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Cheers to the honorees

Travelers is pleased to sponsor the English Ball. We celebrate St. George's Society of New York and the distinguished 2021 honorees. We admire your shared commitment and dedication to demonstrating care through service to your communities. We recognize, support and applaud your efforts. Well done! Dear Members and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St. George's Society of New York's 2021 English Ball honoring Sir Rocco Forte, Paula Kerr-Jarrett and John Shannon.

For over 250 years, the Society has dedicated itself to improving the lives of people in need, assisting thousands of individuals of British and Commonwealth descent in the New York area. Our charitable programs have a major impact on the local community by protecting the elderly at risk of homelessness, helping low-income students to attain a college degree and providing a support network for families affected by pediatric cancer. Whilst our assistance has taken many forms over the years, our fundamental purpose remains constant: we are people helping people.

Last year, St. George's Society of New York celebrated our 250th anniversary. While it was not the celebratory year we expected, our community stepped up and proved that our mission and commitment are as strong as ever.

The Society depends heavily on funds raised from this evening's gala to sustain and expand its charitable endeavors, so I would like to thank you all for supporting this very special event. I especially wish to express my appreciation to our distinguished honorees.

Thank you once again for joining us. I hope you enjoy the evening.

Sincerely,



Frank E. Morgan II President



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We welcome rising star mezzo-soprano Sarah Rose Taylor who joins the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and New York Baroque Incorporated in a program of heroic music by Handel and Purcell centered around the four Coronation Anthems. With music defining 17th and 18th century England, this program celebrates the St. George's Society of New York's English heritage and longstanding partnership with Saint Thomas Church. This concert was originally planned to celebrate the Society's 250th anniversary in 2020—making it one of the oldest charitable organizations in the United States.

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Lachie and Contlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to once again, send greetings to the members and supporters of St. George's Society of New York on the occasion of the 2021 English Ball. This year's dinner marks the return of a long and happy tradition dating back to the Society's founding in 1770.

Last year marked the Society's 250th anniversary, and while it was not the year anyone anticipated, I am proud to see the Society honouring its legacy of service during such times of crisis. As Patron, I applaud the enthusiasm and compassion of its members, supporters, leadership, and staff as the Society continues its important work.

This evening, the Society will honour three distinguished individuals whose achievements deserve special recognition: Sir Rocco Forte, Paula Kerr-Jarrett and John Shannon. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them all on their well-deserved accolades.

Since its beginnings, St. George's Society of New York has maintained its mission to help people in need. This mission has spanned more than 250 years thanks to the unwavering support and vision of the people and partners that comprise it. St. George's Society of New York undoubtedly serves a critical need in the New York Community, and I am pleased to play a part in its growth and success.

Tonight's gala is an important fundraiser. Proceeds raised will directly support our beneficiaries, gifted scholars, and families, and I sincerely thank you for your support. The Duchess of Gloucester and I send our very best wishes for an enjoyable and successful evening.





ENGLISH BALL MENU

First Course

Vine Ripened Tomato Buffalo Mozzarella and Fresh Basil Napoleon Olive Tapenade • Micro Greens **Balsamic Reduction**

Entrée

Classic Beef Wellington With Mushroom Duxelles Sautéed Swiss Chard · Baby Carrots Sauce Perigourdine

Dessert

Lemon Mascarpone Tart Cherry Compote · Vanilla Creme Fraiche

White Wine Perrin Cotes du Rhone Reserve Blanc

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After Dinner Bar

Selection of Whisky & Liqueurs Courtesy of The Pierre Hotel



Invocation The Rev'd Canon Carl F. Turner Rector of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue New York

Order of St. George's Society

Commonwealth Award

Fund-A-Scholar Pledge Drive

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Medal of Honor

Sir Rocco Forte Presented by Paul Gauger



ENGLISH BALL PROGRAM

National Anthems

The Alex Donner Orchestra

John Shannon Presented by Mark Pigott KBE

Paula Kerr-Jarrett Presented by Hon. Geneive Brown-Metzger

Live Auction

C. Hugh Hildesley MBE

Dancing

Music by The Alex Donner Orchestra

Kazie and John Harvey are pleased to congratulate John Shannon on receiving The Order of St. George's Society

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John Shannon was the Executive Director and Almoner of St. George's Society of New York from 1994 to 2015, when he retired and relocated to Charleston, South Carolina. With the Board of Directors, he led the organization's growth in membership, fundraising and programming including launching the Scholarship Program at Lehman College in 2008.

John volunteers with a number of Charleston-based organizations, including the American College of the Building Arts; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; and the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the American Friends of the Georgian Group. He is a Commander of the Venerable Order of St John, and a Knight Commander of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus.

He enjoys promoting the art, science and craft of English heraldry, authoring articles and lecturing across the US. He is President of the College of Arms Foundation (2002); and chair of the Committee on Heraldry of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (2003). Since 2017 he has served as a member of the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

Prior to joining SGSNY, John was a credit officer with The Chase Manhattan Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. He is a graduate of the Lycée Français de New York; and Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where he majored in History.

