



SUNNYLANDS

Frequently Asked Questions During Tours

Purpose

This document is a compilation of answers to questions about Sunnylands and the Annenbergs. The answers should only include information presented in a way that can be shared with the public. Many of the answers are followed by the initials of a Sunnylands staff member, a website link, or the title of a book. These are references to how the answers were found. This document will continue to grow to include more questions as they arise and more references that serve as proof for the answers. Please contribute to this document by submitting questions, answers, references, corrections, and discussions. Feel free to type your new questions at the bottom of this document. If you submit answers or edit answers, please also include a reference and your initials so we know who this information is coming from.

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Entry Court

Does the Mexican Column recirculate the water that pours over the edges? Do we plan to use recycled/treated water in the water features? Yes, the water features recirculate the water using pump in their basins. Well water is supplied to the Mexican Column from lake one. We would love to use recycled/treated water, but the Coachella Valley Water District has not run the supply lines for that water in our area yet. The Center is also plumbed to receive it, but the water district cannot supply it yet. (MR)

Of what material is the Mexican Column made? The Mexican Column is a bronze veneer anchored to a concrete column topped with a fiberglass bowl. (PastPerfect database)

What does the atomic image/ nuclear symbol on the Mexican Column represent? In the words of a pamphlet about the Mexican Column that the Annenbergs provided to guests, the atomic image “[expresses] the scientific and technical progress of the modern world, which should serve the well-being of mankind.” (pamphlet in Department of Collections)

Why do the lava stone planters containing grapefruit trees at the front entrance look different than the lava stone on the outside of the historic house? The original planters at the front of the house were replaced due to root damage to the planter and age. The new lava stone used on the planters came from Utah and the older lava stone, original to the 1966 design, was quarried from Mexico. (UNK)

What is the name of the white, pebbled ground surface of the circular entry court of the main house? Inlaid aggregate or white pebbled aggregate pavement finish. (Cultural Landscape Framework Plan / CMG, and MR)

Atrium

How high are the ceilings? From marble floor to the bottom of the coffers measures to approximately 11 feet. (KD)

Has there always been such a large crack (revealing daylight) at the jamb between the front doors? There are gaps between the two doors and at the jambs. There is weather stripping there which we replace every few years, but with the amount of traffic they get, it becomes a maintenance issue. Also those are very large wooden doors and they are subject to a lot of expansion and contraction depending on the temperature and humidity indoors and outside. These factors make it difficult to keep them adjusted properly. We also see this problem with the door to the president’s office (in the hall outside the Room of Memories). (MR)

Why are there so many game tables in the atrium? Did the Annenbergs play cards? How were the two game tables in the atrium used? The Annenbergs were active bridge and backgammon players. (MC) In the archive, we have photographs of the Annenbergs playing cards at these and other game tables. (2012.1.6550(4) and 2012.1.6538) These tables are now sometimes used by retreat staff during high-level retreats for signing photo release forms, signing the guest book, and to hold refreshments. (KD)

Where is the other proof of Rodin's *Eve* located (since ours is the second)? Were any of the other *Eves* melted down? Where is *Adam*? The first proof of *Eve* was sold to a private collector soon after completion. According to the Rodin Museum website, “Large numbers of this statue were produced in bronze, marble and terracotta.” It is unknown how many castings there have been of *Adam* for which the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York owns the original cast.

<http://www.musee-rodin.fr/en/collections/sculptures/eve>

It is from the catalog raisonné of Rodin's works that we learn of the story of Henri Duhem burying *Eve* in his garden, fearing the possibility that the sculpture could be looted and melted. Research is ongoing as to what other sculptures may have befallen this fate during WWI. As of now, archival staff members are unaware if any other sculptures were melted for use of their metal during WWI, though from Wikipedia, we do read of two frescoes by Gianbattista Tiepolo being destroyed during WWI. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lost_artworks

Tell us about the bromeliads on display in the atrium. How long do they bloom? How large is the planter that is filled with bromeliads? How many bromeliads are there? Do we throw the bromeliads away after they stop blooming?

In the atrium, you see 300 blooming bromeliads, specifically *Aechmea fasciata*. Except in rare occasions, bromeliads flower only once for three or more months. <http://www.bsi.org/new/frequently-asked-questions/> We buy our bromeliads from Rice Canyon Tropicals. We have a standing order for 80 bromeliads every two weeks that get changed out as needed. When the blooms diminish, our bromeliads are composted as green waste. (DK) During the Annenberg residence, horticulturist Dan Lewis installed at least 400 bromeliads three times during the six-month season (every two months). (Hillmann & Carr, Kiosk 2) The exterior of the bromeliad planter is 18 feet on each side. (KD)

Can you tell us anything about the silver ducks on the game tables at the entrance? They were always filled with pink carnations that matched the marble floors. (MC) The underside is signed by Tane, a high-end silver company in Mexico. (KD)

Tell us about the small sculpture on the coffee table on the right-hand side of the entrance into the main house. Per Wallis' assistant, this bronze with a green patina was a gift to the Annenbergs from Wallis Annenberg. We believe it to be a bronze figure by the artist Francisco Zúñiga. Research is ongoing. (AR)

Are the mirrors on the walls in the atrium original to the 1966 construction? Research is ongoing. The mirrors were likely added when Harry Saunders and Ted Graber designed the Steuben cases in the gallery hall in 1972 or when the Atrium was altered in 1984. ("Atrium" Harry Saunders, 2014.2.1)

What are the names of the plants next to *Demeter* and *Classique*? Pink bromeliads (*Aechmea fasciata*) and Seifrizii palms. (DK)

How large are the pink marble floor tiles? The pink marble tiles are 2x2 feet. (KD)

Room of Memories

How did the Annenbergs spend their time in the Room of Memories? The Annenbergs enjoyed entertaining their friends in the Room of Memories for cocktails and conversation. They stored their books in the Room of Memories and occasionally watched television in that space. (MC) There is a photo in the archive of New Year's weekend guests—including the Reagans—watching what the house manager says was the Rose Bowl. (2009.1.6703)

Who are the people pictured in the oval frames at the top of the wall on the left in the Room of Memories? What does the cylindrical hat on the man in the middle symbolize? Walter's grandparents: Sheva/Sarah and Tobias (*The Annenbergs*, Cooney), and possibly his great grandmother Leah Pison (Legacy, Ogden). They were Jewish. The hat shape has not been researched as of this date.

Who did the needlepoint "W.A." pillow in the Room of Memories? Needlepoint pillows throughout the house were sometimes gifts from guests. Per Ted Graber's nephew, Tim Graber, we know that Ted Graber may have made the needle-point pillow in the Room of Memories. (AR) A letter in the archive hints that the W.A. pillow may have been a gift from Graber for Walter's 70th birthday. (2009.1.3929) According to Annenberg staff, "The pillow was given by Mr. Graber." (MC)

Please describe the panoramic group photograph on the west wall in the Room of Memories. At the time the photo was taken, Moses was the successful publisher of the *Wisconsin News*, defeating or merging with other newspapers, increasing circulation, and doubling the pay of his employees. According to Ogden's *Legacy*, "In summer, he hosted picnics for the entire staff. One year, the advertising staff was so large that the photographer needed two shots to fit everyone in the panoramic group photo. Moses stood in one end of the group for the first frame, then ran to the other end to pose with the others. When the photographer spliced the negatives together, there was Moses in both places. It was a fair metaphor for a man moving as fast as Moses..." (Ogden, 73)

What type of outfit is Walter wearing in the Andrew Wyeth painting? When asked about his ensemble, Walter replied, "Ha! And wanted me to wear his fencing jacket but I'm a bit too beefy in the chest and shoulders for it to fit. So instead I am wearing, of all things, a choir robe. Visiting the Ely Cathedral in East Anglia, I was most impressed with the cut and color of the chorister's robes." ("The Annenberg Collection: A very Private Preview" *Main Line Community* magazine. 1989.) According to an article in the Los Angeles Times, "Mrs. Annenberg ventured to say that the expression was too hard. "There is nothing of the cream puff about Walter," said Andrew Wyeth, and the painting stayed the way it was." Russell, John. "Clothes Make the Man." *Los Angeles Times* 19 Jan. 1986: Web: http://articles.latimes.com/1986-01-19/magazine/tm-1516_1_andrew-wyeth

Why is there an entire wall dedicated to Walter's relatives and family, and yet, no wall dedicated to Leonore's family? The family photos are installed as the Annenbergs originally placed them. Given the Annenberg attention to detail, no photo placement would ever be an afterthought. Whether Walter had more access to historic photos of his ancestors than Leonore who was raised by an aunt and uncle resulting in a perceived imbalance in representation is unknown. (AR) And/or Walter was committed to honoring his family and heritage. Perhaps this is a very personal example of his lifelong interest in the Annenberg reputation. (JL)

Are the acrylic picture frames in the Room of Memories original? A guest mentioned "They are very 70s". Yes, the Annenbergs used acrylic frames originally. The frames probably look "very 70s" because the Room of Memories was created during the 1970s. (2014.2.1)

What company manufactured the eagles on the red leather table on the left hand side of the Room of Memories? The two baby eaglets are clearly marked with Boehm signatures. The larger adult eagle is made by Kaiser-Porzellan. We believe the large eagle was a gift from the president of Invest in America, Louis G. Milione (as indicated on the base plaque). There is a misspelling on the plaque—a reason to avoid drawing attention to it. The piece does have an interesting story. In 1982, a limited edition of 200 was created. Number one was presented to U.S. President Ronald Reagan on and number 47 was given to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. <http://www.kaiser-porzellan.de/en/left/Kaiser-Porzellan-1-1/>

What is the reddish brown Asian box on the center table in the Room of Memories and what is its significance? It is an early 18th century cinnabar lacquer ware quatrelobed box. It is carved with a pine bough filled landscape incorporating figures and pagodas. Boxes are known as "cinnabar" given their brilliant red color that refers back to a time when they were colored by the mineral of the same name which colors the red you see in a mercury thermometer. It is highly toxic. This process is no longer used but they are still referred to as cinnabar when the same color is used. (UNK)

<http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2009/cinnabar>

<http://www.realorrepro.com/article/Cinnabar>

What does the patriotic bowl on the red leather table of the right/east side of the Room of Memories represent? The large bowl on the East table was presented by the Reagans and commemorates President Reagan's years in office. The manufacturer is Mottahedeh and the piece was made in China. (AR)

What is the story behind the Statue of Liberty plaque on the floor in the Room of Memories? The relief by Sherman O. Strand commemorates the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, showing a bust of the statue above the inscription Liberty. (Sotheby's appraisal, 2014)

Who is the woman in red in a photograph with Leonore on the right/east side of the Room of Memories? The photo of two blonde ladies wearing red clothes depicts Leonore Annenberg and one of her best friends, Harriet Deutsch. Leonore met Harriet when she attended Stanford and Harriet attended UCLA, also known as University of California, Los Angeles. It was also at a cocktail party with Harriet that Leonore met Walter. (MC)

Why is there a photograph of Walter in Adolf Hitler's bunker? According to Legacy, after the war had ended in Japan in August 1945, Walter traveled to Germany, Austria, France, and England for two months to write a piece for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. He was escorted by military to former war zones, to Hitler's bunker, to a prison holding Nazis, and to displacement camps where he spoke with victims of war. The photo of Walter was taken in the 20 by 50 foot window of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Bavarian Mountain retreat. (Ogden, 296)

What books are stacked in the upper shelves on the Wyeth side of the Room? The stacked volumes include volumes of *World Book*, *Harvard Classics*, *Author's Digest*, and *Britannica*.

What is the story behind the Annenbergs' gift to the White House of the 1767 portrait of Benjamin Franklin by David Martin? In what room of the White House is this painting displayed? This painting was an important portrait and when Jacqueline Kennedy was collecting antiques for the White House, she learned it was in the Annenbergs' possession. She wrote a letter (2009.1.378) to Walter asking him to consider giving it to the White House, but Walter also loved his painting which hung in the Inwood residence. Jacqueline Kennedy was determined to have this painting and personally called Walter to convince him to give the painting to the White House and the Nation. Walter, having received letters and personal calls from the first lady and as a loyal and devoted American, granted her request, and he paid for the shipping and security of the painting to the White House. Walter loved to tell this story of Jacqueline Kennedy talking him into giving this painting to the White House. It was worth \$200,000 at the time. (MC) The Annenberg-donated 1767 portrait of Benjamin Franklin by David Martin hangs in the Green Room above a mantel. According to White House staff, an art light fixture, which Mrs. Annenberg insisted on, is still in place above the painting. (AR) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house/rooms>

Why are there no photographs of Jackie Kennedy at Sunnylands? The photos on view are the photos the Annenbergs installed themselves. How they chose where and whose photos they wanted to surround themselves with is only known to them. (UNK)

Tell us about the Lalique crystal fish. The Lalique crystal double fish sculpture in the Room of Memories was a gift from Carol and Charles Price. Charles served as the ambassador to Britain and to Belgium during the Reagan administration. The double fish motif represents the zodiac sign of Pisces. Born on February 20 and March 13, both Leonore and Walter were Pisces. Look carefully and you will see other Pisces figures in the main house: there is another in the room of memories and two in the Annenberg Suite/dressing room. (KD)

What does the model building on the shelf on the right/east side of the Room of Memories represent? It is a model of Raleigh Tavern from a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, purchased from the gift shop. (MC) The bottom Reads: "Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg, VA, © 1983, Tru & Marlene Whiting. (KD) Important events that took place at the Raleigh Tavern include visits by Thomas Jefferson and George Washington and the non-importation association made in reaction to the Townshend Acts. <http://www.history.org/almanack/places/hb/hbral.cfm> Another item associated with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is the Churchill Bell Award on the west side of the room, which the Annenbergs received at the Colonial Williamsburg. (2009.1.1944)

What type of wood flooring is in the Room of Memories? Oak laminate. (MR)

What type of wood is on the walls and shelves in the Room of Memories? Quarter sawn oak. (MR)

Of what type of material are the red table tops in the Room of Memories (also on game tables, etc.)? Leather.

Of what material are the sofas in the Room of Memories made of? Thai silk.

Did the Annenbergs have to reupholster their furnishings? Yes. (Operations Documents reupholstery summer projects files)

What do we know about the mortar casing on top of the television in the Room of Memories? This mortar casing is from a 21-gun salute that was fired the day (January 21, 1985) that Reagan was inaugurated as president for his second term. The 21-gun salute in the United States is a military ceremonial gesture reserved for heads of state. That Reagan gave Walter the 15th round of his 21-gun salute might speak to the level of support that Reagan perceived from Walter's friendship. (Reagan Mortar Casing fact sheet)

What is the Annenberg connection to the hircocervus known as "The Trusty Servant" vessel / cream jug? The vessel decorated with the hircocervus may be evidence of an Annenberg connection to Winchester College (the "Trusty Servant" is the mascot). An image of "The Trusty Servant" is also displayed in the men's locker room. The Annenbergs owned a book titled *Winchester College* by John D'Ewes Firth (1900-1957) which is signed and inscribed. A letter from the Bursar of Winchester College indicates that the Annenbergs donated money to the school. Perhaps the items were a gift. (2009.1.000378) It is interesting to note also that Walter held an honorific at a rival school called Eton, where he funded an Annenberg Fellowship. (2009.1.3516)

Room of Memories hall

What type of wood is used on the floor in the Room of Memories hallway? It appears to be a laminated gothic oak plank. (Specification Manual, 2009.1.4107, Hardwood Flooring. Section 6C)

How long does *repoussé* take to execute? The time it took to make the Indian silver door is not yet known to the archives staff. Research is ongoing. (KD)

There are doors that blend in with the walls in the hallway leading to the Annenberg Suite. What rooms are behind those doors? The secretaries' office, Walter's office, and Walter's dressing room. Opposite of the east wall in the Room of Memories was a two-car garage (now a retreat office). These parts of the house are not shown during tours because they are being used as retreat offices.

Is there anything behind the two doors in the hallway that close off the hallway (they are not paneled with wood like the others)? Those open to close off the Annenberg Suite and there is simply a wall behind them. You will notice a slot in the middle of the hallway where those doors meet. (KD)

Tell us about the door hinges on the wood-paneled doors of the office hallway? Doors in the hallway are decorated with wood paneling that cause them to blend in with the wood paneled walls. The door hinges are concealed hinges known as Soss hinges (pronounced "sauce"). (MR)

What did the Romare Bearden collage mean to the Annenbergs? To Walter, this piece was important and he used it on the cover of *TV Guide* when *Roots* aired on television. Walter said *Roots* carried a message for the general public. (MC)

Annenberg Suite

Did the Annenbergs have a queen-size or king-size mattress? The Annenberg master bed is six feet wide by 84 inches long (and 93 inches including the headboard). These are the dimensions of a California King-sized bed. (KD)

Where is the Annenberg birdhouse now? Why is it not on display? The birdhouse, a gift from Walter's niece Cynthia Hazen Polsky (MC), is in archival storage. It may be reinstalled in the future. In early documents we see that

Walter also toyed with the idea of having a bird aviary at Sunnylands. He was a true bird watcher. (AR and architectural drawings)

There are speakers in the ceiling above the bed. Did they wire to the bird house? No. The speakers above the bed were connected to the sound system that distributed music throughout the house. The bird house was only wired to speakers in Walter's dressing room. (MC)

Tell us the small enamel boxes. Leonore collected small enamel boxes manufactured by various companies such as Limoges and Battersea. Her friends, who knew she liked to collect these petite boxes, sometimes gave them to her as gifts. (MC) Some of them are inscribed on the interior with personal messages. (KD) Leonore also occasionally gave enamel boxes to guests at Sunnylands. Halcyon Days made the Sunnylands enamel box which has the Sunnylands sun emblem painted on the cover. (2009.1.4324)

Did the Annenbergs have a TV in the master bedroom? The television set was not originally installed as a permanent fixture in the bedroom. Rather, the TVs were kept on beautiful rolling carts and easily rolled out of sight. (MC) Later in life, archives records reveal that Leonore had a hide-a-way television set anchored to the bed and, when not in use, mechanically tucked itself under the bed. (2009.1.4385, Summer Projects 2005)

What are the two buttons on the night stands for in the Annenberg Suite? There are two different types of buttons on the side tables. One type of button controls the lamps on the night stands. Buttons resembling door bells connect to the early communication device installed in the kitchen. For efficiency, the Annenbergs often used telephones to contact staff extension lines throughout the house. (MC)

We have heard stories that Leonore had a distaste for desert plants. Did Walter like desert plants? Either way, why did he plant a succulent garden right outside the bedroom if Leonore disliked desert plants? The desert garden is a memorial garden for Walter's mother who enjoyed desert plantings and who died during Sunnylands' construction.

