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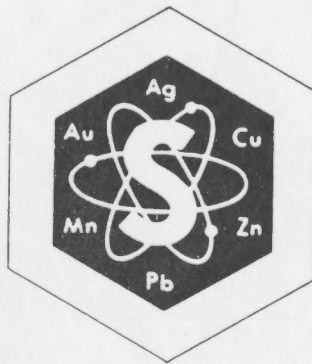
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We now mark the beginning of our Third Century as an Independent Nation as well as the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

America's Bicentennial is rich in history and in the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead. It is about the events of our past, our achievements, our traditions, our diversity, our freedoms, our form of government and our continuing commitment to a better life for all Americans. The Bicentennial offers each of us the opportunity to join with our fellow citizens in honoring the past and preparing for the future in communities across the Nation. Thus, in joining together as races, nationalities, and individuals, we also retain and strengthen our traditions, background and personal freedom.

As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third Century, I encourage all our citizens to join in making this great national celebration as memorable and meaningful as possible.

Gerald R. Ford



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1976

To the Members of the Women's National
Republican Club:

Thank you for this opportunity to share some
thoughts on our Bicentennial.

I like to think of our Bicentennial as high
ground from which we can see not only how far we have
traveled, but where we are heading.

As our great heritage gives us a foundation
for building a greater America, so the accelerating
pace of change in the world today offers us an un-
precedented opportunity to help shape the future for
the benefit of all mankind.

Indeed, we are living in what may well be
the most exciting moment in modern history -- a moment
for optimism and faith in the future, a moment in which
we can develop a new sense of purpose as a Nation.

Sincerely,

OUR FIRST LADY



MRS. GERALD R. FORD
"The Republican Woman of the Year"

1976



UNITED STATES SENATOR BARRY M. GOLDWATER
"Distinguished Political Service Award"
 1976



MRS. DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR
"Affectionate Honor Award"
 1976



GENERAL DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR
"Duty — Honor — Country"



DOROTHY STUART HAMILL

First Presentation of:
"The Outstanding Young American Award"
 1976

1974, 1975 & 1976 — United States Ladies Figure Skating Champion
 1976 — Olympic Champion
 1976 — Ladies Figure Skating Champion of the World



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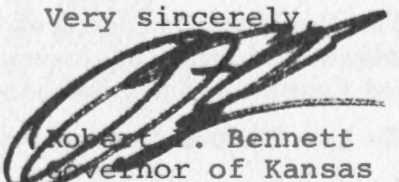
Dear Republican Friends:

As Governor of a state with a great tradition of Republicanism I send my greetings to everyone at the Women's National Republican Club attending the 55th annual luncheon on March 20.

In a Bicentennial year we naturally reflect on the great and many accomplishments of our forefathers as they built our beloved nation. Many of those great achievements were the result of the Republican philosophy and of the great men and women of our Party who have done so much to keep our country strong and vigorous. We share in the hope that our Party will continue to play a vital role in America's future and we look forward to seeing fellow Republicans at the National Convention this August in Kansas City.

Best wishes to all of you.

Very sincerely,


 Robert F. Bennett
 Governor of Kansas

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CATHALENE BERNATSCHKE
President, W.N.R.C., 1975-6



Painting by the international artist: Rudolf A. Bernatschke

MESSAGE

The President, the Board of Governors, and the Membership of the Women's National Republican Club greet all Americans everywhere, on the occasion of the Bicentennial of our Beloved Country and the 55th Annual Luncheon of the Women's National Republican Club.

We have Faith in America, Faith in God, and Faith in our Party.

Inspired by our Heritage we are proud of our past, and we look to the future with happiness and courage.

Cathalene Parker Bernatschke
President

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From left to right: Mrs. Edward McP. Armstrong, Second Vice President; Mrs. John Davis Lodge, Chairman, Annual Luncheon; Mrs. John Whelchel Finger, Former President; Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, First Vice President.

