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Above: At the center, Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis, Ambassador of the European Union, to the United States at his Residence surrounded by European Ambassadors and VIP guests to celebrate Europe Day and the first Transatlantic Bridge Awards on May 9.

Embassy Activities Diplomatic Rounds





Above: Leading Women in Foreign Policy Roundtable at the U.S. Department of State on March 25

On March 25, and as part of Women's History Month, Ambassador Maccario Doyle participated in the Leading Women in Foreign Policy Roundtable with the U.S. Department of State's Chief of Staff, Suzy George, and Assistant Secretary for Global Public Affairs, Elizabeth Allen.

The participants discussed the role of women in foreign policy and shared their personal experiences as leading women in their fields.

Many women ambassadors based in Washington, D.C. joined the discussions including the ambassadors/chargées d'affaires of the United Kingdom, Tunisia, Nigeria, Ecuador, Albania, Rwanda, Tanzania, Armenia, Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Lithuania.





Diplomatic Meetings in Monaco



Above: H.E. Isabelle Berro-Amadei, MFA and Minister of State H.E. Pierre Dartout with the ambassadors of Monaco.

On April 21 and 22, Ambassador Maccario Doyle travelled to the Principality to attend the diplomatic meetings taking place annually in Monaco.

She met with Her Excellency Isabelle Berro-Amadei, who was recently appointed Minister of External Relations by the His Serene Highness Prince Albert II. His Excellency Pierre Dartout, Minister of State, welcomed Monaco's ambassadors who serve around the world.

During the meeting, Mr. Frédéric Genta, Chief Digital Officer of the Principality presented *ExtendedMonaco*, a unique project supported by the Princely Government which advocates responsible and protective digital technology. He reiterated *ExtendedMonaco's* commitment to making progress a top priority of the Principality and to helping Monaco play a key role in the world of digital transformation.

Below: Mr. Frederic Genta, Digital Chief Officer of the Principality of Monaco presenting *ExtendedMonaco*





On May 17, Ambassador Maccario Doyle joined the ladies of "Committee of 200" (C200) at an elegant soirée hosted by UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassador Esther Coopersmith.

C200 is a professional peer community established in 1982 to advance women corporate leaders and entrepreneurs.



Above (I-r): Ambassador Maccario Doyle, Ambassador of St Kitts and Nevis Thelma Phillip-Browne, Ambassador Esther Coopersmith (seated) Jan Du Plain, and Kimber Maderazzo.



Above: Ambassador Maccario Doyle with Jean-Philippe Bertani (left) and Ambassador Francisco Duarte Lopes

The new Ambassador of Portugal to the United States, H.E. Francisco Duarte Lopes paid a courtesy visit on May 19 to the Embassy of Monaco in Washington, D.C.

He met with Ambassador Maccario Doyle and Deputy Chief of Mission, Jean Philippe Bertani.

H.E. Francisco Duarte Lopes was appointed Ambassador of Portugal to the United States in April 2022.

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To mark Australia Day in 2022, the Ambassador of Australia to the United States held a formal, black-tie reception in April at the Australian chancery in Washington, D.C.

The Ambassador of Monaco was delighted to celebrate with Ambassador Arthur Sinodinos and some of their counterparts including Her Excellency Dame Karen Pierce, Ambassador of the United Kingdom (pictured left). Many fine Australian wines and food were served.

Australia Day is usually celebrated on January 26 but this year was postponed due to COVID-19.

Washington, D.C. charity, Fight for Children, honored esteemed local philanthropists, Sheila C. Johnson, Kevin Durant, Christine Brennan, and John Thompson Jr. at their annual Fight for Children Honors Gala for their inspiring efforts and many contributions to the young people within the DC/VA/MD region. Ambassador Maccario Doyle was a special guest at this memorable evening on May 19.

The Fight For Children organization promotes the power of sports for positive social impact and encourages youth to develop critical life skills, focusing especially on those who are based in underserved communities.







Above: Mrs. Rima Al-Sabah, wife of the Kuwaiti Ambassador with First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden.

On May 4, the (former) Ambassador of Kuwait to the United States, His Excellency Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al Sabah, and his wife, Rima Al-Sabah, along with the Kuwait American Foundation, co-hosted a dinner for UNHCR in support of its impactful international work.