Can we tell any specific stories about the details on Chinese vases used on lamps that are in the Annenberg Suite and in the Royal Sitting Room? The vases have reliefs of different types of vessels on them. Would a vase decorated with vases have a symbolic meaning in Chinese culture? The lamps were created by William Haines out of Chinese vases. Care was taken to not drill into the vases but rather, an armature was built around the vase to support it as a lamp. Hence, these are sometimes in design circles referred to as armature lamps. The date of the vases is unknown at this time. (AR) Symbolic meanings of the images depicted on the vases are currently unknown. Research is ongoing (KD)

Who is the manufacturer of the crystal birds and apple on the table in the Annenberg Suite? The frosted crystal birds are made by Lalique and the apple with golden stem and leaf is made by Cartier. (Sotheby's appraisal, 2014)

Are the drapes in the Annenberg Suite powered? The drapes are powered by remote control but now we use mechanical screens that block out the light.

Is there a shower in Leonore's dressing room? There is no shower in Leonore's dressing room.

Is there a faux finish on the wood (the light-colored walls behind the bed) in the Annenberg Suite? The wood in the Annenberg Suite is a lightly sandblasted cedar. Haines and Graber painted over the wood but followed the grain. This is the reason the wood may appear to have a faux finish. (MR) According to the A. Quincy Jones room finish schedule, the wood boards were to be cut and fitted and sent out for another company to alter. (2009.1.1001 (12)) It is probable that this other company was the design firm William Haines Designs, Inc.

Where did Leonore store all of her gowns? Just inside the dressing room and behind the wall is a large, walk-in closet.

About how many gowns did Leonore own? How did she purchase her gowns? Leonore had several high class gowns. She worked with a representative from Neiman Marcus in Pennsylvania and one from Saks Fifth Avenue in California. The representative would arrive with racks of beautiful gowns. All her gowns were by designers such as Oscar de la Renta (who was sometimes a guest at Sunnylands), Christian Dior, Yves St. Laurent, Pierre Cardin, and Ralph Lauren. (MC)

Did Leonore like to wear a new gown for every occasion or do you think she would wear a gown multiple times? After wearing a special garment to an event, the outfit was labeled with the event name and date (for example, Eisenhower Memorial Hospital dinner, December 1971). This task was assigned to Leonore's personal maid so that Leonore would not wear the same gown to the same or similar events. (MC) We do have photos of Leonore wearing a specific outfit on more than one occasion, so she did wear gowns more than once. (KD)

What happened to Leonore's clothes when she passed away? Do Leonore's daughters ever wear her gowns now? Some of her clothing, shoes, handbags and historic gowns were generously left to the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands. The Collections department is not privy to the details of the disposition of the rest of her clothing. (AR) According to Annenberg staff, the family was left with some of her gowns. These were high-fashion pieces designed to stand out and to be worn at major events. It is difficult to say if the daughters wear them. (MC)

Inwood Room

How large was the indoor pool? The indoor pool filled the Inwood Room. The partial walls (where Leonore Annenberg's portrait hangs) were not added until the room was converted into the Inwood Room. A sidewalk encircled the perimeter of the pool and shutters covered the walls of glass or could open to reveal the view. S:\PHOTOS - DIGITAL ONLY\ESTATE HOUSE, VISITOR CENTER AND GROUNDS\ESTATE HOUSE - Before Opening\Indoor Pool to Inwood Room 2007

There are holes and discoloration on the walls in the Inwood Room. What pieces were removed and for what reason? Two antique gilded wood eagle motif shelves holding Chinese antique vessels and other gilded wooden antique objects once displayed in the Inwood Room were removed. Due to years of flocculation in temperature and humidity, the piece became unstable. It was decided that some of the antiques need to be restored before being displayed. Until then, they will be stored in an archival environment. (KD)

Is the flooring in the Inwood Room old flooring? The wood flooring in the Inwood Room was chosen by Leonore and installed in 2007. It is solid wood oak flooring. The rest of the house is an early oak laminate. (MR)

Can you tell us anything about the crystal pieces in the Inwood Room? Sotheby's describes the ceiling fixture as a Baltic chandelier. Its ormolu (gilded bronze or gilded brass) frame is decorated with green and clear glass. The two candelabra on the green pedestals are George III English antiques featuring cut glass crystal and blue Wedgwood Jasperware. When we say, George III, generally we mean 18th century. The sconces are gilt metal and crystal in the George III style—we are not sure of authenticity of period. The standing pair of torchiere near the fireplace and on either side of the coromandel Chinese screen is George III as well. (AR)

What can you tell us about the jade flower arrangement in the corner of the Inwood Room? Sotheby's refers to this as a 20th century Chinese hardstone peony tree. The Annenbergs gave a similar piece to Margaret Thatcher as a gift in the 1980s. (2009.1.3091)

From a William Haines receipt folder, we read about a jade tree: "Jewel Peony Tree—Chinese; blossoms made of carnelian, rose quartz, lapis lazuli, amethyst; leaves and container are jade." This notation is on a page entitled, "Stair Hall." The tree described was purchased for use at Winfield House. Other objects now displayed at Sunnylands, such as the white porcelain Volkstead eagle, were once displayed at Winfield. (S:\VIDEOS\BBC WHA as Ambassador\VIDEO_TS) It is possible that the William Haines inventory folder is describing another similar

hardstone tree used at Winfield and not the one now on view at Sunnylands. Research is ongoing. (KD)

Are the drapes in the Inwood Room powered? Drapes in the Inwood Room are powered by remote control.

What is the significance of the carnation in the 1972 portrait of Leonore Annenberg by William Draper? There is no known significance of the carnation in the William Draper painting of Leonore Annenberg. Walter was very particular about which color carnation to wear on his coat for a special occasion. There is a photo in the archives of Leonore holding a red and pink carnation for him to choose from (2009.1.7757). The house manager recalls laying out a few different red carnations for Walter to choose from while living at Winfield. (MC)

How did Leonore spend time in the Inwood Room? Was the Inwood room used as a tea room? Did anyone play bridge at the game tables? The Inwood Room was designed in the later part of Leonore's life, and she loved to sit in there and look onto the grounds. The Inwood Room is very formal and not a tea room where one would have an English tea and gossip. (MC)

Tell us about the bird and bamboo wallpaper. The bird and bamboo wallpaper is similar to wallpaper that furnished the Inwood home. (2009.1.6587) It is likely made by a company called Gracie—research is ongoing. (KD) The portrait of Leonore Annenberg by William Draper features a similar bird and bamboo wallpaper. The green wallpaper seen in this painting was originally made for a 1794 Georgian country house called Townley Hall and later used at Winfield House by the Annenbergs during Walter's ambassadorial service. (MC)

Tell us about the white porcelain eagle. The Annenbergs chose the porcelain eagle to decorate the Winfield house (S:\VIDEOS\BBC WHA as Ambassador\VIDEO_TS) because it is a recognized symbol of the United States. (MC) It is made circa 1925 by the German porcelain company, Volkstedt, which at one time was considered a world-class porcelain company until the factory was bombed during World War II. The maker's mark is a cancelled crowned "FG" cipher mark in underglaze-blue. (Volkstedt eagle fact sheet)

What do we know about the large round bird table in the Inwood Room? This is an English table from the Regency period (early 19th century). The Chinese motif speaks to the popularity at that time for "exotic" Chinese themes, or *Chinoiserie*. Research is ongoing about details involving purchase. (AR)

Tell us about the mirrors in the Inwood Room on either side of the entrance to the enclosed portion of the Inwood Room. All four mirrors in the fireplace section of the Inwood Room are English, George III, circa third quarter of 18th century. The mirrors with candle holders are a type of elaborate lighting device also known as *girandoles*, [jeer-ann-dole]. These mirrors exemplify the European interest in Chinese-themed décor, which was very trendy at that time. The mirrors could be described as in the Chippendale style but we have no evidence they are by Thomas Chippendale. (AR)

Who bought the Pennsylvania home? Leonore sold the Inwood home in 2007 to the owner of the Philadelphia Eagles football team. (MC)

Was the remainder of furniture from Inwood sold? Was it given to the children? Was it put into storage? Furnishings from Inwood were distributed to Sunnylands and family. We are not aware of the details of how furnishings were distributed outside of what was sent to Sunnylands. (UNK)

Did the Annenbergs have a golf course at Inwood? The Annenbergs had a three-hole practice course at Inwood. (MC)

Did the Inwood home have colored guest rooms as well? Yes. The two guest rooms were colored: one green and one pink. (MC)

Did Moses Annenberg build or reside at the Inwood home before Walter? No. (MC)

Right when you walk out of the Inwood Room but before you pass the closet there are knobs on the wall. What are they for? Those are old light dimmers and no longer used. (MR)

Who did the needlepoint of the Winfield House? In the February 1974 *Vogue* magazine, Leonore stated that she asked the Royal School of Needlework to make it for her. The needlework artists were named Wendy Hogg and Ruby Assam. Leonore also said of this piece: “The view is of the back of the house with the Trellis looking over the garden. We had the border worked with our initials and the American seal. And with our favorite birds and flowers—on the left, the English bluejay and tit with cowslips and dog roses. On the right, the American flicker and cardinal, with black-eyed Susans and lupins.” (“Mrs. Annenberg has Winfield House in stitches.” *Vogue*. February 1974. Print. p. 92–93.)

Living Room

How were the silver boxes in the living room used and how did the Annenbergs acquire them? They are decorative boxes and the Annenbergs did not use them as storage (MC). Two of the boxes are 20th century decorative boxes purchased through Buccellati, a fine jewelry and silver company based in Italy. The zodiac box is composed of silver, ivory, and emerald. (Sotheby’s appraisal, 2014) It was purchased by the Annenbergs on a trip to Venice, Italy. The other is silver with a hard stone design and was a gift from one of Walter’s sisters (MC). The third box is an Italian parcel-gilt, or partial-gilt, silver box made by O. Rulli Chelleri. (Sotheby’s appraisal, 2014)

Did the Annenbergs ever use the jade boxes on the tables in the living room? If so, what were they used for? At one time they were used for cigarettes, but when smoking went out of vogue, they remained empty. (MC)

What was the hexagonal table in the living room used for? This table held a collection of valuable objects including Boucheron giraffes, Steuben glass, Cartier clocks, and Bulgari birds. (Sotheby’s Appraisal, 2014) Guests occasionally sat at the table—especially during large engagements such as New Year’s Eve. (2009.1.5452) According to Annenberg staff, two sets of coasters were supplied to guests sitting at the tables with drinks. (MC) Sometimes guests just stood around the table admiring the objects (2009.1.7089)

The glass-top tables are inlaid with antique Chinese panels embellished with a phrase in Mandarin. What do the panels say? The panels read: 玉黃富貴 meaning “jade fugui flower” (yuhuang fugui) and 凌波仙子 meaning “a fairy walking over ripples” (Lingbo xianzi). (WW)

Tell us about the pink and white porcelain vases under the tables on either side of the fireplace in the living room. This is a pair of Chinese export *famille* [fa-MEE-ya] *rose* porcelain jars and covers that date to circa 1735 or the Ch’ien-Lung/Qianlong period of the Ch’ing Dynasty. Each is decorated with four flower-filled baskets between ruby ground gadrooned borders. The matching cover is surmounted by a fu lion. The reference to “export” in the description means that because Chinese-themed and original Chinese products became very popular in Europe and beyond during the 18th century, the Chinese began to create porcelain specifically trying to appeal to and sell to foreign markets. This is why you sometimes see western themes in the designs such as the European gentleman with the three-pointed hat depicted on the coffee pot in the living room. The *famille rose* porcelain decoration is in the rose color family as opposed to say, *famille noir* [nwar] which would have a black color ground or theme; or “*famille jaune*” [joan], which would have a yellow theme. (AR)

There is a partial wall decorated with thin vertically-oriented sections of wood (where George Braque’s *The Studio* hangs). Other than being a partial wall, what is the functional purpose of that wall? The A. Quincy Jones plans indicate that it is a “return air grill.” (2009.1.1006) The vented wall in the atrium serves two purposes, as an architectural feature, and also as a mechanical feature. The HVAC equipment is located in the basement below the dining room, and this wall acts as the return air for the system. Although underground venting was not cutting edge technology for the time, the vent in the wall was an innovative solution to a design problem. By utilizing a single large return air vent, it eliminated the need for several smaller floor vents spread throughout the atrium. This allowed the architect to have the marble floor installed wall to wall, without any breaks in the design. (MR)

Describe the cove lighting in the living room/atrium space. The atrium cove lighting is actually 2 types of fixtures. In the cove (lighting at the perimeter of the pyramid ceiling) the fixture is a type of LED rope lighting known as “festoon” lighting. It is a string of small individual LED bulbs. The lighting on top of the atrium trellis (structure above Eve) is a standard, dimmable fluorescent fixture. They are 32 watt “T8” tubes that shine up onto the ceiling. Both the LED and the fluorescent light colors are warm white with a color temperature of 2400 Kelvin. (MR)

Did the living room ever have a sunken seating area? No.

Was any of the furniture in the house bequeathed to the children? Are there any pieces missing from the house? Personal property was distributed to the children but for the most part, all of the original furnishings at Sunnylands are reinstalled. One exception is the Annenberg Suite, which was redecorated in later years. Many small items are kept in collections storage because they would be difficult to manage if staged in the main house. Select sculptures that once decorated the atrium and Game Room are now on view in the visitor center. The house does not look as full as it did during the Annenberg residence (small items have been removed and less flowers are used). (Sunnylands inventory photos)

Are the drapes powered? Drapes in the living room are closed manually today. Some formerly powered drapes in the house have corroded. (UNK) The William Haines correspondence indicates that celadon green linen damask drapes were originally powered. (2009.1.3933 Feb. 23, 1965)

At what store does Sunnylands buy the displayed orchids? How many orchids do we display in the main house and guest quarters for tours? Norman’s orchids in Montclair. (AS)

Royal Sitting Room

Which British citizens from the pictures in the “Royal Gallery” visited Sunnylands? Royal British guests of the Annenbergs included: Prince Andrew with Sarah Ferguson (Fergie) who visited three times; Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip who made a day trip; Princess Margaret who stayed twice; Prince Charles who visited twice; and Princess Alexandra with Sir Angus Ogilvy. Prince Edward and Sophie also visited once, though their photos are not currently on the shelf. Prestigious British guests that visited the Annenbergs at Sunnylands include: Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who visited five times (a few times with Denis) and Jim Callaghan (2009.1.3251)

Tell us more about the Tang figures. Are they jars? Why are they cut in half?

During the Tang dynasty (618 to 908), wealthy citizens were buried with these earthenware figures. These are specifically made with terra cotta and were likely shaped in molds. Sometimes, these pieces were glazed before firing, and sometimes they were painted after. Tang figures take the shapes of soldiers, servants, musicians, officials, guardians, camels, horses, and articles of daily life. A large group of figures were placed in tombs to provide for the daily needs of the deceased. The figures also attest to the wealth, status, and interests of the individual. They are referred to as sancai (pronounced san-tsigh) which means “three color,” a reference to the lead glaze. These particular pieces may have been made in two parts in order to fit in the kiln. (KD)

Can we tell any specific stories about the details on Chinese vases used as lamps in the Royal Sitting Room? Does the ornamentation carry a symbolic meaning in Chinese culture? The lamps were created by William Haines out of Chinese vases. Care was taken to not drill into the vases but rather, an armature was built around the vase to support it as a lamp. Hence, these are sometimes in design circles referred to as armature lamps. The date of the vases is unknown at this time. (AR) Research is ongoing about symbolism of images depicted on vases. (KD)

Kitchen

There are tea pots on the Herend Rothschild breakfast trays. Did the Annenbergs drink coffee or tea? Leonore Annenberg drank a lot of tea in her later days. (MV)

Did the Annenberg chef prepare the meal for Prime Minister Kaifu of Japan when George Bush honored him at Sunnylands for the official dinner in 1990? Did he also serve the queen's lunch? Yes. (MC)

Which color flowered breakfast tray was used for the Green Suite? The blue floral pattern was used in the Green Suite. (MC)

Do we know why is there a drawer missing in the kitchen? A replacement will be made soon.

Did Walter or Leonore ever like to cook? If so, what did they cook? The Annenbergs loved good food, but they did not cook themselves. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs go grocery shopping? Where were their groceries purchased? The Annenberg chef purchased the groceries. The Annenbergs' groceries were purchased from Jensen's. The staff groceries were purchased from Pavilions. (MC)

Did Walter ever ring the staff bell when he wanted a midnight snack? According to Annenberg staff, the Annenbergs knew the staff members were busy on the weekends and if they thought they needed a snack they would let us know before retiring for the night. (MC)

What kinds of foods were served at Sunnylands? When the Annenbergs dined alone or with close friends and family, the cuisine was American. When VIPs were in residence, the dinner cuisine was French made in-house by the French chef on staff. (MC).