MENU

Yankee Doodle Bean Soup
 Chicken Betsy Ross
 Nathanael Greene Beans
 Tomate de Lafayette
 Cherry Pie George Washington

OPEN HOUSE FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Following the Luncheon

Tea and Coffe (Cocktails available)

Three to Six o'clock

at the

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

AND

"SALUTE TO THE BICENTENNIAL"

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Chairman

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WELCOME

The President of the Club MRS. RUDOLF A. BERNATSCHKE

Invocation The Reverend DORMAN T. AVERY
Senior Field Representative
New York State Commission of Human Rights

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag MISS MARIE VALE
Junior Committee Chairman

"The Star Spangled Banner" LICIA ALBANESE

LUNCHEON SERVED

New York State Welcome MRS. PHYLLIS KELLY
Vice-Chairman

Federation Activities — New York Republican State Committee

Inspirational Prayer The Reverend DR. S. ANDHIL FINEBERG
National Conference of Christians and Jews

"I Love America" Sung by the Composer
 Jane Pickens Langley

Presentation of the 1976

"Affectionate Honor Award"

To MRS. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

By the Honorable Katharine St. George, Former Member of Congress

The American's Creed By William Tyler Page
Recited by John F. Menzel and James W. Gerard, V

Presentation of the First

"Outstanding Young American Award"

To MISS DOROTHY STUART HAMILL

1976 Ladies' Olympics and Skating Champion of the World

By Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, Vice President of the WNRC

Introduction of the Speaker and Recipient of the 1976

"Distinguished Political Service Award"

To UNITED STATES SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER of Arizona

Presented by Mrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke

Presentation of the 1976

"Republican Woman of the Year" Award

To MRS. GERALD R. FORD

Presented by Mrs. John Davis Lodge

"God Bless America" by Irving Berlin Led by Mr. Ben Cutler

Benediction Very Reverend Charles Tallarico, O.F.M., J.C.D.



LICIA ALBANESE
International Opera Star

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1955	Governor Thomas E. Dewey	1965	Senator John J. Williams
1956	President Dwight D. Eisenhower	1966	The Hon. Frances P. Bolton
1957	President Herbert Hoover	1967	The Hon. Ray C. Bliss
1958	Vice-President Richard M. Nixon	1968	The Hon. Gerald R. Ford
1959	Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge	1969	Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew
1960	Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (posthumously)	1970	The Hon. Rogers C. B. Morton
1961	Senator Barry M. Goldwater and Congressman Walter H. Judd	1971	President Richard M. Nixon
1962	Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen	1972	The Hon. John N. Mitchell
1963	Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller	1973	Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller
1964	The Hon. Katharine St. George	1974	Vice President Gerald R. Ford
		1974	Governor Ronald Reagan
		1975	Senator Milton R. Young
		1975	Congressman Bob Wilson
		1976	Senator Barry M. Goldwater

Award Recipients for "THE REPUBLICAN WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

1968	Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower	1973	Mrs. Norman C. Armitage
1969	Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew	1974	Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower
1970	Mrs. Mary Brooks	1975	The Hon. Mary Louise Smith
1971	Mrs. Dorothy Andrews Kabis	1976	Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
1972	Mrs. Helen Delich Bentley and Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell		

"AFFECTIONATE HONOR AWARD"

1972	Mrs. William F. Buckley, Sr.
1973	Mrs. Everett McKinley Dirksen
1974	The Hon. Louis J. Lefkowitz
1975	The Hon. Katharine St. George
1976	Mrs. Douglas Mac Arthur

First Award Recipient of "THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG AMERICAN AWARD"

1976	Miss Dorothy Stuart Hamill
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To advocate, promote and maintain the principles of Republicanism as enunciated by the Republican Party

To direct and interest in politics those who have heretofore been more or less indifferent to their political duties

To teach the purpose and value of political parties, and the relationship of party to government

To guard and defend the purity of the ballot box

To promote the cause of good government

To perform such other work as may best conserve the interests of the Republican Party

To maintain a club house that will serve as an adult education center for these purposes.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

Our handsomely furnished Club House was opened in 1934. Just off Fifth Avenue, opposite Rockefeller Center, it affords members a centrally located meeting place close to the center of cultural, civic and political activities.

There are thirty attractive Bedrooms (each with bath) for members and their husbands, and a lovely Lounge for meeting guests.

Club members, their husbands, and their sponsored guests have available: thirty bedrooms with private baths, with breakfast served in the room; private rooms for luncheon, dinner parties and group meetings.

