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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Marta Ross
worked for
Mrs. Johnson
Senator Miller's
daughter.



fact sheet - Junior League luncheon

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These two women are the ones who'll meet here when she arrives.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Christmas Shop Luncheon

GROUP: Junior League of Washington

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 1975

TIME: 12:00 noon Doors open; drinks
12:30 p.m. Luncheon begins

PLACE: Madison Hotel
Washington, D. C.

CONTACT: Mrs. William Bryant, Luncheon Chairman
356-9612
(Mrs. John Forstmann, Christmas Shop Chairman, 365-1593)
(Mrs. Robert Dudley, Chairman, Patrons Committee, 363-5885)

COMMENTS: The annual Junior League Christmas Shop begins with a Champagne Preview Opening the evening of Tuesday, October 14th and is followed by a luncheon each of the three following days, October 15, 16 and 17. Mrs. Ford will attend the Thursday, October 16th luncheon. She has been active in Junior League through the years and this year will have her name listed again as Honorary Patron of the Junior League of Washington Christmas Shop. Mrs. Henry Catto, Jr. is Honorary Chairman of the Shop this year. The funds from sales at their Christmas Shop are used in funding a variety of the League's projects which include: The Family Center; Don't Tear It Down, Inc.; Children's Hospital; Children's Museum of Inquiry and Discovery, Inc.; Friendship House; the Museum of African Art; and the National Gallery of Art.



The luncheon itself will include a Fashion Show (fashions by Dorothy Stead of Georgetown) and should be over by 2:30 p.m.

As an historical note: Mrs. Ford some years ago served as Chairman of the Christmas Shop and started at the time a precedent of entertaining her committee. This year's chairman, Mrs. Forstmann, served on Mrs. Ford's committee; that year was Mrs. Forstmann's first year to participate.

The file is attached. Thank you.

c: BF Staff
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Warren Rustand
William Nicholson
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Junior League of Washington

THE CHRISTMAS SHOP

September 22, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

As Chairman of the 1975 Junior League Christmas Shop, I want to tell you how delighted I am that you agreed to be a Patron of our Shop.

It would be my great pleasure to have you join, Mrs. Henry E. Catto, Jr., the Honorary Chairman, and me at the Shop for Preview Night, October 14 from six until nine in the evening. And at the head table for one of our three fashion show luncheons on October 15, 16 or 17 at twelve-thirty. Mrs. Catto and I will attend all three luncheons.

If you find that your busy schedule does not allow you to join us at any of the above functions, but you would like to get in a little early Christmas shopping, I am sure I could arrange for you to visit the Shop during closed hours.

I am hopeful that you will be able to join us and will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Virginia H. Forstmann

Mrs. John F. Forstmann
1975 Christmas Shop Chairman

1356-1523

1225 Merchant Lane
McLean, Virginia 22101



September 15, 1975

Dear Mrs. Oelman,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter sharing with Mrs. Ford The Christmas Shop's complete schedule. We will certainly keep this in mind and I know Mrs. Ford would want me to convey her best wishes as you finalize preparations for your Shop.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Susan Porter
Appointments Secretary
for Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Oelman
3461 Lowell Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20016

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Elizabeth C. Gelman

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Dear Mrs. Ford,

August 20, 1975

You have probably already received an invitation to The Christmas Shop preview night sponsored by the Junior League of Washington. I felt that its October 14 date would likely be a conflict in your busy schedule and so wanted you to have the Shop's complete schedule.

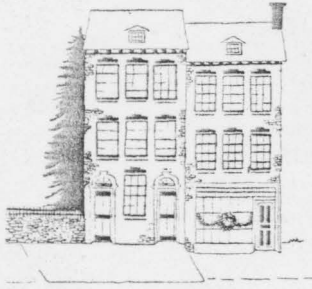
Day and evening - October 15, 16, 17 you may consider as possible "shopping" or "looking" dates. Our handmade Christmas ornaments may be of special interest to you for the White House tree. Preview night provides the greatest selection of handmade treasures.

