

Audrey Hepburn Lauded for Caring

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Quoted above are the words of the elegant, affectionate, legendary Audrey Hepburn after receiving Sigma Theta Tau International's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award on Tuesday, April 7, in Indianapolis before a crowd of approximately 400 admirers.

Miss Hepburn, momentarily overcome with emotion at the sight of the award, a large crystal bowl etched with a map of the world, also praised nurses for their "patient, gentle care" not only at hospitals in "our own affluent world," but also in less fortunate, third-world countries.

In presenting the award, President Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel, RN, EdD, quoted a passage from *Don Quixote* pertaining to the beauty of the soul and of the body. She added, "Audrey Hepburn was blessed with extraordinary inner and outer beauty. She first enhanced our lives with her splendid acting, and now employs the resulting fame for the benefit of others. Her hard work on behalf of UNICEF has translated into many thousands of dollars for needy children. This April is 'Child Abuse Prevention Month,' which makes our recognition of Miss Hepburn even more significant."

The spectacular gala capped two days of activities celebrating Miss Hepburn's contributions to the health and well-being of children across the globe and the conferral of the society's first Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award to the UNICEF goodwill ambassador. (Net proceeds from the



President Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel, RN, EdD, presents Audrey Hepburn with the Sigma Theta Tau International Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award given for her humanitarian work for children's health care as UNICEF's goodwill ambassador.

"This is a huge honor for me. Coming from you, it is very special indeed. It is because of people like you — because of your great emphasis on education, initiative, leadership — that we at UNICEF can afford to have faith in the future and health of the children of the world. 'Sigma Theta Tau.' It is like a beautiful poem, isn't it? I've only now learned what those impressive words stand for: three of the most beautiful words in the English language, 'love,' 'courage,' 'honor.' And how appropriate they are."



fund-raising event will benefit the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library.)

Serving as master of ceremonies for the gala was Dr. Thomas Ehrlich, president of Indiana University. The James Whitcomb Riley Elementary School Choir performed; Past President Billye Brown, during whose tenure the award was approved and Executive Officer Nell Watts spoke; and, models dressed in award-winning costumes from "My Fair Lady" paraded in the lavish garments during the dinner break.

A symposium on "The Global State of the Child" was conducted on Monday, April 6. Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith presented Miss Hepburn with the key to the city. Participating in the program were Miss Hepburn, Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel and Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, director of the National Center for Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health, who discussed current nursing research affecting children's health care. Also bringing greetings were Lawrence Bruce, president of the U. S. Committee for UNICEF and Susie Lambert, corporate vice president for nursing of HUMANA, which generously sponsored the session and Miss Hepburn's keynote speech.

The International Center for Nursing Scholarship was crowded with local and national media representatives conducting individual interviews with Miss Hepburn following the morning keynote. Dignitaries joined Miss Hepburn for an informal coffee,

Above: Jeneesha Warren of the James Whitcomb Riley Elementary School Choir, Indianapolis, presents Audrey Hepburn with flowers after her choir sang at the gala. Seated at left, Robert Wolders of Switzerland and President Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel, RN, EdD. **Below:** the Indiana Roof Ballroom on a glorious night honoring Ms. Hepburn.

From left at Benvenuti Restaurant, Mrs. Richard D. (Billie Lou) Wood, wife of the chairman of the board of Eli Lilly and Company; Audrey Hepburn; Susan B. Kilkenny, assistant vice president of Conesco Companies, which sponsored the patron's reception; Dr. Lucie Kelly, RN, FAAN, former president of Sigma Theta Tau International. Center Photo: At the gala from left, Audrey Hepburn with Nell Watts, RN, FAAN, Executive Officer of Sigma Theta Tau International. Below: Conversing with Audrey Hepburn before the award's presentation, is Dr. Thomas Erlich, president of Indiana University, who served as master of ceremonies at the gala.



then proceeded to Benvenuti, a beautiful downtown Indianapolis restaurant for a gourmet luncheon. Sponsors for the luncheon were Sigma Theta Tau's law firm, **Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman** and **Corinthian Home Health Care Inc.**

Before departing from the Center, Miss Hepburn, President Vaughan-Wrobel and James N. Freid, Vice President of Merchandising for **Spring Hill Nurseries Company**, planted an "Audrey Hepburn Rose" bush. Spring Hill Nurseries contributed 12 of the plants to Sigma Theta Tau in Ms. Hepburn's honor.

Assisting Sigma Theta Tau in sponsoring and coordinating the various events were the **Methodist Hospital Task Core**; **Conesco, Inc.**, an Indianapolis-based insurance holding company which underwrote the exquisite Patron's Reception; and **Mays Chemical Company**, a corporate patron. Other major contributors included: **ABC News** and **Peter Jennings**; **Benvenuti**; **Corinthian Home Health Care Services**; **Designs by Celeste**, **Design Printing**, **Engledow, Inc.**, **Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman**, **Indianapolis Hilton**, **Indy Connection Limousine Company**, **Jacobson's**, **Kahn's Fine Wine & Spirits**, **Landes Costumes**, **Lockhart Cadillac Inc./Saturn of Indianapolis**, **McNamara Florist**, **Steven Meisel**, **Photographer**, **National Wine & Spirits**, **Pat Noveroske**, **Party Plus**, **Vanity Fair** and **White Arts, Inc.**

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