



The American Hospital of Paris Foundation

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PRESS RELEASE

The American Hospital of Paris Foundation announces formation of “The Houston Ambassadors.”

Houston, Texas. February 16, 2011. The American Hospital of Paris Foundation (AHPF) announces the formation of “The Houston Ambassadors,” a group of notable Houstonians who will raise funds and awareness throughout Houston's international community for the American Hospital of Paris. Among the founding Houston Ambassadors are Diane Lokey Farb, Karen McCrae and Molly Crownover.

To mark this milestone in Houston's socio-diplomatic relations with Paris, a reception was held at the home of Donna and Max Chapman. Donna Chapman and Linda Barrett, Chairman of the Board and Director, respectively, of the AHPF, are co-founders of the Houston Ambassadors. They welcomed The Honorable Howard Leach (former U.S. Ambassador to France) and his wife, Gretchen, as special guests at the reception. Ambassador Leach and Mrs. Leach shared some informative and amusing anecdotes about their years at the helm of the US Embassy in Paris, France during the Bush administration.

The Duchess de Gramont, of Paris and Houston, circulated among the new “Ambassadors” and shared her own stories of the many natural and close ties that Houstonians enjoy with Paris.

Another highlight of the inaugural event was the announcement of Lynn Wyatt, as a new Honorary Director of the Foundation. The gracious and elegant Mrs. Wyatt reminisced to the crowd of her close collaboration and friendship with Princess Grace of Monaco, which produced a surprise windfall in benefits to the Hospital.

The American Hospital of Paris opened in 1910 in Paris, France. Since being granted special status and privileges by the US Congress and the Government of France in 1913, the Hospital has treated more than 100,000 Allied soldiers during the two World Wars and currently treats more than 150,000 patients annually from over 100 different countries. It is a private hospital, operated exclusively from patient revenues and private contributions. The modern, state-of-the-art hospital facility is located on the original site of King Louis XV's summer home in Neuilly-sur-Seine, a Paris suburb.

The mission of The American Hospital of Paris Foundation is to raise funds and awareness in the United States for the American Hospital of Paris. For more information contact Gary D. Jaworski, Ph.D., Executive Director, AHP Foundation, 575 Madison Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10022. Website: www.ahpf.org. Phone: 212-605-0380.