The National Council, an arm of the Club, works with Republican woman volunteers across the country, initiating research projects in many states and countries.

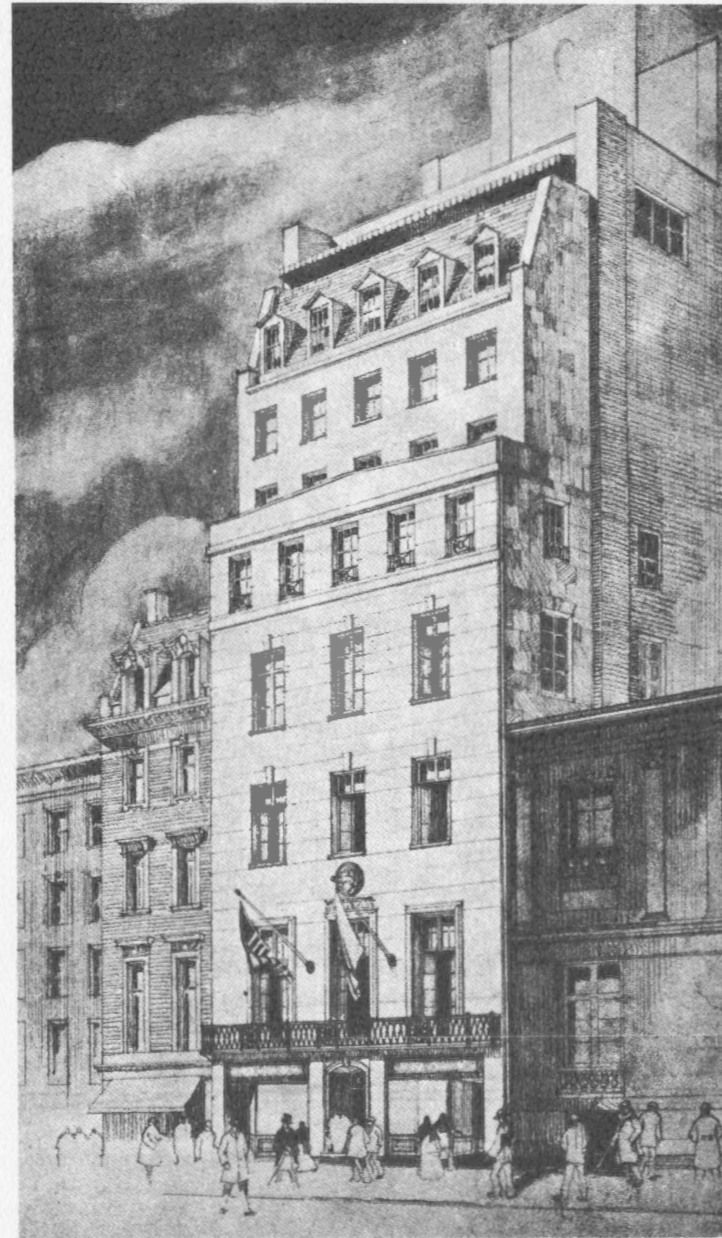


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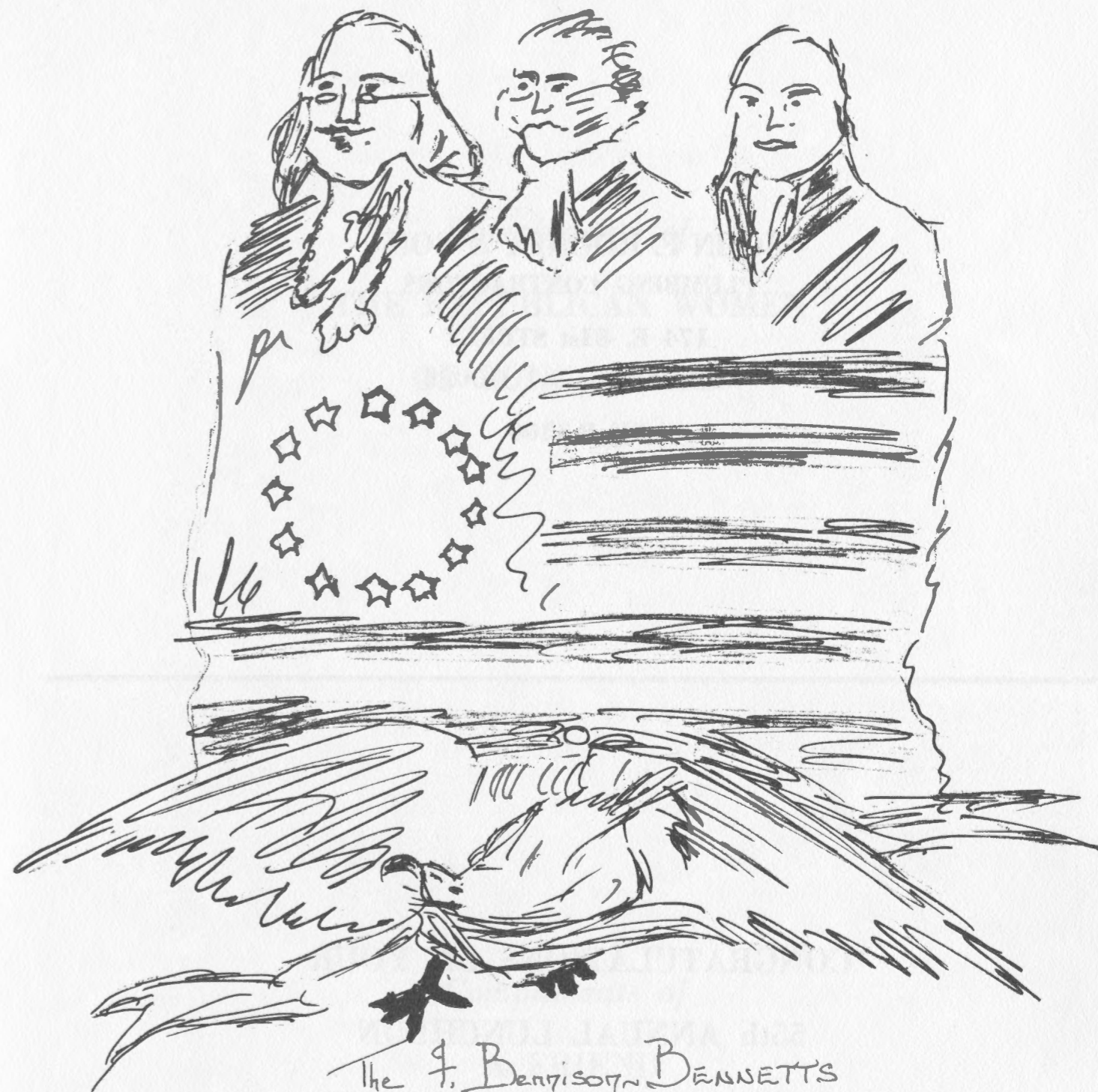