Hope you can attend for the fun and excitement of our old-fashioned, handmade Christmas items. There will be many "sugar-plum" presents as well as decorations from which to choose.

Sincerely, Betty Gelman



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The Junior League of Washington

requests the pleasure of your company

at a

Champagne Preview Opening

of the

Christmas Shop

on Tuesday, the fourteenth of October

from six until nine o'clock

The Madison

CHRISTMAS SHOP EXHIBITORS

BEECROFT & BULL, LTD.	JUNIOR LEAGUE BOUTIQUE
LA BOUTTICA	JUNIOR LEAGUE SILENT AUCTION
CACHE CACHE, LTD.	LERON
THE CHAPPAQUA BOOK SHOP, INC.	MOLE HOLE OF GROSSE POINT
THE CHILDREN'S SHOP	THE PAPER BOUTIQUE
F. J. COOPER, INC.	SKI BARN SHOPS, INC.
CROSS COUNTRY SHOPS	THE SMALL INDULGENCE
CRISTINA GARCIA-TUÑON	THE SPORTING SPIRIT
THE GLEN CREE SHOP	DOROTHY STEAD, INC.
JUNIOR LEAGUE ART SHOW	WELDON NURSERY
JUNIOR LEAGUE BOOKCORNER	WORLD WIDE GAMES

CHRISTMAS SHOP CHAIRMAN

Mrs. John F. Forstmann

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Charles E. Allen
Mrs. Donald N. Briggs
Mrs. George U. Carneal
Mrs. N. Thompson Powers

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Henry Edward Catto, Jr.

HONORARY COMMITTEE

His Excellency Ardeshir Zahedi
The Ambassador of Iran

His Excellency Alejandro Orfila
The Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Mrs. Ortona

Mrs. de Olloqui

Mrs. Yasukawa

Countess Wachtmeister

Mrs. William E. Simon

Mrs. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.

Mrs. James Wadsworth Symington

Mrs. Clark MacGregor

JUNIOR LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Stuart P. Ross
President

Mrs. Clark R. Bavin

Mrs. Spofford Chadwick

Mrs. Richard Harrell

Mrs. Richard V. Mattingly, Jr.

Miss Susan McGregor

Mrs. Montgomery K. Winkler



CHRISTMAS SHOP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Arnold A. Willcox
Chairman

Mrs. P. Landon Banfield
Mrs. Montgomery Blair
Mrs. William D. Blair, Jr.
Mrs. Langhorne Bond
Mrs. Daniel L. Borden
Mrs. Crosby Boyd
Mrs. Frederick M. Bradley
Mrs. A. Britton Browne
Mrs. G. Howland Chase
Mrs. William C. Coe
Mrs. Eldon H. Crowell
Mrs. John W. Davidge, Jr.
Mrs. Charles S. Dewey
Mrs. Clarence Dodge, Jr.
Mrs. Richard Price Dunn
Mrs. Herbert P. Fales
Mrs. Randolph Adams Frank
Mrs. David St. P. Gaillard

Mrs. John W. Gill
Miss Anne Carter Greene
Mrs. Smith Hempstone
Mrs. T. Perry Lippitt
Mrs. Jackson McClelland
Mrs. George McGhee
Mrs. J. Murray Mitchell, Jr.
Mrs. Vincent R. Murphy
Mrs. A. Chambers Oliphant
Mrs. Jefferson Patterson
Mrs. Peter D. Pelham
Mrs. Armistead Peter, III
Mrs. William L. Ritchie
Mrs. Charles Runyan, III
Mrs. C. Worth Sprunt
Mrs. Ernest J. Swift
Mrs. E. Russell True
Mrs. Frank C. Waldrop

Mrs. Robert W. Wilson

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June 5, 1975

- 1) -TUES, OCT 14
-GALA PREVIEW NIGHT
-CHRISTMAS SHOP
-THE MADISON

YES—No—*accepted me
asking whether*

Dear Mrs. Dudley,

How much I appreciated your thoughtful letter inviting me to again have my name listed as Honorary Patron of the Junior League of Washington Christmas Shop. It is a pleasure to have my name listed in this way reflecting my continuing interest in your organization and this outstanding project on behalf of the variety of projects supported by the Junior League. Although I do not know at this date whether I will have the opportunity to attend the Preview or the Luncheon, I am grateful for your invitation.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert W. Dudley
Junior League of Washington
The Christmas Shop
4301 Glenbrook Road, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20016

