



## Lesley Stahl to be Honored at the 2009 Annual Dinner Dance



The 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance will take place at the St. Regis Hotel on Friday, November 13, 2009. Lesley Stahl, the distinguished journalist, who currently reports on the CBS investigative news television show *60 Minutes*, will accept the Society's Reginald T. Townsend award in recognition of outstanding achievements representing the finest attributes of the New England character. Lesley was born in Swampscott, Massachusetts, graduated from Wheaton College, and currently lives in Manhattan with her family. The Annual Dinner Dance is a highly anticipated event for members and friends of the Society, with music by the Alex Donner Orchestra, a silent auction, and the company of fine friends. Co-chairmen Sara Hudson & Ron Gold and Sonny Hayward & Richard Johnson encourage everyone to join in the festivities. For those who choose to attend at the Patron or Benefactor ticket levels, a special reception will be held at the River Club on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Alixandra and Stuart Baker and Hilda Frost Neis and Arnold Hayward Neis. The Dinner Dance is the Society's biggest fundraiser and crucial to sustaining the Scholarship Program.

## Two New Students Granted NES Scholarships



The New England Society Aid to Education Committee has selected two incoming freshman to receive \$25,000 NES Scholarships. Lai Hau Choi, who will attend Tufts University in the

Fall, graduated from The Bronx High School of Science with a 4.0 having received Excellence Awards in both French and Forensic Science. Growing up in Queens, Lai has been strongly influenced by her Chinese heritage and says she looks forward to "learning new things and living differently." Juliette Ferrigno will attend College of the Holy Cross. While Juliette's parents work in education, she has spent most of her childhood caring for her disabled brother. An honors student from Staten Island Tech, she looks forward to college as it will be her first time away from home. In her application Juliette stated, "I bring who I am, and the lessons my brother has taught me on the journey to who I may become." The Society is very proud to add these students to the group of NES scholarship award recipients. Stay tuned for further updates on our scholars, their accomplishments, and ongoing success.

## Carl Stanford Forsythe, III



Carl Stanford Forsythe, III, an attorney, philanthropist and accomplished athlete, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on July 12, 2009 after a brief illness. Carl was a lifelong Greenwich resident and graduated from Andover, Yale and Columbia Business and Law Schools. He was an active member of many organizations and served on the Boards of the Greenwich Country Club, the Belle Haven Club, the Northeast Greenwich Association, and the Historical Society of the Town of Greenwich. He joined the New England Society in 1996 and generously supported the NES Scholarship Program, served on the Admissions Committee, and was a Benefactor of the Annual Dinner Dance. Carl is survived by his wife Sabrina, daughter Lindsay Forsythe and her husband Jason Good; daughter Robin Forsythe and her husband Adam Toht; stepdaughters Courtney and Nicole Fischer, and grandsons Silas Forsythe Good and Elias Toht. A Memorial Service, attended by many New England Society members, was held Thursday, July 23, 2009.

## Letter from the President

In my last column, I asked you to reach out to your eligible family, friends and colleagues and encourage them to join the NES. I am pleased to report that we have brought in sixteen new Members so far this year, and have others "in the pipeline." Please keep up the good work! Don't hesitate to contact Valerie at the office if you have any questions or would like brochures or application forms.

Our Gramercy Walking Tour and the Summer Solstice Party, both of which took place in June, were resounding successes. Our upcoming events are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. In particular, I urge as many of you as possible to attend the annual Dinner Dance at the St. Regis on Friday November 13th. This Black Tie event is the highlight of our social season and is always a most enjoyable occasion. Formal invitations will be mailed out soon. Those subscribing as Patrons or Benefactors will be thanked with a special reception in October at the delightful River Club.

The Yale Club of New York City has given the NES a framed early 20th Century view of Yale's Old Campus. The picture is now hanging in our conference room, complementing a similar view of Harvard. We thank the Yale Club for its extraordinary generosity.

The NES lost a good friend in July with the unexpected passing of Carl Forsythe. Carl was a loyal member of the Society and a generous supporter of its charitable mission. Our thoughts are with Carl's wife and family. We shall miss his counsel and friendship.