Were meals catered to guests? If a guest preferred a specific type of food or drink, was it available to them when they visited? How were special diet restrictions or requests such as vegetarian, vegan, or diabetic-friendly cuisine dealt with? If a guest had a special request, staff did their best to fulfill it. Although it did not occur often, in the event that a guest was vegetarian, staff served substitutes to that guest. The guest who had a dislike to fish, lobster, shrimp, or shellfish usually let us know in advance. When we served fish for the first course we would serve these guests a cold watercress soup or again serve them a slice of melon. If a guest had a dietary need, this was taken into consideration and a substitute was made for the individual. Annenberg staff kept files of notes on different guests so that if they ever made a special request, it would be remembered the next time the guest visited. (MC)

Was the kitchen kosher? No the kitchen was not kosher, but should a dinner guest have a request for a special meal or diet and let the staff know in advance, their request would have been taken care of. (MC)

Were the employees who worked in the bar well-versed on how to mix drinks? What would they do if a guest asked for a drink they did not know how to make? Most guests asked for the conventional drinks. Some who had more interesting taste may ask for an unusual drink, but there was a bartender's guide in the Game Room and also in the bar in the main house. (MC)

Did the Annenberg chef spend his entire work day cooking and preparing foods? Or did he have any other tasks? Michel prepared food for the Annenbergs. He also practiced new menus and other dishes, and did all of the grocery shopping. (MC)

Is the kitchen up to code? Did that require aesthetic changes? Yes, the kitchen is up to code. Any aesthetic changes include updated appliances. (MR)

The communication panel in the kitchen has two designations for guest rooms. Did this call panel wire to the original guest suites in the guest wing? Yes. Guests were encouraged to call the pantry by phone as it was faster. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs have a wine storage? Yes. We continue to use the wine closet today for storage of wines used during high-level retreats. (KD) The wine cellar was maintained from 57-58 degrees Fahrenheit. (MC)

Who bought the wine? Usually Walter bought the high-end specialty wines and the house manager or chef would buy the wine for everyday use. (MC)

How many sets of china did the Annenbergs own? The Annenbergs had multiple sets of china and servicewear that they purchased including: English silver gilt, Flora Danica, Minton, Royal Crown Derby, Herend, Limoges, Mottahedeh, Royal Doulton, Black Knight, Hammersley, and Coalport. China used with the guest breakfast trays is Aynsley. The Annenbergs also received small gift sets from friends and inherited sets from family. Prince Charles gave the Highgrove Florilegium dessert plates and Marcia French gave a set of custom Sunnylands chargers that were used in the Game Room. There is even a set of china depicting the Sunnylands yellow sun emblem. (KD)

What is the purpose of the labels on the china cabinets? China was counted in and out of service and replaced to the labeled shelves. The silver gilt or any other flatware that was used was also counted. If a piece was missing, no staff members were allowed to leave the house until it was found. (MC)

How many sets of flatware did the Annenbergs have? Georg Jensen flatware appears in many photographs, appearing to be a favorite, and was used during family dinners as well as for other special occasions such as when Queen Elizabeth II visited for lunch in 1983 or when President George H. W. Bush held the official dinner in honor of the Prime Minister of Japan in 1990.

Sets currently* in our collection include:

Tiffany & Co. silver, bamboo pattern – 245 pieces

Towle sterling silver – 180 pieces

Silver-gilt – 356 pieces

J & S sterling silver 1921 engraved with the letter A – 240 pieces

Georg Jensen, Cactus pattern – 360 pieces

Georg Jensen, Acorn pattern – 509 pieces (MV)

*Quite a few other sets of flatware existed. Some were used by staff. Other sets were used in the Game Room. Some of these sets were likely disposed of after Leonore passed away.

What kind of flooring is used in the kitchen? The historic kitchen floor was made of vinyl asbestos. That was replaced with visually similar flooring which was added within the last few years. (2009.1.1001(12))

Formal Dining Room

How many people could the formal dining room accommodate? In February 2004, a group of 60 people at five round tables participated in a fundraiser where they enjoyed a lunch with Laura Bush at Sunnylands. (2009.1.3686) When George H. W. Bush hosted the official dinner in honor of the prime minister of Japan in 1990, thirty-seven people at four round tables dined in the formal dining room. (2009.1.3160) Twenty people were accommodated at two tables during the queen's lunch. (2009.1.4343)

In the dining room, who sat in the armed chairs? Is there any significance to having every other chair armed? According to Annenberg staff, during a lunch or dinner at Sunnylands, there were two armchairs placed at each table, one for the host/hostess (Walter and Leonore) and one for the sub host/hostess (the leading lady or leading gentleman). Everyone else sat at chairs without armrests. The armed chair served as a visual cue to Annenberg wait staff who served the leading lady or gentleman first, and then proceeded to serve in a counter-clockwise direction.

Is the original servicewear displayed on the dining room table? The original Baccarat stemware, an original set of Royal Crown Derby china, and original Lerón linens are currently set on the table. The stainless steel Hepp Exclusiv Aurora pattern flatware is a new flatware that was purchased for use during retreats. (KD)

Why is the chandelier not in the middle of the dining room? The skylight which connects to the chandelier became off-center when the room was expanded in the 1970s. The room used to house a billiards table and ended at the wood columns. Once the room was expanded, the light fixture was no longer centered along the east-west axis of the room. (UNK)

How did Leonore assign seats? Did she carefully plan seating charts? What was her goal? There is a table seating planning book in the archive with Leonore's writing in it. (KD) Leonore planned the seating chart with specific details in mind. Every table was assigned a leading lady or gentleman and a co-host. These were effervescent people who guided discussion topics at the table (they knew of their position in advance). Leonore would seat guest who had similar interest next to each other. Spouses were often placed at separate tables. The goal was to have a happy and interesting conversation during dinner and create a great dining experience. (MC)

What happened to the billiard table? Was it put in another room in the house while the Annenbergs were in residence? It was given away or donated. (MC).

Tell us about Guanyin and Nandi. Guanyin, Goddess of Mercy: 1800. Indian bronze figure of Nandi, age unknown at this time. Interpretation of Guanyin and his/her origin is dependent on era, country, and culture. Guanyin has been represented as male, female, and genderless and is a fascinating figure to research given the wide interpretive variation in iconography from culture to culture and changes in belief systems over time. At Sunnyslans, we subscribe to the popular Chinese belief that Guanyin is a Goddess of Mercy. This is not in conflict with other belief systems given that the Buddhist canon states that bodhisattvas can assume whatever gender and form is needed to liberate sentient beings from ignorance. (AR)

What are the diameters and heights of the dining room tables? Why is one dining room table larger than the other? Was the smaller one used as the kids' table? The dining room tables are six feet and five feet in diameter. They are 28 ¼ inches in height. Research is ongoing. (KD)

Was salad served after the main course (rather than before it)? Salad was never served after the main course—it was served with the main course. Cobb salads, Chef salads, and chicken salads were sometimes served for lunch. Salads were sometimes packed as boxed lunches and enjoyed by the Annenbergs and close friends while golfing. (MC) (2009.1.3629)

Was the Flora Danica china always displayed on the mirrored wall or did the displayed china rotate consistently to show other sets? The Flora Danica was permanently displayed on the mirrored wall when the formal dining room was completed. It was Ted Graber who chose the placement. (MC)

Are the drapes powered? Drapes in the dining room are closed by remote control. (KD)

Gallery hall

How many countries are represented through the 36 pieces of *Asian Artists in Crystal*? Sixteen countries are represented in *Asian Artists in Crystal*. They include: Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Egypt, and the Philippines. (748.29 STE)

Is there a mechanical screen on the exterior window of the gallery hall that blocks out the light? Yes.

Why did the Annenbergs choose to purchase the whole set of *Asian Artists in Crystal* rather than another series by Steuben? It is difficult to say. However, the Annenbergs loved telling stories about their art to guests. This particular collection represents an interesting story of decorative diplomatic gifts that were displayed in an international exhibition. It seems natural that the Annenbergs, who both served as ambassadors, would be drawn to this collection and its story. (UNK)

Where was Steuben glass made? Is Steuben closed now? Is there also a Steuben factory in Ohio? Steuben glass was made at the Steuben Glass factory in Corning, New York. The Steuben Glass factory was owned by Corning Incorporated. In addition to glass making, the factory cooperated with the Corning Museum of Glass (a museum adjacent to the factory since 1951) inviting museum guests to watch the production of glass by Steuben artisans. In 2011, the Steuben factory closed. Steuben show rooms that were once located in New York City, Manhattan, and other cities, are now closed. The Corning Museum of Glass has repurposed the original Steuben factory for use as one of the world's largest facilities for glassblowing demonstrations. The Corning Museum of Glass is now working with local glass artists to recreate some of the past Steuben designs and also to slowly reintroduce Steuben crystal. Steuben, Ohio, is not a location of a Steuben Glass Works factory.
<http://www.corningfingertlakes.com/blog/2012/01/let-s-be-crystal-clear-steuben-closed-museum-still-open>
<http://www.steuben.com/timeline.php>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steuben,_Ohio

Where can one find more information about Steuben Glass Works and the Corning Museum of Glass?
<http://www.cmog.org/frequently-asked-questions#faq-78316>

Locker rooms

Who are Terry's girls? Who is Terry? Each Tuesday, Leonore would have a group of ladies over for lunch. On one occasion, she also invited Terry Beardsley, a professional golf associate at the Eldorado Club. Terry gave the Leonore and her friends golf instructions and tips. Leonore asked for a picture to be taken of Terry with the ladies and had it labeled "Terry's Girls." (MC)

Who are the women in the collage with Leonore and who is the collage artist? One of the women in the collage is Leonore's granddaughter, Lauren Bon. The artist's signature is not legible but we hope to discover the name of the artist one day. (KD)

Did President Eisenhower have golf clubs at Sunnylands? No, he arrived with them and left with them, but President Nixon kept a set of golf clubs at Sunnylands. Leonore would sometimes lend his golf clubs as a surprise to guests who did not bring their own golf clubs. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs provide golf sets with their preferred golf clubs? Most guests were offered the Calloway clubs as Mrs. Calloway was a personal friend of Leonore and a visitor to Sunnylands during the season. The golf clubs currently in the Sunnylands golf bags are Big Bertha by Calloway. (MC)

Are the locker rooms available to the retreat guests who stay here now? The locker rooms are available to and sometimes used by retreat guests. (NE)

Who is the man in the photograph enjoying a piggy-back ride from a young woman? That is a well-known photograph of Walter Mondale.

Terraces and outdoor pool

What are the names of the flowers in the low white cylindrical pots placed on the terraces? The flowers in the white pots on terraces and placed around the house include white Knockout Roses, Begonias, Kalanchoes, and Azaleas. (DK)

What variety of Magnolia is planted along the ramp heading to the guest wing?
The Magnolias outside the Game Room are the "Little Gem" variety. (MG) At one time, white begonias were in lined

pots along the passage from the dining room to the Game Room (MC).

Are those natal plum bushes with the white flowers that are planted next to the bougainvillea along the trellis? Yes.

Why is the piece by Bertoia untitled? Can we touch it because it is outdoor sculpture? Although Harry Bertoia was known for leaving his pieces unnamed, the website harrybertoa.org explains that, "the sculpture speaks for itself and needs no definition or classification." However, Annenberg inventories refer to the piece interchangeably as "Peacock" and "Golden Pheasant." A 1968 scrapbook given by Gloria Etting refers to it as "Golden Peacock" and shows that it was once placed in the main house where Renoir's *Daughters of Catulle Mendez* later hung. No, we cannot touch outdoor sculpture. (KD) www.harrybertoa.org/sculpture.html

Was the outdoor patio furniture designed by William Haines? What is the cushion material made of? The patio furniture was either designed or chosen by William Haines. It is listed in the inventory of furniture that he provided to the Annenbergs during the planning stages before the house opened in 1966. William Haines Designs indicated that they used a poly vinyl and our current reproductions are also made from vinyl. (2009.1.3931 to 2009.1.3939)

How deep is the pool? The pool is 12 feet deep. (MR)

Did the Annenbergs use the pool? How did the Annenbergs entertain by the pool? Did they have pool parties? The Annenbergs usually used the pool in the Spring when it was warm. (MC) The archive holds photos of the Annenbergs and their friends in and around the pool in swim attire, but we have not seen any evidence of a pool party. Most of these photos taken at the pool are of guests, such as the Nixons, and Annenberg family, especially grandchildren on inflatable pool toys. (2009.1.6144, Gloria Etting scrapbook, red albums, S:\Collections\COLLECTIONS PHOTOS - SCANNED BUT NOT CATALOGED IN PAST PERFECT\Family Photos Low Resolution)

What is the purpose of the pile of large rocks by the pool? That is an A. Quincy Jones design. (MR)

Did we have the concrete redone in preparation for the tours? Yes, most of the hardscape on the property was redone for safety reasons as well as part of a systematic campaign to return the estate's features back to the materials and techniques originally used.

Game Room

When guests were over, was there a bartender stationed in the Game Room at all times? Bartenders were only stationed at the Game Room bar during special events held in the Game Room such as luncheons, movies, or guest visits. Sunnylands guests did not expect or require around the clock service. (MC)

What is written on the Van Gogh *Sunflower* pillow? Where does that phrase come from? Immunize yourself against flattery. Research is ongoing about the origin of the phrase. (KD)

Describe the three wood sculptures in the Game Room. There is one African puppet from the Bambara people of the Republic of Mali in West Africa, 19th century. (African sculpture fact sheet). The longer piece is a 19th century Oceanic carving from a tree trunk made by the Abelam people of Maprik, New Guinea. It is a polychrome (many colors) carved wood ancestor figure. 5 feet 8 inches. Notice that if you look at its profile from the side it looks like a crocodile. (Sotheby's appraisal, 2014) The third is a laminated wood sculpture by John Matthews titled *Indian Summer*. Correspondence from the artist suggests that this abstract composition deals with the subject of Indian law. (PastPerfect database)

Tell us about the original Sunnylands. Was it a resort or a private estate? According to Ogden's *Legacy*, "After moving to Philadelphia in 1936, [Moses] found a five-thousand-acre mountain estate in the Poconos, near Milford,

Pennsylvania...The property included a comfortable main house and farm, several hundred acres of forest and the Big Log Tavern Lake, site of the drowning of the estate's previous owner, Thomas Mitten, chairman of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company." Moses saw acquisition of this property as an opportunity. He paid about half the asking price and "made the three hour ride up to fish and ride as often as he could from Philadelphia, frequently inviting up his senior editors and business friends for cookouts and fishing weekends. Walter went often because he enjoyed being with his father." (Ogden, *Legacy*, 145) From a letter in the archive, we understand that the Annenbergs had neighbors there—possibly on the 5,000 acres. The letter also indicates that Moses' house had burned down since and the property was renamed "Gold Key." (Letter from Patricia Miller).

What connection did Fleur Cowles have with the Annenbergs? Why did she give them the cheetah paintings? Were they made specifically for the Game Room? Fleur ran in the same social circles as the Annenbergs and became friends with them. She published a well-regarded magazine, *FLAIR*, which only ran from 1950-1951 but was well respected for its coverage of fashion, décor, art, literature and other enthusiasms. She previously was an editor at *LOOK* magazine. (AR) She painted the two paintings for the Annenbergs specifically for the Game Room—reflecting the color scheme of that room. Annenberg staff members are not sure if the Annenbergs commissioned the paintings or if they were gifts. We also do not know if they provided Cowles with photos of the Game Room. We do not have a record of Cowles visiting Sunnylands. Cowles died the same year as Leonore, 2009, and her husband also owned a media company and newspapers.(MC)

Do Narwhals still exist? Yes. They are arctic whales with large tusks that generally inhabit arctic waters between the Canadian and Russian arctic regions.

A *Vanity Fair* magazine article (April 2012) reveals that the potato chips and pretzels in tall glass containers on the Game Room bar had been stacked one by one in a neat spiral. Is this true? According to Annenberg staff, the potato chips were very carefully arranged, using only whole potato chips, in a tall glass container by the Game Room maids. (MC) We also see photographs where the potato chips are not stacked. (2014.43(14))

Who was the artist of the native American and wolf sculpture? Paul A. Rossi (the name is engraved on the piece). Walter also gave a Paul Rossi sculpture of twelve bronze saddles to Ronald Reagan. (2009.1.2369)

What can you tell us about the GeoChron world clock in the Game Room? What does the meter at the top right of the GeoChron indicate? The GeoChron clock in the Game Room was given as a gift by Frank Sinatra to the Annenbergs. Walter admired one while visiting Frank Sinatra for dinner. Five days later it arrived as a gift from Frank Sinatra, and so did the handymen to unpack it and hang it. It was a great conversational piece in the Game Room and was admired by guests as they arrived and departed. Walter chose the placement. (MC) The meter tells the minute of the hour. Also, watch as it changes shape as it nears the equinox. <http://www.geochron.com/>

Two lamps in the Game Room are mounted with figures of men. Who are they?

From a 1965 William Haines inventory, we know that at least one is a 19th century copy of a lead figure of Silenus on a brown and black vase. We have not found mention to the other lamp, though from the descriptions of Silenus, both figures have his characteristics. (The physical traits of Silenus include: an appearance of drunkenness, age, pot belly, squat nose, shaggy thighs, flabby chest, and horse ears.) Silenus was known as the tutor of Dionysus as well as the oldest, wisest, and most drunken follower of Dionysus. He is also known for having special knowledge and the power of prophecy. (KD) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silenus>

There are places in the Game Room ceiling where there are white caps. Are these fire sprinklers? Yes, they conceal the fire sprinklers. We do not paint them because the manufacturer does not allow it. In the event of a fire the water pressure blows the caps off. They are held on by a weak spring tension. (MR)

What type of finish is used on the parquet floors in the Game Room? The floors were manufactured by Wood-Mosaic Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky and they came to the house pre-finished. (Specification Manual, 2009.1.4107, Hardwood Flooring. Section 6C) The floors were most likely originally finished with a varnish, or shellac finish that was applied over a stain. The existing finish is poly urethane, just as durable as varnish, with less

yellowing. The floors have been refinished in the past, not very often, and it has been a while since they were refinished. Here is why that is the case. A traditional wood plank or parquet floor is built with solid wood anywhere from 1 1/8" to 3/4" thick. This is for the strength of the floor, but more importantly it allows for resurfacing/refinishing in the future. The way refinishing is usually done is to sand the flooring down to unfinished wood, and then stained and refinished. The wood floors that are in the house are a type of flooring known as "engineered wood" flooring. What that means is the oak you see on the floor is actually a veneer; that is only a fraction of an inch thick. That veneer is adhered to a wood substrate for strength, but is usually not a "furniture grade" species of lumber. In the case of our floors that substrate is made of poplar. So, because of the very thin oak veneer, we cannot sand the floors to refinish them; we run the risk of sanding through the veneer. To refinish our floors we have to use a chemical stripper that removes the poly urethane. This is a difficult process that does not work as well as traditional sanding and refinishing. Therefore we don't do it very often. The floors are in need of refinishing soon, and we are currently discussing the best method to get that done. (MR)

Guest Suites

What phrases are crafted onto the fabric of the needlepoint pillows in the yellow room?

