



Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation

COMMON GROUND

NEWSLETTER – FALL 2009

\$4 Million Capital Campaign Reaches 75% Mark

Ground Breaking for Coolidge Museum and Education Center Held on August 1, 2009

In 2006 the Trustees of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation inaugurated a Capital Campaign to build a facility in Plymouth Notch that would offer year round research opportunities and educational programming to broaden the knowledge of the life and legacy of Vermont native U.S. President Calvin Coolidge. With the enthusiastic moral and financial support of historians, preservationists, scholars, Coolidge admirers, lovers of Plymouth Notch, and the general public, the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center will soon be a reality. On August 1, 2009, the foundation announced its Capital Campaign had already raised \$2.8 million of its \$4 million goal, well ahead of its projections. The campaign continues with a scheduled conclusion in 2010, the 50th anniversary of the foundation's incorporation, when the new museum and education center will open.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the building was also held on August 1, 2009 on the occasion of the anniversary of the homestead inaugural. The festivities were led by Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, who was joined by a team of dignitaries from the state, the foundation, the construction and architectural firms.

The celebration of these events ended that evening at the Notch with an "All that Jazz" dinner and silent auction with Foundation Trustees and friends attending. *See page 9 for details and pictures.*



Identifiable participants at the groundbreaking are: Coolidge descendant, Chris Jeter, John Dumville of the State Division of Historic Preservation, State Representative Alice Emmons, Governor Jim Douglas and Senator Vince Illuzi.

Newspaper Executive James H. Ottaway, Jr. is Honorary Chair and Coolidge's Great Grandchildren are Honorary Co-Chairs of Campaign

Newspaper Executive James H. Ottaway, Jr. has joined the capital campaign as Honorary Chair. Mr. Ottaway is a retired Director and Senior Vice-President of Dow Jones & Company, Chairman of Ottaway Newspapers, as well as Chairman of The World Press Freedom Committee, an organization that supports journalists and fights against news control. He and his family have a home in Plymouth, where they have been leading land conservationists and ardent supporters of the foundation. He has studied and written of Calvin Coolidge. His wife's grandfather was Solicitor of the



Governor Douglas making brief (and evidently amusing!) remarks at the groundbreaking.

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Executive Director Len Vignola with Trustees Jay Barrett, Mimi Baird, Bob Kirby, & Michael Galbraith gather after viewing progress on the President Calvin Coolidge Museum & Education Center in Plymouth Notch during August 2009.



Governor Douglas with Coolidge Descendants Chris Jeter and Jennifer Harville.

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U.S. Department of State during the Coolidge presidency.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge's three great grandchildren—Christopher C. Jeter, Jennifer Sayles and John W. Sayles—will serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Campaign. Long time members or trustees of the Coolidge Foundation, they all reside in New England, returning frequently to the family's home in Plymouth Notch, which was built by their late grandfather, John Coolidge, son of President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Mimi Baird of Woodstock, VT, the Campaign Chair and long time trustee, announced that a portion of the \$4 million capital campaign funds are earmarked for the President Calvin

Coolidge Museum and Education Center. The current 7,000 square foot Visitor Center is the core element of the new 14,000 square foot facility. The project is a partnership with the

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. She announced that the balance of the \$4 million campaign funds will be used for programs and operational support, and to strengthen the foundation's endowment.

The new center will welcome visitors **year round**, contain revitalized exhibit areas, a conference center for symposiums, lectures, meetings, musical performances, and community meetings, the Coolidge Foundation offices, library, research and archival spaces, and offer communication links to other Coolidge repositories. Ms. Baird reiterated the primary goals of the center - to increase visitation to historic Plymouth Notch, a major tourist destination in Vermont, to revitalize, expand, and re-examine the lives and legacies of Calvin and Grace

Coolidge, and to engage students in Vermont and throughout the nation by prompting them to study American history and to recognize the opportunities and fulfillment found in active citizenship.