The First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden, attended the dinner as special guest of honor, while Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, and Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees both presented remarks.

William_J. Burns, CIA Director was awarded the Foundation's Public Service Award, and actor and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, Ben Stiller, received the Private Citizen Award from the Foundation.

In mid-May, the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Her Excellency Dina Kawar, hosted an elegant dinner for business and diplomatic leaders at the Residence of Jordan.

Pictured (I-r) are some of the guests including Mrs. Barbara Humpton, the President and CEO of Siemens Corporation, Ambassador Dina Kawar, Monaco's Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle, and Mr. David Humpton, the Executive Vice President of Montgomery Village, a large, planned suburban community in Maryland.





Diplomatic Rounds – Europe Day 2022

On the occasion of Europe Day, the Ambassador of the European Union, His Excellency Stavros Lambrinidis, held a special Awards Ceremony reception where he and the ambassadors representing all 27 EU Member States, presented the first-ever "Transatlantic Bridge Awards."

Three distinguished Americans were honored for their steadfast support of transatlantic relations, as well as for embodying European values and ideals through their own, or their organizations', work.

The three awardees were Chef and Founder of World Central Kitchen, Jose Andres, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Deborah Rutter.



Above: Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis (center) on May 9 at the Awards Ceremony reception for the first-ever Transatlantic Bridge Awards, surrounded by many of the European Ambassadors based in Washington, D.C. including Monaco's Ambassador Maccario Doyle.



Diplomatic Rounds – Bastille Day

To celebrate France's National Holiday on July 14, the Ambassador of France His Excellency Philippe Étienne and Mrs. Patricia Étienne, hosted a large VIP reception at their Residence.

The Deputy Secretary of State of the United States, Wendy R. Sherman, presented special remarks on the long friendship and alliance between the two nations. More than 600 invited guests representing business, diplomacy, cultural and social fields celebrated along with high ranking government and international officials.







Above (I-r): Ambassador Maccario Doyle with the Ambassador of France to the OAS, Anne de la Blache, and with Ambassador Philippe Etienne with his wife, Patricia Etienne. **Top right:** Deputy Secretary of State, Wendy R. Sherman, presents her remarks.



Ambassador Rebecca E. Gonzales (pictured right) was appointed the new Director the U.S. Department of State Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) in Washington, D.C. in May.

At a reception in mid-July at the Art Museum of the Americas – the first US museum dedicated to Latin American and Caribbean modern art -- she was welcomed by international dignitaries and business leaders.





On April 7, Beatriz de la Fuente (pictured left), *Chargé d'affaires* at the Embassy of Chile hosted a well-attended International Women's reception.

The event attracted many Ambassadors and Embassy staff who took the opportunity to exchange ideas about advancing women's leadership and championing equality in the 21st century.



Culinary Diplomacy

On May 26, the French Ambassador to the US, Philippe Etienne, hosted an elite gathering of culinary and hospitality leaders at his residence for a unique ceremony to honor the contributions to the French hospitality industry of three Americans.

Ambassador Guillaume Gomez, Special Representative of the President of France for Gastronomy, bestowed the Insignia of "Officier du Mérite Agricole" on White House Executive Chef Cristeta Comerford, and on Franck Coleman. Ambassador Gomez also bestowed the Insignia of "Chevalier du Mérite Agricole" on Chris Swonger, president of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.







Above (I-r): Mr. Chris Swonger, Mr. Franck Coleman, Chef Cristeta Comerford and Ambassador Gomez. Photo 2: Chris Swonger and Ambassador Maccario Doyle; and photo 3: Ambassador Philippe Etienne, Mrs. Monica Bragard, Ambassador Maccario Doyle and Gilles Bragard, founder of Le Club des Chefs des Chefs.

Mr. Gilles Bragard, founder of Le Club des Chefs des Chefs (CCC) joined the gathering as he was spending a few days in Washington. The CCC, featuring only Chefs of Heads of State or Government, was founded in 1977, is an international culinary organization. The mission of this unique international network is to promote the cuisine and culture of each member's nation, and to act as diplomatic representatives for the nations they serve.



