

*The Pennsylvania Society*

A Heritage of Honor...  
...a Future of Promise.



*“If therefore, there be any kindness I can show,  
or any good thing I can do to any fellow being,  
let me do it now,  
and not defer or neglect it,  
as I shall not pass this way again.”*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'W Penn'.

William Penn

Celebrating service to the  
Commonwealth and our  
Pennsylvania home communities

Building friendship,  
understanding and good will

Rewarding excellence

One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Dinner  
The Pennsylvania Society

Guion S. Bluford, Jr.  
Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement

THE WALDORF=ASTORIA  
Saturday, December Tenth  
Two Thousand Eleven

## Dinner Menu

### EDAMAME SALAD TIMBALE

Edamame, Baby Bok Choy and Shiitake Mushrooms  
Shiso Greens and Sesame Rice Cracker  
Miso Dressing

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### SLICED TENDERLOIN OF BEEF

Spinach and Gruyere Cheese Potato Souffle  
Sauteed Asparagus  
Cabernet Natural

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### PRALINE NOISETTE

Caramel Mousse and Chocolate Cream  
Hazelnut Dacquoise and Praline Crunch  
Chocolate Sauce

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COFFEE AND TEA

WELCOME

CAROL McC. FITZGERALD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Program

AMBASSADOR DAVID F. GIRARD-DICARLO, RET.  
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY  
PRESIDING

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PATRIOTIC INTERLUDE

LIEUTENANT KEVIN PIERCE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, RET.

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GREETINGS

THE HONORABLE TOM CORBETT  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REMARKS

RODNEY A. ERIKSON  
PRESIDENT, THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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PRESENTATION

GOLD MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT  
GUION S. BLUFORD, JR.

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MUSICAL TRIBUTE

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CLOSING



**GUION S. BLUFORD, JR.**

On August 30, 1983, the roar of rockets from Cape Canaveral's launch pad 39A marked the first of four ascents to earth's orbit for Dr. Guy Bluford.

Fighter pilot, aeronautical engineer, teacher, astronaut and business leader, Guion "Guy" Bluford, Jr. was born in Philadelphia in 1942, the eldest son of Guion, Sr. and Lolita Bluford.

Growing up in the inner city during a time of great change as well as great prejudice, Guy Bluford spent his youth reading about aviation technology and building model planes. He dreamed of designing and flying aircraft – a dream that came true in more ways than one.

After graduating from Overbrook High School in 1960, he went to Pennsylvania State University, where he studied aerospace engineering with an emphasis on propulsion. He joined the Air Force ROTC program, became a pilot candidate and received his FAA pilot license while still a senior in college.

In 1964, he graduated from Penn State with a degree in aerospace engineering and a commission in the United States Air Force. At Williams Air Force Base in Arizona he earned both his commercial pilot's license and his Air Force wings.

Assigned to the 557th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Vietnam, Bluford flew 144 combat missions throughout Southeast Asia. Following his combat service, he returned stateside and served for five years as a flight instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base. From there he moved to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where he studied at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He received his master's degree in aerospace engineering in 1972, continuing on to earn a Ph.D. in 1975. He served successively as Deputy for Advanced Concepts and Branch Chief of the Aerodynamics and Airframe Branch at the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory.

In 1977, Bluford applied to the space shuttle astronaut corps, and in January of 1978, NASA announced the selection of the first class of 35 astronauts. Major Guy Bluford was one of them. Prior to his first flight aboard the space shuttle, his technical assignments included space station operations, the Remote Manipulator System, payload safety issues, verifying flight software and others.

On August 30, 1983, Major Bluford became America's first African American in space when he climbed to orbit aboard the shuttle Challenger. STS-8 was the first night launch and first night landing of the orbiter. In October 1985, he flew aboard Challenger again for STS 61-A, a flight that completed 111 orbits and landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In April of 1991, he flew aboard the Orbiter Discovery, and finally in December of 1992 he served on the crew of STS-53, which was a classified mission for the Department of Defense. When he retired from NASA in July of 1993, Bluford had logged more than 688 hours in space.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he became vice-president and general manager of the Engineering Services Division at NYMA Inc. In 1997, NYMA was sold to the Federal Data Corporation and Bluford then took over as vice-president of the company's aerospace sector. When Federal Data was purchased by Northrup Gruman in 2000, Bluford became vice-president of Microgravity R&D and Operations. He retired from Northrup Gruman in 2002 to become president and CEO of Aerospace Technology Group, an engineering consulting firm in Cleveland. In 2003, he served as Executive Director of Investigative Activities for the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

Dr. Bluford holds a master's in business administration from the University of Houston. He and his wife, the former Linda Tull, have two grown children.