To successfully complete the \$4 million capital campaign, Ms. Baird invites your contribution, a portion of which will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). For every \$3 raised for the campaign, the National Endowment for the Humanities will match with a \$1. A \$60 gift brings an additional \$20 from the NEH, a \$1,200 gift will receive a NEH match of \$400; and a \$3,000 gift will be matched by the NEH with \$1,000. You recognize the value to Vermont and to the nation of the preserved village of Plymouth Notch and the public career of Calvin Coolidge. Your participation in the capital campaign will ensure that both continued to be studied and appreciated.



Dear Members and Friends,

It is indeed an honor to have been named President of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, Inc. during this thrilling period of transformation. The President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center, a public/private partnership with the State of Vermont, is under construction and will be completed in May 2010. We are in the midst of a successful \$4,000,000 Capital Campaign to expand our endowment, fund our share of the new building and raise the matching funds for our \$330,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

We are dedicated to our Mission: ***to open the eyes of the world to Calvin Coolidge***. We are committed to our Vision: ***to become the gateway to all things Coolidge***. We are focused on a half-dozen Critical Initiatives: *Education; National Awareness; our Collections and Archives; the President Calvin Coolidge Historic Site; our Partnerships* with other organizations; and our *Financial Stability and Governance*. The Goals and Strategies for the 2009 Strategic Plan are set in motion.

It is a top priority that we complete the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center facility. Calvin Coolidge has received relatively little scholarly attention. While a larger facility, in itself, will not achieve our objective of ***becoming the gateway to all things Coolidge***, it resonates and gives credibility to our national efforts to ***set the record straight*** for his legacy. Symposia and debates across the United States will raise awareness and spark a better understanding of Calvin Coolidge's character and accomplishments.

We are drawing upon the power of the internet to reinforce our educational programs. Our enhanced Website content and a blog link to SilentCal.com provide forums to study, correspond and publish comments and opinions online and to open up public dialogue. We plan an archive management system with access to historically important material online.

We welcome your visit to our Website <http://www.calvin-coolidge.org>. Find a variety of new pages and features. Enjoy ***Calvin Coolidge***, a video presentation made possible through the generous support of Mary French Rockefeller. On the website, go to ***Speeches***, and click on ***Wallace's Pick Speeches*** for those orations picked by National Advisory Board member, Jerry Wallace. There is also new content and news articles that make this explosive digital and media venue an important tool in educating and inspiring our Nation about Calvin Coolidge.

Our Nation's present economic challenges have inspired an interest by the American public in both politics and finance. This provides us an unique opportunity to make Calvin Coolidge--a man who knew how to position government to support national economic growth and prosperity--relevant for today.

Our educational initiatives, together with our new facility, create a critical mass for our organization that will reinforce national fund-raising.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to my predecessor Charles C. Buell and his Vice Presidents Mimi Baird, Jennifer Sayles Harville and Thomas A. Murray for the fine job they have done in completing their 2001 Strategic Plan and positioning our Foundation for growth. I am thankful to Len Vignola and our staff, Trustees and National Advisory Board members for their substantial efforts. I recognize and thank Cyndy Bittinger and the luminaries and enthusiasts of this organization that have lent passionate support and tireless efforts to our cause over the last 49 years. Sadly in, ***In Memoriam***, I honor the passing of our friend Edward Connery Latham whose writings and contributions have been so vital to understanding Calvin Coolidge.

Importantly, members and friends, our Foundation needs your continued financial support in achieving our Mission. Please consider Membership in our Foundation at a higher level. And, please consider generous donations to our Annual Fund and Capital Fund. Support us in this critical year so we may be successful in caring for the Calvin Coolidge legacy. Thank you.

— Robert P. Kirby, President
Bridgewater VT

Critical Issues of the 2009 Strategic Plan

Educational Initiatives

The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation's primary mission is to create educational programs and initiatives to meet the objective of perpetuating an accurate understanding of President Coolidge's legacy and, in so doing, to serve as a resource for scholarship of the nation's 30th President.