The needlepoint pillows in the yellow guest room are decorated with the following phrases:

Graze in the valley of love, but don't wallow; Drinkin' whisky, talkin' big; Superior people never make long visit; and You're going home Sunday, aren't you?

Were jelly beans added to the guest rooms because Ronald Reagan was a jelly bean fan? Annenberg staff members suspect that Jelly beans may have been chosen because they were a favorite of Ronald Reagan, though we do not know for sure at this point, especially considering that his favorite flavor was anise, or licorice. Jelly beans may have been a smart option because it is easy to find jelly beans that match each guest bedroom.

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/sreference/jelly-belly-jelly-beans-and-ronald-reagan>

Are the guest beds single or twin? According to Wikipedia, single and twin beds are the same, except that "twin" is a term sometimes used to describe one of two single beds. The bed measures at 38" by 74" or 38" by 86" including the headboard. (KD)

Were the guest bathrooms of the colored suites stocked with colored tissue and toilet paper? Yes. Operations documents reveal that staff eventually had to shop at multiple stores that supplied varying colors of toilet and tissue paper in order to stock each room with its matching paper. (operations documents, cabinet C)

Did a guests' rank determine which colored room they were assigned? Prestige changed over time depending on who slept where. The Yellow Suite seems to have emerged as one of the more prestigious given the Reagans' preference for it. (UNK) Here is an anecdote from the former house manager: A second guest wing was added in the late 1970s. At the following New Year's Eve weekend, the first guests to arrive were the Jorgensens. Mrs. Annenberg received them in the Game Room and eventually Mrs. Jorgensen was shown to her guest suite. Mrs. Annenberg had originally placed the Jorgensen's in the Peach Suite, but the doors to the other colored suites were also propped open. Immediately after walking into the extension, Mrs. Jorgensen was drawn to the Blue Suite, saying something like, "Lee! Thank you for offering us this beautiful room!" Shortly after, when Mrs. Jorgensen was preoccupied, staff members switched all of her materials and luggage to the Blue Suite. From then on, all room doors were closed upon guest arrival. (MC, written by KD)

Did A. Quincy Jones do the 1977 guest wing addition? No. It was Harry Saunders who oversaw the guest wing extension in 1977. Harry Saunders worked for Jones in the early days of the Sunnylands project and continued to be involved in changes at Sunnylands even after he left Jones' firm to open his own practice in 1966. (2014.2.1)

Did presidential guests receive colored breakfast trays sent to their rooms with just like all the other guests? Yes. (MC)

What does the phrase and symbol on the pillow in the pink room mean? Is this a reference to AA? No

meaning is known. It could have had a personal meaning from the person who gave the pillow to Leonore. (MC)
“Easy does it,” is a mantra used by Alcoholics Anonymous, but the pillow was not necessarily made as a reference to the AA mantra.

Who is the manufacturer of the sliding glass door hardware? The sliders are Arcadia 700 and 800 series as manufactured by Northrup Architectural Systems which is no longer sold. (MR and 2009.1.4107)

What kind of marble countertops are in the guest suite restrooms? Although we are not certain, some A. Quincy Jones architectural plans suggest that a green veined pentelli marble was used in a selection of the rooms. (2009.1.1001(12) and 2009.1.4107)

Projection Room

Do these projectors play 35 mm film? Yes. (AG)

What is the laminated schedule posted on the wall? The schedule is an example of the document, also known as the “Schedule of Events,” that the Annenbergs provided their guests when they visited Sunnylands. This particular schedule is posted in the projection room because, as you can read on the paper, a film was being shown that weekend. (KD)

Is the projector still used? The projector has been used during a few retreats. We showed *Olympus Has Fallen* during the Department of Homeland Security Retreat, and *Captain Phillips* at the Chinese Track 2 Retreat, the Supreme Court Retreat, Board and Committee Retreat. (AG)

Leonore’s Rose Garden

Why are there no Betty Ford or Mamie Eisenhower roses in Leonore’s rose garden? There was a President Eisenhower Rose, but from what we can gather it does not appear that a Betty Ford or Mamie Eisenhower roses were ever produced. Research is ongoing. (KD)

If Leonore had a first lady over, would she trim their rose from her garden and put them in their guest suite? Leonore preferred to have the most beautiful orchids in guest suites. Occasionally there were roses around the house but orchids were the standard. (MC) Photographs in the archive show guests, including Barbara Bush, walking through the rose garden. Perhaps the roses were not clipped so that they could be enjoyed in the rose garden. (2009.1.6260)

What are the names of the trees in the rose garden? Trees bordering the rose garden with purple blooms are Jacaranda (*Jacaranda acutifolia*). Smaller trees planted on a grass patch with peeling bark over red trunk and white blooms are Crape Myrtle (KD). The trees planted in the hedge that borders the concrete path from the rose garden to the golf course are Orchid tree (*Bauhinia purpurea*). (Sunnylands Collection 2009.1.4264)

What is the name of the hedge on the wall outside the historic house? The hedges on the walls at the historic house are Pyracantha. The low ground cover near the golf bag rack is Trailing Smoke Bush (*Dalea greggii*). (DK)

Golf Course

Who is allowed to golf here? The President, retreat guests, and community groups have golfed here. Community groups have included: Desert ARC, The First Tee of the Coachella Valley, a military group from Twenty-nine Palms, Special Olympics, and local high school golf teams. (MG)

What is the slope and rating of the golf course? What is the yardage of the golf course? Offer for guests a look at your golf booklet or tell them about the one in the gift shop.

	Front/red tees	Back/white tees	Yards
Historic Experience	70.8 121	68.0 119	5369-5869
Championship Experience	76.5 134	37.6 135	6334-7228
Tournament Experience	74.4 130	72.2 129	6017-6698

What famous golfers visited Sunnylands? Known professional golfers to visit Sunnylands include Lee Trevino, Tom Watson, Arnold Palmer, Raymond Floyd, and Hale Irwin. (MC and guest books)

What were Leonore and Walter's average golf scores at Sunnylands? Were the Annenbergs accomplished golfers? They both played on average to a 10 to 15 handicap. (UNK) Walter said in a 1991 interview, "I am a very poor golfer, but I very much enjoy it. I regard myself as a dedicated hacker. I freely admit that. If you are a dedicated hacker, two or three good shots is completely satisfying." (Frauchiger, Fritz. "Annenberg's Sunnylands." *Rancho Mirage: Playground of Presidents*. August 30, 1991. P. 31–37. Found in S:\Collections\Magazine Articles Featuring the Annenbergs or Sunnylands\Rancho Mirage Life)

How often did the Annenbergs use the golf course at Sunnylands? Golf was part of the Annenbergs' daily schedule. During the week at Sunnylands, they golfed around lunch time. During the weekend, they golfed with their guests. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs stop golfing near the end of their lives? At what age did the Annenbergs stop golfing? They golfed well into their eighties. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs like to golf at other golf courses in the desert other than at Sunnylands? Very little. Leonore did more than Walter. (MC)

How often did the Annenbergs golf when they resided in Pennsylvania? Occasionally on Saturdays and Sundays, they golfed at Gulph Mills golf course. They also owned a three-hole practice golf course at the Pennsylvania home. (MC)

What other notable golf courses did Dick Wilson design? Dick Wilson designed 74 golf courses including Cog Hill No. 4, a championship caliber course in Lemont Illinois that ranked number 29 on Golf Digest's 2007-08 ranking of the greatest public golf courses in the US. Other well-known golf courses include: Doral's Blue Monster, Royal Montreal, Pine Tree, Laurel Valley, PGA National and Moon Valley in Phoenix. Wilson was competition to Robert Trent Jones, another nationally renowned golf course designer during the 1960s. (Brown, Gwilym S. "Golf's Battling Architects." *Sports Illustrated*, July 2, 1962)

Did Prince Charles invent golf cart polo at Sunnylands? Prince Charles jokingly swung at a golf ball from a sitting position in his golf cart as if playing polo, much to the delight of Walter. (MC)

Did Walter fix his own divots? Did the Annenbergs hire a caddy? Who raked the bunkers? There was a ball boy riding around in a separate cart taking care of Walter's divots. (MC) The caddy from El Dorado Country Club was always on duty on special weekends to help the guests and also rake the sand traps. If the guest needed a certain iron he would advise them. (MC)

Why did Walter design a 9-hole golf course instead 18-hole course? In building the old golf course, I used a large amount of the acreage. Years later, I decided I could readily add another nine holes using different tees. That

worked out beautifully. Now I have an 18-hole golf course with nine tees. (Frauchiger, Fritz. "Annenberg's Sunnylands." *Rancho Mirage: Playground of Presidents*. August 30, 1991. P. 31–37.)

Who is the golf course superintendent and how long has he been working at Sunnylands? Drew Kerr is the golf course and grounds superintendent as has been working at Sunnylands since 2010. (DK)

Grounds

How large is the estate? The estate is 200 acres. The trust owns an additional (contiguous) 200 acres outside the original developed portion. The Center & Gardens and staff offices are built on fifteen acres of that.

Why is part of the estate undeveloped? According to an interview of Walter in 1991, the undeveloped acreage, consisting of sand and desert landscape, is a "buffer zone" to the property. (Frauchiger, Fritz. "Annenberg's Sunnylands." *Rancho Mirage: Playground of Presidents*. August 30, 1991. P. 31–37.) (S:\Collections\Magazine Articles Featuring the Annenbergs or Sunnylands\Rancho Mirage Life) Perhaps such a buffer zone is for security. (KD)

How much did the Annenbergs pay for the property in 1966? How much did they pay per acre?

From *Sunnylands: Art and Architecture of the Annenberg Estate in Rancho Mirage, California* (DeLong, Jamieson, d'Hannoncourt): "Sensing the area's enormous potential for development, Walter Annenberg began acquiring land in the area as an investment. Then early in 1963, he bought land for their house, later adding to that purchase with more tracts. Philadelphia's Sunday Bulletin reported that he first acquired 197 acres for \$899,500, a further 69 acres in 1967 for \$238,000, and 658 more in 1968 for \$1,661,500, thus amassing over 900 acres of what was then undeveloped desert."

That is 924 acres for \$2,799,000. Divide that by 924 acres and you get \$3,029 per acre for the overall average.

What is the value of the estate in today's dollars? CPI reports, or Consumer Price Index reports, are measurements of the variation in prices paid by typical consumers for retail goods and other items. The CPI reports indicate that 6.4 million dollars in 1966 equates to between 45 and 50 million dollars in 2016. This number range is based off the change in consumer prices from 1966 to 2016 and the 631.2 % inflation increase since 1966. (KD)

How much money did it cost for the Annenbergs to buy land in the desert?

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Why is the perimeter wall pink? The wall was painted pink to match the pink elements of the main house, such as the roof, the pool planters, and the battered wall. (MC) In the words of Linda Meierhoffer in the February 2011 edition of Palm Springs Life, "Pink oleanders originally provided privacy for the estate. The pink wall, one of the most-asked-about elements at Sunnylands, was a 1990s addition when the oleanders began to die from blight. Leonore asked that the wall match the pink tile roof of the house, and the quintessential California girl told friends the color reminded her of the desert sunrises and sunsets." <http://www.palmspringslife.com/Palm-Springs-Life/February-2011/Return-to-Sunnylands-First-in-an-eight-part-series/>

Is the trapezoidal berm section of the pink wall made of concrete masonry unit (CMU) bricks like the straight part of the walls are? Yes. (S drive - S:\PHOTOS - DIGITAL ONLY\ESTATE HOUSE, VISITOR CENTER AND GROUNDS\CENTER - Before Opening\misc_pictures)

Is it true that the Annenbergs had to pay a lot of money to be permitted to paint the exterior wall pink? At no

time did Walter legally or illegally pay extra money to the city of Rancho Mirage to build the wall. (MC)

Who was the landscape designer? Rolla J. Wilhite and Emmett Wemple were the landscape designers.

How deep are the wells? The wells at Sunnylands are 500 to 600 feet deep. (DK)

Where are the two wells? Water surfaces from one of the wells into the lake one (in front of the tennis court). It resembles a pile of rocks with water pouring out. The second well is located near the old maintenance yard. (MR)

What is the Chinese pavilion used for? Sometimes the Annenbergs arranged to have lunch at the pavilion, which they referred to as "Walter's Folly." There are photographs in the archive showing Leonore having lunch with friends on multiple occasions at the pavilion. (Chinese pavilion fact sheet)

What types of trees are planted on the property? Some of the trees on the Annenberg estate include: California Pepper, Melaleuca (*Melaleuca leucadendron*), Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*), Stone Pine, African Sumac, Acacia, Europaea Olive (*Olea europaea*), Carob, Eucalyptus, Tamarisk, Silk Floss, Grapefruit, Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*), Jacaranda, Crape Myrtle, *Magnolia grandiflora*, Little Gem Magnolia, Vitex, *Washingtonia robusta*, Palo Verde, and Mesquite. (UNK)

How many gardeners/grounds employees are now working on the property (at both the historic estate and Center gardens)? There are less than 30 people caring for the grounds. (RA)

Is the totem pole made of red cedar? Yes.

What is the gray square in the center of the totem pole? If you look closely, you will see that the gray figure is the back of a seal. A bear holding the gray seal to its chest. (Totem pole fact sheet.)

When was *Birds of Welcome* installed at Gander International Airport? What year was it cast? The Annenbergs commissioned the bronze and aluminum *Birds of Welcome* in 1971 after seeing a version at Gander International Airport, which was installed circa 1959 when Gander opened. Another *Birds of Welcome* was installed at the PepsiCo Foundation World Headquarters in New York at the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Garden. (*Birds of Welcome* fact sheet)
<http://artprice.ca/>
http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=2194&dat=19590530&id=z_oxAAAAIBAJ&sjid=cOQFAAAAIBAJ&pg=5178,3728897

Did Walter ever sit on the Delos bench? Why did the Annenbergs visit Delos? Walter sat on the Delos bench from time to time, but it was not particularly a favorite of Leonore. (MC) We know that the Annenbergs stopped at the Delos Island while traveling with friends. Delos is an important archaeological site in Greece with numerous landmarks on view as well as an archaeological museum. (Delos bench fact sheet)

Are the ponds stocked with fish? Which kinds? Was the fishing policy "catch and release" or did the guests eat the fish they caught? According to the Cultural Landscape Framework Plan, "As early as 1966, the lakes were stocked with large mouth bass, channel catfish, and blue gill," which are warm water species. The last time the ponds were stocked was in 2011 and with those same fish. (DK) There is contradictory evidence as to whether guests were permitted to keep the fish they caught so research is ongoing. (KD) Former employees claim that they were permitted to keep their fish. (George Galvan) The current policy is "catch and release." (JL)

How much does it cost to irrigate the property? We do not comment on costs to irrigate.

We say there are only two palms on the premises because the Annenbergs weren't fond of palms, but then why are there palms in front of their house? Did they just dislike *Washingtonia robusta*? We should be telling the story that at the time the Eisenhowers visited, just after completion of the estate there were no other palms.

