and Conclusion of Day 2: Terrence McNally
THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Terrence E. McNally

An American television actor, film star, and radio host who has appeared for over three decades in such classics as Star Trek: The Next Generation, Dallas, Nine to Five, Taking Care of Business, Looker, Battle Beyond the Stars, Matlock, Baywatch, Baretta, L.A. Law, and The Young and the Restless, McNally is a Hollywood talent with wide-ranging acting, writing, and production credits. For nearly two decades, McNally served as the popular host of Free Forum on Pacifica Radio stations KPFL and WBAI in Los Angeles. McNally hosts a radio interview program on the Progressive Voices Network on the app TuneIn, (podcast at terrencemcnally.net), envisioning “a world that just might work.” He also fills in as host of KCRW/PRI shows, Left, Right & Center and To the Point. In addition, McNally is a strategic communications consultant, speaker, writer, and coach for foundations, non-profits, public agencies, and businesses.
THE SPEAKERS

Jim Angle
Fox News Chief National Correspondent

A veteran broadcast news journalist with a distinguished career whose award winning national reporting has kept the nation informed of almost every major political development over the last two and a half decades, Jim Angle first came to national prominence as the anchor of the popular NPR news program “Marketplace.” He next appeared as NPR’s Senior White House Correspondent during the Reagan and George H. W. Bush Administrations. He thereafter assumed the position of ABC News Political Correspondent on World News Tonight, Nightline, and Good Morning America. He next served as a CNN Political and Economic Correspondent before joining Fox News as Senior White House Correspondent and then as Chief Washington Correspondent. From 2011 to the present, Mr. Angle has served as the Chief National Correspondent for Fox News.

A fascinating speaker at the apex of national and international news, Mr. Angle has received numerous awards, honors and plaudits for his investigative journalism. He is the recipient of the Merriman Smith Memorial Award from the White House Correspondents’ Association and the Excellence in Financial Journalism Award, among others.

Columnist Nat Hentoff described Mr. Angle as “one of the most fair, incisive, and informed investigative reporters on the Washington scene.”
Angela “Bay” Buchanan
Featured Speaker

Angela "Bay" Buchanan began her political career as the National Treasurer for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns in 1980 and 1984. That position catapulted her into a distinguished career beginning in 1981 when President Reagan appointed her to be the 37th Treasurer of the United States. At the age of 32, she was the youngest person to hold that office since it was established in 1775.

In 2012 Buchanan served as Senior Adviser to the Mitt Romney presidential campaign where she emerged as a top surrogate for the candidate on both national television and radio. In the spring of 2012 her second book, “Bay and Her Boys, the Unexpected Lessons I Learned as a Single Mom,” was published. That personal account of her experience in raising three boys alone received high acclaim. Her first book, “the extreme makeover of Hillary (Rodham) Clinton,” was released in 2008.

In 2013 Bay launched a new career and today enjoys a thriving real estate business in the DC metropolitan area. In addition, she serves as President of American Cause, an educational foundation dedicated to advancing conservative ideas. She is a regular speaker at student and professional forums.

Buchanan served as the campaign chairman for all three of her brother Pat Buchanan's presidential campaigns. From September of 1996 through August of 1999, she co-anchored Equal Time, a political talk show initially on CNBC, then on MSNBC. In addition, she worked as a political analyst for Good Morning America throughout the 1992 general election. From 1996 to 1997 Buchanan hosted a two-hour radio talk show program covering current events. In the summer of 1996, George Magazine recognized her as one of the top 20 political women in the nation. The Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute named Bay Buchanan the 2007 Woman of the Year, and, again, in 2011 she was named by the Institute as one of the 10 most influential conservative women in America.

A native of Washington, DC, Buchanan has a master’s degree in mathematics from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. In 1981 she received an honorary doctor of law degree from Samford University. She lives in Virginia with her husband and has three grown sons and six grandchildren.
Kate Obenshain
Featured Speaker

Kate Obenshain served as the first woman Chairman of the Virginia GOP from 2003 to 2006. From 1995 to 2000, she promoted budget reform and programmatic accountability on the Council of Higher Education for Virginia. From 2006 to 2007, she served as United States Senator George Allen’s Chief of Staff. From 2008 to 2012, she was the Vice President of the Young America’s Foundation, a group that inspires youth at the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara, California, and on college campuses around the country. Along with Ann Coulter, Laura Schlessinger, Phyllis Schlafly and Jeane Kirkpatrick, Obenshain's work is featured in the book, Great American Conservative Women. Obenshain is the author of the critically acclaimed Divider in Chief: The Fraud of Hope and Change published in 2012, an indictment of the Obama administration. She has been Executive Producer for two feature films, Still Point in a Turning World, in honor of President Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday, and The Conservatives, featuring Michelle Malkin, Mark Levin and Jonah Goldberg.