The Foundation has identified its primary audience as students and scholars of all ages on a local, regional and national basis. To serve this constituency the Board and staff recognize the opportunity to provide a variety of products and services designed to meet their specific needs. All programs will be based upon sound historical documentation. Through its programs, the Foundation will encourage continuing research into President Coolidge's Vermont heritage and his national legacy.

National Awareness of Calvin Coolidge

The Board recognizes the need for an overall improvement in the public image, national awareness and interest level of Calvin Coolidge. CCMF shall become the gateway for all things Coolidge.

The Foundation has identified a need to increase the nation's awareness of Calvin Coolidge and his Presidency. We need to increase the appreciation of Coolidge's character as well as his success in restoring the prestige of the American Presidency and guiding his country through a period of unparalleled prosperity. The Board recognizes its responsibility for clarifying the record and trumpeting the Coolidge accomplishments to the broad national audience.

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tematic analysis of their accessibility, preservation, cataloging and management is required.

The Foundation's Collections and Archives provide tangible resources for carrying out its mission. To ensure that these assets are being preserved and fully utilized, a systematic analysis of their accessibility, preservation and management is required, and implementation of any improvements is essential. Therefore, the Board and staff recognize the need to provide the resources necessary to achieve these goals.

Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site

The Foundation is committed – through its Charter, Federal Grant and membership, and the Coolidge family – to supporting the operations and development of the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site as it applies to the Foundation's own mission.

Partnerships

The Board and staff recognize the need to work with individuals, organizations, and institutions that share their mission of educating the public on the legacy of the nation's Presidents, and in particular, that of President Coolidge.

The Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation are seen as the Foundation's primary partners due to their shared mission. However it is recognized that there are others who can provide essential support in furthering the Foundations vision and mission.

Financial Responsibility and Governance

The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the financial stability, sustainability, and governance of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation

To address the challenges of the Strategic Plan, while carrying out its present initiatives, the Board will not only secure and enhance its present financial assets, but also provide the funding necessary to implement the Plan.

In order to implement the Strategic Plan efficiently and effectively, while carrying out its present operations, the Board and staff recognize the commitment to provide appropriate governance and administrative structures and policies to support their goals.



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Director Leaving Coolidge Foundation

Executive Director Leonard R. Vignola is stepping down from his position as Chief Operating Officer of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation at the end of this season. Len will be returning to his home, B&B business and family in Waterbury Center VT. We want to thank Len for his dedicated service to our Foundation and for making the personal sacrifices of "commuting" to Plymouth Notch for the past year.

Len filled in when former Cyndy Bitteringer retired in 2008. Len brought a lot to our organization. He brought with him a concept of institution building as well the disciplined governance that you would expect from a former Price Waterhouse CPA.

He helped in the creation of our new Strategic Plan and the commencement of the new President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Educational Center which is scheduled to open next summer. Len is a perfect gentleman and we wish him, his family and his two golden retrievers the best in Waterbury Center. He made a lot of friends in Plymouth Notch. Robert P. Kirby, President of the Board of Trustees.

Improvements to the Website

The foundation's recently adopted Strategic Plan recognized the importance the website www.calvin-coolidge.org as the primary vehicle to communicate with members, supporters, and the general public, as well as the principal source for "all things Coolidge." Under the leadership of foundation president Bob Kirby, trustee Andy Kostanecki, national advisory board member Jerry Wallace, and webmaster Don Kroitsch, the website has been upgraded and augmented.