On June 5, 2010, Guion S. Bluford, Jr. was inducted into the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame.

# Gold Medalists of the Society

1909	HORACE HOWARD FURNESS	
1911	ANDREW CARNEGIE	1945 { HENRY H. ARNOLD ERNEST J. KING
1912	JAMES VISCOUNT BRYCE	1946 EDWARD MARTIN
1914	ROMULO NAON	1947 DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
1916	JAMES M. BECK	1948 OWEN J. ROBERTS
1917	J. J. JUSSERAND	
1919	CARDINAL MERCIER	1950 { JAMES H. DUFF THOMAS I. PARKINSON
1921 {	MARSHAL FOCH CHARLES M. SCHWAB	1951 { BENJAMIN F. FAIRLESS EUGENE G. GRACE
1922	MARSHAL JOFFRE	1952 { BERNARD F. GIMBEL JOHN J. McCLOY
1923	ANDREW W. MELLON	
1925	SAMUEL REA	1953 H. W. PRENTIS, JR.
1926	CHARLES G. DAWES	1954 RICHARD K. MELLON
1927	JOHN MARKLE	1955 { HARRY E. HUMPHREYS, JR. ERNEST T. WEIR
1928	WILLIAM W. KEEN	
1929	HENRY FORD	1956 GEORGE M. HUMPHREY
1930	CYRUS H. K. CURTIS	1957 ALFRED M. GRUENTHER
1931	FRED MORGAN KIRBY	1958 J. HOWARD PEW
1933	W. W. ATTERBURY	1959 JOHN A. DIEMAND
1934	MRS. ANDREW CARNEGIE	1960 { THOMAS S. GATES, JR. ROY A. HUNT
1937 {	VICTOR GEORGE HEISER M. W. CLEMENT	1961 THOMAS B. McCABE
1938	J. LEONARD REPLOGLE	1962 { L. L. LEMNITZER JAMES M. SYMES
1939	GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER	
1940	HERBERT HOOVER	1963 GEORGE H. LOVE
1944 {	GEORGE C. MARSHALL WILLIAM A. IRVIN	1964 { J. EDGAR HOOVER EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.

