



American Red Cross
Greater Houston Area Chapter

Tiffany Circle



Society of Women Leaders

2010 TIFFANY CIRCLE SUMMIT NEWS



- [Summit Registration deadline is April 20, 2010](#)
- [Please advise Betty Karlsson of your registration.](#)

TC Members - Share your "Red Cross Story"

This year we are focusing on ways in which Tiffany Circle members have been involved with and touched by the Red Cross! Were you a Red Cross certified lifeguard? Are you a blood donor or have you received lifesaving blood from the Red Cross? Do you have a friend or family member that is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces? Are you Red Cross CPR certified?

Put your story on video! We will provide the opportunity to record your story during the "Afternoon on the Square" on May 16. During our afternoon session on May 17, we will share stories and focus on how you have been impacted by the mission of the American Red Cross! Please be sure to submit your "Red Cross Story" during the registration process, or on video on May 16, or email them to Betty Karlsson, your chapter representative.

Tiffany Circle National Council Member Nominations

The Tiffany Circle National Council is seeking member nominations to serve a three year term on this distinguished panel of Tiffany Circle members that guide the direction of the program.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please speak to your chapter representative and/or email TiffanyCircle@usa.redcross.org

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Summit Venues

Red Cross Square



Sunday Afternoon, May 16

- Join us at the American Red Cross National Headquarters for an "Afternoon on the Square."

You will have the opportunity to:

- Take a guided tour of the American Red Cross headquarter buildings

- Have your photo taken with your Tiffany Circle chapter in front of the breathtaking Tiffany windows

- Receive your Tiffany & Co. sterling Tiffany Circle membership bracelets/charms

- Talk with Tiffany Circle members and chapter staff from around the country about their "best practices"

- Video your own "Red Cross Story" that may be shared during the afternoon session on May 17

- Enjoy tea and light refreshments

Hospitality Suites

Each official Tiffany Circle Summit hotel will have special hospitality suites available exclusively to Tiffany Circle members

Sunday, May 16: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Monday, May 17: 3:00pm to 6:00pm

(Hospitality Suites may be open for your convenience at other times during the Summit.)

Members of the Carolina Piedmont Region Tiffany Circle have generously sponsored the Hospitality Suite at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel for the 2010 Summit in honor of Tiffany Circle National Co-Chair, Elaine Lyerly.

If you would like more information about sponsoring a Hospitality Suite at one of the other two Summit hotels, please reference the sponsorship tab of the Tiffany Circle webpage.

Opening Dinner - Union Station



"The home service office of the American Red Cross at the Union Station, Washington, DC. Here men in service could secure information about their families, and the families of enlisted men, about their boys."

Source: *The American Red Cross in the Great War: -1919* by Henry Pomeroy Davison

Sunday, May 16

**7:30pm: 2010 Summit Opening Dinner
(All)**

**6:30pm-7:15pm, Columbus Room:
Bonnie McElveen-Hunter Founding Lifetime
Tiffany Circle Members Reception
(Lifetime Members Only)**

Built in 1907-1908, Union Station covered more ground than any other building in the US, and was the largest train station in the world at the time.

After falling into disrepair and eventually closing completely, Congress enacted the Union Station Redevelopment Act of 1981, which allowed for a full renovation. The station reopened in 1988. Union Station is again the main train station in Washington, DC, through which thousands of commuters and travelers pass everyday.

During WWI and WWII, the American Red Cross welcomed troops returning from theaters of war by operating a canteen service in the building.

Embassy of Italy

Monday, May 17

7:00pm-8:00pm: Reception

8:00pm: Closing Dinner



The Embassy of Italy was officially inaugurated on June 21, 2000.

The modern structure was thoughtfully designed to compliment the architecture of its home country, while saluting the United States and city of Washington, DC.

In keeping with Washington's historical beginnings, the new Embassy's basic footprint - a large square - mirrors George Washington's original ten by ten mile square parcel allotted for the creation for the District of Columbia. In fact, the building's angular site was a part of architect Pierre Charles l'Enfant's classical 18th century plan for the city, in broad, diagonal avenues overlaid a basic grid, resulting in numerous circles and triangles where streets and avenues intersected. In the Embassy's design, a diagonal passageway divides the square building in much the same way as the Potomac River divided the original plan for the District, while it overlays and radiates out from the central atrium, as Washington's avenues radiate out from the U.S. Capitol dome.

Summit Special Guests

US Army Lt. General Kathleen Gainey



Only the third woman to achieve the rank of 3-Star General, Lt. General Gainey is presently the second highest ranking female in the United States Army.

May 16:

**Opening Night Dinner
Keynote Speaker**

Lieutenant General Kathleen M. Gainey currently serves as the Director for Logistics, J4, The Joint Staff. As Director for Logistics, General Gainey's duties include driving Joint Force readiness, maximizing the Joint Force Commander's freedom of action, and providing the best logistics advice to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in order to shape the logistics environment.

Burton Morris



Burton Morris first gained national attention in the mid-1990's when his artwork was chosen to hang on the set of the NBC hit television series "Friends."

May 17:

Burton Morris Education Session

The internationally renowned visual artist will join us for an education session focused on "Red Cross in the Arts. Red Cross Archivist Susan Watson will join Mr. Morris.

Over the years, his artwork has been selected for the 76th Annual Academy Awards, the Paris World Cup Soccer Games, the 38th Montreux Jazz Festival, the 2004 Summer Olympic Games and the 2006 Major League Baseball All Star Game. In addition, his artwork has helped to raise millions of dollars for charities worldwide.

Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata



Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata will make opening remarks and welcome us to the Embassy of Italy.

May 17:

Ambassador of Italy to the United States

Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata assumed his duties as Ambassador of Italy to the United States on October 1st, 2009.

Previously Italy's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, he also headed the Italian Delegation to the Security Council, which Italy had joined as non-permanent member for the 2007-2008 term.

Romina Arena



May 17:

Italian vocalist Romina Arena

Ms. Arena will perform three musical selections and share her personal connection to the Red Cross during the closing dinner at the Embassy of Italy.

Ms. Arena is an international talent that has survived personal tragedy and turned it into a stunning triumph.

American Red Cross Stars

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter and Melanie Sabelhaus



Bonnie McElveen-Hunter
Chairman, Board of Governors, American
Red Cross
Founding Tiffany Circle Member

Melanie Sabelhaus
Chair, Philanthropy Committee, Board of
Governors
Founding Tiffany Circle Member

Elaine Lyerly and Julia Bianchi



Elaine Lyerly
Tiffany Circle National Co-Chair
Founding Tiffany Circle Member

Julia Bianchi
Tiffany Circle National Co-Chair
Founding Tiffany Circle Member

Gail McGovern, President and CEO, American Red Cross



May 17: Breakfast with the CEO

Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern will deliver a "State of the Red Cross" address.

Guests will also hear eyewitness testimonials regarding the Red Cross' ongoing relief operation following the January 12 earthquake in Haiti.

"State of the Red Cross" Address

Other individuals that have been invited to participate in the Summit

(These individuals have been invited. This list does not guarantee their involvement with the 2010 Summit.)

Dr. Phil

Soledad O'Brien

Paula Deen

Deborah Mullen

Kathryn Bigelow

Muriel Siebert

Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Maria Shriver

Summit Networking and Education Sessions

**Monday, May 17:
10:15am to 12:15pm**

Following CEO McGovern's address, the group will divide into 7 different break-out sessions. Each Tiffany Circle member will have the opportunity to attend two sessions of 45 minutes each. Session Topics will include :

- *Bio-Medical Services*
- *Disaster Services and Preparedness*
- *Health and Safety Services*
- *Service to Armed Forces*
- *International Services*
- *Volunteerism with the American Red Cross*
- *"Red Cross in the Arts" with Burton Morris & Susan Watson*

In each of the "lines of service" sessions, American Red Cross senior staff and volunteer leaders will share their unique perspectives on the forward movement of each program, and how that motion is being informed by the vast history of the organization.

Other Tiffany Circle Summit Venues

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter Founding Lifetime Tiffany Circle Members Reception

Since the announcement of the Bonnie McElveen-Hunter Lifetime Tiffany Circle Membership in June of 2009, more than 80 Tiffany Circle Members have made the \$100,000 commitment to the American Red Cross. This incredible display of generosity will be recognized at the 2010 Summit.

Sunday, May 16: 6:30pm-7:15pm

Join Chairman of the American Red Cross, Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, in the Columbus Room in Union Station for a special reception to honor the Founding members of this program.

If you wish to be a part of this celebration, please speak with your American Red Cross chapter representative about Lifetime Membership with the Tiffany Circle.

New Tiffany Circle Chapter Training

Saturday, May 15: 9:00am-5:00pm

It is our privilege to welcome a new group of American Red Cross Chapters to the Tiffany Circle program for fiscal year 2011! Each new chapter is invited to attend a day of training to learn from Red Cross Staff and Volunteers. We strongly encourage both staff and volunteer participation.

Additionally, if your chapter has been in the program but new staff members and/or volunteer leaders would like to attend the training, they are welcome to do so.

If you plan to attend new chapter training, please be sure to specify this when you register for the 2010 Summit. We will distribute more detailed information to these individuals in the coming weeks.

Summit Website

For the most recent updates on the 2010 Tiffany Circle Leadership Summit, please visit:

<http://events.SignUP4.com/ARCTiffanycirclesummit>

This webpage will also grant you access to the following:

- **Registration!** If you have not had the opportunity to register, please follow the registration instructions on the Tiffany Circle webpage. Be sure to ask your chapter representative if you have any registration related questions.
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- **Registered Members!** Access a list of your fellow Tiffany Circle Members - from across the country - who have already registered to attend. Make this your first stop to reconnect with acquaintances from past Tiffany Circle Summits and to begin your networking for this year.
- **2010 Summit Agenda!** Access to the most up-to-date Tiffany Circle Summit agenda.
- **Sponsorship!** There are many opportunities for individual and corporate sponsors. Learn about the options, and see who has already committed!
 - **Frequently Asked Questions!** Have questions about this year's Summit?
 - Be sure to check the "FAQ" section of the webpage.
 - **Hotel Reservations!** Once you have registered for the Summit, please access the "Hotels" tab of the Tiffany Circle webpage to access Red Cross preferred rates at one of three official Summit hotels in Washington, DC.
- **Air/Ground Transportation!** New to Washington, DC? Learn about our three major airports and ground transit options. Taxi service to and from Reagan Washington National Airport is easy and affordable. Ground transportation from the other area airports warrants advanced planning.
- **Washington, DC Tourism Information!** Plan your free time in Washington, DC with museums, attractions, restaurants, spas, shopping and guided tours.

***Thank You for Your Gracious and Generous Support of the
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