Obenshain is a member of the Board of Directors of the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute and the Young America's Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board for the Steamboat Institute. In 2005, Obenshain received the Young America’s Foundation’s prestigious Torch of Freedom Award.

Obenshain regularly appears on The O'Reilly Factor and on numerous cable news shows, including, Hannity, Fox and Friends, Bulls and Bears, Your World with Neil Cavuto, Hard Ball and Larry Kudlow’s The Call. She has appeared on hundreds of radio shows, including The Sean Hannity Show, The Mark Levin Show, The Dennis Miller Show, The Dennis Praeger Show, The Michael Medved Show, and NPR. She is a regular on The Mark Larson Show. She has guest hosted. The Andrea Tantaros Show and The G. Gordon Liddy Show. Her writings have been featured in, among others, the New York Post, Washington Times, Washington Examiner, Human Events, Breitbart.com and the Richmond Times Dispatch. Obenshain has four children.
Tammy Bruce is a radio talk show host, New York Times bestselling author, blogger, Fox News Political Contributor and columnist at The Washington Times. The “Tammy Bruce Show” premiered in 1993 in Los Angeles and was nationally syndicated in 2005, enjoying over 200 terrestrial affiliates. In 2009, Bruce established an independent radio network, Tammy Radio, which has remained the #1 program on the worldwide internet radio hub TalkStreamLive for 3 consecutive years.

Bruce has been profiled, and her editorials and commentaries on significant social issues published, nationally and internationally, in dozens of magazines and newspapers, including the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, USA Today, the San Francisco Chronicle, Esquire, and The Advocate, among others.


Besides Bruce’s blog, radio program, books, and columns, she can be seen in in two short films. In "2081”, an adaptation of Vonnugut’s “Harrison Bergeron,” she portrays the “Inspector General” and in 2010 she was featured in the Sarah Palin documentary “The Undefeated.”
Cheryl K. Chumley
Featured Speaker

Cheryl K. Chumley is a veteran news writer with The Washington Times. During her 15 year career, Chumley has covered a wide range of topics from politics, policy and presidential elections to small-town courts, cops and county government. She is a journalism fellow with The Phillips Foundation and her work has been featured in The Washington Times, Blaze Magazine, The Washington Examiner, The Heritage Foundation, WND, Townhall Magazine, American Enterprise Institute, Newsmax and the Capital Research Center. Her news, opinion and in-depth analyses have won numerous awards at both state and national levels. She is noted for her aggressive use of Freedom of Information Act laws to hold government officials accountable. Chumley is the recent author of the critically acclaimed "Police State U.S.A." in which she chronicles the rise in federal and state actions that violate individual liberty. Chumley lives with her husband, Doug, in Northern Virginia, along with their four children.
Norman Kirk Singleton
Featured Speaker

Norman Kirk Singleton is the Vice President for Policy at the Campaign for Liberty. He worked for Congressman Ron Paul from 1997 to 2012. Singleton served as Legislative Aide on Education and Workforce issues for Congressman Paul from 1997 to 2001, when he became Congressman Paul’s Legislative Director, a position he held until Congressman Paul left Congress in 2013. Singleton also served as volunteer policy director for the Ron Paul 2012 Presidential Campaign. Prior to working for Ron Paul, Singleton worked for the National Right to Work Committee. Singleton graduated Cum Laude from Washington and Jefferson College with a degree in economics and is a 1991 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is also a founding member of the Republican Liberty Caucus.
Since the 1970s, Bert Schwitters has managed companies marketing food supplements in Europe and other parts of the world. In 2011, he returned to his first love and original profession, investigative journalism. In 2012, he published "Health Claims Censored", exposing the European Health Claims Regulation as an imbrolio of conflicting, disproportionate and inappropriate rules aimed at permanently silencing all but a few food business operators in the field of nutrition and health. In "Health Claims Censored" Schwitters explains that the political and ideological motivations behind the Health Claims Regulation are anti-industrial. In his book, Schwitters explains that the European Claims Regulation reflects the idea that free markets will inevitably fail and that, equally inevitably, consumers will suffer unless industry and business operators are placed in a legal straightjacket bearing the words “guilty until proven innocent.” Bert is a member of the Board of the Dutch Health Products Association and in this capacity he also provides legal and regulatory advice to the Association of European Health Products Manufacturers (EHPM).
THE ENTERTAINERS

