

Rendezvous

News and Notes from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Institute

Summer 2004

"This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression

Special Exhibition Opens September 12th, 2004

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a photographic exhibition of 175 images of America taken between 1935 and 1942 by great photographers of the Farm Security Administration, including Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Ben Shahn, Jack Delano, Arthur Rothstein, Gordon Parks, Carl Mydans, Russell Lee, Marion Post Wolcott and John Vachon.

The photographs are drawn from the massive Farm Security Administration photography collection at the Library of Congress. Their work includes some of the most familiar and powerful images of the nation to emerge from those difficult years. Many have reached iconic status in American culture.

Opening in the new William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, Sunday, September 12th, 2004, "This Great Nation Will Endure" will include FSA photographs from every region of the nation. It will be one of the largest and

Below: Ben Shahn, *Untitled*, Pulaski County, Arkansas, 1935.



richest exhibitions of FSA photography ever mounted, and will include reproductions of many photographs in dramatically large formats.

A soundtrack consisting of FSA audio recordings of folk music sung by migrant workers will fill part of the exhibit space. The exhibit will also include a specially-



Above: Arthur Rothstein, *Father and sons walking in the face of a dust storm, Cimarron County, Oklahoma, 1936.*

Center: Dorothea Lange, *Mother and baby of family on the road, Tulelake, Siskiyou County, California, 1939.*

the ecological disaster known as the Dust Bowl. The agency was connected to the Department of Agriculture, led by Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace.

Most of the photographs in the FSA collection depict rural life and hardships. But the collection also includes images of town and city life. In tens of thousands of photographs, the FSA created a remarkably diverse record of life in America during the 1930s and early 1940s—including images of

hardship, endurance, hope, recovery, migration, recreation, and community life.

"This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression runs through July 17th, 2005. The exhibition is sponsored by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

Congressman John E. Sweeney Speaks at Dedication

The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center was formally dedicated on Saturday, November 15th, 2003. The Center is a public-private project designed to serve students, teachers, and the visiting public at the Roosevelt Presidential Library, part of the National Archives and Records Administration, and the sites administered by the National Park Service in Hyde Park. Named in honor of the man who served as Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1940) and Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's third term, the Wallace Center offers visitors an array of new and expanded services designed to enhance their experiences in Hyde Park.

Representative John E. Sweeney (R-Clifton Park), in whose home district the FDR Presidential Library and Home of FDR National Historic Site are located, spoke at the dedication. In past years, Congressman Sweeney has secured \$8.5 million for the Wallace Center and \$6 million for the restoration of the buildings and landscapes at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site and for the construction of a future regional tourist information center and transportation hub in Hyde Park. Congressman Sweeney was

the only Republican member of the House of Representatives to sponsor a resolution to keep FDR on the dime.



Matthew Gillis
Representative John E. Sweeney (R-Clifton Park) spoke at the dedication.

One of the strongest supporters of the Roosevelt Library and National Park Service sites in Hyde Park, Sweeney said, "I was honored to have spoken at the dedication of the Wallace Visitor and Education Center last November. It was a wonderful day as we looked toward a bright future and remembered a gloried

past, all while taking another step toward fulfilling a vision that celebrates the legacy of the Roosevelts, educates us and our children on powerful history lessons, and attracts heritage tourism to our region. It's a vision I remain firmly committed to, and one that ultimately cannot be fulfilled without the restoration of the FDR Presidential Library. Together we must work to preserve this invaluable resources—a time capsule of excellence—so that generations can come and enjoy, learn and gain an enhanced understanding of the magnificent presidential legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Other noted guests in attendance for the afternoon ceremony were Archivist of the United States, John Carlin; Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian Doris Kearns Goodwin; New York Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Bernadette Castro; NPS Regional Director Marie Rust, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and William J. vanden Heuvel, co-chairman of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Henry Scott Wallace represented the Wallace family and Anna Eleanor Roosevelt spoke for the Roosevelt family.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

On Sunday, September 12th with the opening of "This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression, the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum dedicates its new special gallery for changing exhibitions. Named for Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel, the gallery will serve as perpetual public recognition of his outstanding leadership in the revitalization of the Roosevelt Library. At the dedication ceremony we will unveil a new portrait of Ambassador vanden Heuvel painted by Janet Ross. The painting will hang at the entrance to the William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery.