These were the first suggested by a guest and added. Over the years, Sunnylands has gone through periods of replanting and additions including other palms were added to the property. Similar to the cactus garden, the palms were not their primary preference for landscaping (olive trees were more to Walter's liking), but they still had landscape consultants including Rolla Wilhite who helped make decisions on the property. (UNK) In the CMG report, Leonore is quoted stating that [w]e didn't want to have a lot of Palm trees," but was suggested as a planting on the golf-course as a hazard. (Cultural Landscape Framework Plan / CMG, 155)

What time of year does the Magnolia tree bloom? *Magnolia grandiflora* blooms between April and June. (UNK)

What is the green hedge with the red flowers near the guest cottages but in front of the maintenance yard? The hedge that separates the maintenance yard from the golf course is Tecoma. (DK)

What is the name of the pink flower used under the flag pole? Petunias. A scrapbook in the archive indicates that when a Sunnylands guest commented on the amount of beautiful flowers around the estate, Lee proclaimed, "Don't you know — ? It's petunia land! They grow like mad here." (2009.1.3461)

Are these Carob trees the type that produce the chocolate substitute? Yes. They are *Ceratonia siliqua*. (UNK)

Does Sunnylands use cupric sulfate in the lakes to kill the algae? We use a peroxide technology for algae control. We do not use copper; it's bad for the environment. (UNK)

When do we harvest our olives? We harvest our olives around September.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=sunnylands+olive+harvest&oq=sunnylands+olive+harvest&aqs=chrome..69i57j3967j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

Are the streams on the grounds powered by a pump? What determines when we run them? The difference in flow rate at the stream is caused by the number of pumps running. If both pumps are running, more flow. The stream pumps are on a time clock and run only during tour hours or scheduled events. The pumps use a lot of electricity, so we keep it to a minimum. Also when they first start up, it takes a little while to get to full flowing capacity, so you might be see low flow when they first start up, or just after they have been shut off. (MR)

How deep are the ponds? Each of our lakes is approximately 12 feet deep in the center. (UNK)

Has anyone ever sat in the gondola in the pond? Have there ever been boats in the ponds? We have a photo in the archive of staff riding in a small boat while caring for the ponds. (S:\PHOTOS - DIGITAL ONLY\ESTATE HOUSE, VISITOR CENTER AND GROUNDS\ESTATE HOUSE - Before Opening\Canoe on the Lake)

Is it true that Leonore flagged different areas of the golf course that had problems so that the gardeners would know to take care of the problem? Did Walter do this as well? Leonore would drive in her cart and place a small peach colored flag in areas where she saw brown patches or a lot of bird droppings. It was the golf course superintendent's responsibility to drive the golf course first thing in the morning and take care of it. Walter never did this. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs ever use the tennis court? What kind of tennis court is it? The tennis court is concrete that is painted green. (MR) Gene Mako designed the tennis court for Sunnylands (2009.1.4293) though his signature is not in the guest book. On weekends when a tennis enthusiast visited Sunnylands, the Annenbergs also invited Tommy Tucker, the tennis professional from El Dorado country club, who gave instructions and tips. (MC and Guest Binders 2009.1.3636) We are not sure whether the Annenbergs played tennis but there are photos of Sandra Day O'Connor playing with Joanna Freda Hare Breyer. (2009.1.6766)

What is the purpose of the large rock piles in the lakes that emit water like a fountain? This is where the groundwater wells pump water into the lakes. (DK)

Why are the lakes bubbling? To promote aerobic bacterial decomposition (and to avoid going anaerobic), part of

lake maintenance is to utilize an aeration system. This reduces algae growth and replenishes oxygenated water to aquatic animals. (DK)

What plants are being used in the designated pollinator habitats on the grounds? So far, we are only using Desert Milkweed (*Asclepias subulata*) in the pollinator habitats on the historic grounds. (DK)

Do we make our own soil for use on the grounds? Sunnylands makes its own potting soil. (DK)

What types of fertilizers and herbicides do we use on the grounds? We use best management practices when it comes to our integrated pest management and plan. (DK)

We have heard that the lakes are lined. What exactly are they lined with? The lakes were re-lined with a PVC plastic liner during construction between 2009 and the 2012 opening. (DK)

Why don't we use artificial turf at Sunnylands? We do use artificial turf around the mausoleum and will consider using it if the drought persists. A down-side to artificial turf is that it radiates heat. (DK)

Describe the irrigation system at Sunnylands. Sunnylands uses a sophisticated irrigation system that utilizes a weather station, ground system, and sub-surface irrigation in select areas. The weather station takes into account the evapotranspiration rate (the amount of water the soil loses each day) which lets us know how much water to replenish. The ground moisture sensors reduce overwatering and under-watering depending on the area. (DK)

What seed brand(s) do we use for the lawn? Sunnylands uses a seed brand that is not commercially available. It is purchased directly from the growers. The types of grasses used at Sunnylands include Bermuda, rye, and a selection of meadow grasses. (DK)

What causes the weeds in the meadow grasses? We do have a variety of grasses (some of which are also considered weeds) growing in the meadow grass section. Because it's not mowed, we can see everything that comes up in that area. Birds and the wind will bring in new species of plants, including "weeds" through seed deposit. It is difficult to control. The grasses still serve the same purpose, which is to cover that area without additional irrigation being required. It is also important to note that some plants are listed as weeds simply because they are growing in an undesirable location. (MG)
Additionally, the meadow grasses or native areas are still in a state of being "grown-in". Most of the weed seed comes in with the tall grass seed. We are in the process of using pre-emergent herbicides, combined with hand harvesting the weeds to make the native areas more aesthetically pleasing. This is a long process, but we have seen improvements in the look of the native areas over the past year and expect to see increasing quality. (DK)

What types of meadow grasses do we use? Are they native? Are they drought tolerant? The meadow grasses include: Idaho Fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), Purple Three-Awn (*Aristida purpurea*), Blue Grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), and Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*). (DK)

Did we replace the original Leonore Annenberg rosebush? It looks smaller than it used to. We have attempted to take cuttings of the original Leonore Annenberg rosebush because all plants die over time. (DK)

Tell us about the cardboard boxes in the trees. The boxes contain a pheromone which attracts the bees so that they will not be a threat to guests. (DK)

Why are the ponds sometimes cloudy or turbid? This happens when our lake aeration system goes down for a few days. The brown color is due to the natural algae not having the normal supply of oxygen in the water. (DK)

Who stayed in the guest cottages? Usage of the guest cottages has changed over time. Over the past 45 years, they have been utilized as overflow guest cottages for friends and family and staff housing. Recently, they have been used as Sunnylands Trust offices and guest accommodations for retreat attendees. Family of the Shah of Iran stayed in the guest cottages while seeking refuge from protesters during the Iranian Revolution of 1979. (MC and operations documents)

Green Houses

Do we use the greenhouses? The greenhouses are used for housing some of the plants for the historic house, staging plants to be moved, propagating plants for the historic estate and Center & Gardens, and they may be used in the future for composting programs and other green practices on the grounds. (UNK)

Did the Annenbergs ever have spices or vegetables growing in the greenhouses?

No. All groceries were purchased. On occasions, food was given as gifts to the Annenbergs. No food was grown in the greenhouses to be used for the Annenbergs. (MC) The gardeners planted mint in the staff courtyard (Michael Comerford's courtyard). These mint leaves were used in the peach crystal light that was served to guests. (MV)

Ambassadors

When exactly was Walter sworn in as the Ambassador to the court of St. James's and when did he leave his post? Walter was officially appointed as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of American to Great Britain on March 14, 1969. (2009.1.883) This date also accords with Wikipedia's records. He enjoyed his swearing-in ceremony and signed the official Oath of Office on April 14, 1969 (2009.1.4346). Walter presented his credentials to the Queen on April 29, 1969 (2009.1.893). According to Wikipedia, that was the day that he was presented as the ambassador. He left his post on October 30, 1974.

When exactly was Leonore sworn in as the Chief of Protocol and when did she leave her post? The White House put out an official release on February 11, 1981 that Reagan appointed her as Chief of Protocol and nominated her to assume the title of Ambassador while doing so. Leonore assumed the position of Chief of Protocol/was sworn in on March 20, 1981 (a date which Wikipedia labels as the date she assumed office). She was officially accorded with her rank of Ambassador on May 7, 1981 by President Reagan (2009.1.4495). She submitted her resignation on December 8, 1981 which she asked to be effective on January 1, 1982. Reagan accepted her resignation on a letter dated to January 5, 1982. And according to Wikipedia, she left office on January 6, 1982. (See 2009.1.3994 for some useful information.)

Animals

Did the Annenbergs ever have peacocks/peahens at Sunnylands? Although they liked the birds they did not deliberately have birds delivered to the property. (MC) In the archive, we have a photo of what appears to be a swan in one of the ponds on one occasion. (KD)

Did the Annenbergs ever have any pets? No. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs ever have horses at Sunnylands? Why did Walter have no race horse memorabilia in the house if he owned the *Daily Racing Form*? There is no record of horses ever visiting Sunnylands. The *Daily Racing Form* was a component of the publishing company Walter inherited from his father, Moses. The family interest in the form may have been born of a financial rather than an equine interest. Moses reportedly had little interest in the sport of horseracing (Ogden, *Legacy*, 90) but had a horse at Sunnylands, his fishing camp in the Poconos and was a good horseman. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 200)

Did the Annenbergs have any particular interest in any specific types of birds? They loved the American eagle, as it stood for the strength of the U.S.A. (MC) Sunnylands was filled with small sculptures of animals a one time, but bird forms were most prominent. (KD)

Annenberg family

Did the Annenbergs have children? Walter and Leonore each had two children from previous marriages and had no children together.

Do the children ever stay at Sunnylands? The children do not use Sunnylands for their own personal purposes. That would create a conflict of interest considering that they are board members of the trust.

Where do the children of the Annenbergs live? Leonore's daughters live in Los Angeles and New York. Walter's daughter lives in Los Angeles.

Will the children/family also be buried at Sunnylands? No others will be interred at Sunnylands.

Did Leonore's and Walter's children get along? Yes. (UNK)

Have Walter's/Leonore's children been involved in making a difference in the world as Walter did? All three daughters are actively involved in carrying on the legacy of focusing on high-impact philanthropy that their parents were so devoted to. (UNK) Elizabeth Kabler is involved with the Center for Living in Tarrytown, New York which helps people troubled by substance abuse. Wallis Annenberg has given money to restore the Marion Davies guest house (now called the Annenberg Beach House), has turned an 1933 Beverly Hills post office into The Wallis (a performing arts center), and has created the Annenberg Space for Photography. Diane Deshong is the President of the Los Angeles chapter of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. (KD)

Who was Roger Annenberg? How did he die? Roger was Walter's son and Wallis' younger brother. He attended Harvard and sadly took his life in 1962 before graduating. (

How did Roger Annenberg take his life? Please do not speak to the guest in a tone that will make them feel awkward or bad. Simply and gently tell them that this topic was not covered in our tour guide training.

Did Walter donate to mental health research after his son Roger passed away? Absolutely. In fact, one of the early areas of priority for the Sunnylands Trust contributes directly to adolescent mental health research. (UNK)

What happened to Walter's sisters? Did they marry into wealthy families? Did they inherit any piece of Triangle Publications, Inc.? Walter's seven sisters led a wide variety of lives. Born at the beginning of the 20th century, all of the sisters are now deceased with the last survivors Enid and Evelyn both passing away in 2005. According to a 1990 article in *Forbes* magazine, all eight of the Annenberg siblings held stock in Triangle Publications, Inc. (UNK) According to Ogden's *Legacy*, Moses' will, which he signed in 1940, named Walter as the trustee and executor of the estate. The trust was divided into two parts. The first part consisted of all Moses' stock in Cecelia (240 shares). Walter was given all of the stock to manage and given 2/3 of the dividends and income from those shares. His mother, Sadie, was to receive 1/3 of the dividends and income from those shares until she died, when the 1/3 would be divided amongst the seven sisters. The second part of the estate was a non-stock portion. Walter received 2/3 of it and was to care for Sadie with the other 1/3. The family recognized this original disproportionate allocation and rearranged the will which Moses signed on his deathbed. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 246)

How did the Annenbergs' siblings like to spend time at Sunnylands? Walter's sisters visited together on his birthday and occasionally visited individually. Because they were parlor room guests, meaning they did not swim, play golf, or engage in many outdoors activities, Leonore arranged backgammon or bridge parties. (MC) Leonore had one sister name Judith Wolf who is often seen on the guest list for dinners and holidays. (Red Albums)

In which prison did Moses Annenberg serve his sentence for tax evasion? The federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, (Ogden, *Legacy*, 268) near the city where he reached the height of his power as publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer and. in which in 1938 he took part in the successful fight to depose Senator Joseph F. Guffey's "Little New Deal" in Pennsylvania.

<http://archives.chicagotribune.com/1940/07/18/page/15/article/m-l-annenberg-to-begin-prison-term-on-monday#text>

Did the grandchildren or great grandchildren ever ride tricycles through the house or any part of any of the guest houses at Sunnylands? There are conflicting accounts on this topic but according to Annenberg staff, this never happened. (MC)

In a house filled with so many important art objects, how did the Annenbergs keep their grandchildren from breaking things? The children's parents explained to their children how important it was to not touch the art. (MC)

Please describe Leonore's relationship with her parents. According to Ogden's *Legacy*, *Leonore's father*, Max Cohn, was not able to cope with the death of his wife or with raising his daughters. For a couple of years, he made wavering efforts to raise his children, who spent much time away from home in boarding school. Eventually, he left them in the care of his wealthy brother, Harry Cohn. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 303–304)

Annenberg guests

Will digital copies of the guest book ever be put on display in the Center? It is possible that they will appear in a future exhibition. More likely, the guest books might be available sooner online. (AR)

Did Princess Diana visit Sunnylands? No. Although the Annenbergs attended the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana (you can find that invitation in the Room of Memories), we have no evidence that Princess Diana ever visited Sunnylands. There is a fun photo on the internet of Princess Diana and John Travolta dancing at a state dinner with Leonore grinning in the background.

Did Walter Annenberg introduce Ronald Reagan to Margaret Thatcher? Yes. (MC)

Why are there no pictures of the Kennedys at Sunnylands? President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, so he never visited Sunnylands. The photographs are installed as they were when they Annenbergs lived at Sunnylands and reflect their decorative choices. Due to the Annenbergs' attention to detail, every photograph would have been carefully chosen and placed.

Did the Shah of Iran ever visit Sunnylands? Where is the silver box that he gave to the Annenbergs (story from Ogden's *Legacy*)? We have no evidence that the Shah of Iran visited Sunnylands, though his advisor, the minister of foreign affairs of Iran, visited Sunnylands. Walter also offered safe haven to the Shah's family, who decided that the sister and mother would stay at Sunnylands. They stayed in one of the cottages and mostly kept to themselves for the few weeks that they stayed. On one of the nights of their visit, they had dinner with the Annenbergs.

(MC)

Did Marilyn Monroe ever visit Sunnylands? No. Marilyn Monroe died in August 1962.

What famous Canadians visited Sunnylands?

- Henry Hunt & family (Kwakiutl totem pole artists)
- Jack & Joan Warren (Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. from 1975-1977)
- Conrad & Barbara Black (former newspaper publisher, an author, columnist)
- Allan Gotlieb (Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. from 1981-1989)

- Fannie Kauffman AKA Vitola (Canadian-born Mexican actress and comedian)
- Robin Duke (Canadian actress, comedian, and voice actress)
- Art Linkletter (Canadian-born radio and television personality)

How long did Nixon stay when he needed to recuperate from Watergate? What dates were those? According to Leonore's planner, the Annenbergs visited the Nixons in San Clemente for dinner on August 24. Nixon signed the Sunnylands guest book on September 9, one month after he resigned as President.

Recount the story of Peter Jennings visiting Sunnylands. When Peter Jennings arrived at Sunnylands via helicopter, the helicopter pilot must not have his GPS working because he followed Highway 111 and ended up lost in Thousand Palms. Peter Jennings was frantic and called Sunnylands on his cell phone and we were able to talk him through the directions and landmarks. We had a large H sign lain down on the grass by the practice green. To attract attention to the estate, the three butlers took off their jackets and started waving them in the air. The next moment, and with much relief, the helicopter was approaching. Peter Jennings gave Mrs. Annenberg a big hug while the butlers unloaded the luggage. In a train-like way, we all set off for the Game Room. Mrs. Annenberg offered refreshment to Peter Jennings and he said that a nice cup of tea would be in order.

How did the Annenbergs become acquainted with so many world leaders?

The earliest mention of Nixon is a 1953 invitation to the inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower (Nixon was vice-president). The earliest correspondence dates to 1956 and involves Walter sending clipping from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Sadie Annenberg was a contributor to Senator Richard M. Nixon's campaigns. According to *Legacy*, it was through Sadie that Walter and Nixon's friendship was started. (367) According to Nancy Reagan, "I don't really remember when we first met [Lee and Walter]. It was before my husband was governor. So we've known them a long time because he became governor in '66." (Multimedia Collection: 2009.1.3584. March 1, 1998, DVD # 169) According to Bob Colacello's *Ronnie and Nancy: Their Path to the White House*, "Ronald Reagan and Walter Annenberg first crossed paths in 1937, when Ronnie was a fresh face at Warners and Walter was a young publishing scion overseeing one of his father's publications *Screen Guide*." Walter and Lee would also often run into Ronald Reagan while riding the train between Philadelphia and New York. (287) According to *Legacy*, the friendship began in 1938. Later, in 1953, Walter called the junior executive of General Electric and recommended Reagan for the job as host of *General Electric Theater*. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 493)

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Where was Nixon when he was pardoned? Nixon visited Sunnylands on September 8, 1974—the day he was pardoned. As to where Nixon was the moment he was pardoned requires a little bit more research. He may have been officially pardoned via letter, but he was publicly pardoned when Ford made the televised statement from the White House on September 8. Leonore's planner (archive, daily diary 1974) claims that Nixon was headed for Sunnylands at the same time that the Ford pardon occurred. *A Place Called Sunnylands* includes a news clip that vocalizes, "The president left unannounced, motoring inland toward Palm Springs." (KD)

How did the Annenbergs become acquainted with the Reagans? Why were they such good friends? According to Nancy Reagan, "I don't really remember when we first met [Lee and Walter]. It was before my husband was governor. So we've known them a long time because he became governor in '66." (Multimedia Collection: 2009.1.3584. March 1, 1998, DVD # 169) According to Bob Colacello's book *Ronnie and Nancy: Their Path to the White House*, Walter and Ronnie crossed paths in 1937 when they were both suitors pining for June Travis; Reagan won. Also according to the book, the Reagans had common friends with the Annenbergs: the Deutsches. According to *Legacy*, the friendship began in 1938. Later, in 1953, Walter called the junior executive of General Electric and recommended Reagan for the job as host of *General Electric Theater*. Walter did not give a donation to the 1966 Reagan campaign (thinking it a presumptuous move for a Pennsylvania resident), though he did publish articles in favor of Reagan's reputation. Leonore donated \$1,000 to the Reagan campaign. The Reagans were among the Annenbergs' first dinner guests at Winfield in

Annenberg hospitality protocol

Did the Annenbergs ever hire caterers for gatherings of 100 or more people? No. Extra chefs would be called in to work the day before to assist the Annenberg chef and they would all prepare the meals for 100 or more guests that dined at Sunnylands. (MC) (MV)

Where would the 100 guests park? On special occasions, a large key box was placed behind one of the lava stone pillars at the front entrance of the main house. When a guest arrived, staff assigned each key/guest a number in order of arrival and the cars were parked in this order along the paved driveways around the property. (MC)

How many staff members helped Leonore plan for weekend guests? Did Leonore have any secretaries? Did Leonore have an office? Leonore did not have an office of her own but she sometimes used the office space where the secretaries worked. The weekend events were planned by Leonore, who worked with the house and estate managers to ensure that the two secretaries knew what documents to type, maintenance employees knew how many tables to set up, and the horticulturist knew to replace flowers. Leonore worked directly with the chef and the house manager when planning the menu. (MC)

Could guests opt out of participating in the activities listed on the schedule of events? According to Leonore Annenberg in a 1981 Washington Post interview, "I don't have a set routine. I just say lunch at 1 o'clock. Or we're going to play golf at 10:30 and if you'd like to join us, well, fine. It's just relaxed. I don't keep them programmed every minute." (Radcliffe, Donnie. "For Leonore Annenberg, It's Lovely at the Top" The Washington Post. July 12, 1981.)

Please describe information created to prepare for a weekend visit at Sunnylands.