Alma Randolph
Vocalist

Possessed of an unforgottably powerful singing voice since a child, one of the most talented gospel music performers in the world, Kentucky legend Alma Randolph is an acclaimed church choir, convention, and special event singer who has been featured on Christian television programs and on Kentucky Educational Television. She is a favorite of the Governor of Kentucky and has sung at the Governor’s mansion on repeat occasions. She records for the Praise Hymn Music Group of Nashville, Tennessee. In 1993, she established Alma and Friends, a charitable foundation that finances the purchase of school clothes for over 10,000 underprivileged children at the start of each school year.
Mark Harris
Vocalist

A powerful tenor with a distinguished career around the world, Mark Harris has sung at the Music Academy of the West, Opera West, Brigham Young University, foreign embassies, and the Vienna Lyric Opera. He has performed major Tenor Roles such as Ferrando, in Così fan tutte; Don Basilio in The Marriage of Figaro; Rinuccio in Gianni Schicchi; Alfredo in La Traviata; Nemorino in L'Elisir D'amore; Don José in Carmen; the title role of the Gypsy Barron in Der Zigeunerbaron; Mario Cavaradossi in Tosca; Canio in Pagliacci, among many others. More recently he appeared as Radames in Aida, Calaf in Turandot, and in the title role in Verdi’s Otello. He has been the featured Tenor soloist in Handel’s Messiah in over 30 performances, and also performed the Lord Nelson Mass. He was a finalist in the Washington DC regional Metropolitan Opera Auditions and won first place in the Utah Vocal Competition. Recently, Mr. Harris premiered as the lead soloist for the Oratorio, “The Atonement.”
Fresh Air Music Entertainment’s Motown Revue

Comprised of five male singers and dancers who perform classic Motown and R&B hits from groups like Temptations, Four Days, and Smokey Robinson, Motown Revue has received critical praise for their performances and has delighted audiences across the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, bringing to life such classic hits as “Get Ready,” “I Can’t Help Myself,” “I Second That Emotion,” “Just My Imagination,” and “I Want You Back,” to name just a few. The vintage vocalists are backed by the Fresh Air Band, with four brass players and a powerful rhythm section.

GMU Ensembles

Under the direction of George Mason University Professor of Music Glenn Dewey, Principal Bassist in the “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Corps Band, we are joined by several top musical performers from that university, including GMU’s Jazz pianist at the Sacred Fire of Liberty reception, GMU’s Brass Quintet, and GMU’s String Ensemble.
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The entire landscape of a very young medical device reprocessing industry has changed radically in less than 5 years. In that time, a “green” industry that was fostered by an entrepreneurial drive to reduce waste in the spirit of environmentalism virtually disappeared. It was absorbed by the medical device industry’s OEM giants; the very entities the medical device reprocessing industry was founded to put in check.

During those same five years, Northeast Scientific (NES) capitalized on this rapidly changing reprocessing paradigm. NES deployed technology unseen in the industry, kept its strong focus on ever-increasing cost savings for our customers, and expanded reprocessing markets to include advanced, very high-value surgical devices. NES entered the 21st century as a leader among the few remaining independent reproprocessors. NES is the only reprocessors of advanced, high-value, invasive surgical devices.

Hungry for new ways safely and reliably to achieve healthcare cost savings, companies now look to independent NES for reprocessing innovation. NES’s high quality-oriented vision driven by our founding surgeons will continue to push the healthcare industry toward more effective and safer ways to provide greater utilization and savings.

