

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Korea Society holds two major fund-raising events each year to help support its programming activities.

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2006 ANNUAL DINNER

September 19 • New York, NY



The Hon. Madeleine Albright



l-r: Mr. William R. Rhodes, Mr. Lee Kun-Hee and Amb. Donald P. Gregg



(l-r) Mr. Lee Kun-Hee, Mrs. Margaret Gregg and Mrs. Lee Ra-Hee Hong



H. E. Ban Ki-Moon



(l-r) Mr. Dan Rather and The Hon. Madeleine Albright



(l-r) Amb. Stephen W. Bosworth, Mrs. Pam Gale, Mr. Stanley C. Gale, Ms. Tracee Meagher and Mr. John B. Hynes

The Korea Society's 2006 Annual Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom of The Pierre Hotel in New York City. Over 600 guests, including major corporate leaders, past and current government officials, leading scholars and media figures, were in attendance.

The keynote speaker was former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright. In her address, Secretary Albright offered a frank critique of the Bush administration's North Korea policy. As she put it: "It should be clear by now that the ruby slippers approach to North Korea will not work...The time has come for all sides to be more flexible and for negotiations both to resume and to become more serious."

The 2006 James A. Van Fleet Award was awarded to Samsung chairman Lee Kun-hee in recognition of his major contributions to the economic partnership between the United States and the Republic of Korea. In his acceptance speech, Chairman Lee expressed his strong confidence in the future of U.S.-Korea relations.

The evening was enlivened by a last-minute addition to the program. Ban Ki-Moon, then minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Korea, now United Nations secretary-general, took to the podium and praised the work of The Korea Society.

This year's annual dinner was supported by an impressive list of benefactors and patrons. They included: William R. Rhodes, chairman, Citibank N.A.; Jong-Yong Yun, vice chairman and CEO, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; Ray Ferguson, CEO, Standard Chartered Bank; Edward T. Cloonan, vice president, American International Group; Wendell P. Weeks, president and CEO, Corning Incorporated; and Kang Chung Won, president and CEO, Kookmin Bank.

The distinguished guests included Ted Turner, founder of CNN; Dan Rather, former anchor of CBS Evening News; and Ambassador Christopher Hill, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.



Ms. Nah Youn Sun and the International Sejong Soloists



(l-r) Mr. William Rhodes, The Hon. Madeleine Albright, Amb. Donald P. Gregg, Mme. Yoo Soon-taek and Mr. Ted Turner

16TH ANNUAL VAN FLEET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 9 • Bedford, NY



The only thing clouding the sky on the day of the 16th Annual Van Fleet Memorial Golf Tournament was the occasional wayward drive, sailing across the green. Seventy-one golfers, in 18 teams, played 18 holes at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club in Bedford New York. The tournament, preceded by breakfast and followed by dinner and a silent auction, was fun for all. The Van Fleet Memorial Trophy went to C.Y. Park. The team competition was dominated by a foursome of Dong Hyun Ahn, Dukki Jin, Daehyun Kim and Moon Gie Kim. As per tradition, Hyundai's hole-in-one prize—a 2006 Azera—went unclaimed

2006 Van Fleet Golf Tournament Awardees

Low Gross – Van Fleet Memorial Trophy

Chong-Yun Park
KPMG LLP

Low Gross – Second Place Individual

Stewart Kim
PGP Capital Advisors, LLC

Low Net – First Place Individual

Dukki Jin
SK Chemicals

Low Net – Second Place Individual

Chang-Joo Kim
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Field LLP

Longest Drive

Stewart Kim
PGP Capital Advisors, LLC

Closest To The Pin

Byung-Joon Chun (2 feet)

Low Net – First Place Team

Dong Hyun Ahn
SK USA, Inc.

Dukki Jin
SK Chemicals

Daehyun Kim
SK USA, Inc.

Moon-Gie Kim
SK Telecom

Low Net – Second Place Team

Stephen Cahill
Gale International

Chang-Joo Kim
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Field LLP

Henry Shin
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Field LLP

Most Honest Golfer

Huhnsik Chung
Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP