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learned is how good it is  
to come home again."



Eleanor Roosevelt  
with Fala at Val-Kill.

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FOLLOWING IN HER FOOTSTEPS AWARD

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Presented to:

*Secretary of State*  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Monday, May 18, 2009

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

United Nations, Delegates Dining Room

46th Street and First Avenue



GUEST SPEAKERS:

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand – New York

Laura Roosevelt, *great-granddaughter of Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt*

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We are proud to honor our Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton with the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt: *Following in Her Footsteps Award*. More than any American, Hillary Clinton embodies the legacy of this award's namesake. Over a pioneering career of almost four decades, she has broken new ground for American women and inspired millions more across the globe. As First Lady visiting Beijing in 1995, she courageously declared that "Women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's rights", challenging the status quo and investing her extraordinary intelligence, humanitarian ideals and personal courage in the effort to improve the status of women.

Now, as Secretary of State, Hillary continues to champion the cause of human rights, creating a new Office of Global Women's Issues to shine a bright light on the world's most vulnerable human beings. With exceptional dedication, strength and stamina, this wife, mother, daughter and world leader has followed in and expanded the footsteps of Eleanor Roosevelt.



In 1998, First Lady Hillary Clinton founded **Save America's Treasures**, a public-private partnership established to mark the new Millennium by preserving and honoring our historic and cultural legacy. Out of this effort came *Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt: A Project to Preserve Her Val-Kill Home*, a joint venture of the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Save America's Treasures program. Supported by private donations raised by a dedicated group of volunteers, the project is committed to saving Eleanor Roosevelt's **Val-Kill Cottage**, at Hyde Park, NY. This simple house in its bucolic setting was the only home that belonged to Eleanor Roosevelt and it is the only national historic site dedicated to a First Lady. It is there that Mrs. Roosevelt gathered strength, nurtured her ideas, entertained friends, family and world leaders, and made a new life for herself after the death of President Franklin Roosevelt.

The remarkable modesty, independence and humanitarian leadership that made Eleanor Roosevelt the "**First Lady of the World**" are reflected in the Cottage's rooms, furnishings and surroundings. No other place allows visitors to connect with, rediscover and appreciate anew this woman whose influence is still so widely felt.

**The funds for *Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt* are used to:**

- ❖ Preserve the historic Cottage, its grounds and contents
- ❖ Identify, acquire and conserve historic objects
- ❖ Develop and maintain the site's first visitor center and education exhibits

*Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt* offers a unique opportunity to recognize one of the most important women of the 20th Century and to ensure that her legacy continues to illuminate and inspire future generations.

