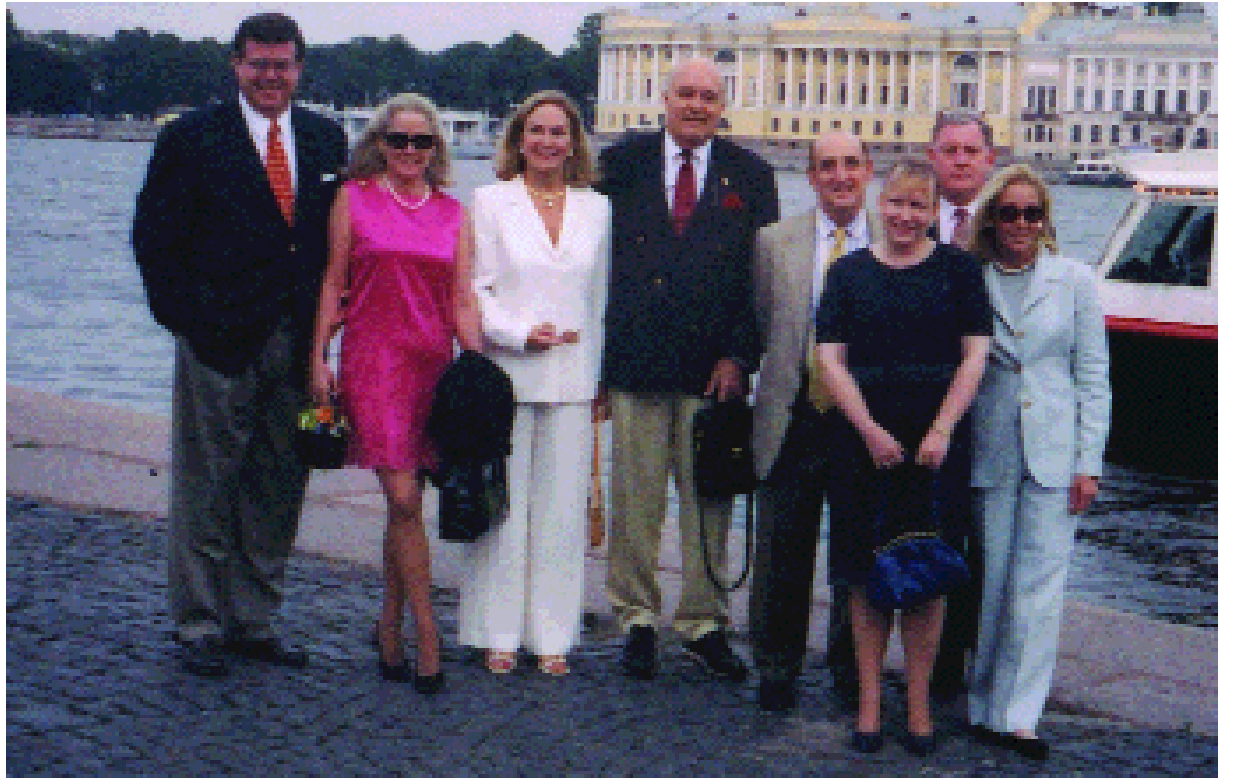


Hermitage Ball. Black Tie International - Russia

The American Friends of the Hermitage Museum had a special Board of Director's trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, to celebrate the tricentennial of the city and to attend the first imperial banquet given at the Hermitage since the time of the Tsars. The evening honored HRH Prince Charles, beginning with a champagne and caviar reception in the courtyard, a performance by the Marunsky in the "Catherine the Great" theater, dinner in the Winter Palace and desert in the "Hanging Gardens," a restoration project at the museum.

Dr. Mikhal Piotrovsky, Director of the Hermitage treated Prince Charles and his guests to a special "chiming" of the Peacock Clock, a renowned treasure. Guests included Board Members Betty Dolinsky, Rimmel Dickinson, Stuart Gibson, Peter Schaefer and Kathleen Elizabeth Springhorn with her friends Helen Marx, Cathy Clay and John Neal.



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River Neva Cruise with Hermitage "winter palace" & "Catherine the Great" theatre in the background. Julie Sylvester and Peter Schaefer



"Chiming of the Peacock Clock" Bettye Dolinsky, center and Peter Schaefer, left with Prince Charles and Hermitage Director, Dr. Mikhail Piotrovsky



Private tour of Prince's quarters of the Marble Palace. Cathy Clay and John Neal



Champagne and Caviar Reception before banquet-Hermitage Courtyard. Kathy Springhorn and Elena Getmanskaya



First dinner at The Hermitage since the Tsars seated formal banquet for 100 guests. Rimmel Dickinson and Kathy Springhorn