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c: ☒ BF Pending to Consider (October 14)
BF Honorary Affiliations (accept)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

You are invited to have your name listed as an Honorary Patron of the 1975 Junior League of Washington Christmas Shop. The proceeds of this project are used to fund the various charitable undertakings of the Junior League.

Mrs. Catto is Honorary Chairman.

1) ☒ Lend name as _____ Regret
Honorary Patron

2) _____ Attend Gala _____ Regret
Preview Night;
Tuesday, October 14

Thank you,

susan

↑ CONSIDER
CLOSER TO
DATE, PER
CONVERSATION
WITH MRS.
FORD,
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Junior League of Washington

THE CHRISTMAS SHOP

April 25, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

On behalf of the Junior League of Washington, I would like to invite you to be a Patron of our 1975 Christmas Shop.

Our League's 1,500 members are volunteering in civic, cultural and charitable activities in the Washington metropolitan area. In addition to the contribution of our volunteer hours, we donate the profits from our fund-raising efforts, such as the Christmas Shop, to support a variety of projects. We are currently funding programs at: The Family Center (a model therapeutic day care and counseling center for abused preschool children and their parents, initiated jointly by the Junior League and the Rose School); Don't Tear It Down, Inc.; Children's Hospital; Children's Museum of Inquiry and Discovery, Inc.; Friendship House; the Museum of African Art; and the National Gallery of Art.

Mrs. Henry Catto, Jr. has consented to be the Honorary Chairman of our Christmas Shop, which will be held at the Madison Hotel from October 14 through October 17, 1975.

We would be so pleased and honored to have you lead the list of our Patrons, and although there is no obligation, we hope that you will accept our invitation to be the Junior League's guest at the Christmas Shop's gala Preview Night on Tuesday, October 14, 1975.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Argentina C. Dudley
Argentina C. Dudley
(Mrs. Robert W. Dudley)
Chairman, Patron's Committee



Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

4801 Glenbrook Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

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The Junior League of Washington

cordially invites you to attend the

Christmas Shop Luncheon

Wednesday, the fifteenth of October

or

Thursday, the sixteenth of October

or

Friday, the seventeenth of October

at twelve o'clock

The Madison

Fifteenth and M Streets, N. W.

Fashions by Dorothy Stead

Music by Devron

April 29, 1975

Dear Mrs. Dudley:

Thank you so much for your invitation of April 25 to Mrs. Ford to be a Patron of the 1975 Christmas Shop and to join you on October 14 for the Christmas Shop's gala Preview Night. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Susan Porter, Mrs. Ford's appointments secretary. I am sure you will be hearing from Susan shortly.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Robert W. Dudley ³⁶³⁻⁵⁸⁸⁵
Chairman, Patron's Committee ²⁴⁴⁻⁴⁸⁸⁷
Junior League of Washington
4801 Glenbrook Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

bcc: Susan Porter for follow-up



Washington Post 10/19/75
In Search of Security

It was the first time in anyone's memory that the handbags of members of the Junior League were searched (for handguns) by the Secret Service to protect one of the league's own members.

This is what happened yesterday when First Lady Betty Ford, who has belonged to the Junior League for many years, arrived to attend the fashion show luncheon of the

Personalities

Shop, which ends today at the Madison.

Another auction, another world record. This time \$2,341,025 was brought in for the jewels of the late Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. Last week, after a five-day auction at Giralda, the Dodge

surrounded with diamonds in a necklace that fetched \$330,000. The top price paid was \$475,000 for a diamond pendant with a 26.6 carat central stone.

How does a woman get herself loved by greatness? How does she manage to attract men like Dr. Jonas Salk and Pablo Picasso?