GUEST LIST: Specific guests were thoughtfully chosen to form the visiting weekend group. Leonore said that one of the keys to good entertaining was choosing a group of interesting people. (MC)

INVITATIONS: These were sent out well in advance, and sometimes a reminder was also sent. (MC)

DRESS SUGGESTIONS: Information detailing type of engagement and dress were sent to guests in advance. Also, guests would know in advance to bring golf clubs or swim attire. (MC)

GUEST INFORMATION: A summary of the accomplishments and interests of each weekend guest was typed in a list and placed in each guest room. (MC)

MENUS: Leonore, the house manager, and the Annenberg chef planned the menu. Copies of past menus were kept so that menus were not repeated. (MC)

SEATING CHART: It was usually Leonore who arranged the seating plan, a task she executed thoughtfully. Leonore also checked the tables after the place cards were laid down to make certain that the cards were placed correctly. A seating chart was placed near the front door, so when the guest arrived, the house manager could show each guest their assigned seats. (MC)

BREAKFAST CARDS: These were placed in every room and the butler collected them every night. Guests were served in their rooms: ladies breakfast in bed and gentlemen received breakfast at the desk. (MC)

WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: This document was placed in each guest room before the guests arrived. It included:

- the names of all weekend guests and their guest room phone numbers
- a list of the group activities, locations, and times (lunch, golf, cocktails, dinner, movie)
- a list of activities during free time (tennis, fishing, golfing, sunning, backgammon, football) (MC)

How would a first time guest at Sunnylands know the dress code? Was it sent to them before their arrival?

Yes. The invitation to a more formal event indicated whether the event was "black tie" or "white tie," "semi-formal," or some other dress code designation. (MF)

ARRIVAL NIGHT: Friday night, the arrival night, was usually casual but the Annenbergs required a jacket at all times in the dining room. A typical outfit for a gentleman would be a collared, button-down shirt, a blazer, and slacks.

SECOND NIGHT: Guests were advised that the gentlemen would be required to have a dark suit and collar and tie for Saturday night and ladies cocktail dresses or dress pants suits.

FORMAL EVENT: At a formal dinner, gentlemen wore a black tie and formal suit while ladies wore long, formal evening dresses.

INFORMAL DINNER: Men wore a collared shirt and blazer but no tie to an informal dinner. Ladies wore cocktail dress.

LUNCH: Lunch attire was casual: Gentlemen typically wore pants and golf shirts. Ladies could wear dress shorts and a blouse. If guests were scheduled to golf after a lunch, they would use the locker rooms to change into golf attire. (MC)

Who wrote the guest biographies? The secretaries would call the guest's assistant or secretary and have them fax a short biography to Sunnylands. This biography was thereafter stored in Annenberg operations files for future use. (MC)

Was there a questionnaire for guests to complete at the end of their visit? No, but after the weekend guests departed, the house manager met with the maids and the butlers to ask about the flowers, the way meals were served, likes and dislikes, drink preferences, special breakfast/lunch/dinner orders, room temperature preferences—anything that was requested, and anything that staff could do make the guests' return visit more enjoyable than their last. Information about each guest's preferences was filed. (MC)

When guests visited Sunnylands for a weekend, was there ever a time when the Annenbergs stayed in the main house to relax while the guests recreated at their own leisure? Yes. At times, the Annenbergs would play nine holes of golf before lunch. Otherwise they were usually ready to meet with guests around 11:30 a.m. to chat before lunch. The schedule of events listed optional activities to enjoy during a guests' free time. (MC)

If you could map out how Walter and Leonore spent an average weekend at Sunnylands, what would their schedules be (from morning until night)? On Friday afternoon, they would greet the guest on arrival and converse with the guest. Dinner was casual—a collared shirt, a blazer, and slacks. Saturday they would join the guests for golf, lunch, and possibly afternoon tea. That night there would be a formal dinner, where the gentlemen would wear a dark suit, collared shirt, and tie. The ladies would wear cocktail dress. After dinner, perhaps the guest would have a tour of the Room of Memories and enjoy a movie in the Game Room. On Sunday, there would be lunch with the guests and, shortly after, the guests departed. (MC)

Is this true that when guests left open books around Sunnylands, staff would leave a bookmark in its place and close the book while tidying up rooms? When the rooms were cleaned by the maids, open books were placed closed with the Sunnylands bookmarker and placed on a desk or side table. The bookmarks were designed with the yellow Sunnylands sun emblem. (MC)

If a guest was drinking too much, would the Annenbergs tell the bartender to stop serving them alcohol? Generally, guests drank in moderation. If a guest did have a drinking problem, Leonore would let her staff know to serve that individual non-alcoholic beverages. Wine would not be served to that specific guest at the table either. For the toast, the guest was served non-alcoholic champagne. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs ever serve red wine during the cocktail period? Was red wine not permitted in the living room or the Room of Memories? Research is ongoing, but it is likely that they did not. (CP)

Where did guests eat their food? Every evening, the butler asked the guests to fill out the breakfast cards which he collected and gave to the Annenberg chef. In the mornings, breakfast orders were prepared by the chef. When guests called for their breakfast, the butlers delivered the color coordinated trays with matching linens to the Game Room maids, who delivered individual trays to the proper rooms. Ladies were served breakfast with legged trays at the bed and gentleman were served their tray at the desk. Lunch was typically served buffet style (displayed on the Game Room bar) and occasionally on the outdoor terraces or at the Chinese pavilion. Diehard golfer friends sometimes had packed lunches sent with them on their golf carts to eat during their game. Dinners were nearly

always held in the formal dining room—except during large affairs, when round tables were assembled in the atrium such as during New Year’s Eve parties. When the Annenbergs were alone on the weekdays, they usually took their meals in the main house in the dining room. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs have multiple guests spending the night when a president was visiting? If so, did the president have a guest building to himself? The choices depended on who the guest was and their needs. During President Reagan’s New Year’s Eve visits, he and Nancy stayed in the Yellow Suite while other friends stayed in the pink, blue, green, and peach suites. Often when President Bush visited, a White House official that worked closely with him stayed in the Pink Suite. (MC)

Were books or magazines on topics of the guest’s interest in the guest room? If staff knew the guest had great interest in news articles, they placed *Newsweek* and *Time* magazines in the guest’s room. When Nancy Reagan returned to Sunnylands after publishing *My Turn*, staff placed multiple copies in their suite which Nancy signed. During conversation Leonore would mention that her secretary had a copy of a certain article, and if the guest requested, the article was copied and delivered to their room in a sealed envelope. (MC)

Were guests delivered their preferred newspaper? Guests were given their newspaper of choice including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Desert Sun*, *New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. *The Wall Street Journal* was difficult to find in the 1970s early 1980s because at that time it was only for sale in major hotels and the financial institutions always had their own delivery. (MC)

What factors were considered when choosing the type of china, linen, and flatware for an event? On what occasions did the Annenbergs use Flora Danica versus Minton china? When would they use Georg Jensen silver versus the silver gilt flatware? When the Annenbergs were alone, they either used Herend Rothschild Birds or the celadon Minton china. During the weekends when there were guests, the celadon Minton was used with the Georg Jensen flatware for the arrival dinner, which was a less formal dinner served on Friday. During the formal Saturday dinner, the Flora Danica was used with the silver gilt flatware. (MC)

How many people could have dinner in the formal dining room? Where did 100 people sit for dinner? For many years, the house manager rented multiple round tables to be used for larger affairs. One year, however, the rental company sent the most horrible tables. A contact from a neighboring hotel helped the house manager out by loaning the required equipment. The next year, Sunnylands staff bought multiple round tables and gold Chiavari chairs which are now stored in the basement. There are three table sizes: the 66-inch round tables seat 10 dinner guests and the 72-inch round tables seat 12 guests and the 80-inch tables which seat 14 guests. (MC) In the formal dining room, there are usually two formal tables in place. The table near the window seats 10 when fully extended. The larger table under the Chandelier seats, when fully extended seats 14. Giving the dining room 24 in formal seating. If these two tables were removed, they could be replaced with four 66-inch round tables which would increase the seating to Forty guests. Mrs. Annenberg often did this in season using with the green celadon cloths and the wonderful floral arrangements—which looked great. The atrium was strictly only used for the New Year’s celebration. The Philadelphia orchestra preformed in the atrium but the dinner was served in the formal dining room. (MC)

Did Annenberg guests ever stay in the master bedroom instead of the guest rooms? We have seen no evidence of that yet in the archive except for a letter of 8/11/71 where Walter offers the master bedroom at Sunnylands to Nixon during a dedication the Eisenhower Medical Center. (2009.1.1215)

Annenberg staff

Did Leonore have several secretaries? Did they have interchangeable jobs? In general, there were two secretaries that worked for Walter and Leonore. Leonore sometimes used the secretaries’ office space to discuss plans or needs. Maids did not have interchangeable roles such as serving as a part-time secretary. (MC)

Did Walter and Leonore have people to drive them around, or did they drive themselves? They had a driver on occasion and drove themselves on occasion depending on their wishes. At Inwood in Pennsylvania, they had the services of their own chauffeur for evenings out. At Sunnylands, they drove themselves around during the day, but for evening engagements and dinners, they had one of the butlers drive them and wait for them. (MC)

Were there PGAs (professional golf associates) on staff? No. The Annenbergs occasionally hired instructors from the Eldorado and Vintage golf clubs. The guests had a choice in this matter. An example of this is seen in the women's locker room, where you see Leonore, her friends, and Terry Beardsley posing in a photograph. (MC)

Who picked out the designs of the uniforms for the staff members working at Sunnylands? What influenced the choice of the style of clothes worn by Sunnylands staff? For the women who came into contact with the guests, such as the Game Room maids, guest room maids, and those who waited tables, Leonore chose a uniform cut called "Princess." These were nice white uniforms, tight at the waist with a skirt that had a natural look fitting just below the knee. The two women who worked in the kitchen wore a pants suit because of the nature of their work. (MC)

Was the camel colored jacket worn by the butlers made out of camel hair? No they were camel colored, but were very light wool that did not crease. We encouraged butlers to remove their jacket when they sat down. (MC)

What kind of silver polish did the Annenberg staff use? The brand name of the silver polish that was used was Twinkle. They also used Connoisseurs silver wipes and silver dip depending on the piece. (MC)

How often was the silver gilt cleaned? The silver gilt and the silver were cleaned in the same way as the silver every three to four months. The domestic staff laid thick towels on the countertops and gently wiped away the tarnish using sponges, cotton buds (q-tips), and paste silver cleaner. Paste was rinsed away under warm soapy water and pieces were hand-dried with soft cloths and left out to further air dry. Today, the pieces are handled as museum collections and we take care to avoid over-cleaning. Silver flatware was cleaned every time it was used and so was polished much more often. (MV)

Describe the house manager's work schedule. The house manager's day started at 7:00 a.m. to turn off the alarms and to do a walkthrough of the house to make sure everything was in order. Breakfast was served to staff at 7.30 a.m. The Annenbergs' breakfast were served when they called for it—usually around 8:30 a.m. After meeting with any staff that needed specific instructions for the day, lunch and dinner requests were taken from Walter and Leonore. If there were any broken items, if any services needed to be done to the house, those matters were taken care of. At 11:30 a.m., the staff were fed lunch, and at 12:30 the Annenbergs were served lunch. The afternoon was set aside for running the Annenbergs' errands. By 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. the house manager would be either in Walter's office or dining room (because the Annenbergs usually ate around 7:00 p.m.) Each week he had a meeting with the maintenance man with a list of service requests to be filled, but if anything was needed in an emergency, it was taken care of immediately. When there was a major weekend planned, the house manager met with all staff on Wednesday. He would talk to the Game Room maids about linens and to the flower man about distributing flowers around the house and the guest quarters. He would meet with the chef and kitchen staff to keep them updated on upcoming events. He worked with the floor butlers and the laundress, who would need to assign extra help during a busy weekend. Every second Wednesday was silver cleaning day. All of the silver in the main house was brought to the pantry for cleaning. The house manager's day ended when the Annenbergs retired for the evening. At that time, he would put out the lights, bid the Annenbergs good night, and put the alarm on.(MC)

Was the house manager legally adopted by the Annenbergs? No. This was a tabloid rumor. (MC)

Did Annenberg staff ever make any needlepoint pillows? No. (MC)

Was the official dinner held in the formal dining room? Did they dine at a long table or at a round table? The official dinner was held in the formal dining room. They dined at round tables of twelve. The Prime Minister Kaifu and the President Bush sat at the same table, each with translators behind them. (MC)

Was this the occasion when George Bush vomited/collapsed at the dinner table?

No. (This is not a desirable tour topic so avoid any further comments.)

<http://www.nytimes.com/1992/01/09/world/bush-in-japan-bush-collapses-at-state-dinner-with-the-japanese.html>

Center & Gardens

When was the visitor center built and completed? Construction of the visitor center was completed between 2008 and 2010. The gardens installations were completed by 2011. (2011.1.2) The Center & Gardens opened to the public on March 1, 2012. (JL)

<http://weblink.ranchomirageca.gov/WebLink8/0/doc/269089/Page10.aspx>

What color white are the walls in the visitor center? They are Dunn Edwards “Pearl Necklace.” (MR)

The pink trapezoidal berms at the visitor center look different than the ones at the front gates to the historic estate. Are they made of pink concrete masonry units (CMUs)? The CMU at the Center has an integral pink color. At the front gates to the historic estate, the CMU is the standard grey painted pink, or more specifically, “Peach Parfait.” (MR)

What type of fabric are the panels in the theatre made of? The acoustic panels in the Center theater were printed with detailed images of decorative objects in the Annenberg Collection. They are a special fire safe 8799 fabric (different from the acoustic fabric used on the regular panels). Reich & Petch worked with Sparks to fabricate the printed panels. (UNK)

Tell us about the walls in the restroom in the visitor center. The glass on the walls in the restrooms is back painted, the same color (DE-343 Pearl Necklace) as the walls, ceiling...the toilet partitions are two pieces laminated together, with an inner layer of white film that we tried very diligently to have match the paint color (they couldn't use paint in the laminating process). (UKN)

Do the reflecting pools recirculate the water that pours over their edges? Do we plan to use recycled/treated water in the water features? Yes, the water features recirculate the water using pump in their basins. We would love to use recycled/treated water, but the Coachella Valley Water District has not run the supply lines for that water in our area yet. The Center is also plumbed to receive it, but the water district cannot supply it yet. (MR)

Do we save the cactus/succulent pups or offsets seen at the visitor center for re-planting or reuse? We do reuse the pups at the Center & Gardens. (DK)

Are the golden barrel cacti planted in pots or eco-pots in the ground? No. (DK)

Tell us about the redwood bench at the visitor center. In 2013, when President Obama met with President Xi Jinping of China at Sunnylands, the White House protocol team commissioned Forever Redwood to create a bench as a state gift for the President of China. Staff at Sunnylands decided to commission Forever Redwood to create a replica of the state gift and it was placed at the visitor center. Taken from the manufacturer website: Forever Redwood is a California based Forestry company that makes outdoor furniture. It was founded to restore and manage Northern California forestland within a restorative business model (ecology and economy). Proceeds from furniture sales fund the forestry work. (KD)

Coachella Valley Desert Region

Why did the desert draw so many famous people? Accounts written by travel writers, which praised the hot springs and the warm winter weather, attracted people to the desert in the early 1900s. With just a two-hour drive from Hollywood, the proximity, seclusion, and recreation opportunities offered by resorts (swimming pools, resort hotels, casinos, golf courses, and tennis clubs) drew the Hollywood elite to the desert. Increasing availability of domestic HVAC systems after WWII attracted people as well. (KD) Walter first visited the desert in the 1930s to gamble while visiting Los Angeles. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 394)

Gifts

Describe what gift-giving at Sunnylands. Leonore loved enamel boxes and encouraged guests to give them to her. During visits, some of Leonore's friends would bring her gifts which were placed in Leonore's dressing room with a label showing the name of the gift giver. As for larger gifts at dinner parties, the Annenbergs politely let it be known in advance to not bring gifts (except for birthday gifts). (MC)

Did the Annenbergs ever receive more gifts from friends than they could use? If the Annenbergs received too many flowers, usually on their birthdays, anniversaries, and Easter, they were given to Eisenhower Medical Center. Sometimes Leonore would give some to her staff. Also, Leonore was very careful with excessive gifts. Depending on the gift, her daughters got first choice, and some items were donated to Angel View as well. (MC)

Did any dignitaries or guests ever give gifts to any of the staff? All of the presidents gave the men cufflinks and tie pins, and to the ladies they gave them lapel pins. (MC) Staff also received photographs of themselves with the Presidents from the White House photographer. (KD)

What would the Annenbergs bring to a dinner at a friend's house? Usually the Annenbergs brought wine, chocolates, or cologne to a friend's house for dinner—but never food. Sometimes the Annenbergs would send flowers or a plant to the friends who treated them to dinner. (MC)

House

What inspired the Annenbergs to build a home in the desert? According to Christopher Ogden's *Legacy*, "Throughout the fifties, when their children left Philadelphia to spend March vacations with their other parent, Lee and Walter flew to the desert for a winter break. They stayed...at the La Quinta Hotel... When the Tamarisk Country Club opened in 1952 in Rancho Mirage, the Annenbergs joined and played golf with the Deutsches and Frank Sinatra. 'Every time we came down the fourteenth fairway, we could see this big mound of sand, because there was nothing here then, nothing,' said Lee. 'I told Walter that if we ever build a house wouldn't it be fun to have it high enough so we could look over the trees at the mountains.' The mound of sand was sixty-five feet high...The height appealed to Walter, who had become frustrated arranging tee times at the increasingly popular Tamarisk and El Dorado. 'Weekends, I had to wait,' he said, 'Then once we got out on the course, there were people ahead of me and behind me. They're hitting into you and you into them.' The idea of building his own golf course grew more appealing." (*Legacy*, 396).

