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Welcome to this 42nd New England Circle, another in a series of these gatherings inaugurated here in this hotel more than a decade ago.

As it has been since that February evening in 1974, our purpose has remained steadfast: to provide a forum for the discussion of social, political, educational and literary topics that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation, and our world.

The Circle's genesis goes back to the Nineteenth Century when Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Charles Dickens and other literary lions of the day gathered regularly at the Parker House for meetings of the Saturday Club. Their lively exchanges of opinion and ideas in a hospitable and informal setting are traditions that continue to shape today's Circles: private, non-profit gatherings that have welcomed more than 1700 members from every corner of the region. From the start, this setting has encouraged spirited and open exchanges between discussion leaders and every Circle guest.

This evening's discussion leaders are Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, the 39th President of the United States and the First Lady. It is especially appropriate and fortuitous that they can both be here this evening, for ever since their marriage 40 years ago they have been working as a team while, at the same time, they have each established their individual identities.

Parents of four children, and grandparents of four more, the Carters are each authors of best-selling autobiographies, each world travelers and sought-after speakers, and each committed to the cause of human rights. This commitment is global, and has taken them tens of thousands of miles in defense of those rights, wherever they are threatened.

Jimmy Carter helped bring peace to the Middle East as President, and as a former President, he has founded the Carter Center of Emory University, a permanent policy center for addressing vital world issues through non-partisan study and consultation. As First Lady, Rosalynn Carter was honored by many organizations for her work on finding ways to improve the care and treatment of the mentally ill; and as Rosalynn Carter, she is on the board of Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds homes for the needy here in America and in under-developed nations.

The work they began 40 years ago continues. Please welcome Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter to this, our 42nd New England Circle.

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