

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT EXHIBIT AND STATUE BENEFIT
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 7, 1996**

[Acknowledgments: Mina Weiner [MIN-na WEE-ner], exhibit curator; Franklin Roosevelt III, who will introduce you]

- I am so happy to be here to help celebrate both the New York Historical Society's first-ever exhibition on Eleanor Roosevelt and the upcoming unveiling of the Eleanor Roosevelt monument in Riverside Park.
- I'm told Mrs. Roosevelt's statue will be only the second statue of a woman -- besides Mother Goose and Alice in Wonderland -- to grace New York City. So I'm glad that this long overdue event is truly on the horizon.
- One thing I've learned since becoming First Lady is that wherever I go, Eleanor Roosevelt has surely been there before me. I've been to farms in Iowa, factories in Michigan, and countries around the world visited by Mrs. Roosevelt a half century ago. In fact, I've just come from sewing on a label for UNITE, the successor to the women's garment union Mrs. Roosevelt inaugurated many years ago with her own label-sewing ceremony. *the garment district*
- I have found great inspiration in Eleanor Roosevelt's life, not only for the role in which I find myself now, but also for the way a woman could bring humanity and dignity to every aspect of her life. She was one of those rare people who somehow struck that elusive balance between "me" and "we" -- between our rights and expectations as individuals and our obligations to the larger community. *because she showed us how to bring*
- Eleanor Roosevelt was not just a model for me, but for a whole generation of Americans. Now I'm glad that a new generation of Americans will be able to learn more about her life and her struggle to be true to herself through this exhibit and monument. *her contribution*

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OFFICE OF SCHEDULING FOR THE FIRST LADY

DATE Jan 11

ORGANIZATION/ EVENT	New York Historical Society Mount 1st-ever exhibition on Eleanor Roosevelt
DATE	Spring 1996 Feb or MARCH
LOCATION	New York
EVENT DESCRIPTION	Wants Mrs. Clinton to serve as honorary chairman dinner + talk
STATUS	ACCEPT _____ REGRET _____ PENDING ☒ _____ VIDEO _____ LETTER _____
CONTACT	Betsy Gothaum
NOTES	Does she know these people?



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January 11, 1996

BY FAX AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are America's oldest museum recently reborn in our renovated landmark on Central Park West.

In the spring of 1996, we will mount our first-ever exhibition on the subject of Eleanor Roosevelt and in particular her formulative political years in New York. It is entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt and New York/Social Expectations and Political Awakenings 1884-1933" and will be curated by the distinguished historian Mina Weiner.

This rich and much overdue initiative will coincide with the unveiling of the Eleanor Roosevelt monument in nearby Riverside Park--an enterprise you have done much to advance and which deserves this educational complement for school children and the general public alike.

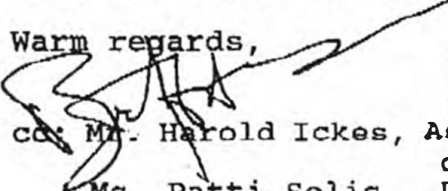
The Society would like to broaden the community-minded sponsorship of the exhibition by accepting the generous offer of the midtown restaurant Fresco to hold an evening benefit reception in the project's worthy behalf. And we would like you to serve as the honorary chairman of this civic-minded gathering and if possible plan to stop by and help greet our guests.

We are eager to fix a February or March date as soon as possible and get the invitation out to our very broad constituency. I think that Susan Thomases's counsel to select a date before the March 7 primary is wise but not essential.

The New-York Historical Society

Thank you in advance for considering our invitation and helping us tell the extraordinary story of this great First Lady who inspires and guides so many Americans today.

Warm regards,


cc: Mr. Harold Ickes, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief
of Staff
Ms. Patti Solis, Director of Scheduling