Culinary Diplomacy

On the occasion of the visit in May of Le Club des Chefs des Chefs founder, Mr. Gilles Bragard, and Ambassador Guillaume Gomez, Special Representative of the French President for Gastronomy, Ambassador Maccario Doyle introduced them to Executive Chef Vincent Horville of D.C.'s Metropolitan Club.

On the 'menu' for discussion was culinary and cultural diplomacy, and possible future collaborations. The current president of Le Club des Chefs des Chefs is Executive Chef to His Serene Highness Prince Albert at the Princely Palace of Monaco, Chef Christian Garcia.





Above (I-r): Mr. Gilles Bragard, Ambassador Guillaume Gomez, Executive Chef Vincent Horville, and Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle



International Affairs

The Embassy of Monaco was invited by the Governor of Indiana Eric Holcomb to participate in the Global Economic Summit of Indianapolis which took place between May 26 to May 28.

The Embassy's Deputy, Jean-Philippe Bertani took part in the meeting and met with the economic representatives of Indiana during the two-day conference to discuss important global topics, and shaping the economy of the future.

Governor Eric Holcomb led a trade mission from the state of Indiana to Monaco in April and was received by HSH Prince Albert II. He and his delegation were special guests at the 2022 e-Grand Prix.



Above: Members of Indiana's Diplomatic Advisory Council and international delegates who participated in the Global Economic Summit.



International Affairs – Stars of Stony Brook Gala, NYC

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco was honored for His commitment to ocean conservation at a special Gala evening in New York City in mid-April. Although He couldn't attend in-person, Prince Albert accepted the award via video link.

The Stony Brook Gala also honored distinguished alumnus, John L. Hennessy, at the ceremony held on April 13.

Hosted annually by the Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees, this year's celebration recognized His Serene Highness for his dedication to ocean conservation and sustainability, while Hennessy, president emeritus of Stanford University and chairman of Alphabet, Inc., was celebrated for his transformative work in computer science and electrical engineering.





Above: HSH Prince Albert II accepts His award; Mr. John L. Hennessy receives his award.



Embassy Activities Environment



Environment News – Monaco Private Label's Summit

On the occasion of the annual Monaco Private Label's Summit on April 7, Ambassador Maccario Doyle gave remarks on Global Ocean Conservation, along with Maria Damanaki, co-founder of Leading Women for the Ocean; Marta Marrero, the Director of European Programs and IUU fishing at Oceans 5, and Aiko Shimajiri, who is a Member of the House of Representatives, appointed in October, 2021.

This summit discussed Monaco's commitment to protect and preserve the ocean.

As part of its mission to coordinate Monaco's entities that contribute to the Principality's international influence, the Monaco Economic Board co-hosted the Monaco Private Label Summit from April 6 to 8, a hybrid event in English which took place (mostly virtually) in Monaco. About twenty mini-panels, conferences and interviews fueled the exchanges to discuss major global challenges and solutions.







Environment News – Swiss Embassy



Above: John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate at the Swiss Embassy.

The Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy, M. Jean-Philippe Bertani attended a conference in spring at the Swiss Embassy on the United States' climate priorities.

Secretary John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate discussed U.S. climate diplomacy priorities, and his message to government and business leaders at the 2022 World Economic Forum gathering Switzerland, and how the diplomatic community in Washington, D.C. can work together to advance durable climate action in the months ahead.

The Embassy of Switzerland prioritises topics of biodiversity, climate change and sustainability by facilitating conversations and exploring solutions between politicians, decision-makers, scientific experts, and members of the diplomatic and business communities to address environmental challenges we are facing on a global and a local level.



Above: Film maker Rémy Masséglia and his daughter Naïs, in an extract from the movie *Naïs* au *Pays des Loups* which was screened during Francophonie Month in March as part of the Embassy of Monaco's collaboration with the French Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Embassy Activities Cultural Affairs



Cultural Affairs – Le Festival de la Francophonie



The Alliance Française of Washington, D.C.'s month-long annual cultural Francophonie **Festival** in March featured three Embassy of Monaco-hosted events this year, held in-person, and free virtually registered participants, and all were very popular and widely attended.

On Tuesday, March 10, the Embassy of Monaco organized a movie screening of 'Naïs Au Pays des Loups' ('Naïs in the Land of the Wolves') in partnership with the French Embassy.