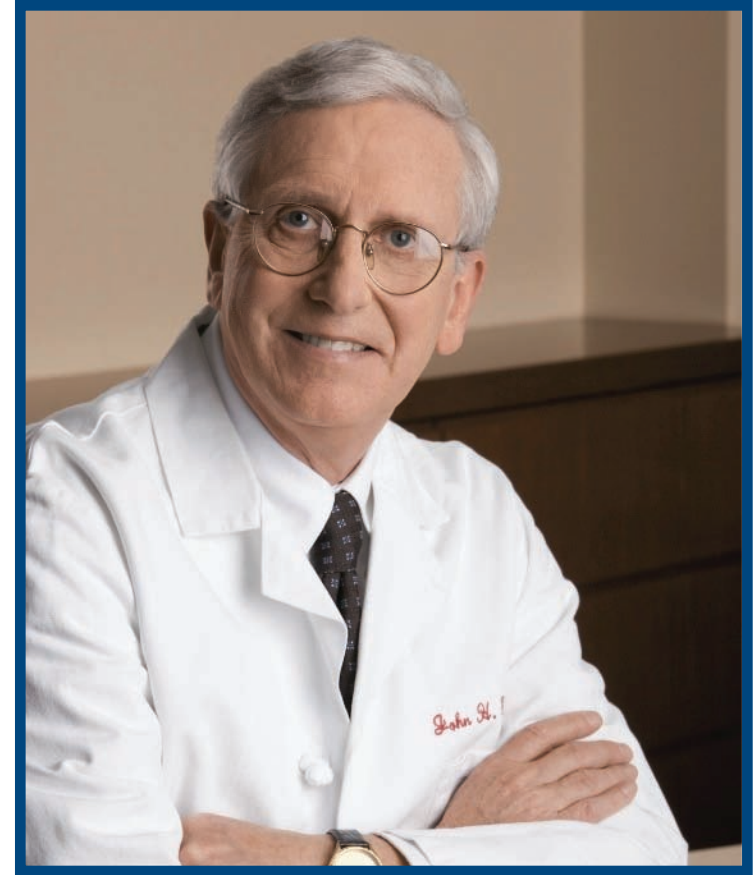
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1965	I. S. RAVDIN	1989 { F. OTTO HAAS JOHN C. HAAS
1966	ROGER M. BLOUGH	
1967	WILLIAM B. MURPHY	1990 FRED M. ROGERS
1968	WILLIAM W. SCRANTON	1991 C. EVERETT KOOP
1969	EDMUND F. MARTIN	1992 WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.
1970	JOHN D. HARPER	1993 ROGER S. PENSKE
1971	JAMES A. LINEN	1994 DAVID McCULLOUGH
1972 {	ARNOLD PALMER FRED WARING	1995 GEORGE M. LEADER
1973	HUGH SCOTT	1996 JANE G. PEPPER
1974	MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER	1997 { HENRY L. HILLMAN ELSIE H. HILLMAN
1975	ARTHUR J. ROONEY	1999 WILLIAM D. PHILLIPS
1976	WILLIAM E. SIMON	2000 { GERTRUDE A. BARBER WILLIAM A. SCHREYER
1977	F. EUGENE DIXON, JR.	
1978 {	JAMES A. MICHENER EDGAR B. SPEER	2001 MICHAEL NOVAK
1979	JACK K. BUSBY	2002 ALBERT R. BOSCOV
1980	JAMES H. HIGGINS	2003 GEORGE H. W. BUSH
1981	ANDREW WYETH	2004 THOMAS J. RIDGE
1982 {	FRED M. KIRBY, II JASON MILLER	2005 CHRISTOPHER J. MATTHEWS
1983	WALTER H. ANNENBERG	2006 JUDITH RODIN
1984	ANDREW L. LEWIS, JR.	2007 ARLEN SPECTER
1985	EDWARD DONLEY	2008 DANIEL M. ROONEY
1986	JOHN CARDINAL O'CONNOR	2009 H. F. "GERRY" LENFEST
1987	JOSEPH V. PATERNO	2010 ROBERT P. CASEY
1988	RICHARD L. THORNBURGH	

## Recipients of the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award

1976	GEORGE I. BLOOM
1977	DANIEL J. FLOOD
1980	DAVID BURPEE (POSTHUMOUSLY)
1982	PRINCESS GRACE de MONACO (POSTHUMOUSLY)
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1999	RACHEL CARSON (POSTHUMOUSLY)
2001	FRANK J. PASQUERILLA (POSTHUMOUSLY)
2002	RAY S. WALKER
2005	LOUIS J. APPELL, JR.
2006	CLIFFORD L. JONES
2008	PETER J. JANNETTA
2009	MARCIA DALE WEARY
2010	SUSAN HIRT HAGEN
2011	JOHN H. GLICK



**John H. Glick, M.D.**

Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth  
April 29, 2011  
Philadelphia

*The Pennsylvania Society is proud to recognize  
John H. Glick, M.D., who has distinguished  
himself in a medical and civic career spanning more  
than four decades by serving the best interests of  
students, patients, communities, institutions, and  
his fellow human beings.*

To honor the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, *The Pennsylvania Society* established an essay competition in 2006 called...



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOLAR AWARD

The competition is open to all Pennsylvania high school students in good standing in their junior year. Applicants are asked to write a 750 word essay on one of Dr. Franklin's quotes. The 2011 quote was:

*"The good men may do separately is small compared with what they may do collectively."*

Judging was supervised by the Pennsylvania School Board Association. Winners will be invited to receive their awards in person at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Lancaster in April.

Congratulations to the 2011 recipients of The Benjamin Franklin Scholar Award!

- 1st Place: Ryan Conrad  
Danville Area High School  
Danville, Montour County
- 2nd Place: Michelle Bailey  
Juniata Valley Jr./Sr. High School  
Alexandria, Huntingdon County
- 3rd Place: Dominic Sero  
Charleroi Area High School  
Charleroi, Washington County

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