What is the exact square footage of the main house and guest quarters? The main house is just less than 20,000 square feet. Adding the Game Room and extension, plus various areas gets you to a total just 30,000 square feet. (MR) There is a total of 41,000 square feet of built space for the entire estate. (JL)

How many TVs did the Annenbergs have in the house? Were there more television sets in the Annenberg homes before the tours started? There were three televisions in the main house that were used by the Annenbergs. In the guest wing there were six (one for every guest room and one in the Game Room) and in the staff quarters there were five. Televisions were usually tucked away, out of sight and often on wheeled carts. (MC) (MV) The television set in the Room of Memories was hidden within a decorative cabinet. The William Haines furnishing inventory shows that the first TVs used in the house were Zenith Space Command television sets. (2009.1.3931 to

2009.1.3939)

Who is the maker of the door knobs? The door knobs are featured in a 1960s Schlage catalog. They are the “Calcutta” model. (2014.1.29)

Would I be correct in saying that the Annenbergs had a two-car garage? Yes. (MR)

What is in the basement? (Some guests have suggested a hair salon, a bowling alley lane, and a kitchen are in the basement.) The basement consists of storage space for extra furniture and mechanical equipment. The basement does have two storage levels in part.

Was there always glass in the monitor or skylight above the atrium? Was it ever left open to let hot air out of the house? The monitor was designed as a skylight and it was designed with linear vents just below the “monitor” skylight that were originally connected by ductwork to an exhaust fan located on the roof. The A. Quincy Jones plans refers to the vents as “smoke vents” which suggests the intention was to exhaust cigarette smoke from the atrium. The smoke vents are not currently connected or used. Rising heat in the room does exit these vents into the crawl space above the ceiling, but there are no vents on the roof for the warm air to escape. (MR) The house was designed with an air conditioning system. (2009.1.4107)

What kind of air conditioning system is used in the house now? Have we been air conditioning the house? Was the house originally designed with AC? Did AC exist when the house was built? The system was recently updated with new energy-efficient software air control systems, a new boiler, and new efficient air-handling units. Sunnylands was equipped with an air conditioning system when it was built. (MR) The original architectural plans reveal the HVAC ductwork. (2009.1.1024). Residential air conditioning was available before Sunnylands was built. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willis_Carrier

How much did it cost to develop the estate and build the house? How much would it cost today? We believe the cost in 1966, including landscaping and furnishing, was about \$6.4 million dollars. (UNK) CPI reports, or Consumer Price Index reports, are measurements of the variation in prices paid by typical consumers for retail goods and other items. The CPI reports indicate that 6.4 million dollars in 1966 equates to between 45 and 50 million dollars in 2016. This number range is based off the change in consumer prices from 1966 to 2016 and the 631.2 % inflation increase since 1966. (KD) http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm According to a Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce magazine published in 2009, the revised estimate of cost to build just the house in 1964 was \$1,062,170. (“THE ANNENBERGS: *The Ultimate Rags to Riches Story*” Rancho Mirage, Ca. 2009 City Guide.)

Is the entire Rumanian/Portuguese marble floor original to the 1966 construction? Was a carpet ever installed? The Rumanian marble dates to the original 1966 construction (2009.1.4107, section 9B) with some Portuguese *Rose Aurora* added in 1984 (2014.2.1) when planters were removed from under the lava rock walls. Before the Annenbergs placed paintings on these walls, they decorated the lava walls using tall, sprawling plants. And pink mums arranged from the edge of the marble floor to the lava walls. (2009.1.5149) When the Ambassador bought Mrs. Haupt’s painting collection, it was decided to remove the vines and the mums and to extend the marble floor to the lava walls. Large area rugs were originally used in the living room and Royal Sitting Room but were removed around the late 1980s. (MC) (2009.1.5033) An anecdote from the former house manager: “There was carpet on the living floor and the Royal sitting room, as Haines /Graber had convinced Mrs. Annenberg that the all-marble floor would be way too noisy. After a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Cisneros, in Caracas Venezuela, the Annenbergs noted that their all-marble floors did not cause much noise. By the next season at Sunnylands, Mrs. Annenberg gave instructions to have both carpets removed and the marble floor underneath cleaned and buffed so it would match the rest of the marble floor which had been exposed from the opening of Sunnylands.” (MC)

What other types of marble are the main floors composed of? (There are other visible colors). The marble floors are composed of *Aurora Rose* Portuguese marble (2014.2.1), pink Romanian marble, trims of green-black

serpentine and off-white breccia victoria. (2009.1.4107, section 9B)

Are these the original furnishing and placements? Yes. All of the furniture is almost exactly where it was when the Annenbergs occupied the house. Slight changes have been made to widen walking space for tour guests. A selection of sculptures was removed from the atrium for display in the Center. Countless small objects, including small vases that hold small cut flowers, which are difficult to manage, are no longer displayed and are in collections storage. The Annenbergs made changes to the house over the years as well. (KD)

Tell us about the coffers. Is the egg crate coffered ceiling part of the Mayan influence? Does the coffered ceiling minimize any echoes in the main house? These are plaster coffer ceilings. (ADM) A. Quincy Jones also used the coffers at a house of his own which he built in 1938. "Since a certain amount of blocking between the rafters was necessary and the designers felt that most ceilings were too dull, they devised a richly painted egg-crate effect for the rafters and the blocking, which carries through to the outside overhangs."
<http://www.arcspace.com/bookcase/a-quincy-jones/> This egg crate design can be seen on other A.Q. Jones designs as well, such as the concrete coffers Annenberg School for Communications at USC.
(<http://www.usc.edu/dept/architecture/shulman/architects/jones/> and ADM) We do not know if it was chosen for the purpose of reflecting a Mesoamerican theme. The coffers may reduce echo in the house--research is ongoing.

Why are there buttons all around the house that look like door bells? These are buttons that wire to a call panel in the kitchen area. The staff, whose rooms were located in the kitchen area, would be informed on what room to go to assist an individual.

What are the names of the dominant paint colors used at the main house? The main house exterior is "Cottage White," the roof tiles and exterior estate border walls were painted with Dunn Edwards Q2-22P "Peach Parfait," and the interior of the house is "Cottage White" and "Celadon Green." The celadon is specifically part of the Benjamin Moore "Classic Collection," and is called "Celadon 590." The paint that is currently on the walls was mixed by Vista Paint. It is their 8100 acrylic flat tint base and the mix code is VP2630043. (MR)

The structural steel columns surrounding atrium water feature are not positioned on the four corners of the water feature/planter. Is this significant for some reason? By orienting the columns on the mid lines instead of at the corners, the view through to the Rodin and fountain is not obscured when you enter the house. (UNK) The columns are not located at the corners of the atrium as you might expect, but instead along its sides, making its definition less formal. (Sunnylands tour script) (Columns are sometimes referred to as *beams* by tour guides, though that term may not be correct.)

What was the sound system in the house used for? Music. There were speakers in the atrium and Annenberg Suite. (UNK)

If we ever decide to reupholster the furniture, who would do it? We are currently working on a historic reupholstering project. Representatives from FRET fabrics visited Sunnylands, looked at our fabrics through a loupe, took samples, and are remaking the fabric. <http://fretfabrics.com/heritage/>

Is the rooftop designed to catch water like the Bermuda houses? No. (MR)

What is the roof material? The original Annenberg roof included Bermuda roof tiles, which were re-painted every five years. During the renovation of Sunnylands after Leonore Annenberg passed away, the Sunnylands trust chose to re-cover the roof in visually similar tiles that are integrally pigmented pink—meaning they require no paint. The new roof consists of 8000 individually molded tiles. (MR) (UNK)

There are cigarette/cigar boxes throughout the house. Did people smoke in the house? Reflecting the times, yes, people smoked in the house beginning in the 1960s. Ashtrays and matches were readily available on side tables and cigarette boxes were stocked with cigarettes. On the dining table, small Steuben glass urns held 5

cigarettes; one urn between each two guests with two cigarettes pointed in one direction and two the other. As smoking went out of fashion, this practice was phased out. The cigarette boxes remained though not stocked with cigarettes. (MC)

Is there any truth to anyone considering purchasing the Annenberg estate ever? We do not believe so because early on in interviews, the Annenbergs commented that they planned on giving Sunnylands to the public. The "City & Region" section of the Philadelphia Inquirer, October 5, 2002, quotes Walter, "It is my hope that Sunnylands with its statuary and collections of Steuben glass and Asian Artists in Crystal will become a museum." (We are not sure what year this quote was taken, but it was published after he died.) http://articles.philly.com/2002-10-05/news/25351394_1_walter-h-annenberg-annenberg-foundation-wallis-annenberg

Is the main house cleaned every day? How often is the house dusted? The collection is checked for dust and otherwise visually inspected 5 days per week by the collections department. Cleaning of surfaces and fixtures, etc. occurs five days a week as well with a cleaning crew. Cleaning of surfaces and fixtures, etc. occurs once every five days as well as with a cleaning crew. (AR)

The walls in the main house appear to be finished with fabric. What type of fabric is used on the walls in rooms such as the Annenberg Suite, the Room of Memories, and the Game Room? Is it grass cloth? Over the years, there have been many changes and repairs to the house. It is quite possible that some of the original wall coverings have been removed or replaced. We do not know for sure what material is used as a finish on the walls, though we do not believe it to be grass cloth. We think that a consistent and symmetrical weave of burlap was probably used on many of the textured walls because it is listed in the Specification manual. (2009.1.4107, section 9G) (MR)

How many sofas are in the main house? Today there are at least 33 upholstered sofas, 39 upholstered arm chairs, and two upholstered benches in the house, guest wings, and guest cottages. During the Annenbergs' time, there was likely a similar number and we would also have to add sofas in the estate manager's home which was also on the property. (KD)

Jewelry

What became of Leonore's jewelry? Has it been catalogued? Has it been published in a catalog? Was it donated to a charity? Was it given to her children? Leonore distributed her jewelry to her daughters. (JL) The jewelry was not a component of the property of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands. (AR) Items in our collection most closely resembling jewelry include: Walter's wedding band, various cufflinks and pins, and a safety-pin necklace that Annenberg staff remember Hillary Clinton giving to Leonore. (PastPerfect database, safe inventory)

Did Leonore donate her jewelry to the Smithsonian? We do not think that Leonore donated any jewelry to the Smithsonian, but Janet Annenberg Hooker (Walter's sister) donated some of the finest jewels in the national gem collection. <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/our-new-gem-hall-is-a-jewel-indeed-142847345/?no-ist>

Did Leonore have a 32-carat diamond ring? Yes. <http://www.christies.com/lotfinder/jewelry/the-annenberg-diamond-an-exceptional-diamond-5250229-details.aspx>

Paintings

What kind of digital reproductions are these? Are they giclée prints? According to the archives staff at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, "The Sunnylands canvases had replicas of the paintings printed, by an inkjet printer, directly onto canvas. The canvas prints were then coated with clear coating that was adhered through a hot press process, stretched and mounted." (Barbara File, Met archivist, via KD, 2016) According to the gentleman who made the reproductions, Steve Zane, "My goal was to not only get the color right, but to put it on canvas and mimic the canvas texture as well. I developed a hybrid process utilizing paper, emulsion lifting and transfer to linen. The finish

was to emboss the surface with a similar canvas texture for the last convincing effect. The only element lacking was impasto as with the van Gogh's and a few others. The illusion of relief was achieved by lighting the surface to create shadows and show the depth of the paint." (Steve Zane, Metropolitan Museum of Art, via KD Oral History 2017). According to Wikipedia, the term giclée is a neologism (circa 1990s) for fine art digital prints. It is an unregulated word used by galleries and printmakers for high quality digital prints on canvas.

How common is it for the Met to make digital reproductions like the ones made for the Annenbergs?

According to the archives staff at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, "It is not a usual practice for the Metropolitan Museum to make reproductions of objects donated to the collection for the donor. In fact, to date, the only instance is the Annenberg reproductions. There are, however, reproductions made all the time for various reasons. For example some kinds of reproductions are sold in the shop. In addition we have a Copyist Program whereby people are allowed in the galleries to copy objects of art. Most often paintings are copied, usually by budding artists who want to copy the masters. This is done by hand with oil paint or some other medium on canvas or paper." (Barbara File, Met archivist, via KD)

When the Annenbergs had their paintings shipped, how were they transferred? By plane? By truck? Are there special cases that art pieces are transferred in? The paintings were carefully packed each in its own foam padded case. The case was numbered, but did not say what it contained—that was recorded on a separate sheet. A woman from the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art would carefully check each painting with a flashlight with a loupe on the end. Any tiny marks on the paintings or frames were recorded. It took three large trucks, each truck leaving one to two days apart. Each truck had an unmarked CHP officer in front and behind the truck. They departed Sunnylands at around 8:00 p.m. Very few Sunnylands staff members were informed when the paintings were loaned. If they were going to the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, they went by air, but once the paintings left Sunnylands, the Met was responsible for them. (MC) The paintings were kept at specific temperature/humidity standards: 72° ± 2° F and 45-55% humidity. (AR)

Did the Annenbergs independently choose their art purchases or did an agent help them decide what to purchase? They researched and chose their Impressionist paintings. (UNK)

Who owns the rights to the digital reproductions? We own the digital reproductions themselves. The rights to reproduce photos of the paintings either remained with the artists estates or transferred to the Met along with the original paintings. Often, original artwork is accompanied by a right to reproduce imagery of the work. The two entities are separate: artwork and its rights of reproduction. (AR)

Did the Annenbergs bring their Impressionist paintings with them to Britain during Walter's Ambassadorship? Yes. (S:\VIDEOS\BBC WHA as Ambassador\VIDEO_TS)

Did the Annenbergs bring their Impressionist paintings with them to their Inwood home every six months? Considering that the Annenberg collection of Impressionist paintings was started in 1951, yes, some of the paintings hung at Inwood. As far as we know, after the Annenbergs completed the Ambassadorial assignment in Britain, they brought the Impressionist paintings to Sunnylands and hung them there permanently (except for when the paintings were loaned to museums). (MC) According to Walter Annenberg, "My colonial Georgian home in Pennsylvania is a far smaller house, and the wall space simply could not house my paintings." (Frauchiger, Fritz. "Annenberg's Sunnylands." *Rancho Mirage: Playground of Presidents*. August 30, 1991. P. 31–37.)

Are any of the frames original? Of what period are the frames? Yes; seven of the painting frames are originals and the others are period reproductions. The frames now installed on the Impressionist reproductions at Sunnylands (with the exception of the 7) were created by the reputable Lowy Frames in NYC at the request of Leonore Annenberg. The frames on the original paintings (that now hang in the Met) were either chosen by the Annenbergs or by the dealers from whom they purchased the paintings. So, when we say the original frames now at the Met, they are the frames that were, at some point, aesthetically chosen by the Annenbergs for the paintings long after the artist executed the work. The frames would not have been the artist choices but rather clearly reflect a style the Annenbergs liked. When the reproduction process began, Gary Tinterow, the European Paintings curator at the Met

at the time, worked with Leonore to determine which frames might travel to the Met for installation with the original paintings and which frames needn't travel because a new framing choice should be considered for a handful of the paintings before their final installation at the Met. Mr. Tinterow had some curatorial and aesthetic views about a few of the frames and presented alternative ideas about how a different style frame might enhance the work in its new home at the Met. Working with Leonore to make these decisions, the final result is that we are left with 7 of the original Annenberg-chosen frames. (AR)

What is Pablo Picasso's full name? Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_Picasso

What was the Annenberg story about Cezanne's priest painting? Walter shared a story about the Portrait of Uncle Dominique as a Monk by Paul Cezanne- Walter would say that uncle Dominique wanted to be a priest in Paris, France but was rejected by many orders. Technically uncle Dominique was allowed to dress like a priest because there weren't any laws (under French law) prohibiting someone to dress like a priest as long as you did not perform the duties or think as an ordained priest does. Leonore called the paintings Walters friends. (MC)

What is the story behind the Picasso painting titled *Au Lapin Agile*? According to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, "Picasso depicts himself dressed as a Harlequin. He is accompanied by his recent lover Germaine Pichot. Previously, she had been the fatal obsession of Picasso's great friend Casagemas, who committed suicide in 1901. The painting was commissioned by Frédé Gérard—seen playing guitar in the background—for his Montmartre cabaret, Le Lapin Agile, where it was the only work by Picasso on permanent view in Paris from 1905 until 1912, when it was sold to a German collector." <http://www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online/search/486162?rpp=30&pg=1&ft=annenberg&who=Picasso%2c+Pablo%24Pablo+Picasso&pos=1>

What is the story about Van Gogh's *La Berceuse*? According to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, "Of the five versions of Van Gogh's portrait of Augustine Roulin, wife of his friend the postmaster of Arles, the present canvas is the one the sitter chose for herself. Van Gogh remarked that 'she had a good eye and took the best.' He began the portraits just before his breakdown in Arles, in December 1888, and completed them in early 1889, calling them 'La Berceuse,' meaning 'lullaby, or woman who rocks the cradle,' indicated by the rope held in the sitter's hand, which is attached to the unseen cradle." <http://www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online/search/437984?rpp=30&pg=1&ft=annenberg&pos=8> Walter also once said, "Her gesture suggests she may smell a limburger cheese!" (Magazine in Sunnylands Collection)

Why did the Annenbergs choose to donate their paintings to the Metropolitan Museum of Art? According to Leonore Annenberg: "My husband and I have always cared deeply about art—our lives have been enriched tremendously by experiencing art and learning about it. And the Metropolitan Museum—for us, as for the countless millions who have and will pass through its doors—provides a vital breadth and strength in the art world. We have been proud to take part in the evolution of the Metropolitan over the past 40 years, and hope with this gift to provide new opportunities to augment its treasures, for the benefit of all those who care about art as we do." ("METROPOLITAN MUSEUM RECEIVES LANDMARK GIFT FOR ACQUISITIONS FROM ANNENBERG FOUNDATION" 2001. <<https://www.metmuseum.org/press/news/2001/metropolitan-museum-receives-landmark-gift-for-acquisitions-from-annenberg-foundation>>.)

