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# NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2017

Dear Friends.

It is a privilege to serve as Executive Director and work alongside our dedicated staff, board, volunteers, and generous



supporters who sustain the pursuit of our vision. It has been a very busy year for the Jackson Center, as you can see from the pages of this newsletter. We continue to develop dynamic programming and forge partnerships and collaborations to bring educational opportunities to everyone.

With an engaged board, a talented and hard-working staff, and a conscientious community, the Jackson Center has accomplished much over its 15 year history. On October 29, we hosted an open evening of celebration and commemoration at the center to put an exclamation point on our 15th anniversary and the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trial. We took a look back at history, and looked forward to a future inspired by Jackson's life, work, and legacy. You can view videos from the evening on our Robert H. Jackson Center YouTube Channel.

With your support, we can reach the broadest possible audience while achieving even greater heights. It is my fervent hope that you will join me and other like-minded supporters in making the Jackson Center one of your philanthropic priorities now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Susan Moran Murphy



4 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE VISITS

20,000  
VISITORS A YEAR

18 Continuing  
Legal Education  
Seminars

85 COLLEGE  
INTERNS

10 International Humanitarian Law Dialogs

5+  
MILLION  
VIEWS ON  
YOUTUBE

12  
ROBERT H. JACKSON  
LECTURES ON THE  
SUPREME COURT OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
AT CHAUTAUQUA  
INSTITUTION

6500  
students at

8 Young  
Readers  
Programs

1200+  
FACEBOOK  
LIKES

1500  
Volunteers

10,000  
books  
given  
to  
children



## Traveling Back to Courtroom 600: IHLN in Nuremberg

The International Humanitarian Law Dialogs (IHLN) have been held annually by the Jackson Center at Chautauqua Institution each August since 2007. In 2016, the 10th IHLN were held in Nuremberg, Germany to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trial. From September 28 through October 1, Jackson Center representatives, supporters, and IHLN participants experienced the City of Nuremberg's commemoration of the conclusion of the trial. They visited Courtroom 600 in the Palace of Justice where the trial was held, the museum, exhibits, and facilities of the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds, and other historical sites in Nuremberg relevant to the 11 month trial and Jackson's time there. For detailed information about the events in Nuremberg, visit [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org). The 11th annual IHLN will return to Chautauqua, New York in August of 2017.



## WE ❤️ OUR INTERNS

During the summer of 2016, we welcomed four college interns, Heather Bosau & Angela Mauroni from Allegheny College, Jacob Sandstrom from Case Western Reserve University, and Emilia Beuger from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The students had a unique opportunity to learn about Justice Jackson's life and work, and the mission and work of the Jackson Center, while completing a Jackson-related project that serves both as a research paper and as content for our website.

Additionally, the students experienced the operations of a nonprofit organization, networked with community professionals, and participated in a number of events and activities at the Jackson Center and in the Chautauqua region. You can find information about their projects at [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org).

## MARK RUSSELL FILLS THE HOUSE

We are enormously grateful to all of our supporters who made "An Evening with Mark Russell: A Benefit Concert for the Robert H. Jackson Center" at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, NY a huge success. Mark Russell graciously donated and delivered a stellar performance to a 260+ audience, relying on his classic wit to bring levity to topical political issues and hold a mirror up to our human frailties.

Russell ended the evening on a serious note, imploring the audience to recall and reflect on the words of Robert H. Jackson that exemplify the essence of democracy: "[I]f there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."







## 2016 Jackson Lecture Highlights 21st Century Policing and the Court

On July 11, Yale University Professor of Law Tracey L. Meares spoke to an overflow crowd in the Hall of Philosophy at Chautauqua Institution. Professor Meares, whose teaching and research interests focus on criminal procedure and criminal law policy, spoke on issues of how crime prevention and community capacity building are concertedly interdisciplinary and reflect a civil society approach to law enforcement that builds upon the interaction between law, culture, social norms, and social organization.

Meares reminded the audience of the need to carefully balance liberty and order, as Jackson himself so often did. Jackson famously stated in *Terminiello v. Chicago* that, "...the choice is not between order and liberty. It is between liberty with order and anarchy without either." Jackson's highest ideals included free speech and educated discussion, upon which democracy was built. Professor Meares evoked the same sense of balance, level-headedness, and candor that is necessary for an open dialogue of critical issues.



