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Ms. Hilary Pearson and Mr. Hershell Ezrin.*

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United Nations Association in Canada

2006 Gala Dinner

to honour

Mr. Geoffrey A. H. Pearson, O.C.

Dinner Hosts

Hershell Ezrin

and

Hilary Pearson

*Wednesday March 8
Panorama Room
National Arts Centre,
Ottawa*

❧ Menu ❧

❧ Evening Programme ❧

Welcome
Nancy Gordon
National President
United Nations Association in Canada
and introduction of
Hershell Ezrin
Gala Host



Pearson Family Remarks
Hilary Pearson



On Behalf of Former Colleagues at Foreign
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Organisations
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Response
Geoffrey A.H. Pearson, O.C.



Freshly made Ontario Fiore de Latte cheese and
oven-reduced tomatoes served with extra virgin olive
oil, shallots and black pepper over mixed seasonal
greens



Pacific salmon with a Marbled Red Pepper and
Saffron Sauce



Seasonal fresh fruit tarts with Chantilly Cream



Coffee or Tea



Kittling Ridge Chardonnay, VQA, Ontario
Kittling Ridge Cabernet, VQA, Ontario





Geoffrey Pearson's life has been centred in international service and a firm commitment to those values Canadians place at the core of our communal being. Long a respected member of Canada's diplomatic corps, with appointments in Paris, Mexico City and New Delhi, his final appointment was as Ambassador to the then USSR. After a short appointment as Special Representative of the Prime Minister for arms control, he left the diplomatic service in 1985 to found the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, which he oversaw for six years.

Retirement has been a time of continuing service in support of a number of non-governmental organizations dedicated to the same values which underscored his professional life. Those have included the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the International Centre for Human Rights & Democratic Development); Peacefund Canada and the Group of 78 and UNA-Canada. He has maintained an active interest in the life of the Pearson College of the Pacific and has written about his father (Lester B. Pearson) and his father's legacy with clarity and pride. He has always taken pleasure in mentoring young Canadians who wish to understand and follow in similar footsteps of service.