More than ten years ago, when approached by the National Archives and Records Administration about the need for improvements to the Roosevelt Library, Ambassador vanden Heuvel accepted the enormous challenge of raising \$21 million in public and private funds. As a result of his leadership with



Alan Perlman
Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel.

private donors and Congress, visitors to Hyde Park are enjoying the beautiful new Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center and the stunning new gallery that fittingly bears his name. In the next few years the results of the next phase of his philanthropic work will unfold as we begin the redevelopment of the main galleries in the Library itself, culminating in the installation of new permanent exhibits on the life and work of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Ambassador vanden Heuvel's work on behalf of the Roosevelt Library goes far beyond fund raising. He is the inspirational leader and moral compass that guides our work. For nearly twenty years, as the driving force behind the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, he has steadfastly championed the

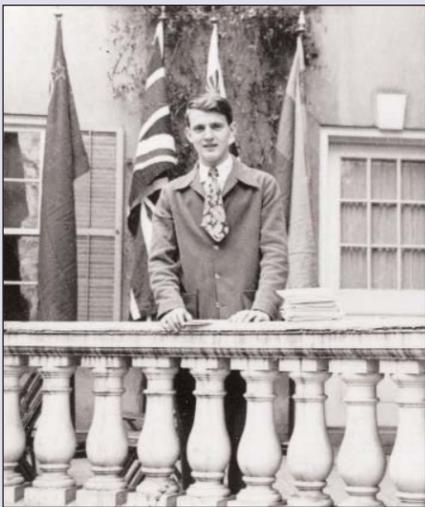
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Library as the preeminent center in the world for the study and public understanding of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their era.

He leads us in encouraging an ever increasing number of students, scholars, and museum visitors to explore Franklin Roosevelt's legacy as the creator and defender—at home and abroad—of modern democratic government. He helps us all remember Eleanor Roosevelt's unparalleled contributions to the nation and world through her work with the United Nations and as social activist and champion of civil rights. Ambassador vanden Heuvel has written extensively on questions relating to the United Nations and American foreign policy and lectures widely on diverse subjects related to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Ambassador's service to the Roosevelts includes fifteen years as president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, of which he is now co-chair with Anna Eleanor Roosevelt. An international lawyer and investment banker, he served as United States Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and as Ambassador to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva.



Ambassador vanden Heuvel at Springwood, FDR's Hyde Park home, 1946.

Prior to his leadership of the Roosevelt Institute, he served as president of the Franklin Roosevelt Four Freedoms Foundation. He is also co-chairman of the Council of American Ambassadors, vice-chair of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a director of the Friends of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a director of the Institute for Democracy Studies, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has been a Senior Partner (and is now of counsel) to the law firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan and is a senior advisor to the investment banking firm of Allen & Company. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Cornell Law Review. He holds Honorary Degrees from Hofstra University, Roosevelt University, St. Joseph's College, and Hunter College.

All who use the Wallace Center, Roosevelt Library and Museum—and those of us who work here in the shadow of Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt—owe Ambassador vanden Heuvel a great debt of gratitude. And I, for one, think it is simply "grand" that the new gallery is dedicated in his name. Please come early and come often to see "Bill's new gallery" and the exciting exhibits that it offers.

Cynthia M. Koch
August 2004

Museum Adds Rare Globe to Oval Office Display

In time for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum placed on display the rare and priceless standing floor model world globe that President Franklin D. Roosevelt used to trace troop movements and plan military strategy throughout World War II. Measuring fifty inches in diameter, FDR received his globe as a gift from General George C. Marshall in 1942.

Marshall arranged to have 50-inch world globes presented to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill as Christmas gifts from the War Department. The globes were manufactured by the Weber Costello Company of Chicago Heights, Illinois under the direct supervision of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the War Department.

The globe was created at a scale of 1:10,000,000—about 157.8 miles to the inch. It contains more than 1700 place names. It rests on rubber rollers mounted on a moveable base, so that it



Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander in Chief of the US Armed Forces, looks at the fifty-inch globe presented to him by the US Army. 1942. FDR Presidential Library and Museum.

may be rotated or pivoted in any direction at will.

It is believed that the Weber Costello Company produced between twelve and fifteen copies of this globe between

1942 and 1955. Other wartime leaders also received copies of the globe, as did the House and Senate Chambers in the Capitol. We know of three extant globes—other than FDR's—Churchill's globe, which is now on display at Chartwell, the Churchill home in Kent, England; one that belongs to Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois; and the Library of Congress's globe.

Roosevelt kept his globe immediately behind his desk in the Oval Office, within arm's reach from his desk chair. Handwritten notes on its surface, believed to be FDR's, have been preserved as important documentation of his active participation in the details of war planning.

