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Glen Cove Mansion Commemorates First 100 Years with Edwardian Dinner and Community Open House

Honored by Mayor of Glen Cove and Governor of New York

Glen Cove, Long Island, NY, August 2010 ... Glen Cove Mansion recently celebrated its first century of hospitality and the commencement of its second 100 years with a formal Edwardian-era Dinner and public open house. The original John Teele and Ruth Baker Pratt country estate, opened during America's storied Gilded Age and England's Edwardian Era, was revisited by the Standard Oil co-founder's grandsons, Ted and Andy Pratt, who shared family memories during Dinner.

"Our grandparents would be very pleased that their beloved country home, known to them as The Manor House, still stands," said Ted Pratt, "and that it has found commercial value, enabling so many to enjoy this wonderful estate. We are so pleased to be a part of this celebration of our family's heritage in Glen Cove."

Glen Cove Mansion's Vice President and Managing Director Ata Kashanian, launched the evening by introducing The Honorable Ralph V. Suozzi, Mayor of Glen Cove, who worked at the Mansion as a young boy. "I've always loved Glen Cove Mansion," said Mayor Suozzi, "and in many ways it is the face of historic Glen Cove ... it is the symbol of the legacy of wealth, elegance and gentility that once inhabited the extraordinary Long Island North Shore Gold Coast." Mayor Suozzi also presented Glen Cove Mansion with a Special Citation from the Governor of New York, David Patterson, recognizing the estate's 100th Anniversary and the Pratt Family's contribution to New York.

For the Edwardian Era Dinner, Glen Cove Mansion's Executive Chef Andrew Helliwell, who is

a native of England and trained at the legendary Savoy Hotel, created a menu worthy of King Edward VII for whom the era is named and who enjoyed extravagant dining. The menu included six sumptuous courses inspired by the period and concluded with the dessert created during the era, Baked Alaska.

The following day, for the first time in the property's history, Glen Cove Mansion opened the estate's grounds and mansion to the general public in a Garden Party and Open House. Visitors were invited to tour the historic rooms of the Manor House, as the estate was originally known during the Pratt's occupancy, and enjoy modern and period lawn games and as well as a picnic on the vast lawns.

As part of the Mansion Tour, noted Gold Coast historian and author, Monica Randall, created an extraordinary exhibition of Gilded Age and Edwardian period fashions borrowed from her extensive museum collection. The exhibition included Parisian gowns originally worn by Edna Woolworth, who lived nearby at Winfield Hall, the estate of her father and retail magnate F.W. Woolworth, and her daughter, famed socialite Barbara Hutton, whose "coming out dress" was on display. Additionally, numerous fashion accessories from the period were exhibited.

Glen Cove Mansion was one of five Pratt country house estates in Glen Cove. Mr. Pratt and his four brothers each had homes constructed next to each other on land purchased by their father and the family's patriarch, Charles Pratt. They included in addition to The Manor House (Glen Cove Mansion), Killenworth, The Braes, Poplar Hill and Welwyn. All remain in existence today although only Glen Cove Mansion is open to the public.

Charles Pratt was a pioneer of the U.S. petroleum industry, forming Charles Pratt and Company in 1867, which became part of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil in 1874. One of his most enduring contributions was founding and endowing the renowned Pratt Institute, considered today one of the leading undergraduate art, design and architecture schools in the United States.

The Mansion once considered by England's respected Country Life Magazine as one of the "best twelve country houses in America" became one of the country's first commercial conference centers in 1968. Today Glen Cove Mansion Hotel and Conference Center is the recipient of numerous awards of excellence and an active member of the prestigious global organization, the International Association of Conference www.iacconline.org.

For more information on Glen Cove Mansion's please call 516-671-6400 or visit www.glencovemansion.com.



Attached Photo Montage (L to R): Mayor Ralph Suozzi, Ata Kashanian; Ted Pratt, Mayor Suozzi, Andy Pratt; Executive Chef Andrew Helliwell; Monica Randall between the vintage Parisian gowns of socialites Barbara Hutton & Edna Woolworth

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About Glen Cove Mansion

The award-winning Glen Cove Mansion Hotel is situated on 55 secluded and landscaped acres on Long Island's historic Gold Coast, 30 minutes from New York City by car and rail (Long Island Railroad, Oyster Bay line, Glen Cove Station), and close to JFK International and LaGuardia Airports. The spacious Georgian-style mansion features stunning vistas of Long Island Sound and was once part of a prestigious collection of gracious country estates, later becoming one of the nation's first dedicated conference center hotels. Today the elegant property features 187 richly appointed guestrooms, including four suites, the Garden Room Restaurant with magnificent views of the terraces, a large and comfortable Pub 1910, private dining rooms ideal for social and corporate occasions, as well as vast outdoor reception areas overlooking the mansion's Gilded Age gardens. The property offers 29,000 square feet of event and meeting space, with 27 dedicated conference rooms accommodating from 10 to 280 guests, advanced meeting technology, an executive business center and conference concierge services. Wireless Internet access is available throughout. Also provided are complete fitness and recreational facilities, including a sauna, steam and massage rooms, indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, garden swimming pool, racquetball courts, lighted tennis courts, jogging trail and a sports field. Golf is available nearby. Ideal for executive retreats, corporate meetings and social gathering, the Glen Cove Mansion is masterfully designed to integrate gracious accommodations, superb cuisine and attentive service with contemporary comforts and the latest technology. For more information on the Glen Cove Mansion Hotel, visit www.glencovemansion.com.

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