The Order of St. George's Society was introduced in 2004 to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary service in the furtherance of the Society's mission. Recent recipients include Lady Weatherstone (2018), Antonia Romeo (2017), C. Hugh Hildesley MBE (2016), and Danny Lopez (2016).

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JOHN SHANNON Order of St. george's society

We are proud to support all of the evening's honorees including our friend Paula Kerr-Jarrett and all facets of the SGSNY initiatives.

Ami Cipolla and Steven Samuels

In Honor of Paula Kerr-Jarrett

Your leadership and passion inspires us all!

We are proud to join the community in recognizing your leadership, wisdom, determination, and passion as we all work to realize a brighter future.

Congratulations for receiving the St. George's Society Commonwealth Award.

John W. Keith & Shelley Hoon Keith



Born into an established Jamaican family, Paula Kerr-Jarrett started her early education in Jamaica before completing high school in the UK. She earned her BA in Politics and read Law at the University of London before returning to Jamaica in 1990, where she was called to the Jamaican Bar.

Having experienced Jamaica's tremendous assets, she made it her passion to make it one of the most highly sought-after locations to visit, live and work. Her role as a "social entrepreneur", connected various individuals, charities, businesses and government entities to advance the prospects of Jamaicans from all facets of society. She engaged in numerous projects involving religious, charitable, and educational organizations; which, eventually led to her becoming a candidate in the national elections.

In 2017, she established "Hanover Hope", a nonprofit foundation providing scholarships for young people across Jamaica supporting traditional studies and real-life opportunities in line with Paula's philosophy that, "Everyone deserves a first, second and third chance!"

A Director of the Barnett group of companies for over 30 years, Paula has had direct oversight of company investments and the business development strategy, in particular the Barnett Tech Park. She has also been involved in start-ups that have successfully gone public. She served as a Director on several government boards providing oversight of trade, economic development, and education.

Paula is a founding member and current Director of the Branson Centre of Entrepreneurship Board. She is on the Board of the "We Care for Cornwall Regional", Ambassador for the UWI (Western) and a member of the Economic Growth Council. She was recently appointed Ambassador of Investment and Philanthropy by the government of Jamaica.

Paula is married to Danny Wegman and has two children, Joshua, and Rebecca, who all share her passion for the people and communities in Jamaica.

The Commonwealth Award was established in 2010 to recognize people who have contributed to the Commonwealth community and has been awarded to James G. Goren (2015) and Vincent HoSang (2010).

PAULA **KERR-**JARRETT **COMMONWEALTH** AWARD

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A veteran of the hospitality industry, in 1969 Sir Rocco joined Forte Plc becoming CEO in 1983 and Chairman in 1992, when he succeeded his father, Lord Forte, who founded the company in 1934. Sir Rocco had responsibility for more than 800 hotels, 1,000 restaurants and almost 100,000 employees in 50 countries around the world. As Chairman, Sir Rocco Forte significantly expanded the overseas operations of the company, with the acquisition of the Meridien Hotel Group and further transformed Forte from a UK operation to a multi-million-pound business and global entity, encompassing several businesses and hotel brands, including notable iconic properties such as Hotel George V in Paris, Sandy Lane in Barbados, Hotel Ritz in Madrid and Hôtel Plaza Athénée in New York.

Knighted in December 1994 for services to the UK tourism industry, Sir Rocco also received the highest Italian accolade, the Gran Croce dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, in March 2005. From 1991-1996, he was President of the British Hospitality Association and has also been an active member of the Executive Committee of the World Travel & Tourism Council.

Born in Bournemouth, Sir Rocco read modern languages at Pembroke College, Oxford. Sir Rocco is married to Lady (Aliai) Forte and has three children, Lydia, Irene and Charles.

The Medal of Honor was established in 1996 to recognize those who have rendered exemplary service to British interests and/or the international community at large. Recent distinguished recipients include Bob Dudley (2019), Dan Glaser (2018), Natalie T. Pray (2017), Sir Martin Sorrell (2016), Stephen P. McGill CBE (2015), Sir Win Bischoff (2013), Bob Diamond (2012) and Angela Ahrendts DBE (2011).

SIR Rocco Forte Medal of honor



For over 250 years, St. George's Society of New York has aided hundreds of thousands of people in New York. While our charitable giving has evolved, our purpose has remained the same: to help people in need.

BENEFICIARY PROGRAM

St. George's Society of New York provides financial and quality-of-life support to vulnerable seniors, protecting them from homelessness, poverty, isolation and neglect.

Each year, SGSNY helps more than 100 seniors with housing assistance, home care expenses, medication, utility costs and other basic necessities. Furthermore, our social workers offer much-needed emotional support and counseling, ensuring that our beneficiaries are able to live out their lives with dignity and in the safety of their own homes.



