GOVERNOR RICHARD J. CODEY CLASSROOM DEDICATION

Earlier this year, FDU commissioned a classroom-renovation project to honor FDU alumnus Governor Richard Codey’s contributions to New Jersey. With the help of the Friends of Florham, the former Room M13 in Hennessy Hall has been transformed into the Governor Richard J. Codey Classroom and will continue to be in full use by students and faculty.

Under the direction of designer Suzy Moran, Friends board member, the classroom was re-finished and repainted, and simple window treatments and period-appropriate lighting were installed. High-grade carpeting reminiscent of an earlier period was selected, and desks were replaced. A reproduction of Paul Jennis’ official portrait of Gov. Codey, which now hangs in the New Jersey Statehouse, was placed over the mantel. A custom-built bookcase constructed by Ismael Torres, FDU buildings and grounds staff, will house memorabilia, Jerseyana and political history texts. Additional Codey accolades are being collected and will be hung in the south wall.

Prior to this year’s Friends Gala, FDU President Sheldon Drucker presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the classroom, with Gov. Codey, his family and other guests in attendance. The completion of this project marks the beginning of the Friends’ planned renovations to Hennessy Hall’s second floor.

— Matthew Dikovics
GALA 2014

On Saturday, September 27, Friends of Florham held its 17th annual Gala. This year’s Gala honoree was former New Jersey governor, the Honorable Richard J. Codey, a graduate of FDU and a New Jersey state senator. The dedication and ribbon cutting for the Governor Richard J. Codey Classroom preceded the dinner dance.

The Gala’s visual theme was a return to the Gilded Age, and Lenfell Hall, Hennessy Hall, was resplendent with stunning tablecloths and grand floral arrangements. The room has rarely looked more beautiful with all the gift and glamour. Congratulations to the Gala Co-chairs Kathy Atencio, Dawn Dupak and Suzy Moran; to the Gala Committee; and to this year’s hostesses. Donor Chairs Edward and Ruth Hennessy were sponsors, and other sponsors included Meg and Tom Healey, Susan and Bob Hallenbeck, Jenn and Chris Johnson and Carol and Ron Ponder. Chef Jeff Gourley adapted the menu from the cookbook of Joseph Donon, Florence Vanderbilt Twombly’s private chef. It was an amazing production and wonderful event as you can see from the pictures.

— Linda Meister

MC CONVILLE RETIRES

Susan McConville, FDU’s executive director of development, retired as treasurer of Friends of Florham, a position she held for more than 15 years. Susan made it possible for the board to complete projects and often suggested new ways to raise money. She was outstanding in her attention to donors and to details. We will miss her greatly and wish her much happiness.

— Linda Meister

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Copies may be purchased at the College at Florham bookstore and online through Amazon.com, the Friends’ website http://fdu.edu/fof or through the Fairleigh Dickinson University Alumni Association website at www.myfdu.net/fofbook.

For questions concerning your order, please contact Regina Kelly at (201) 692-7008 or rkelly05@fdu.edu.
Room setting by Gala Co-chair Suzy Moran

(From left) FDU President Sheldon and Sandi Drucker, Susan and Bob Hallenbeck, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Honorary Gala Chairs Ruth and Edward Hennessy

Fred Vath, Bonnie Vath, Richard Wellbrock and Ann Wellbrock

Nan Thomson, Don Thomson, Nancy Schaenen and Nelson Schaenen

Young FDU attendees with Friends of Florham Board Members. Carol Bere (Third from right) and Sam Convissor (Second from right)

U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Betsy Holdsworth and Governor Richard Codey

BONNIE KRENTZMAN, FDU TRUSTEE STEWART KRENTZMAN AND KIMBERLY RICKETTS

17th Annual Gala 2014

(From left) Florham Campus Provost Peter Woolley, Karl Meister, Gala Chair Dawn Dupak, Beth Hennessy, Friends of Florham President Linda Meister, Friends Treasurer Regina Kelly, also FDU Director of Major Gifts, and Gala Co-chair Kathy Atencio, Joe Atencio
KELLY JOINS FRIENDS

Regina Kelly, FDU’s director of major gifts and Friends of Florham’s new treasurer, comes to FDU from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Starting in September, Regina immediately involved herself with the Gala, making possible a smooth transition from the work of Susan McConville. The Board of Friends of Florham welcomes her and looks forward to working with her.

WALLACH LECTURE

Those attending Friends of Florham’s March lecture in Lenfell Hall had a rare treat. Janet Wallach, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow and multifaceted author, spoke on Gilded Age icon Hetty Green. Ms. Wallach’s recent book, *The Richest Woman in America: Hetty Green in the Gilded Age*, is one of several books on this savvy female financier, who outsmarted many of the great dealmakers of the late 1900s. Ms. Wallach’s analysis is perhaps the best portrayal of Hetty, for it depicts the woman as a product of her upbringing and experience, and not as the greedy, parsimonious “witch” of Wall Street history.

As we seem to be living in another “Gilded Age,” the story of Hetty Green met with great enthusiasm. All copies of Ms. Wallach’s book were sold-out by the end of the afternoon.

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