

# ANNUAL GALA DINNERS



At the ASF 2001 Gala Dinner: Back (L-R): ASF Trustee Peter Krogh; ASF President Edward P. Gallagher; Robert C. Merton, The Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1997); H.E. Kim Hang-Hyung, Consul General of South Korea, representing Hon. Kim Dae Jung, President of South Korea, Nobel Peace Prize (2000); Torsten Wiesel, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1981); Hon. Robin Chandler Duke, ASF Trustee and former U.S. Ambassador to Norway; Joshua Lederberg, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1958); and Kristján T. Ragnarsson, ASF Chairman. Front (L to R): Gunnar Sønsteby; Horst L. Störmer, Nobel Prize in Physics (1998); David M. Lee, Nobel Prize in Physics (1996); Alan G. MacDiarmid, Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2000); and Ivar Giaever, Nobel Prize in Physics (1973).

The American-Scandinavian Foundation celebrated its 90th Anniversary at its 2001 Annual Gala on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at the New York Grand Hyatt Hotel. At the Gala, the ASF honored the Nobel Foundation on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prizes and recognized the achievements of Norwegian World War II Resistance hero Gunnar Sønsteby.

Cultural Award recipient Gunnar Sønsteby with Walter Cronkite who introduced Mr. Sønsteby.



In his remarks, Dr. Kristján T. Ragnarsson, Chairman of the ASF Board of Trustees, said, "After the recent tragic events in New York City and Washington, D.C., it is important to recognize and honor two organizations—the Nobel Foundation and the ASF—that have promoted understanding and peace among the people of the world and an individual who has fought against injustice."

H.E. Jan Eliasson, Swedish Ambassador to the United States, accepted the Gold Medal on behalf of the Nobel Foundation. The ASF Cultural Award was presented to Gunnar Sønsteby in recognition of his efforts to advance the understanding and appreciation in the U.S. of the challenges confronted and resistance efforts undertaken by the Norwegian people during World War II.

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At the ASF 2002 Gala Dinner: Edward P. Gallagher, ASF President, Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway, and Kristján T. Ragnarsson, Chairman of the ASF Board



Gala Co-Chairs and ASF Trustees: Inger G. Ginsberg; Hon. Robin Chandler Duke (former U.S. Ambassador to Norway); Nadia Stolt-Nielsen; and Bente Svensen Frantz

Robert B. Willumstad, Gala Corporate Chair and President of Citigroup, Inc.

The 2002 Gala Dinner was held in the presence of Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway on Tuesday, October 15, 2002. The evening was a celebration of the strong bonds that have existed between Norway and the ASF for more than 90 years, and marked the second occasion that H.M. King Harald V and H.M. Queen Sonja were the honored guests at the ASF's Annual Gala.

Their Majesties were escorted into the Grand Ballroom by ASF Chairman Dr. Kristján T. Ragnarsson and ASF President Edward P. Gallagher. The Viking Association and Bagpipers of the New York City Police Department led the procession and the Presentation of the Colors.

Dr. Ragnarsson welcomed everyone and introduced H.M. King Harald V, whose remarks were welcomed warmly by the more than 500 guests. H.M. King Harald V has enjoyed uniquely close ties to America since his youth when he lived in the United States for several years. Other highlights included remarks by Gala Corporate Chair Robert B. Willumstad, President of Citigroup, Inc., who spoke on the importance of Scandinavia to the U.S. business community, and a performance by the Young Disciples' Choir of the Memorial Baptist Church.