After two years of painstaking conservation work the globe was placed on display within the Museum's recreated Oval Office, alongside President Roosevelt's original Oval Office desk, chair, and other historic memorabilia. FDR's globe was on exhibit for early visitors to the museum, but because it had become badly deteriorated, it was put in storage more than thirty years ago. It has not been on public view since.

New Presidential Libraries Logo Unveiled

As part of its commitment to better educate and inform the public about the Presidency as well as the mission of the National Archives and Records Administration, the Office of Presidential Libraries continually explores new ways to increase the public's awareness of the Library system as a whole.

In Spring 2004, the Office of Presidential Libraries unveiled a new logo in an effort to unite the eleven presidential libraries it administers with a stronger graphic identity. The logo is a result of a test branding study which included the development of a system-wide brochure. The Roosevelt Library has already

featured the logo on its new museum brochure printed in April 2004.

The Libraries who share the new logo include: Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, NY; Herbert Hoover Library, West Branch, IA; Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, MO; Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, KS; John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA; Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, TX; Gerald R. Ford Library, Grand Rapids, MI; Jimmy Carter Library, Atlanta, GA; Ronald Reagan Library, Simi Valley, CA; George Bush Library, College Station, TX; and the new William J. Clinton Library, Little Rock, AR.



Fall Programs Fun for the Entire Family

Folk Music Concert Featuring Randall Wallace with *The Mammals*

The Roosevelt Presidential Library and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will present a series of family-friendly events this fall that are free and open to the public.

On Saturday, October 2nd, the **Roosevelt Farm Festival**, presented by the National Park Service at the Home of FDR National Historic Site, will offer visitors tours of the historic greenhouse, stables, ice and laundry houses and as well as farm-related exhibits and craft demonstrations.

On Friday, October 29th, **Randall Wallace with Tao Rodriguez Seeger and The Mammals**, will perform folk music of the 1930s and 1940s. Highlighting the Library's new exhibit on the photography of the Great Depression—and the fall campaign season—the program will include songs from Henry A. Wallace's 1948 presidential campaign, as well as music from the migrant worker camps sponsored by the Farm Security Administration. Scheduled for 7 PM in the Wallace Center, the concert will be a family affair with Randall Wallace performing the music of his grandfather, Henry A. Wallace's presidential campaign, and Tao

Rodriguez Seeger performing his grandfather, Pete Seeger's, compositions. Adding to the mix is the fact that the Farm Security Administration was a unit of the New Deal Department of Agriculture led by Henry A. Wallace.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 6th through 8th, film lovers can attend the **Pare Lorentz Film Festival II** for screenings of rare documentary films of the New Deal. Screenings will include Pare Lorentz's twin classics, *The Plow That Broke the Plains* and *The River* as well as examples of his work for the Roosevelt Administration's United States Film Service. The great feature film masterpiece, *The Grapes of Wrath*, as well as lesser known New Deal era documentaries and films of social conscience will also be shown.

For a film schedule and notice of all upcoming events, register for our Email Bulletin by sending your email address to clifford.laube@nara.gov and type "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. You may also receive more information on any Library-sponsored programs, by contacting Public Affairs Specialist Cliff Laube at the above email address.

The Presidential Campaign THEN & NOW

On Friday, October 8th, the Roosevelt Library and Home of FDR will present two programs celebrating presidential campaigns.

Starting at 6:30 PM at the Wallace Center, the National Park Service will conduct an historic re-creation of an **Election Eve Torchlight Parade**. Musical entertainment will be provided by "The Beckers" and torches will be carried by the Dutchess County Boy and Girl Scouts. Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt (in the person of historical character interpreters) will be in attendance. Attendees are encouraged to wear 1940s period dress. Refreshments will be served.

After the parade, join the Presidential Library staff for **DebateWatch 2004**. Starting at 9:00 PM in the Wallace Center, the public is invited to view the second 2004 presidential debate, televised live from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. A moderator will lead the group in a discussion following the debate. **DebateWatch** is a program of the Commission on Presidential Debates designed to bring citizens together to watch and discuss the debates.

Archivist Raymond Teichman Retires After 35 Years

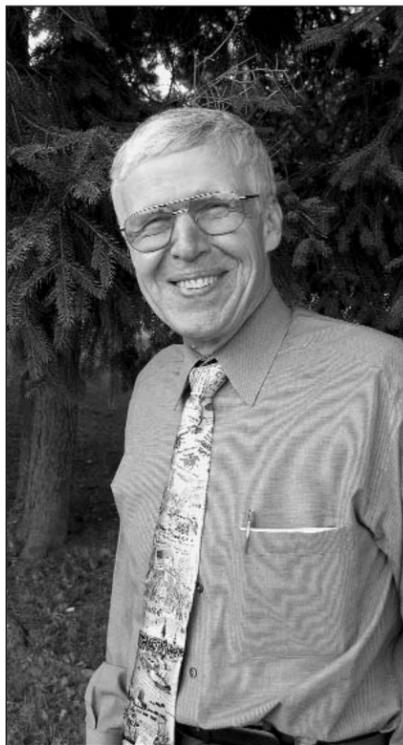
After thirty-five years of service to the Roosevelt Library, Dr. Raymond J. Teichman retired as Supervisory Archivist on June 30th, 2004, coincidentally the 63rd anniversary of the Library's dedication.