We also lost an Honorary Member with the passing of Walter Cronkite in July. Walter was the recipient of the Reginald T. Townsend Award at our Dinner Dance in 1995. An eminent journalist, he was called the most trusted man in America, and helped shape not only the medium of television news, but the perception of events both public and private.

Speaking of journalists, I am delighted to report that Lesley Stahl will be the recipient of the Townsend Award at this year's Dinner Dance. The Award has been presented since 1952 for "outstanding achievements representing the finest attributes of the New England character." The list of recipients is truly remarkable, and we are pleased that Lesley will soon be added to it.

We are in the final lap of our From Firewood to Financial Aid Scholarship Funding Campaign. Launched in May 2007, the Campaign is scheduled to conclude at the end of 2009. We are very close to our goal of raising \$300,000, so please help put us over the top. Contributions in any amount are most welcome, and are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. If you work for a company that has a charitable matching gift program, you may be able to double or even triple the value of your contribution. Just obtain a charitable matching gift form from your company's human resources department, complete your portion of the form, and send it to the NES with your contribution. We will process the rest of the paperwork.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Society. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,



J. Scott Glascock  
President

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<b>Gary Dycus</b>	Ancestry
<i>Proposed by Judy Bliss</i>	
<i>Seconded by Stephen J. Storen</i>	
<b>Suzanne Branch Martin</b>	Residence
<i>Proposed by Scott Glascock</i>	
<i>Seconded by Alan Frese</i>	
<b>Sarah J. Savage</b>	Education
<i>Proposed by Sara Hunter Hudson</i>	
<i>Seconded by Sunny Hayward</i>	
<b>Blair Stuart</b>	Education
<i>Proposed by Stuart Baker</i>	
<i>Seconded by Alixandra Baker</i>	
<b>Richard Watson</b>	Ancestry
<i>Proposed by Doran Mullen</i>	
<i>Seconded by Valerie Bickel</i>	

# Summer Solstice

June 16, 2009

Mount Vernon House Museum and Garden



Nancy Barton and Jean Doyen; Scott Glascock and Sara Hunter Hudson; James McGovern and Tom Hills



Valerie Bickel, Anne and Fred Elser; Margaret Austin, Connie Greenspan, and Barbara Parks



Jere Patterson and Sarah Hunter; Robert W. Bell; Michelle Randall and Wellington Tichenor, MD

## Corrections to the 2009-2010 Membership Directory

Egbert, Jr., Mrs. George Pennington (Judi) .....	1978
Egbert Sheehan, Melissa M. B. ....	2003
Kiremidjian, Virginia .....	2005
Myers, R. Graham.....	2000
Zesiger, Judith C.....	1995

## SPECIAL PROMOTION – CANDLES FOR EDUCATION

The **Castine Candle Company** of Benton, Maine, has joined the **New England Society in the City of New York** in helping underprivileged students to have access to higher education. For every fine scented and handcrafted Castine Candle of the Fire Light Candle Set purchased, a donation will be made to the New England Society Scholarship Program.

To purchase a candle in honor of the New England Society, please go online to the Castine Candle “Candles for a Cause” website – [www.castinecandle.com/Candles\\_for\\_a\\_Cause.html](http://www.castinecandle.com/Candles_for_a_Cause.html)

Choose from the **Fire Light Candle Set**:

1 candle donates 10%; 3 candles donates 20%; 6 candles donates 30%

For more information, please contact...

New England Society at (212) 752 1938 or email [nes@nesnyc.org](mailto:nes@nesnyc.org);

Castine Candle Co. at (800) 342 0926 or email [castinecandle@uninets.net](mailto:castinecandle@uninets.net)



### 2009 SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 24\*

Wednesday, October 14

Tuesday, October 20

Friday, November 13

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Monday, December 7\*

*Member/Guest and Fall Kickoff* – Grolier Club, 6:30-8:30pm

*Annual Meeting and Reception* – Chadbourne & Parke, 6-8pm

*Patrons and Benefactors Reception* – River Club, 6:30-8:30pm

*Annual Dinner Dance* – St. Regis Hotel, 7pm-12am

*Pilgrim Statue Luncheon* – Regency Whist Club, 12-2pm

*Christmas Party* – Cosmopolitan Club, 6:30-8:30pm

*\*Please note the date has been changed since previous newsletter*

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