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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
announces new Library Trustee
Hudson Valley Native and Community Leader
Shirley M. Handel**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum has announced a new Library Trustee: Poughkeepsie, New York community leader **Shirley M. Handel**. Handel has dedicated herself to educational and cultural life in the Hudson Valley. She is a champion of causes related to Eleanor Roosevelt's legacy -- especially rights for girls and women -- and can be credited with mentoring, encouraging and promoting many young women to follow paths as fundraisers in the nonprofit world.

Shirley M. Handel is a Hudson Valley native of Dutch ancestry dating to the mid-1600s. She is a graduate of Kingston High School, San Mateo Junior College and Stanford University; and has been an executive fiscal officer, administrator of pension and health care plans, and a trustee of the Handel Foundation.

Since marrying Bernard Handel in 1967 and moving to Poughkeepsie, she has been active serving as President and Board member of Poughkeepsie Day School; coached girls basketball CYO teams and has been active in USTA tennis for many years.

A long time Board Member and President of Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Handel established the Philharmonic's first Radiothon, chaired its first Viennese Ball, initiated and chaired its first Decorator Showhouse and established its Planned Giving Program. During this time she also served on the national board of the American Symphony Orchestra League.

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Handel has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood, Dutchess Outreach, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, and the Dutchess County Historical Society. She is also on the Advisory Board of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College.

Her awards include the SUNY Chancellor's Medal, Dutchess County Executive's Arts Award 2003, the Dutchess County Historical Society Dutchess Award 2004, the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2007, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County 2009 Garden Party Honoree, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal in 2010 and the Kahn-Lampell Award for Community Service 2015.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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