CLE opportunities. This fall's CLE topic was "Seeking the Truth: Scandals and Conspiracies." The seminar included, "Estate Planning Strategies Today," presented by Dana S. Kubiak, Divisional Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Northwest Wealth Management in Erie, PA, Jeffrey G. Evans, Employee Benefits Consultant at Northwest in Erie, PA, and Kameron Brooks, Esq., a member of the law firm of Brooks and Brooks in Little Valley, NY; an interview by Gregory L. Peterson, Esq., with Charles Fountain, author of "The Betrayal: The 1919 World Series and the Birth of Modern Baseball," which tells the engaging history of baseball's White Sox scandal and how it changed the way American baseball was both managed and perceived; FBI agent Brent Isaacson provided a riveting and exclusive (audience only) presentation, preceded by an interview with attorney Greg Peterson, that profiled the science and research on active shooters. The program concluded with a luncheon interview featuring 3X Stanley Cup winner Craig Muni.

## JACKSON STATUE IS REDEDICATED

In 1996, dignitaries gathered to dedicate an 8 ft. bronze statue of Robert H. Jackson to the City of Jamestown. The statue, by sculptor Dexter Benedict, was unveiled and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor gave the keynote speech. At the dedication, Justice O'Connor shared her reflections on the importance of Justice Jackson to the Supreme Court and to the world as Chief U.S. Prosecutor of major Nazi war criminals in Nuremberg. She ended her keynote address with these remarks:

"Justice Jackson knew education was not the formal years of study, but a lifelong process. With your statue of this great man you will help everyone who sees it to further his or her own inspiration and his or her own self-improvement. Congratulations to Jamestown."

In 2016, the Jackson Center committed to re-invigorate the statue's identification with Justice Jackson and all that he signifies to the City of Jamestown, the nation and the world by moving it to the Jackson Center. The statue enhances the downtown streetscape and creates an impressive 'beacon', attracting visitors to a place of distinction that is uniquely dedicated to the living legacy of Justice Jackson.



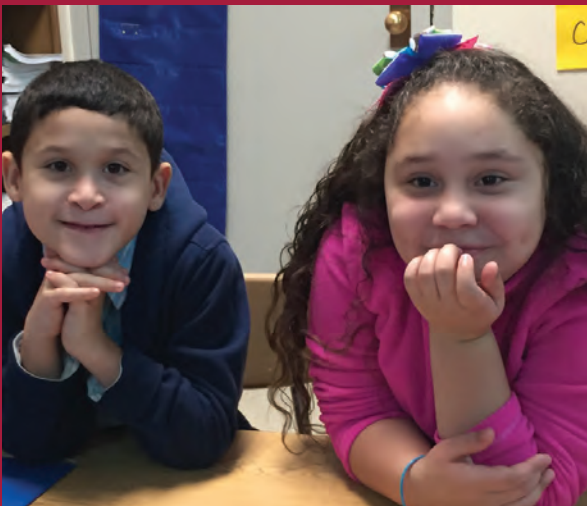
## Continuing Legal Education: It's For Everyone!

On Tuesday, October 11, the Jackson Center continued its tradition, begun in 2003, of offering unique, dynamic, and practical

## "Keep the Balance" Project

We are pleased to announce a new educational program, entitled "Keep the Balance." The program was made possible by a grant from the Holmberg Foundation of Jamestown, NY. This past summer, RHJC 2016 Teacher Fellow, Kiersten Hansen worked with center staff to develop a new elementary school curriculum for Grades 2, 3, and 4. The program introduces children to the symbol of the scales of justice

and what it represents, and explores how balance and equality are two of the most important building blocks for a healthy classroom, community, and world.



Ms. Hansen, an ESL/ELA teacher at Love Elementary School in Jamestown, NY, is teaching "Keep the Balance" in her classes this fall. The curriculum will be available on our website. The Jackson Center will train volunteers to teach the curriculum, so that we can offer it as a workshop to schools and organizations. "Keep the Balance" has five goals: communicate the inspiring story of Robert H. Jackson's life; raise awareness about the Robert H. Jackson Center and our programs and opportunities; teach what the scales of justice represent and how balance and equality in our society is vitally important; create an educational program that reaches elementary age children; and create collaboration between community organizations.

