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ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY TO HONOR MARK PIGOTT, OBE, AT 2010 GALA



The Honours Committee has voted to award the Society's Medal of Honor to Mark C. Pigott, OBE, (photo) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PACCAR Inc. The presentation will be made

at the annual English Ball on Thursday 22 April 2010 at the New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. PACCAR is a global technology leader in the design, manufacture and customer support of premium trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt and DAF nameplates. PACCAR purchased British Leyland in 1998 and has grown the company into the leading commercial vehicle manufacturer in the UK. Leyland was awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise for its outstanding export growth. The Society's award recognizes Mr. Pigott's role on the St. George's Advisory Council, his longstanding support of the St. George's Society and specifically his leadership in creating, implementing and funding the Society's successful scholarship program for British and Commonwealth students attending Lehman College of the City University of New York. (See below.) Mr. Pigott's leadership in business, education, and the arts has been recognized by many countries and organizations, including Cambridge University (Guild of Benefactors), Officer of the British Empire (OBE) (UK), Commander of the Order of the Crown (Belgium), Officer of the Orange Nassau (Netherlands), Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit (Hungary) and the National Medal of Technology (USA). The Pigott family and PACCAR have generously supported UK organizations such as Cancer Research UK (CRUK), the Royal Shakespeare Company, British Library, Palace of Westminster, National Theatre, Boy Scouts UK, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Hilda Frost and Olivia Fussell have been appointed to chair the 2010 gala event which will feature London as a theme.

SOCIETY ACCEPTS BEQUEST AT FRAUNCES TAVERN MAGNA CARTA EVENT



At the Semi-Annual General Meeting held at Fraunces Tavern on 16 September, President Victor E. Stewart announced that the Society had received a second distribution from the estate of Wendy Shadwell in the amount of \$75,000. Richard Allgaier, executor, and Janice Coleman, best friend of Ms.

Shadwell, presented the check with a letter stating: "Wendy and her English-born parents, who also supported St. George's Society, would encourage your continued assistance to New York residents of British heritage, especially the elderly widows and widowers." The members present at this event also elected a Nominating Committee consisting of Paul Beresford-Hill, MBE; Peter M. Felix, CBE (Chairman); Rodney N.M. Johnson, MBE; Natalie T. Pray; and Richard Sexton. Fraunces Tavern Museum was the setting for the extraordinary exhibition, "Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom," featuring a rare original copy of the Magna Carta, one of only four surviving, lent by Lincoln Cathedral in England. Magna Carta (or "Great Charter") was forced upon King John by the English barons at Runnymede. Then regarded as little more than a bargaining chip to prevent rebellion, its importance grew over time and it is now viewed as the foundation for many liberties we now enjoy, including the right to fair trial, limits on taxation, and rights to property. Magna Carta's importance is such that the four 1215 copies were awarded Memory of the World status by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) this year. Dr. Charles C. Lucas, President of the Fraunces Tavern Museum, welcomed members and guests to the exhibit and the Very Rev. Philip Buckler, Dean of Lincoln, (photo) spoke entertainingly about the significance of the document.

JANUARY 29-30 TRIP TO DC WILL FEATURE EMBASSY & IMPRESSIONIST SHOW AT CORCORAN



Next January a trip to the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC, has been arranged for members to see the Davies Collection on loan from the National Museum of Wales (NMW) and also enjoy a private tour with tea at the British

Ambassador's residence (photo). Known for having one of the finest Impressionist art collections in Europe, the NMW is sending to the U.S. highlights from its remarkable Davies Collection, an extraordinary group of 19th- and early 20th-century paintings that is famed for its beauty and quality. The works were assembled between 1908 and 1923 by sisters Gwendoline and Margaret Davies. The collection is exceptionally strong in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works and includes masterpieces by, among others, Cézanne, Corot, van Gogh, Monet, Daumier, Manet, Millet, Pissarro, Renoir, Turner and Whistler. "From Turner to Cézanne" opens on 30 January 2010 and features 53 stunning works of art, seen together in the United States for the first time. Highlights are Renoir's famous La Parisienne (included in the first show of Impressionism in 1874), a Monet Water Lilies, and van Gogh's Rain-Auvers, painted during the last week of his life. On 29 January Amanda Downes, the British Embassy's Social Secretary, will lead a private tour of the Ambassador's residence, built in 1928 and designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944). Also planned is dinner on Saturday night at DC Coast. Charge for the exhibit, residence tour and tea, shuttle service to and from embassy, and dinner at Coast is \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members. Not included is travel to DC and hotel accommodation. Hotel rooms have been secured at an advantageous price. Call 212.682.6110 to reserve your space and enquire about the rooms..

