As long as there is The Explorers Club
Your name will be listed as a
Member of The Legacy Society
June 14, 2002

The Explorers Club  
46 East 70th St.  
New York, NY 10021

Attention: Mr. Theodore M. Siouris  
Chairman of the Legacy Society

Dear Ted,

I am pleased to offer my endorsement of the Legacy Society and its program of building the Endowment Fund of The Explorers Club.

Our organization is the most honored of all such institutions. It’s wonderful that we are being offered a share of the distinguished legacy and the pride that blossoms under the flag of The Explorers Club.

Those of us who join The Legacy Society will be sharing the Club’s luminous past and be part of its adventurous future as we continue to search for the odd, the remote, the exciting and the meaningful in the hidden corners of the universe.

All the best!

Sincerely yours,

Walter Cronkite
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YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN

THE LEGACY SOCIETY
OF
THE EXPLORERS CLUB

The founding of The Explorers Club in 1904 began our epic history as a leader in world exploration and discovery. We have witnessed the determination, endurance, ingenuity, and triumphs of extraordinary people – our Members. Through the achievements of men and women like our Members the world has recorded this concentrated period of exploration and discovery unmatched in history.

Time has dictated changes in how people of like mind must be organized to accomplish their common objectives. In 1999, The Legacy Society was created to meet the financial challenges of the future by providing a means for our Members to make tax-free charitable contributions to the Legacy Endowment Fund. Those funds will benefit the “cause of exploration” and help make our future even more notable and productive than our past. Legacy Endowment funds are deposited with and managed by a Corporate Trustee, in accordance with New York State Trust Law. The principal remains in the Trust, in perpetuity, and only a small percentage of the annual earnings (approximately 5%) is available for distribution. Distributions from the Endowment Fund are dedicated to sponsoring exploration; youth exploration grants; the preservation of our priceless archives, library, paintings, and sculptures; and programs prescribed by our Board of Directors.
You can help ensure the fulfillment of our objectives and the future of The Explorers Club – our Club – by joining The Legacy Society to build our Endowment.

The Explorers Club acknowledges those Members who make planned and/or cash gifts to the Legacy Endowment of The Explorers Club. All Donors will be recognized, unless you wish to remain anonymous. As a Member of The Legacy Society your name will be listed in The Legacy Society Roster which is published in the Club’s quarterly, The Explorers Journal, and may be listed in the Annual Report, the Explorers Club Annual Dinner Program and other publications. You will receive a 14k gold-filled Legacy Society lapel pin acknowledging your Membership.

Membership in The Legacy Society is not limited to Explorers Club Members; we welcome all adventurers who share our curiosity and drive to extend the limits of human experience and our understanding of the physical world.

Depending upon the size of individual cash gifts, “naming privileges” of Club programs or facilities may be possible.

From time to time there will be special activities, receptions and events in appreciation of the generosity of Legacy Society Members. Beyond your financial commitment, Membership in The Legacy Society imposes no responsibilities upon any Donor.

WAYS TO GIVE

The following is a summary of ways to give that may maximize your objective of GIFTS giving while minimizing the after-tax cost of giving.

BUILDING THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE EXPLORERS CLUB

CASH GIFTS The easiest way to join is to write a check payable to The Explorers Club Legacy Society in the amount of not less than $1,000.
BEQUESTS You may include The Explorers Club Legacy Society in your Will by making a bequest of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your total estate, or the residuum remaining after all debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been paid. You also may make specific bequests of archive items, art objects, rare books, expedition relics or trophies, or real estate.

TRUSTS Charitable Remainder Trusts (Unitrusts and Annuity Trusts) A unitrust pays a variable annual income to the Donor or a designated beneficiary and an annuity trust pays a fixed annual income. In each case, after the death of the Donor or beneficiary, The Explorers Club Legacy Society would receive the remainder. These trusts provide tax savings, asset diversification and life income to you or your loved ones.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS A Donor may make a gift by placing assets in a trust which designates that an amount of trust income be paid to The Explorers Club Legacy Society for a term of years. Once the trust terminates, the principal can revert to the Donor or to beneficiaries, typically children or grandchildren. A charitable lead trust offers gift and estate tax savings.

RETIREMENT PLANS The Explorers Club Legacy Society may be named a beneficiary of a retirement plan, such as a 401 (K) or 403 (B), IRA, KEOGH, or SEP. Since these funds are tax deferred, the estate and income taxes (which may cumulatively approach 90%) may be reduced significantly by taking a charitable deduction for the portion given to The Explorers Club Legacy Society. Gifts of life insurance and retirement plans may also reduce estate, income and inheritance taxes.