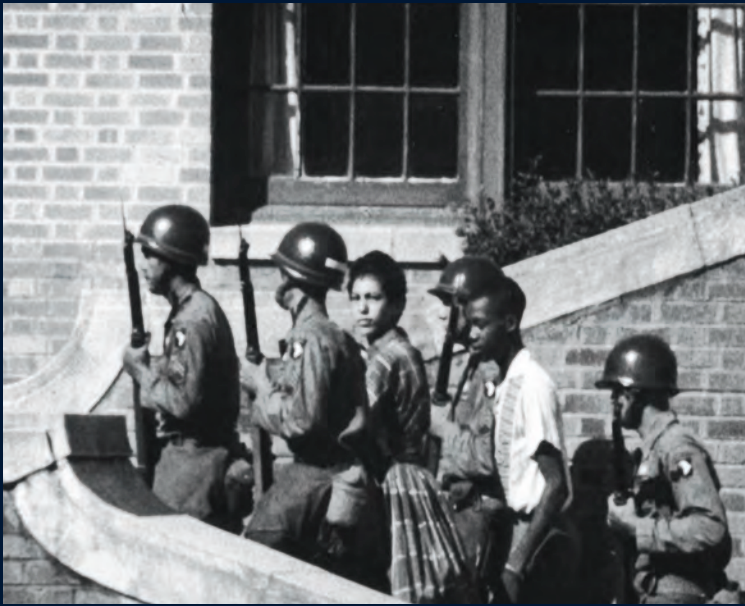


## Happy 125th Birthday!

February 11, 2017 is the 125th anniversary of Robert H. Jackson's birth. Robert was born on a cold snowy day in Spring Creek, PA in the farmhouse that his great-grandfather built near the Brokenstraw Creek, that flows into Spring Creek. On that Saturday in 1892 deep snowdrifts covered the farm. Early in the morning, Angelina Houghwot Jackson was in labor and her husband William Eldred Jackson went out to the barn, hitched horses to a sleigh and set out to the home of a female relative to get help for Lina. He then traveled another six miles to fetch the local doctor, M.H. Christie. During the coming year, the center will celebrate Jackson's 125th birthday.



# 2017 YOUNG READERS PROGRAM FEATURES ONE OF THE "LITTLE ROCK NINE" CARLOTTA WALLS LANIER



The 13th Annual Young Readers Program will feature author Carlotta Walls Lanier. Ms. Lanier's book, "A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School" is part of the NYS 8th grade ELA Curriculum. The book is Carlotta's story about the integration of Little Rock in 1957, and the journey she and her classmates had to take to challenge prevailing attitudes, break down barriers, and change the landscape of America. The 2017 program is scheduled for May 23, and includes a statewide essay contest sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Law, Youth, & Citizenship Program. Event and registration info, along with essay contest details will be available on [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org).

"I believe that Robert H. Jackson's story is an exceptional illustration of the very best in humanity."



We welcome Ali Johnson as our new Administrative Assistant. Ali comes to us most recently from LawNY, Inc. where she provided administrative support for its large corporate staff in collaboration with six agency offices. She developed and implemented procedures, practices, and protocols and provided customer service to clients and advocates. Prior to LawNY, Ali's professional experience as a speech and language therapist, teacher, and retail merchandise manager developed additional skills in analysis and assessment, team goal setting and implementation of best practices, classroom management, academic instruction, planning and supervision of daily operations. Ali has already begun contributing her knowledge of event planning and social media promotion and she promises to be a big asset to our overall marketing and communications efforts. Ali has an M.S., Special Education from Mercyhurst College and a B.S., Education, Speech and Language Disabilities from SUNY Fredonia. She is involved in the local community and committed to the Jamestown area and Chautauqua County region.

## CUMMINS, INC. JAMESTOWN ENGINE PLANT PROVIDED PRICELESS VOLUNTEER HOURS



THANK YOU!

# ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



The Robert H. Jackson Center is pleased to announce that David Tolbert of NYC, Tom Tupitza of Erie, PA, and Dr. Paul Williams of Washington D.C., will serve as Robert H. Jackson Center Ambassadors. Jackson Center ambassadors liaise between the center and a broad audience of constituents, prospective donors, and potential partners in major metropolitan cities outside of the Chautauqua County region. Ambassadors serve to introduce a national audience to Justice Jackson's life and legacy, and to the range of programming and events the Jackson Center offers in Jamestown, NY and elsewhere. Each ambassador hosts an annual event to stimulate interest in Justice Jackson, his relevance to current issues and the importance of the center's work in keeping that legacy alive.

