



HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR THE HON. KIM C. BEAZLEY, AC,  
OUR HOST FOR THE EVENING.

*Few people have done so much to actively support the function and prestige of the Order of Australia as Kim Christian Beazley, and no-one has acted so strongly to support the role of the Order and The Order of Australia Association in North America. Ambassador Kim Beazley has understood the great function of the Order in not only rewarding Australians for their contributions to the Nation, but also in helping as a great diplomatic instrument to cement Australia's friendships with key allies around the world.*

*The Order of Australia Association - North American Group wishes to thank the Ambassador and his wife, Susie Annus, for their unstinting support of its activities and for Ambassador Beazley's profound contribution to Australia-US relations.*

*We thank Kim and Susie for their gracious hospitality, friendship, and service, and wish them the Best of Fortune as they return home.*

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*The Farewell  
Vice-Patron's Dinner  
for  
The Order of Australia Association  
North American Group*

GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY  
*His Excellency the Hon. Kim C. Beazley, AC*  
AMBASSADOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HONOURARY VICE-PATRON, ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION  
NORTH AMERICAN GROUP  
*and Ms Susie Annus*

*Washington, DC, December 16, 2015*



## *The Order of Australia*

The Order of Australia, instituted by Her Majesty The Queen of Australia on February 14, 1975, was established as “an Australian society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service”.

## *The Order of Australia Association*

The Order of Australia Association, founded in Canberra on Australia Day, January 26, 1980, is an incorporated Association of recipients of awards in the Order of Australia.

The Association has branches in each State and Territory in Australia, and in the United Kingdom and North America.

The national body and each branch or group undertakes activities in support of the community and social activities for its members. Membership is in the National Association, but, for administrative and participation purposes, members may choose to belong to a particular state or territory gathering, an overseas branch, or a regional group.

The North American Group was founded in 2010 to bring together the geographically dispersed recipients of honours in the Order who live in the United States, Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean states. His Excellency, the Governor-General of Australia, as Patron of The OAA, is Honorary Patron of the North American Group, and

His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador to the United States, kindly consented to act as our Vice-Patron.



## *The Farewell Vice-Patron's Dinner for The Order of Australia Association North American Group*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE  
AMBASSADOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
3120 CLEVELAND AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20008.

## *The Programme*

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE AMBASSADOR,  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE KIM BEAZLEY, AC,  
HONOURARY VICE-PATRON OF THE OAA NORTH AMERICAN GROUP, 2010-2015

RESPONSE AND THANKS  
GREGORY R. COPLEY, AM, GCHT\*, FRCS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION  
NORTH AMERICAN GROUP

DINNER  
THE TOAST TO AUSTRALIA AND OUR HOST NATIONS  
THE TOAST TO THE ASSOCIATION