This 50-minute documentary produced by French film maker, Rémy Masséglia, traces the story of him and his daughter, Naïs, who is just beginning to walk and say her first words, as they embark on an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the Mercantour, the wildest national park in France.

The film was made with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

The screening at La Maison Française was a great success as almost 100 invited guests - the theatre's largest post-Covid crowd - came to enjoy the adventures of Naïs.





Cultural Affairs – Le Festival de la Francophonie (continued...)

On March 1, the Embassy 'debuted' several online screenings as part of the annual Francophonie Festival. On its dedicated event website, (www.MonacoEventsUSA.com) the Embassy of Monaco in partnership with Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo, made available the celebrated representation of COREMEU, as well as their short film "Wake up!" which was produced by Les Ballets company during the global COVID-19 lockdown.

CORE MEU celebrates the intoxication of dance and delivers a Dionysian finale, at the end of which the entire company – about 50 dancers – collapse as a single body! Both videos are still available online here.





Above (I-r): Jean-Christophe Maillot, director/choreographer of Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo, and Les Ballets company in a still photograph from CORE MEU.

Throughout March, and in collaboration with the Société des Bains de Mer Monte-Carlo, the website also showcased videos and recipes from some of Monaco's best known Chefs and hospitality venues.

This culinary homage celebrated Monegasque cuisine and the sublime tastes of the Mediterranean, in a series of signature recipes from the SBM hotels and resorts. Four recipes made by acclaimed SBM Chefs, along with preparation videos of these gastronomic experiences are still available on our website (link here).



Cultural Affairs – Le Festival de la Francophonie (continued...)

As part of the Francophonie festivities in Washington, the Embassy of Canada and the Office of Quebec in D.C. invited the Ambassador of Monaco and the Deputy Head of Mission to a movie evening, Winter of La Francophonie.



Above (I-r): Deputy Chief of Mission, Jean-Philippe Bertani, Jean-Francois Hould, Ambassador of Canada, H.E. Kirsten Hillman, and Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle

The Ambassador of the French Mission to the OAS, Her Excellency Anne de la Blache, also hosted an event, "Francophonie en chansons" night at the French Embassy -- during Francophonie Month which was attended by Monaco Embassy staff.

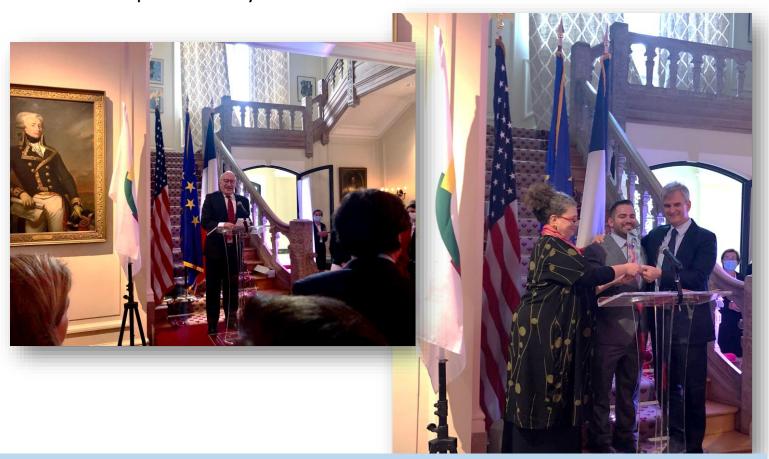


Cultural Affairs – Francophonie Month (continued...)

To celebrate the end of the Francophonie Month, the Ambassador of France to the United States, H.E. Philippe Etienne, held a reception for staff, invited guests, and supporters on March 31.

This reception was also the occasion to bestow the Grand Prix of the Francophonie Festival on Mr. Todd Hitchcock, Director of Programming for the American Film Institute's Silver Theatre.

The Award was presented by the Smithsonian Associates.



Above (I-r): Ambassador Philippe Etienne. Photo 2: The Smithsonian Associates representative and Mr. Justin Margolis, Representative of Québec, presents the Grand Prix of the Francophonie Festival to Mr. Todd Hitchcock.



