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Pulitzer-Prize novelist to speak at Hoover Presidential Foundation banquet

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – Aug. 24, 2015 – Renown presidential historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin will be the keynote speaker at the annual Hoover Presidential Foundation Celebration Banquet, held Oct. 23 in Cedar Rapids. Ms. Goodwin is the author of six critically acclaimed and *New York Times* best-selling books, including her most recent, *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism*.

“This is our largest fundraising event of the year,” said Jerry Fleagle, executive director of the Foundation. “We’ve done large mailings and other campaigns in support of programs, but this one is unique. Your donation provides access to an exciting evening where you’ll hear high-caliber speakers like Ms. Goodwin and enjoy a great meal among friends.”

During the banquet, guests will learn about Hoover Presidential Foundation news and plans for the future, the 2016 exhibit line-up at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, and honor the 2015 Uncommon Public Service winners. Doris Kearns Goodwin will provide the keynote speech.

The banquet will be held at the Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids. A social hour with cash bar will be held in the lobby for all attendees prior to the banquet, which consists of a hearty duet meal. Table sponsorships are available now at various prices on a first-come basis. Individual tickets are on sale now at \$150 each. A separate meet and greet with Ms. Goodwin will also be held for certain table sponsors and those who contribute an additional \$100. Tickets to the meet and greet are limited. Table reservations, individual seats and meet and greet options are available for purchase online at HooverCookie.com. Just click the ‘Register for an event’ banner at the top of the page.

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About the speaker: Ms. Goodwin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history for *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*, and is the author of the bestsellers *Wait Till Next Year*, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* and *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, which was adapted into an award-winning five-part TV miniseries.

Ms. Goodwin is well known for her appearances and commentary on television, where she is seen frequently on NBC, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, CNN, *The Charlie Rose Show* and *Meet the Press*. Other appearances include *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *The Colbert Report*, *the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, and many more. Ms. Goodwin has served as a consultant and has been interviewed extensively for PBS and the History Channel's documentaries on LBJ, the Kennedy family, Franklin Roosevelt, Abraham and Mary Lincoln, and Ken Burns' *The History of Baseball and The Civil War*.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is a private nonprofit organization for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa. The Foundation fosters the collection, interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas, values and times of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States.

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