A reception held at the Library's Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center was attended by current and former Library staff, Roosevelt Institute staff and members, researchers, and the Teichman Family. Ray was presented with a framed Olin Dows print of the Library signed by all the staff, as well as a Memory Book of

photos, certificates, letters, cards, and e-mails from well-wishers.

Among those sending Ray their best wishes were Roosevelt scholars Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Warren Kimball, William Leuchtenburg, Geoffrey Ward, Joseph Persico, and Robert Butow, as well as Archivist of the United States John Carlin and several members of the Roosevelt Family.

In her own letter to Ray included in the book, Library Director Cynthia Koch said, "It is hard to imagine any book,



Bill Urbin, NPS

Raymond Teichman photographed on his last day of work.

documentary, or other work produced from our archives in the past thirty-five years that does not in some way bear the stamp of your expertise."

We wish Ray Teichman and his wife Erin all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 29

Talk & Book Signing

David McKean - author of *"Tommy the Cork: Washington's Ultimate Insider from Roosevelt to Reagan"*
Wallace Center; 7 PM

Saturday, October 2

Roosevelt Farm Festival

National Park Service
Home of FDR; 10 AM - 4 PM

Friday, October 8

Torchlight Parade & Debate Watch

Wallace Center; 6:30 PM & 9 PM

Saturday, October 9

Lecture

Geraldine Ferraro
"Our Grandchildren and the Future"
Wallace Center; 1 PM

Friday, October 29

Randall Wallace with The Mammals

Folk Music Concert
Wallace Center; 7 PM

Saturday, October 30

Talk & Book Signing

Cass Sunstein - author of *"The Second Bill of Rights: FDR's Unfinished Revolution and Why We Need it More than Ever"*
Wallace Center; 3 PM

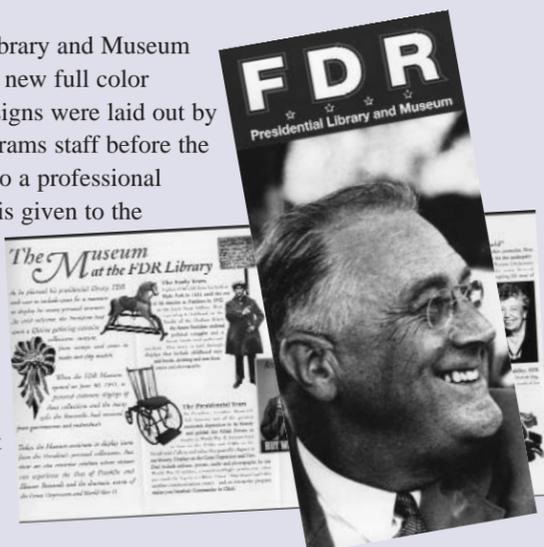
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Pare Lorentz Film Festival II

Films of the New Deal
Wallace Center

New Museum Brochure Now Available

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum designed and produced a new full color brochure this spring. Designs were laid out by museum and public programs staff before the brochure was presented to a professional designer. Special thanks is given to the Vidda Foundation which generously provided the funding for printing the new brochure. If you would like to request a copy of the brochure please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov.



New Facility Meets Growing Need for Program and Event Space

Since its opening on November 15th, 2003, the Wallace Center has been alive with activity. In addition to Roosevelt Library and National Park Service school programs and Library-sponsored public programs, many local groups, government agencies, and educational organizations held events in the new facility.

The Roosevelt Library has been able to greatly expand and improve its public programming because of the new facility. Leading up, to and coinciding with, the

Library's front lawn. Over 3000 visitors enjoyed those exciting events.

The Library hosted its inaugural Roosevelt Reading Festival in June.

commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the visit of the King and Queen of England to Hyde Park when President and Mrs. Roosevelt hosted a hot dog picnic for the royal couple.

Association.

Since its dedication in November, the Wallace Center has welcomed visitors to the Roosevelt sites in Hyde Park, provided state of the art meeting space for thousands of participants, engaged and educated people with interesting



Above: Reception in the lobby during the Mill Street Loft dinner.