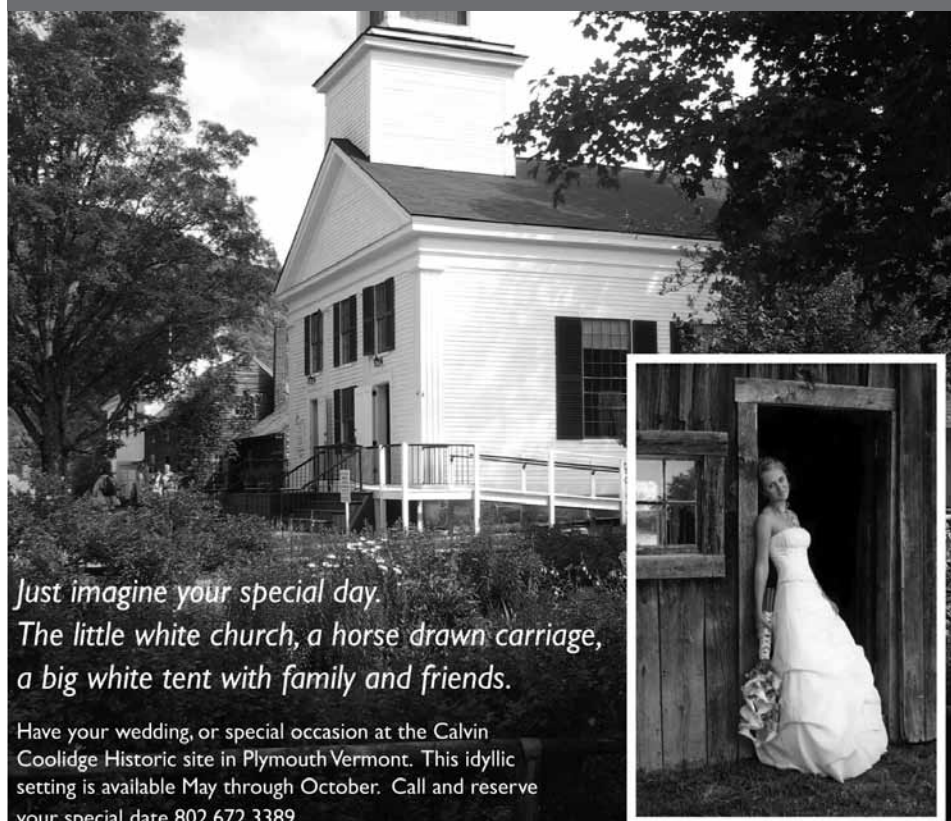
The homepage now contains the celebratory DVD on Calvin Coolidge and the foundation. Please view that film, as well as the section on First Lady Grace Coolidge and the section for Teachers & Students, both now available through the homepage menu. You can learn more about the foundation, its governance, the recently adopted strategic plan with the new and powerful mission and vision statements, and short biographies of staff, trustees, and national advisory board members by going to the drop down menu through the Foundation link on the homepage.

Of particular interest to Coolidge history buffs, presidential historians, and academics are the additions of two dozen of Calvin Coolidge's more noteworthy speeches that can be found in the Speeches section, an article *Listening to 'Silent Cal'* by Rich Marin reprinted from the Cornell

Alumni Magazine that can be accessed through the link on the lower left corner of the homepage, and an address by Peter A. Gilbert, Executive Director of the Vermont Humanities Council, on the occasion of the July 4, 2009 commemoration of the birth of President Coolidge, which is located in the Recent News and Events section of the homepage.

An interview with our National Advisory Board member Amity Shlaes and an introduction to her Silent Cal blog can be reached by links found in the lower portion of the home page. We encourage you to view all these additions, to offer feedback and suggestions. Please email us at info@calvin-coolidge.org with your comments about the website. Please type "Coolidge Website" on the subject line of your email. We look forward to hearing from you. The website is intended for you and we value your opinions.

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The Value of Work



Hulling corn at the Notch.