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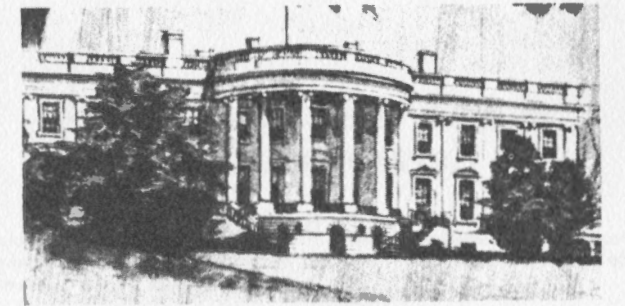
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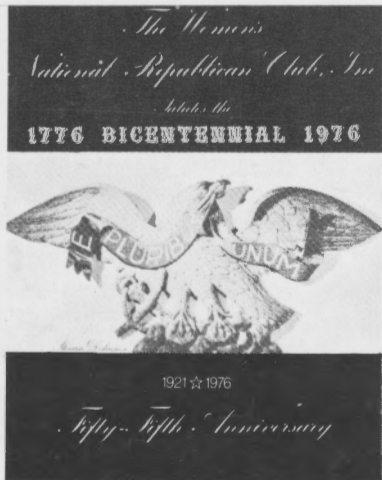
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