## JOIN OUR BENCH CIRCLE



The desire to be surrounded by a caring circle of supporters is universal. For the Jackson Center, it is not only desirable, but crucial to our sustainability as a non profit. That is why we are so grateful for our Bench Circle donors.

The Bench Circle is comprised of supporters who commit to making a monthly, recurring gift to the Jackson Center. With these sustained gifts, the Jackson Center gains dependable funding to support its vision of a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness and justice prevail. For more information on how to join the Bench Circle, visit [roberthjackson.org/support](http://roberthjackson.org/support).

## GIFTS TO ENDOWMENT

The Jackson Center is a non profit dependent upon philanthropic support. In addition to annual fund contributions, our endowment fund provides an "annual payout" in support of the Jackson Center.

Our endowment fund was established to provide general support for the Jackson Center and its operations. The first gift to this fund was \$100 received on March 20, 2001. Since then, over 75 additional gifts have been made to this fund. The endowment fund balance was \$ 35,691 at 12/31/2015, with a payout for 2015 of \$1,359. The fund is held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF), which manages investments, reporting, and payout to the Jackson Center. In addition, 19 designated endowment funds have been established through CRCF for the benefit of the Jackson Center. Most have designated purposes other than general operating support, such as a particular program interest. The total market value at 12/31/15 for the entire array of endowment funds benefitting the Jackson Center was just under \$850,000, and the total payout for 2015 was \$25,216.

Please consider making a gift to the Robert H. Jackson Center, Inc. Endowment Fund at [crcfonline.org/product/robert-h-jackson-center-inc-endowment-fund](http://crcfonline.org/product/robert-h-jackson-center-inc-endowment-fund).

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# EVENTS

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11/29

## GIVING TUESDAY

THE ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER IS PARTICIPATING IN #GIVINGTUESDAY, A GLOBAL DAY DEDICATED TO GIVING. THE CENTER HAS JOINED THE MOVEMENT WITH OUR #RHJCNW125 DRIVE! IT'S OUR GOAL TO ADD 125 NEW GIFTS TO THE JACKSON CENTER IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. JACKSON'S 125TH BIRTHDAY!

#RHJCNW125

12/3

## STORYTIME AT THE CENTER

JOIN IN OUR DECEMBER 3RD "READ-IN" — A FUN WAY TO LEARN ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT OF THE U.S. FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AND READINGS OF "MARSHALL THE COURTHOUSE MOUSE: A TAIL OF THE SUPREME COURT"

2-4 PM

#RHJCREADIN

12/10

## SKATE WITH US

NORTHWEST ARENA WILL DONATE A PORTION OF THEIR PUBLIC SKATE PROCEEDS TO THE ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER. VISIT THE JACKSON CENTER TABLE IN THE ARENA LOBBY DURING THE PUBLIC SKATE & ENTER A RAFFLE TO WIN A GIFT BASKET!

7:30-9:30 PM

#SKATEFORRHJC

1/21

## DOORS OPEN JAMESTOWN

VISIT THE JACKSON CENTER DURING DOORS OPEN TO SEE THE NEW EXHIBIT, "KEEP THE BALANCE," A DISPLAY ABOUT ROBERT H. JACKSON'S ELOQUENT WRITING ON BALANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND JUSTICE ACCOMPANIED BY STUDENT WORK FROM THE "KEEP THE BALANCE" PROJECT

10-5 PM

#RHJCKEETHEBALANCE

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mike Danielson is originally from Massachusetts and moved to Lakewood, NY with his wife, Kathy, and two daughters in 1984. He worked in manufacturing and then changed careers and became a consultant. After retirement, he sought out a volunteer opportunity in the community and started at RHJC four years ago. Mike is at the center Thursdays from 10-2, and by special request for group tours and center programs. Mike is a history buff, and enjoys sharing information he has learned about Justice Jackson with new people. For information about volunteer opportunities, contact the Jackson Center at 716.483.6646 or [info@roberthjackson.org](mailto:info@roberthjackson.org).



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