Work is a practical and valuable way to understand the life of Calvin Coolidge growing up in the 19th century community of Plymouth Notch. When students of any age visit during our History Exploration Programs, they see examples of the skills that young Calvin learned and hear stories of the ways his community worked together and how the work of young people was needed and expected. What does this bring to mind for you? Entering the Homestead, picture the yoke that Calvin made and used to carry maple sap. In the Shed Bedroom is the Tumbling Blocks Quilt he made with his mother when he was ten and a small chest of drawers that he constructed. We've all seen photos of President Coolidge wearing the wool frock when he's doing farm chores that belonged to his grandfather, Calvin Galusha Coolidge. We see the wood box that young Calvin had to fill daily, a connection for many students today as they may also need to help out bringing in wood. Indeed, one popular activity is when children have the opportunity to simply check off on a list all the experiences they have, "just like Calvin Coolidge".

The barns are packed with machinery powered by people and animals. Through special programs scheduled with Fred DePaul, students have opportunities to use some vintage equipment to perform farm tasks. In the spring, students planted a field of buckwheat. This fall, they learned how to flail it, "without knocking yourself out" and run it through a fanning mill. In addition they operated a corn sheller. On other days, they turn a hand cranked shearing machine. Now when they see these kinds of machines in the barn, they can begin to understand both the history and how machines accomplish work, so history combines with science. Even on days when these activities are not scheduled, there are small simple machines in the schoolhouse for students to try out: apple peeler, butter churn, flour mill, meat grinder, jar opener, and a handmade device for cracking butternuts brought in by Terry Gulick.

On September 17, Constitution Day, we investigated the work of the U.S. Supreme Court. Nine of Ludlow's Eighth Graders introduced themselves as the Justices of that body sitting in the Plymouth Union Church. In small groups they considered one of the many difficult interpretations of



With docent Fred DePaul, students separate barley grain from the chaff.



Ludlow students interpret the U.S. Constitution.



Threshing Barley at the Notch.

the Constitution when freedom of expression involves desecration of the American Flag.

In all, 23 schools and home school groups took part in History Exploration Programs in 2009. 501 students and around 80 adults learned about the life of our 30th president and the town where he grew up. Many thanks to the enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer docents who make small groups possible. As the site is closed from mid October until the end of May, I am making plans to extend Outreach Programs during the off season. I'm pleased that we have received a grant for \$2500 from the Alma Gibbs Dochian Foundation to support these efforts.

—Diane Kemble
Education Coordinator

**“We review the past not in order
that we may return to it, but that
we find in what direction, straight
and clear, it points to the future.”**

—Vice President Calvin Coolidge
Burlington, Vermont 12 June 1923



Dear Friends,

Calvin Coolidge studied American history, was a devoted constitutional scholar, and wrote extensively of the country's bedrock principles found in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. He studied the past to chart a clear path to the future, and urged his and succeeding generations to do likewise.

As the foundation approaches its 50th anniversary in 2010, the trustees have committed the organization to a wider and more in depth study of the life, era, and legacy of Calvin Coolidge. To ensure that effort is successful, they are engaged in a \$4 million capital campaign to secure the future financial health of the foundation and to construct the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center.

The center will provide greater resources for study, eventually linking electronically Coolidge archival material from diverse repositories. It will offer modern classrooms and a conference center for students of all ages, will furnish year-round access to speakers, symposiums, lectures, and programs devoted to our three branches of government, and will encourage active citizenship.

The 2009 Annual Appeal is devoted to that effort. With your support to date, we have already raised 75% of the \$4 million capital campaign goal. We ask that you help to reach the \$4 million by contributing to the 2009 Annual Appeal. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will match every \$3 you donate with another \$1.

Your contribution will ensure that the historic village of Plymouth Notch continues as the quintessential lens through which to view Calvin Coolidge. You can help us to find a "direction, straight and clear" to the future through historical study; thereby fulfilling the President's challenge issued in Burlington on 12 June 1923.

We thank you.

Sincerely,

William F. Brooks, Jr.

New Trustees



RICHARD W. HUBE, JR

Rick has been very active in the Vermont House of Representatives since 2000, currently serving on the Ways & Means Committee but has also been on the Commerce, Government Operations and Judiciary Committees. He was also a Trustee of the University of Vermont from 2001-2006. He moved up from Connecticut in 1993 to South Londonderry, Vermont having attended Avon Old Farms School and graduating from Colgate University, in 1971.