The Roosevelt Reading Festival was an ambitious event and a great success in this new facility. Plans are already underway for next year's Festival.

Organizations and non-profit groups that took advantage of the wonderful new facilities included The Dyson Foundation Board of Directors, Mill Street Loft, the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee, Planned Parenthood of



Right: Author Joseph Persico speaks at the Roosevelt Reading Festival.



Left: Singer Kelly Urbin performs Judy Garland songs at the USO Show.

Below: Edna Gurewitsch and Robert Cross sign books in the New Deal Store.

Drawing more than 300 visitors, the Festival was held in the Wallace Center multipurpose rooms and the Dyson conference room. In five concurrent sessions throughout the day, eleven authors of recently published works that drew upon the Roosevelt Library archives presented author talks followed by book signings and question and answer sessions. Authors who spoke included John Q. Barrett, Richard Cain, Robert Cohen, R. Bruce Craig, Robert Cross, Edna Gurewitsch, Margaret Logan Marquez, Joseph Persico, David Roosevelt, Will Swift, and Bernice Thomas.



Poughkeepsie, Scenic Hudson, the Hyde Park Visitors Alliance, TEG Credit Union, Pace University Law School, the Gilbert and Sullivan Theater Group, the Culinary Institute of America, the Discovery Center, the State of New York, the Hudson Valley Heritage Area, the Hyde Park Rotary Club, and the Hyde Park Teachers

and informative public programming and provided teachers and school groups with spacious new rooms and ease in planning and executing field trips. It has been most effective in demonstrating the importance of the Roosevelt legacy to today's world. The Wallace Center is a welcome addition to the historic Roosevelt estate.

World War II Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C. the Library hosted a series of activities to honor the "Greatest Generation" in the Wallace Center.

Activities included a Pare Lorentz Film Festival featuring World War II films, a live USO Show, a special World War II ceremony to mark the dedication of the new Memorial in Washington, DC, and the annual living history display on the

During the Reading Festival, Hyde Park Boy Scout Troop 37 was on hand selling hot dogs in the cafe in

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Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt communicated by word and deed a vision of a just and caring society. In a new membership campaign, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute invites you to become a member of the Institute that bears their name and works to preserve their far-sighted vision of a free, more compassionate world.

Your member benefits include:

- Free admission to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and all other Presidential Libraries
- A one-year subscription to *The View from Hyde Park*
- A 10% discount at the New Deal Museum Store in the Wallace Center



One of the most important programs supported by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute is the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. This project was very dear to President Roosevelt, who said that the Library's mission would be "to bring together the records of the past...where they will be preserved for the use of men and women living in the future."

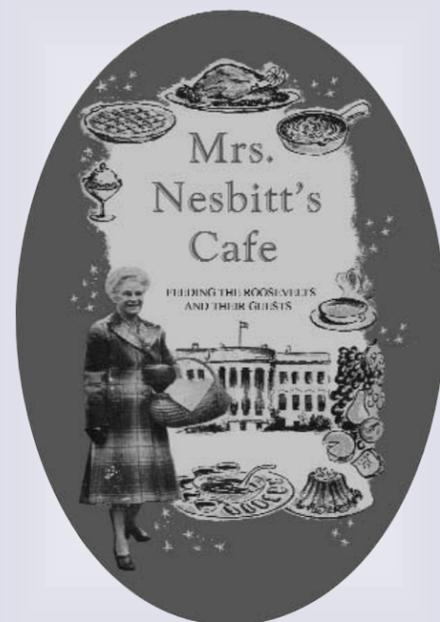
The Roosevelt Presidential Library is home for more than 17 million pages of documents, audio-visual materials, historical museum objects and books. As the President envisioned, it is the finest research center for anyone studying the New Deal and/or our nation's history from the Great Depression through World War II. Your membership gift can provide vital support for the programs and resources of the nation's first presidential library. For information on joining FERI visit www.feri.org or call (845) 486-1150.

NOW OPEN

In the Wallace Center

Mrs. Nesbitt's Cafe

"Feeding the Roosevelts and their guests"



Mrs. Nesbitt's Café offers homemade soups, salads, wraps, both hot and cold, along with specialty deli sandwiches. In the morning, bagels, Danish and other pastries are available. The café is run by Scott Holtzouser, a talented chef and owner of the Haymaker Restaurant and Crew Restaurant Bar both located in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mrs. Nesbitt's Café offers indoor dining as well as patio seating. It is open from 10 AM until 4 PM.