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February 13, 1987

The Honorable Robert Gates  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Gates:

We are very pleased that you will accept our invitation to be honored as "Kansan of the Year" at the annual dinner of the Kansas State Society here in Washington.

As we indicated, the event will be held Saturday, April 4, 1987 at Amelia's Restaurant in the Crystal City Underground. Cocktails will begin at 7:00 p.m., with dinner at 8:00 p.m. Of course, we hope that your wife, Rebecca, and your children will also attend.

You undoubtedly are familiar with the "state societies" here; however, for the record, this event is "non-political" and is bi-partisan. The banquet is held in conjunction with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and is not a fundraiser for any cause or charity. While the program is not yet finalized, the Kansas Cherry Blossom Princess will participate and other elected officials may have a part as their schedules permit. For instance, we have extended an invitation to Senator Dole to make a few remarks.

I've enclosed copies of two previous Kansas State Society dinner programs for your information.

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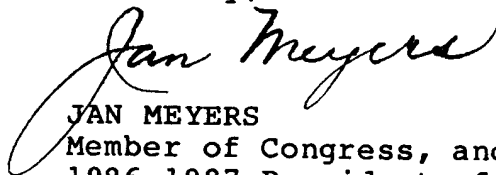
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The Honorable Robert Gates  
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As the "Kansan of the Year" you should include comments focusing on your Kansas background and heritage and how that might relate to your career and your present high position of responsibility and trust. If you wish to expand your remarks beyond that, please feel free to do so. I imagine that a 10 or 15-minute talk would be appropriate.

We greatly appreciate your acceptance, and look forward to a most pleasant evening as you become acquainted and re-acquainted with your many Kansas well-wishers in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Meyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

JAN MEYERS  
Member of Congress, and  
1986-1987 President of the  
Kansas State Society

**PROGRAM**

**Welcome**..... Jerry Waters,  
President, Kansas State Society

**Election of Officers**..... Henry Staudinger,  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

**Presentation of 1986 Kansas Cherry Blossom Princess**..... John Crutcher,  
Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission

**Presentation of Outstanding Kansans of 1986**..... Jerry Waters

**Response**..... William Taggart  
Catherine Schnittker  
Ernest Garcia  
Robert Day

**Presentation of Kansas Art Work Door Prizes**  
..... commentary by Don Lambert

*Presentation of other door prizes throughout the evening.*

**OUTSTANDING KANSANS**

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Ms. Mildred Odom  
Honorable Bob Dole
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- 1978 None Selected
- 1979 None Selected
- 1980 None Selected
- 1981 None Selected
- 1982 Joe Engle
- 1983 John Riggins
- 1984 Honorable Larry Winn, Jr.
- 1985 Jim Lehrer  
Lynette Woodard

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*the annual*  
**KANSAS STATE SOCIETY**  
*Cherry Blossom Dinner*



*April 5, 1986*  
**Army-Navy Country Club**  
**Arlington, Virginia**

**OFFICERS**

- President..... Jerry Waters
- Vice President... Congresswoman Jan Meyers
- Secretary..... Mrs. Jo Jorgenson
- Treasurer..... Mrs. Bert Bigham

*Cover: a 20 acre bouquet created by Kansas artist Stan Herd for the state's 125th birthday in a clover field on the Ir. Neis farm, southeast of Lawrence. Clover makes up the flowers and tab'se top with the quilting effect achieved by mowing. The vase is planted to milo sorghum.*



**Kansas Cherry Blossom Princess  
Janelle Beth Larson**

Kansas will be represented in the 1986 Cherry Blossom Festival (April 6-12) by Janelle Beth Larson of Hiawatha. She is the daughter of Deibert and Nancy Larson.

Janelle is a freshman at Kansas State University where she is majoring in animal science with a special interest in genetic engineering.

Her many honors include Kansas Hereford Queen, Miss Tenn of Kansas, National Director of American Junior Hereford Association, KSU Agriculture Ambassador, and Farm House Little Sister. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Block and Bridle, and the Future Farmers of America.

Janelle has taught in a special education swimming program, actively participated in various church programs and helped host foreign exchange students. She is an accomplished pianist, saxophonist and skier.