BARBARA S. O'CONNELL

Barbara brings geographic breadth to the Foundation, having studied at UCLA in California and also worked there as well as in Cincinnati, Ohio doing sales administration and executive recruiting. She currently serves on the Board of the Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, NH, with Committee assignments in Marketing and Admissions as well as Development. More locally, she has been on the Board of the Thompson Senior Center in Woodstock and helped raise funds to build the Union Arena there. She has homes in both Boston and Woodstock where they often host their two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren.

OWEN STEARNS

Owen is a senior consultant at the Monitor Institute in its Cambridge MA office who has advised Governmental, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Outside his office, Owen was co-

director of The City School, a nonprofit leadership development program for high school students in Boston, and currently serves as the founding board chair of Excel Academy Charter School, a top-ranked public school in Massachusetts that serves largely Latino students. He is the President of his Amherst College Class of '94. Owen lives in Boston with his wife, Molly, and gets up to Woodstock to visit Molly's parents, Coolidge Foundation Trustee David (and Sarah) Roberts.

National Advisory Board



RANDALL D. BROCK III

Randy came up from the Philadelphia area to attend Middlebury, graduating in 1965 and with a few breaks, has continued to have his life and career in Vermont. He was awarded a Bronze Star following his Army service as a Captain in the Vietnam conflict and retired as Executive Vice-President for Risk Oversight for Fidelity Investments. He has lived in Swanton for 22 years and has been active in the Boards of the Vermont and national Alzheimer Foundations and is currently on the Boards of the Vermont Law School and the Vermont Historical Society. He has served as State Auditor and currently serves in the State Senate representing Franklin County. We hope he can bring to the Coolidge Foundation some perspective from the northern part of Vermont.


WYATT R. HASKELL

Wyatt has been a very successful lawyer in Birmingham, Alabama, focusing on infrastructure and educational

financing and economic and commercial development projects. On the non-profit side, he has served as a director or trustee of the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Alabama Symphonic Association, and the State of Alabama Ballet. Working his way north, Wyatt has served on the Trustees Committee of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, which, not so coincidentally, is under the auspices of Amherst College, from where he graduated in 1961.

SARWAR A. KASHMERI

Sarwar's career has revolved around information technology, starting with aerospace engineering degrees from St. Louis University and advancing to founding the first global consortium of accounting systems integrators. More recently he has been a strategic communications advisor for international companies. He was the Sunday Valley News Business columnist from 2004-2007. In Vermont, he chaired a Coolidge Foundation symposium on Presidency and the Media in Woodstock in September, 2008. He lives in Reading and serves on the Board of the Reading Public Library.



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August 1 Gala Celebration



The a cappella group, *Sweet Music*.

It started as a conversation about the Annual Dinner. Soon, words such as celebration, fun, jazz and Twenties theme entered the nascent plans and we were off! It was a noteworthy time to bring people to Plymouth Notch where the new Education Center was just beginning and the official groundbreaking was to take place that very afternoon of August 1. We imagined the unique experience of being among the hills on a beautiful (we hoped) summer evening. A white tent was planned for the hill in front of the vintage tourist cabins. Lights were strung, tables arranged by the names of different jazz artists, food arrived, singers tuned up and 100 guests, some of them in Twenties fashions, began to arrive. August 1st turned out to be exceptionally beautiful.



Mary Crowley, wife of trustee Art Crowley, at the Gala.

The Gala Celebration was also a great opportunity to hold a Silent Auction as a way of fundraising for education initiatives. As you undoubtedly know, the modest fees we charge for

school groups and our other endeavors pay for only a portion of the true costs. Education is central to our mission and a goal eagerly supported by Coolidge Foundation members and friends. A Silent Auction extends our community as we asked for and received donations of items and services from area businesses and individuals. It also gives a certain amount of exposure to those who have donated and many attendees went home with items or certificates for services that they had won by being the highest bidder. The Silent Auction brought in \$4992 and \$10,554 in all was raised from the event!