LIFE INSURANCE If you own a life insurance policy and no longer require its protection, you may consider transferring ownership of the policy to The Explorers Club Legacy Society. You could also purchase a new policy and name The Explorers Club Legacy Society as beneficiary. Either gift will generate a charitable income tax deduction roughly equal to the cash surrender value of the policy on the date of the gift. You may take additional chari-
table income tax deductions for the premium payments that you periodically make on the policy.

**GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT**

*Gifts of Appreciated Securities* Giving long-term appreciated securities provides two income tax benefits: no tax is imposed on the appreciated portion of the gift (the capital gains), and the Donor will receive a charitable deduction based on the stock’s fair market value. Because the Donor can avoid the capital gains tax, it is usually more advantageous to contribute appreciated securities directly, rather than to sell the securities and gift the proceeds of the sale.

*Gifts of Closely Held Stock* Stock in a closely held corporation may also be given. Stocks that are not publicly traded require special planning and a qualified appraisal. We cannot value securities or other assets, but can refer you to a qualified appraiser.

*Gifts of Real Estate* Your residence, vacation home, farm, commercial property, or undeveloped land may be deeded to The Explorers Club Legacy Society through a life estate contract. Through this type of planned gift, you or your beneficiary reserve the right to live on the property and/or receive any income generated by it for life. When the property is deeded to The Explorers Club Legacy Society you will receive an income tax deduction and avoid taxes on any capital gains. Estate and inheritance taxes may also be reduced. Gifts of real estate always involve special considerations that should be discussed in advance with us and with your legal and tax advisors.

*Gifts of Tangible Personal Property* You may choose to consider making a gift of personal property such as art objects, books, trophies or other exploration relics. The Explorers Club will reserve the right to sell such items when timely, if use is not practicable and storage costs are excessive. You may be eligible for a fair market value charitable income tax deduction without having to recognize the capital gain on any appreciation.
If you already have a Will, you may simply add a codicil, naming The Explorers Club Legacy Society a beneficiary.

YOUR GIFT CAN HELP ENSURE
THE FUTURE OF
THE EXPLORERS CLUB

The history of exploration can be traced in the renowned collection of the Explorers Club.

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

MEMBER
$1,000 to $9,999

CONTRIBUTOR
$10,000 to $49,999

SPONSOR
$50,000 to $99,999

PATRON
$100,000 to $499,999

PATRON CIRCLE
$500,000 to $999,999

BENEFACTOR
$1,000,000 and above
The quest for knowledge and adventure was the genesis of The Explorers Club. By joining The Legacy Society you will express your appreciation of the achievements of those who preceded us and will help build an even stronger Explorers Club for our next century of exploration, adventure and achievement.

We invite you to join The Legacy Society
Please fill out the enclosed card and mail it to:

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46 East 70th Street
New York, New York 10021
tel: 212-628-8383  fax: 212-288-4449
www.explorers.org

The Legacy Society
Attn: Theodore M. Siouris, Chairman

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You should consult your legal and tax advisors for an analysis of the benefits and the tax implications of the various gift plans.
Gifts of real estate or personal property are subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors.
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Membership in The Legacy Society requires a minimum gift of $1,000.
Future Membership can be assured by providing a bequest in your Will of a minimum of $1,000.

1. I hereby enclose my check in the amount of $_______________ to The Explorers Club Legacy Society.
2. I have remembered The Explorers Club Legacy Society in my Will or estate plans with a gift in an amount ranging between $_______________ and $_______________.
   (Please submit the section of your Will or the codicil naming The Explorers Club Legacy Society as a beneficiary.)
3. ☐ I hereby grant permission to have my name listed on The Legacy Society Roster and other publications.
4. ☐ I wish to remain an anonymous Member of The Legacy Society.
5. ☐ I wish to receive the 14k gold-filled lapel pin in acknowledgment of my Membership in The Legacy Society.
6. ☐ I would like to talk to someone on The Legacy Society Committee about my special interest in becoming a Member.

We advise you to please consult your estate planner for assistance in selecting the most favorable program to maximize your bequest while minimizing your tax bill.

Name _____________________________________________________________
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Zip Code ________________________ Country __________________________
Daytime Telephone (_____) ___________________ Evening Telephone (_______)
Fax ______________________________ and/or email _______________________
Signature _________________________________________________________
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