We are, indeed, proud to have Janelle representing Kansas in the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

*This year we are recognizing four Kansans for their many accomplishments. Although all live in this area, each maintains ties with Kansas through work and family-related activities.*

**Robert Day**

Robert Day is one of Kansas' most prominent and prolific young writers. His first book, *The Last Cattle Drive*, was published in 1981. This was followed by *Teaching Creative Writing* in 1980 and *In My Stead* in 1981. His fourth book, *Four-Wheel Drive Quartet*, will be published in August.

Among his many awards and recognitions are a Yaddo Fellowship, a McDowell Fellowship, a National Endowment to the Arts Fellowship, a Maryland Arts Council Fellowship and the Seaton Award for fiction.

Robert has been a writer in residence at the University of Kansas and at the prestigious Iowa writer's workshop. He is currently professor of English and Director of the O'Neill Literary House at Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland.

Robert earned a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Kansas and an M.F.A. from the University of Arkansas. He taught at Fort Hays State College. While there he worked on a nearby ranch, an experience that inspired his first book.

He grew up in Johnson County and maintains a residence in Lawrence. Although living and working on the East coast, Kansas remains the inspiration for and focus of most of his writing.

**Ernest E. Garcia**

Ernie Garcia was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as its current Sergeant At Arms on June 3, 1985. He is the first Hispanic ever to hold that position.

The Sergeant At Arms is the Senate's chief law enforcement and protocol officer. He supervises a budget of \$75 million, and 1,600 employees. Ernie also serves as the Senate coordinator for all

official visits by the President and visiting foreign dignitaries and advises the Senate leadership on all security matters affecting the U.S. Capitol and the personal security of the Members of the Senate.

Prior to assuming his current position, Ernie was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for three years and before, served in 1981 as Special Assistant to President Reagan.

Ernie was born in Garden City in 1946 and holds residency in Wichita. He attended Wichita State University and the University of Kansas where he earned his undergraduate and two graduate degrees with honors.

Upon completing his education, Ernie served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps and is an officer in the Marine Corps Reserves. He first came to Washington as Legislative Assistant to Senator Bob Dole.

Ernie and his wife, Ana Maria Granero, have one son, Felipe.

**Catherine Schnittker**

Catherine Schnittker is a court services coordinator of the Offender Aid and Restoration Office of Arlington County, Virginia, a program she pioneered in founding in the late 1970s.

As coordinator she is responsible for placing juvenile and adults in community service work as an alternative to sentencing. Under her direction the number of assigned community service hours has risen dramatically and through her ability to motivate young people, many juveniles under her supervision have been hired as paid employees after performing their required hours of community service. Catherine also helps the Arlington Juvenile Court operate Argus House, a structured residential group home for adolescent boys.

In 1983, Catherine was presented the Meritorious Award for community service in the field of Juvenile Justice by the Virginia Juvenile Officers' Association. She has been recognized

by several other church and community organizations.

Catherine grew up in Beloit, Kansas, and was graduated from Marymount College, Salina. She is now a candidate for a Lay Theology Certificate from Georgetown University. Catherine has been active in numerous professional organizations, and is the mother of five children and one grandchild.

**William A. Taggart**

Bill Taggart is President of Taggart & Associates, Inc., a Washington government relations firm, and Senior Associate of The Martin Haley Companies.

Bill has been active in Republican politics for 30 years - 10 years with Senator Bob Dole as a legislative assistant and political advisor. He served on the Platform Committee of the Republican National Convention in 1976 and 1980, and on the Agriculture Advisory Committee of the 1981 Reagan Presidential Transition Team.

In 1974, Bill was staff member of the Delegation to the World Food Conference in Rome. Subsequently, he was a member of the World Food Conference delegation, and advisor to Secretaries of Agriculture Bob Bergland and John Block. Since 1981, he has been a member of President Reagan's Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee.

Bill graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. in journalism. He has owned and published two weekly newspapers in Lawrence and Perry, Kansas, and directed public relations for the nation's largest grain cooperative.

He is a member of the Capitol Hill Club and treasurer of the Commodity Club of Washington, D.C.

Bill has been a tireless supporter of the Kansas State Society, giving generously of his time and energy. His wife, Judy, is president of JT&A, a public relations firm. They have four children.