Cultural Affairs



In April, Ambassador Maccario Doyle attended the COAL + ICE exhibit at the Kennedy Center, including a dinner with Director of the Kennedy Center, Deborah Rutter (at left).

COAL + ICE is a documentary photography exhibition that brings together the work of over 50 photographers and video artists from around the world to visualize the climate crisis—its causes and consequences—as a large-scale immersive experience.

To celebrate Motion Picture Association of America's 100th anniversary this year, CEO and former Ambassador to France and Monaco, Charles Rivkin presented MPA Awards saluting Nikyatu Jusu (MPA Creator Award), Senator Thomas Tillis and Governor Chris Murphy (MPA Industry Champions), and Senator Leahy (MPA Lifetime Achievement).



In mid-July, the MPA, Netflix and the Middleburg Film Festival (MFF) hosted a preview of "The Gray Man" attended by the Ambassador (pictured left to right with MFF founder Sheila C. Johnson, and Netflix's VP for Public Policy, Ruchi Bhowmik).







Cultural Affairs – International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day 2022, Ambassador Maccario Doyle attended a panel discussion and a documentary movie screening at the Embassy of Italy.

The film called "One of Us: (Extra)ordinary Italian Women", was directed by Chiara Tilesi, and traces the stories of five Italian women pursuing inspiring careers in the United States. The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of U.S. House of Representatives (left) was a special guest at this event.









Above (I-r): Ambassador Maccario Doyle with Ambassador of Canada H.E. Kirsten Hillman, Ambassador of Albania H.E. Floreta Faber, the Ambassador of Italy, H.E. Mariangela Zappia, and Ambassador Oksana Markarova from Ukraine.



Cultural Affairs - Exhibition at the Hillwood Museum



The Executive Director of Washington, D.C.'s Hillwood Museum Estate and Gardens, Kate Markert (pictured left) hosted a media preview to launch the beautiful exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* on June 7.

This exhibition showcases Princess Grace of Monaco's unique relationship with the Maison Dior and, in particular designer, Marc Bohan, and

features exquisite clothing, accessories and memorabilia of the American-born Princess. The 83 items on exhibit are on loan from the Palace of Monaco and is based on the exhibition "Grace de Monaco, princesse en Dior" at the Christian Dior Museum in Granville, France. The exhibition is open through January 8, 2023.







Cultural Affairs - Film & Television News

The Embassy of Monaco was delighted to facilitate a series of broadcasts of the 'Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior' exhibition in June and July. At the press preview on June 7 at Hillwood Museum, TV5 Monde USA recorded an episode of its popular series 'Rendez-vous d'Amérique' presented by Didier Allouch. The episode showcased the exhibition and its curator Megan J. Martinelli, and was broadcast on June 17-18 throughout their US network. Enjoy the segment here and trailer here.



The Fox5 Morning Show on D.C.'s local affiliate, broadcast live from Hillwood and the exhibition on July 7. Reporter Claire Anderson interviewed Chief Curator Dr. Wilfried Zeisler and presented three separate "Fox5 Field Trip" segments throughout the morning. Fox5 featured Monaco Christmas traditions at the Embassy residence with anchor, Erin Como, in December 2021.

Monte-Carlo TV Festival 2022

The 61st edition of the Television Festival of Monte-Carlo took place from June 17 until June 21. Jill Tiefenthaler, CEO of National Geographic (pictured left at the center) was invited by the Embassy of Monaco, on behalf of the Festival, to participate as Chief Juror for the documentary section.





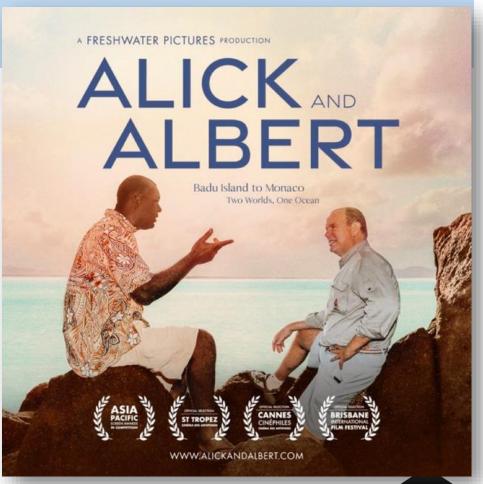
Cultural Affairs - Film & Television News

Alick and Albert – Philadelphia Festival

In March, as part of the Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival's Green Screen, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation supported their premiere screening of "Alick and Albert", an Australian documentary.