THREE NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SOCIETY'S ADVISORY COUNCIL



Three new members were appointed to the Society's Advisory Council. Brenda LaGrange Johnson served as US Ambassador to Jamaica from 2005 to 2009. She was a partner since 1977 with BrenMer

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT KENNETH HOVINGTON



I first met Kenneth Hovington (photo) in May 2008 at Cornell Hospital. He could not leave because he had no home to return to. I secured a lovely apartment at Isabella House for him in June. During the next year he had some rough patches but kept his dignity and humor. In

April 2009 he was hospitalized after an exacerbation of his heart disease. The next and the most meaningful phase of our relationship began when he came home. Rodney Johnson, a member of the Beneficiaries Committee, suggested that we contact the British Officers' Association in London for a grant as Mr. Hovington had served in the Royal Navy. An application was filed and in late May we received a letter awarding him a grant and an ongoing monthly stipend. Mr. Hovington kept that letter in his wallet and shared it with everyone who visited him. He was proud his service during World War II was recognized. On 7 July he was readmitted into the hospital where he was visited by his friends from the British Schools and Universities Club, Michael May and George Salmon, who spoke to him on his last wishes. He passed away on the 9th listening to World War II songs with my iPod earphones. It was a privilege to have known Mr. Hovington and he will be missed by all who knew him. The experience of Mr. Hovington demonstrated value of partnering with other agencies. Over the last year we have worked with the St. Andrew's Society, St. David's Society, The Isaac Tuttle Fund, and the deKay Foundation to provide assistance to our beneficiaries. We have also developed stronger ties with community-based agencies, as well as British ones, for services to enhance the quality of care for our beneficiaries.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 20 LEHMAN STUDENTS FOR 2009



The Society's Scholarship Committee awarded full or partial scholarships to 20 seniors at Lehman College (photo) to complete their studies there and qualify for undergraduate degrees in 2010. This is the second year of the scholarship program which was conceived in

Industries, importing and marketing consumer products. Ambassador Johnson is on the Duke University Advisory Board of the Nasher Art Museum. She was a founding member, President, and Chairman of the Women's Board of the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club and continues her affiliation with the Club as a trustee. In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed her to the President's Advisory Council to the Arts (PACA) for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, and in 2004 she was appointed to the Board of Trustees. An attorney by training, Lady Judge (photo) was the youngest commissioner appointed to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where in the 1980s she helped usher in unprecedented access for foreign companies to U.S. capital markets. She has been a member of boards of major merchant banks and media conglomerates from Hong Kong to New York, and founded Private Equity Investor, one of the first British fund of funds investing in American private equity funds. In 2002 she joined the board of the Atomic Energy Authority, which is responsible for decommissioning nuclear power plants and consulting on nuclear new builds in the United Kingdom. She became Chairman in 2004 and was reappointed in 2007. Geneive Brown Metzger, Jamaica's eighth Consul General to New York, came to the position following a 28-year career in public relations and marketing in the United States. Her firm, Geneive Brown Associates, was merged with the worldwide agency, Ruder Finn, in 1991. Her special mission is to increase the Consulate's IT capability in order to more effectively communicate with and serve the Diaspora.

2007 as a corollary of the Campaign for St. George, which sought to raise funds to afford a full-time social worker, give more to more beneficiaries and, in a new venture, help young British and Commonwealth nationals living in the New York area to complete their studies and start a career. Thanks to John Mauk Hilliard, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and a distinguished college educator and administrator, a relationship was initiated between the Society and Lehman College, part of the City University of New York, where approximately 10% of the student body is from the UK and the Commonwealth. With both advice and financial support from Mark C. Pigott, OBE, the program was launched in 2008, and 24 scholarships were awarded. A number of these first scholars attended the Semi-Annual Meeting last October and met TRH The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. This year the Committee awarded 20 more scholarships, worth almost \$50,000, to an impressive group of talented students who show great promise. With the introduction of the scholarship program, the Society is serving a new population of young people, all immigrants or first-generation, as well as the traditional beneficiaries – elderly or disabled people from the UK or the Commonwealth whose incomes are not sufficient to meet their monthly expenses and who cannot work. They have always been and will continue to be beneficiaries the Society's main focus. Nevertheless, it is a goal of the Society to offer help to younger people as well.

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