## PROGRAM

Welcome... *Congressman Jim Slattery,  
President, Kansas State Society*

Election of  
Officers ..... *Henry Staudinger,  
Chairman, Nominating Committee*

Presentation of the  
reigning Cherry Blossom  
Queen ..... *by Hal Bigham,  
immediate past president,  
Kansas State Society*

Presentation of 1985  
Kansas Cherry Blossom  
Princess ..... *by Rep. Slattery*

Presentation of Kansans  
of the Year ..... *by Rep. Slattery*

Response ..... *Miss Lynette Woodard  
Mr. Jim Lehrer*

### Presentation of Door Prizes

*The Kansas State Society of  
Washington, D.C., would like to  
extend a special thanks to  
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their assistance in making this  
dinner possible.*

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## THE ANNUAL KANSAS STATE SOCIETY CHERRY BLOSSOM DINNER



April 6, 1985  
Army-Navy Country Club  
Arlington, Virginia

*The Reigning Cherry Blossom Queen*



**Heather Miller**

Kansas was honored with the selection of Heather Ann Miller, the 1984 Cherry Blossom Princess, as queen of Washington's Cherry Blossom festivities. Heather is a versatile musician who has received many awards, including three top ratings in the Kansas State Piano Auditions. The daughter of Jerry and Beverly Miller of Sylvia, Heather attends Kansas State University. Kansans are honored to have this talented young woman represent not only their state but the nation as the reigning Cherry Blossom Queen.

*The 1985 Kansas Cherry Blossom Princess*



**Kristy Marker**

The State of Kansas will be represented in the 1985 Cherry Blossom Festival by Kristy Lind Marker of Topeka. She is the daughter of Gary and Kathy Keller. An accomplished dancer and vocalist, Kristy was graduated from Washburn Rural High School and will attend the University of Kansas. She is a dance instructor, singer and choreographer with a distinguished list of accomplishments that include performances in ballet and jazz dance as well as choral and pop vocal groups. We are proud to have Kristy represent Kansas in the national Cherry Blossom Festival.

*Kansan of the Year*



**Jim Lehrer**  
*Associate Editor and Co-anchor of  
The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour on PBS*

The winner of many prestigious journalism awards, Mr. Lehrer has drawn upon his print and broadcasting experience to develop an incisive and straightforward brand of reporting and questioning on the MacNeil/Lehrer program, America's only nationwide hour of evening news. Mr. Lehrer became a recent news source himself, producing a PBS program on his struggle back from a heart attack. While "My Heart, Your Heart" was extraordinary journalism, the program must also be praised for its strong message and public service. Among Mr. Lehrer's many awards for his journalistic accomplishments are an Emmy, the George Peabody Award, the William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit and the University of Missouri School of Journalism Medal of Honor. He is the author of two books, a former infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, and before entering broadcast journalism, was city editor of The Dallas Times-Herald. Mr. Lehrer was born in Wichita and lived in several Kansas communities, including Marion, Sedgwick and Independence. He now lives in Washington with his wife, Kate, and three daughters. The Kansas State Society is honored to name Mr. Lehrer a Kansan of the Year.

*Kansan of the Year*



**Lynette Woodard**  
*Assistant Women's Basketball Coach  
at the University of Kansas*

Miss Woodard is the most prolific scorer in the history of women's basketball. During her career at K.U., her 3,469 points surpassed such greats as Wilt Chamberlain and Jo Jo White. She was a member of the 1980 U.S. women's basketball team at the Olympic Games, and at the 1984 games in Los Angeles, was captain of the team that won the Gold Medal. Miss Woodard is the first woman selected for the University of Kansas Athletic Hall of Fame. Although her list of honors is far too long for such limited space, recent awards have included the 1985 National Role Model from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year award from the Wichita Jaycee Women. She was the first woman selected for the NCAA Top Five Award, and is the recipient of the coveted Wade Trophy and the Broderick Award. She has excelled in the classroom as well. She received Academic All-American honors in 1980 and 1981, and earned a degree from K.U. in speech communications and human relations. Her career objectives are playing professional basketball, becoming a professional model, and being a public relations representative. It has been said that Miss Woodard, a native of Wichita, is an "all-everything woman." The Kansas State Society is honored to name Miss Woodard a Kansan of the Year.