James & McKay Berkman, Plymouth, VT and Boston, MA residents.

The evening ended with the a cappella group, Sweet Music, leading everyone in singing "Keep Cool and Keep Coolidge", the campaign song written by the 1924 Home Town Coolidge Club. Outside solar lights and torches lit the way into Plymouth Notch's growing darkness. What a wonderful celebration! And thank you to all who participated.



Robert P. Kirby, new President of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, on stage at the Gala Celebration.



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In Memoriam

Over the past 12 months, we have been diminished by the deaths of several distinguished Americans and staunch Coolidge Foundation supporters.

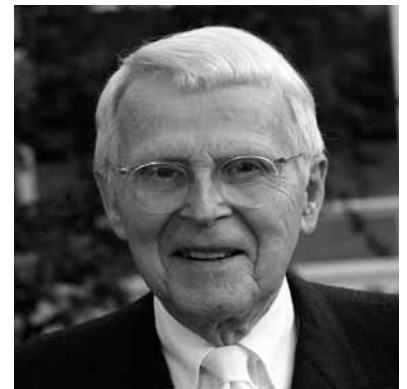


JACK FRENCH KEMP (1935-2009)

Jack first gained fame as a professional football player and later as an American politician who served as a nine term congressman from western New York State, was appointed U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President George H.W. Bush, and was the Republican Party's vice presidential nominee in 1996. Shortly before his death he wrote to the foundation of President Coolidge's "relevance to the challenges of today," adding his hope that "I'd love to come up [to Plymouth Notch] soon & tell his story & its applicability to our financial and economic situation."

EDWARD CONNERY LATHEM (1926-2009)

Edward served as Dean and Librarian Emeritus at Dartmouth College, was a long time foundation supporter, and close friend of President Coolidge's son John. Mr. Lathem edited and wrote the introduction to the 1960 book *Meet Calvin Coolidge: The Man Behind the Myth* and compiled a selection of letters from Calvin Coolidge to his father, Colonel John Coolidge published in 1968 as *Your Son, Calvin Coolidge*. He provided counsel and encouragement to the staff and trustees of the Coolidge Foundation to which he was unstintingly loyal.



ROBERT M. NOVAK (1931-2009)

While best known as an outspoken American political commentator and columnist, Bob was an ardent Coolidge admirer, who visited Plymouth Notch and was a panelist at the 1998 conference in Boston commemorating the 75th anniversary of the August 3, 1923 Homestead Inaugural. One of his many financial donations helped in the reprinting of the *Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge*, augmented with an index and additional images. The accompanying photograph was taken at Plymouth Notch.

PAUL M. WEYRICH (1942-2008)

Paul was a leading American conservative political activist and commentator, as well as a Coolidge Foundation member. Mr. Weyrich was a co-founder and the first president of the Heritage Foundation. He came to Washington, D.C. in 1967 as press secretary to Sen. Gordon Allott of Colorado. At the time of his death, the Republican National Committee issued a statement: "Paul's service to America has embodied and further advanced the Republican Party's core values of limited government, lower taxes and individual responsibility."





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Quotable Cal

*“(My father’s experience in town
and State government) gave him
such a broad knowledge of the
practical side of the law that
people were constantly seeking his
advice, to which I always listened
with great interest. He always
counseled them to resist injustice
and avoid unfair dealing, but to
keep their agreements, meet their
obligations and observe strict
obedience to the law.*

*By reason of what I saw and heard
in my early life, I came to have a
good working knowledge of the
practical side of government. I
understood that it consisted of
restraints which the people had
imposed upon themselves in order
to promote the common welfare.”*

—From “The Autobiography of Calvin
Coolidge,” (New York, 1929) p.25.



*President Calvin Coolidge conferring with Chief Justice William Howard Taft
at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., August 7, 1923*

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