WEATHERSTONE FAMILIES SUPPORT FUND

St. George's Society of New York provides practical and logistical support to families affected by pediatric cancer traveling to New York for life-saving treatment.

From organizing airport transfers to accompanying families to their first hospital consultation, we provide a much-needed support network while they are far from home during one of their most difficult life moments.





MEET THE DEEBAS

Like most siblings, Harry and his older sister Isobel know just the right way to annoy one another. Nevertheless, they love each other dearly. In 2018, their bond took on an even greater meaning when Harry was diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma, an aggressive form of pediatric cancer.

After a grueling year and a half, Harry completed all of the treatments available to him in the UK. Concerned about the possibility of a relapse, his parents, Carly and Ali, decided to bring him to New York for a clinical trial that would hopefully prevent his cancer from coming back.

When the Deebas arrived, St. George's Society of New York was there: picking them up from JFK, taking them to their first hospital consult, and arranging outings for them on the days they didn't have to be at the hospital. A trip to the local fire station and a dress-up playdate were particularly fun for the whole family.

Determined to keep him on track, the Deebas braved the journey back to New York for Harry's final round of clinical trials this past June. Although we were unable to say goodbye in person, we made sure to send them off with a celebratory cookie cake and the knowledge that they are forever a part of the SGSNY family.

"Having charities like St. George's Society really help. It makes you feel like you're not alone through this process."



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Now in its thirteenth year, St. George's Society of New York's Scholarship Program provides critical financial aid and professional development opportunities to remarkable students in their final year of undergraduate studies. Since its inception, the Program has awarded more than \$1 million to deserving students who have the ability to succeed but lack the financial means to do so.

SGSNY has served more than 400 scholars—first at Lehman and Hunter Colleges, and now at City University of NewYork (CUNY) institutions across all five boroughs of NewYork City. We are a proud supporter of their mission to provide quality and accessible education regardless of background or means.

Our aim is to close the education and opportunity gap for these students, helping them unleash their potential. We know that higher education serves as an engine for social and economic mobility. By removing financial barriers, we can ensure that these high-achieving students can focus on their studies, reach graduation and take the next step towards achieving their professional goals.

FUND-A-SCHOLAR PLEDGE DRIVE

The Fund-A-Scholar Pledge Drive is a primary source of funding for our Scholarship Program. With your support tonight, St. George's Society of New York will be able to help more students earn their degrees, pursue their careers and fulfill their dreams.

Learn more about the Scholarship Program and how you can get involved at

<u>WWW.STGEORGESSOCIETY.ORG/</u> <u>SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAM</u>





MEET VICTORIA

As the mother of two young girls, working and studying full-time, Victoria already had a lot on her plate. Nevertheless, she was able to manage family, work and the pursuit of her degree in Social Work at Lehman College—even earning a spot in the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society as well as completing internships working with adults with developmental disabilities.

Then COVID-19 happened. Like most parents, Victoria's already demanding schedule was thrown into disarray. She now had to navigate her children's virtual learning as well as her own at a time when her coursework would become even more challenging in her final year. To add insult to injury, she had to cancel a long-awaited summer trip back to Ghana, her home country, to see family and friends.

Her scholarship from St. George's Society of New York was a relief and reinforcement:

"Last semester was so stressful. I had a two-day internship, a full-time job and course load plus being a mother to two girls. I am so thankful. Because of the scholarship, I was able to cut down some of my work hours and concentrate on my studies and the internship. I received 3 A's and 1 A- in all my classes! The good news is that this is my last semester to graduate."

Having already been accepted into Lehman's advanced Master's of Social Work Program, Victoria is well on her way to becoming a social worker so that she can "make a difference in the community and to help those often left behind."

2020 was not the 250th anniversary year we anticipated, but St. George's Society of New York fulfilled its mission to the many it serves. God bless the Society and those who have supported its work.

Frank E. Morgan II

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For our 250th anniversary in 2020, we chose to renew the fundamental thread that brings together our beloved community... our common wealth of kindness.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR 250th ANNIVERSARY



250th ANNIVERSARY (VIRTUAL) BRITISH BASH HONORING ZANNA ROBERTS RASSI

On 3 December, the British Bash marked our 250th anniversary in true 2020-fashion. The fun spirit and generosity of our community was in full force with over 300 guests joining us virtually to celebrate the people and partners that have made our work possible for 250 years.

Guests enjoyed performances and appearances by Jake Isaac, Sting, Billie Piper, Robbie Mustoe, Robbie Earle MBE, Rebecca Lowe, Jeremy Guscott MBE, David Beckham OBE, Bradley Wright-Philips, Jonny Wilkinson CBE, and, of course, the evening's honoree, Zanna Roberts Rassi--all hosted by the incredible Sharon Carpenter.



New York Welsh congratulates this year's **English Ball honorees.**



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Congratulations Paula!

Your generosity, kindness and wisdom empower so many!

Cheers to you!

Joel and Katy DiMarco



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Enjoy the English Ball!

- Bill & Rhonda Goodrich



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