NES celebrates individualism, self-reliance, and old fashioned boot-strap entrepreneurship; NES is the capitalist ideal in the medical device reprocessing industry, is a "green” company, and brings about cost savings by multiplying the utility of tens of thousands of otherwise single-use disposable medical devices every year.
NOW Foods has long advocated sensible regulation, including self-regulation, of the dietary supplement industry. Elwood Richard, NOW’s founder, knows that a negative legislative/regulatory environment could prevent consumers from accessing safe dietary supplements that contribute to health. A groundswell of public support, including from NOW Foods and its customers, convinced Congress to pass overwhelmingly the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA) that classified supplements as food and protects access to them. NOW continues to use its resources to provide relevant legislative/regulatory information to the grassroots through its large customer base. Advocacy is serious business at NOW Foods.
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In 1994, the Palm Springs Life Extension Institute was the first clinic in the United States to use Human Growth Hormone on adults for anti-aging and longevity. Dr. Edmund Chein, MD, who founded the Institute, is the original inventor of using bio-identical hormones to lengthen the telomeres, reverse biological age and extend life expectancy. He was granted a patent for the invention in the United States, the British Commonwealth, and China.

At age 61, he has accomplished a biological age measured by telomere length (Life Length, Inc. of Spain) of 34. He offers a cash reward of $15,000 for anyone who can show a greater difference between their calendar age and their biological age (measured by telomere length of the DNA).

Dr. Chein, together with Dr. Cass Terry of the Medical College of Wisconsin, published a 1,000 human subject study on using Human Growth Hormone for anti-aging/longevity purposes. The study showed many benefits in the 1,000 subjects, and that the doctors’ low-dose and high-frequency method of giving growth hormone, as contrasted with the traditional high-dose, three-times-a-week method, was without side effects. To this day, it is still the only study done with such a large number of human subjects. This evidence was presented in Dr. Chein’s recent book, “Living to 120 and Beyond” (available on www.amazon.com). Dr. Edmund Chein’s work has been reviewed in Newsweek, GQ, Der Spiegel Magazine in Germany, Marie Claire and People magazines.
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With annual sales exceeding $13 billion in fiscal year 2013, Parker Hannifin is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems, providing precision-engineered solutions for a wide variety of mobile, industrial and aerospace markets. Parker can be found on and around everything that moves. The company employs approximately 58,000 people in 49 countries around the world. Parker’s engineering expertise and broad range of core technologies uniquely position the company to help solve the world’s greatest engineering challenges.
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Julian M. Whitaker, MD, opened the Whitaker Wellness Institute in 1979 to help patients end dependence on prescription medications, avoid surgery, and restore their health with lifestyle changes and proven natural therapies. More than 45,000 patients have come to the clinic for treatment of serious diseases and have found hope, health, and vitality. Today, Whitaker Wellness is one of the largest integrative medical clinics in the United States and offers the most comprehensive range of noninvasive therapies, including hyperbaric oxygen, adult stem cell therapy, enhanced external counterpulsation (EECP), platelet-rich plasma, IV vitamin C, EDTA chelation, and personalized nutritional supplement and lifestyle change programs.
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SPECIAL THANKS

Scheduled to be a keynote speaker at the Sacred Fire Gala on September 5, former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh suffered a disabling stroke in July of this year. We are grateful for his acceptance of our invitation to speak, and we extend to him and to his family our deepest sympathy and prayers for his rapid and full recovery. We extend special thanks for those without whom the Sacred Fire of Liberty Gala would not be possible. We thank all who nominated our award recipients for the honor. We thank Emord & Associates’ Account Manager Alisha Boyles for painstakingly and meticulously organizing the entire event. We thank George Mason University Professor of Music Glenn Dewey for assembling the extraordinary musical talent for each day of the event. We thank Stephanie Rom and the entire staff of the Hyatt Regency Resort, Spa, and Marina for incomparable service and attention to detail. We thank Lara Flint, Debbie Ross, Heather Morley, Marie France Weber, Don Weber, Britton Richardson, Jared Knutti, Brand Nieman, and Sheila Adams for their acting talent, registration assistance, and award assistance. We thank President Robert Walter for the invocation and benediction. We thank Mid South Audio for stage construction. We thank Stephen Johnson and Chris Linder for stage management and special effects. We thank Alicia Ramirez and Arturo Castro for stage assistance. We thank Judy Bell and Lara Flint for overall on-site management, VIP assistance, and coordination of the entire event. We thank Deborah Emord-Netzley for her incredible artwork. We thank Sean Baptist for his graphic art tee shirt design and program designs. We thank the Tiny Jewel Box of Washington, D.C. and the artisans who work for Tiny Jewel Box for creating our awards. We thank Rosemary Austin and Laurie Anderton for managing the nursery and maintaining the safety of all children attending the event. We are most grateful indeed. We hope to see you all again in 2024 on the occasion of Emord & Associates’ thirtieth anniversary celebration.