The film follows the unlikely meeting when Prince Albert accepts an invitation to the Island Badu (located in the Pacific near the Australian coast), homeland of acclaimed artist, Alick Tipoti with a delegation from Monaco's Oceanographic Museum. The duo go reef-diving and have many discussions about the issues facing our ocean and bodies of water that bond us all.

Enjoy the trailer here.





Embassy News



Embassy News – Cocktail Reception at the Monaco Residence

There were many reasons for the Embassy to celebrate in the early summer. In the first large-scale return to entertaining since March 2020 at the Monaco residence, we marked His Serene Highness Prince Albert's 17 years as Sovereign, the launch of the *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* exhibition, and the official announcement of the 2022 tour of Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo to Washington, D.C.

At an elegant soirée, Ambassador Maccario Doyle welcomed more than 100 guests including members of the Kelly family, diplomats, and representatives from leading cultural organizations (the Kennedy Center, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, the Smithsonian Institution, the Motion Picture Association of America), senior staff from the White House and the Department of State, media (CBS, Fox5 DC, The Washington Post), business leaders, philanthropists, and even NASA-trained US astronauts. Countries represented by Embassies included Australia, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, Japan, Jordan, Portugal, Rwanda, Slovak Republic, and Yemen.



Above(I-r): French Ambassador Philippe Etienne, Monaco's Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle, Mr. J.B. Kelly, president of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA, and Kate Markert, Executive Director of Hillwood Estate.

In her remarks, the Ambassador welcomed fellow Ambassadors, many from the 23 countries represented by dancers in Les Ballets, and announced that, finally after several years of postponements, Les Ballets will perform *Cinderella* at the Kennedy Centre from November 17 – 20.

"It was the wish of Princess Grace to create a dedicated national ballet company of the Principality and her daughter, Princess Caroline, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Hanover, fulfilled her wish following her mother's untimely passing in 1982," she said.



Embassy News – Cocktail Reception at the Monaco Residence

The Ambassador also announced plans for a collaboration with the French Embassy including a film screening and photographic exhibition called *Monte-Carlo Legends*.

"We are also planning a very special event to celebrate Monaco's National Day on November 19 at the Kennedy Center for Les Ballets' performance, and a soirée with the Dior Boutique in D.C.," she said.

Notable attendees included the Ambassadors of France (Philippe Etienne), Jordan (Dina Kawar), Portugal (Francisco Duarte Lopes), Slovakia (Radovan Javorcik), Rwanda (Mathilde Mukantabana), Yemen (Mohammad Al-Hadhrami), and Mrs. Elizabeth Sinodinos, wife of the Australian Ambassador, J.B. Kelly (cousin of HSH Prince Albert and president of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA), Susan Kelly von Medicus (cousin of HSH Prince Albert), Head of International Programming for the Kennedy Center, Alicia Adams, philanthropist Adrienne Arsht, Ambassador Charlie Rivkin (head of the Motion Picture Association, former US Ambassador to France and Monaco), Prince Michael Ilyinsky and Princess Debra Ilyinsky, Scott "Scooter" Altman, 4-time NASA space shuttle mission veteran (and F-14 pilot who trained Tom Cruise and doubled for him in Top Gun), Kathy Sullivan, pioneering woman NASA astronaut (the first US woman to walk in space), director of the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) Kirk Johnson and NMNH Chief Scientist Rebecca Johnson, CBS-news/Face the Nation moderator Margaret Brennan, Fox5DC anchor Erin Como, deputy White House social secretary Liz Hart, and Executive Director of Hillwood Museum, Kate Markert & Hillwood Chief Curator Wilfried Zeisler.



Above(I-r): Charlie Rivkin, head of the Motion Picture Association, former US Ambassador to France and Monaco with Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle; J.B. Kelly with Kennedy Center's Alicia Adams; astronauts Kathy Sullivan and Scott Altman, and philanthropist Adrienne Arsht. More photos may be found via this link.



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