In what ways have the Annenbergs contributed philanthropically to the local community? Annenbergs donated funds to Eisenhower Medical Center (there is an Annenberg Center for Health Sciences there), Palm Springs Desert Museum (\$1.7 million between 1988–2001), McCallum Theater (\$300,000 in 1992), College of the Desert (\$250,000 in 1986), California State University San Bernardino, Christian School of the Desert, a Betty Ford charity, a Barbara Sinatra children's charity, and they donated the land to the Children's Discovery Museum. (The Annenberg Foundation Gifts for Education, Culture, Community, and Health document on the S drive).

In what ways have the Annenbergs contributed to the Jewish community philanthropically? The Annenbergs were philanthropists who gave away a massive amount of their wealth. Although this is not an entire list, here are a few Jewish-tied organizations that the Annenbergs funded: \$10 million gift to Operation Moses in 1984; \$10.5 gift to the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia between 1987 and 1996; a \$15 million gift to Operation Exodus to bring Russian Jews to Israel, United Jewish Appeal in 1990; and \$17 million Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City between 1965 and 1994. (The Annenberg Foundation Gifts for Education, Culture, Community, and Health document on the S drive).

Retreats and Presidential visits

Who pays for a presidential retreat? The White House and/or the State Department cover the costs of official visits that are hosted at Sunnylands. The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands is a nonprofit foundation established for the purpose of hosting the president and other high-level visits which advance world peace. The Trust covers the cost of maintaining the property and making it available for these purposes and to the public. (JL)

How does one sign up for a retreat at Sunnylands? Our retreats are organized by the Trust's retreat staff who work out of Los Angeles. Most retreats take about a year to develop and are generally the result of Sunnylands' areas of interest intersecting with another nonprofit partner's area of expertise. Details about how to explore a retreat idea are listed on our website under retreats and meetings. (JL)

When foreign leaders visit Sunnylands to meet with a US president, do they stay at Sunnylands? Where did President Obama stay? Where did the president of China stay? At this point, every time that President Obama has stayed at Sunnylands, the visiting head-of-state has stayed elsewhere. President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping stayed at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. Hotel officials did not comment on their guest lists during the King Abdullah II visit or the ASEAN Leaders summit. (JL)
<http://archive.desertsun.com/article/20130608/NEWS01/306080014/Chinese-Americans-turn-out-support-President-Xi-Jinping>

What bedroom did President Obama use when he stayed at Sunnylands? President Obama stayed for a few days at the Sunnylands estate during two of his seven visits. He stayed in the Annenberg Suite on both occasions. (UNK)

Did President Obama golf here? Yes. During three of his visits to the Coachella Valley, he even stopped by Sunnylands just to play golf.

Did President Obama's golf friends also stay for the night at the Sunnylands estate? Because his meeting was not official business, we are not free to discuss the arrangements. (JL)

Were there any protests of the President of China? The protestors were peaceful and not from this area. They represented religious and fishing rights organizations. (UNK)

How many people did it take to prepare for a visit like the one at Sunnylands? It took as many as 350 people (from the White House, State Department, press, local law enforcement, Secret Service, Chinese law enforcement, Chine delegation, catering, housekeeping staff) minus Sunnylands staff. (JL)

How long did President Obama speak with President Xi during the informal amble? According to the Washington Post, “On Saturday morning, Obama and Xi spent about 50 minutes talking one on one, something China experts called an extraordinary occurrence. They took a leisurely stroll around the landscaped grounds, past an artificial pond and over a bridge, and retired in the shade on a bench that Obama had custom-built from a California redwood tree as a gift for Xi. Obama and Xi were aided by interpreters but spoke out of earshot of their advisers — a significant break with tradition.” https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/at-us-china-shirt-sleeves-summit-formalities-and-suspicious-abound/2013/06/09/2ab97c06-d125-11e2-a73e-826d299ff459_story.html

Which bridge did Presidents Obama and Xi walk over during their amble of the grounds? During the amble, the presidents used the bridge that leads from the one to the front of the house. (PT)

Where did the King of Jordan stay when he stayed in the Valley to meet with President Obama? We have not found that information published anywhere.

What was the first retreat ever held at Sunnylands? Over the Annenbergs’ lifetimes, Sunnylands was continually visited by prominent guests and the retreats today are modeled after that to a degree. However, Leonore held a more formal retreat at Sunnylands in 2003 when she held the Bipartisan California Delegation Retreat or in later years holding retreats for the Supreme Court Justices. The first retreat held by the Trust after Leonore’s death was the 2012 US-Mexico Retreat. (KD)

Royalty/ Prominent Europeans

Did Prince Charles invent “golf cart polo” at Sunnylands? Prince Charles jokingly swung at a golf ball from a sitting position in his golf cart as if playing polo, much to the delight of Walter Annenberg. (MC)

When Queen Elizabeth II told the Annenbergs that they had more Flora Danica than she, did they give her a set of it or a piece? (A few of my guests mentioned that it would have been proper etiquette to do so.) No.

What did the Annenbergs serve the queen for lunch during her Sunnylands visit? The full menu is on the southeast wall of the Room of Memories and many of the food names are written in French. (MC) The food items included: Mousselines de Salmon [mU-sli-n] [du] [soh-moh] (muslins salmon), Agneau {Ah-nyu] (lamb), Pomme Parisienne [POM-pahr-ee-see-EHN] (fried potato balls), sauce verte [sohs] [vHert/v-HAIR-t] (green sauce), carottes glacées [k-air-HO-ta] [GLEH-see] (glazed carrots), haricots vertes [AR-ee-co, VER] (green beans), soufflé erable [SOO-flay] [AIR-hA-bleh] (maple soufflé). (KD)

Did Margaret Thatcher or any of the other prominent British guests spend the night? All of the royal visitors stayed over, often in the Yellow Suite, with the exception of the queen and Prince Phillip who visited for a day and left in the late afternoon. (MC)

Did Queen Elizabeth II give any condolences when the Annenbergs passed away?
Yes, she hand-wrote a beautiful letter of sympathy. (MC)

Which prominent and royal British citizens visited Sunnylands? Did any of them visit on multiple occasions?

Known British and Royal visits include:

Margaret Thatcher (and sometimes Denis) visited on at least 5 occasions.

Princess Alexandra & Sir Angus Ogilvy (England) 04/14/71

Princess Grace of Monaco 04/21/73

Prince Charles 3/16-18/74 and 2/21-22/86

Prince & Princess Lobkowitz 11/19/79

Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth II 02/27/83

Princess Aspremo Colonna 12/03/83

Princess Letitia Boncampagne 12/03/83

Princess Margaret 2/21/86 and 3/8-10/96
Princess Wittgenstein, Maria Layn (Austria) 2/08/87
Prince Andrew & Sarah Ferguson 3/4-6/88
Prince Andrew 1/28-02/01/1993 and 04/09-10/94
Prince Edward & Sophie 12/15-17/99

What room did the queen stay in? Queen Elizabeth II visited Sunnylands for lunch. She flew to the desert the day of the lunch and flew back to the west coast where HMY (Her Majesty's Yacht) Britannia was stationed. The following night, the Annenbergs attended a dinner on the yacht. Look for the seating chart in the Room of Memories and you will see that Carl Sagan, Frances Coppola, and Frank Sinatra were also in attendance at the queen's dinner. (KD)

How did the Annenbergs address the queen and other royalty while they visited Sunnylands? Every time the Annenbergs saw the queen for the first time on any given day, they addressed her as "Your Majesty." After that, they would use the term "ma'am" while talking to her. And then before she left, they would address her as "Your Majesty" again. The Annenbergs would address any other royal family members with "Your Highness" at the first interaction with the individual and then the rest of the day, refer to the individual by their name (such as Prince Charles). While saying goodbye to that individual, the Annenbergs would again address the individual with "Your Highness" or "Your Royal Highness." (MC)

Describe the queen's visit to Sunnylands. Two weeks before the lunch for the queen, the British secret service, the offices of the British embassy, the US secret service, and FBI visited the estate. These agencies wished to see the entire house and grounds, paying particular attention to the rooms the queen would be using the most. They asked if there was a secure room, where the queen could take a call from any member of the royal family in private. The Room of Memories was chosen. As there was going to be official photos taken, both the British flag and the flag of the USA were placed by the front doors. Weather-wise it was very similar to a Scottish/Irish weather day, there were high clouds and a light drizzle. The queen's plane landed in the Palm Springs airport, and she came by motorcade to Sunnylands. Leonore had carefully chosen the royal Flora Danica china, both as the centerpiece and as the main service plates. Leonore did not use the silver gilt, as it belonged to the queen's relations, and felt it would not be proper to use it. On this occasion Leonore had a formal hot lunch, served in the Formal Dining Room. Walter and Leonore waited in the atrium until the front gate called to announce that the royal party had come through. Walter and Leonore went out to greet them. The butlers closed the front doors and when the royals arrived, only Walter and Leonore were out to greet them. The security staff stood well to the side. After the greeting, the Annenbergs and the royals posed at the front entrance for the official photograph. Several were taken by both photographers from the British Embassy and the White House. On a signal from Leonore, two butlers opened both front doors at the same time. It was a wonderful sight to see the way the royals peered into the atrium as the Annenbergs escorted them inside. The royals were accompanied by the British Ambassador and his wife, and also by the American Ambassador to London, John Lenis, and some of their entourage. Leonore had also carefully chosen a few outside guests for the luncheon, including the Fords. The cocktail period lasted 45 minutes during which both Walter and Leonore gave the royal couple a tour of Sunnylands residence. Walter explained the paintings and the royals showed great interest and knowledge. When lunch was announced Leonore and Prince Phillip were first into the dining room followed by Walter and the queen, and other lunch guests. The luncheon conversation was a lot of reminiscing regarding the Annenbergs' stay in London, the history of California, and how the Annenbergs choose to build Sunnylands. The queen showed her interest in horses by asking Walter questions about the Kentucky Derby and commenting in depth about horseracing and Churchill Downs. As it was not a beautiful sunny day, the royals borrowed some Scottish like coats from the Annenbergs. Leonore then drove Prince Phillip and Walter drove the queen, on a golf tour of the golf course of Sunnylands, to which the queen remarked "I must have brought the British climate with me". On their return the Annenbergs had some photos of them taken in the atrium. Walter made the queen laugh when he pointed out places that her son Prince Charles, had taken large divots out of the golf course (having no knowledge of golf, the Prince thought the golf ball was hit directly from the golf cart). The royals departed from Sunnylands through the front door, expressing their sincere thanks to the Annenbergs for a perfect visit. (MC)

Security

What kind of security did the Annenbergs employ? How many were there? What kinds of qualifications did they have? How many patrolled at once? Did the security carry firearms? There were cameras posted around the perimeter of the property. At all times, security patrolled the estate. The Annenberg security guards did not carry firearms but they often had been in the military or had a license to carry a firearm. There was a large storage of arms available to be used in an emergency only. The Sheriff's department also answered calls from Sunnylands very quickly when needed. (MC)

When a president visited, was extra staff called in? Did these people have background checks in advance? Were the people brought in by family members of the regular full time staff? Were caterers or outside staff (from other companies) brought in? When a president visited Sunnylands, the house manager used the same extra help staff used at other events. Extra help staff included family and close friends to the salaried Annenberg employees. These were people who were already cleared with background checks and the house manager had information on hand about their work history, date of birth, and social security numbers, which pleased the secret service. No caterers were brought for security reasons. (MC)

Where did the secret service stay? How was the house different when the secret service members were stationed at Sunnylands? The secret service stayed off property, except when they were on duty. There was a lead agent and he and the house manager exchanged contact information. During a smaller dinner, there were two agents outside the dining room door. On New Year's Eve, there were two agents outside the front door, and two agents inside the front door. White House staff parked campers around the estate—one for the secret service, one for the White House communication team, and one for the Marines. (MC)

The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands

How many people work for Sunnylands? There are about 100 employees working for The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands in multiple locations including Rancho Mirage, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C. (JL)

Are the house tours self-sustaining? Yes. The income from the tour tickets provides funding for the tour guide paycheck, the purchase and maintenance of the shuttles, security in the house, and the ticketing system, and management of the tour program. (JL)

Speaking in dollars, what is the size of The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands? The trust currently has about four hundred million dollars in its endowment. The original endowment has been invested carefully for growth to maintain the property and its programs in perpetuity. (JL)

What is the annual operating budget of The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands (including the cost of retreats)? The annual operating budget, including the cost of retreats, is 13.5 million dollars. (JL)

If a family member came to Sunnylands today, could they take items in the house if they wanted to? Could they take one of the books off the shelf? Walter and Leonore generously left Sunnylands and its property in a public trust for usage by and education for the public. So, it is essentially public property managed through a public trust. No individuals can "take books off the shelf." The family has board responsibilities to govern the public trust. (JL)

The Annenbergs (Walter and Leonore)

Is it true that the Annenbergs were not admitted entrance into the local golf courses because they were Jewish and so they built their own golf course here in the desert? It is true that discrimination fueled segregation

during the mid-1900s, and that the Annenbergs did not golf at the Thunderbird Country Club, a golf course that excluded people with ties to Judaism, they did golf in the desert at the Tamarisk Country Club. It is not true that the Annenbergs were denied access to every country club. (Page 4 of Sunnylands Art and Architecture by David DeLong).

How tall were the Annenbergs? According to their state identification cards, Walter was: 5'10" and Leonore was: 5'3". (2009.1.4375 folder 5-1-77)

Did Leonore do needlepoint? No. Needlepoint throughout the house was sometimes a gift from guests. (MC)

How many years did the Annenbergs live at Sunnylands? When were the Annenbergs last in residence? Sunnylands was occupied for 43 years. The Annenbergs moved in Sunnylands in Spring 1966 and stayed at Sunnylands during the winter (except during Walter's service as Ambassador) until they passed away. Leonore used Sunnylands as a main residence for the last two years of her life after selling Inwood in 2007.

Did the Annenbergs have a favorite area in the house? They used the entire house in general depending on the occasion. (MC)

How did the Annenbergs meet? According to Ogden's book *Legacy*, Leonore and Walter met at a cocktail party that was held in the honor of one of Chicago's most prominent businessmen at the time, Henry Crown. After cocktails, everyone proceeded to the dining room—except Leonore and Walter, who would be seated at different tables, had they followed the seating plan. Later, Leonore reminisced that "We started to dance and we just kept dancing...We never sat down for dinner." Henry Crown was not pleased—since there were guests missing at his table. Leonore commented, "He had every right to be, I wasn't very polite." In 1951, they were married at Sadie's apartment in New York. (2012.2.2) (Ogden, *Legacy*, 314)

Who were the Annenbergs' former spouses? What happened to their former spouses? Leonore was married to Beldon Katleman and Lewis Rosenstiel. Walter was married to Bernice Veronica "Ronny" Dunkleman. We only know that Leonore and Walter were divorced from their spouses.

What inspired Leonore to be such a great hostess? According to *Legacy*, Leonore handled the introductions of Margaret Thatcher and Gerald Ford at a dinner for 30 at Sunnylands. She also planned a luncheon held in England for the Queen Mother's birthday. (Ogden, *Legacy*, 493) According to Bob Colacello's Book, *Ronnie and Nancy: their Path to the White House*, "Aunt Rose was an indefatigable hostess who gave impeccably organized dinner parties for everyone from Irving Berlin to Rita Hayworth." According to Leonore, "She set a great table and had a wonderful sense of style." Aunt Rose may have had an influence.

When were the Annenbergs married? How long were they married? The Annenbergs were married in 1951 and were married for 51 years.

Was her name pronounced Leonore, or Lenore? According to the former house manager, people called her Lee, but her true name was pronounced Leonore. (MC)

Where did the Annenbergs fall in their birth order? Walter was number five of eight children. He was technically number six of nine children, but one of his sisters died of meningitis before he was born. Walter's sisters were: Diana Annenberg (1900–1905), Esther "Aye" Annenberg Simon Levee (1901–1992), Pearl (Polly) Annenberg (1903–d.?), Janet Annenberg Hooker (1904–1997), Enid Annenberg Haupt (1906–2005), Lita Annenberg Hazen (1909–1995), Evelyn Annenberg Jaffe Hall (1911–2005), and Harriet Beatrice Annenberg Ames Aronson (1914–1969). Leonore was number one of two children. Her younger sister was Judith Wolf.

Name a few of Leonore's positive personality traits. According to the house manager, at all times she was lady like, knew how items should be arranged, and was a great hostess to her children and to guests. (MC)

Name a few of Walter's positive personality traits. According to the house manager, he was always on time, for both meals and appointments. He treated everyone with respect, and was a great conversationalist at the dinner table. (MC)

In what ways were the Annenbergs like the average American and in what ways were they different than the average American? When they were at home, the Annenbergs lived very much like the average American. At formal weekends then there was a big difference in the way they entertained. (MC)

What was Leonore's favorite color? Why do some people say that Leonore's favorite color was pink and others say it was yellow? Leonore's favorite color was yellow followed by pink. (MC) Leonore liked both pink and yellow colors. Yellow may have been her overall favorite. (MC) Leonore loved pastel pinks, greens, and yellows. She even said in an interview that she liked to dress in pastels so she didn't clash with the house. (Newspaper article in archives-KD)

Where was Leonore born? Where did she grow up? And Walter? Leonore was born in New York. Because her mother died in a car accident when Leonore was seven, the girls were sent to live with their uncle and aunt, Harry and Rose Cohn in Los Angeles. Harry Cohn was one of the founders of Columbia pictures. Walter was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Ogden, *Legacy*) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Cohn

Where did Walter go to School? And Leonore? Walter attended the Peddie school in New Jersey and attended University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School for one year. Leonore attended Page Boarding School for Girls in Pasadena and Stanford University. She graduated with a BA and majored in History and Political Science. (UNK)

What country clubs did the Annenbergs belong to, both domestic and abroad?

The Annenbergs belonged to several clubs. Locally, the Annenbergs belonged to The Vintage Country Club, Morningside Country Club, and The El Dorado Country Club. In Los Angeles, California, they belonged to the Los Angeles Country Club. In Philadelphia, they belonged to The Achorne Country Club. In London, Walter was often asked by his male friends to join them for lunch in their club, as this was a very common thing for gentlemen to have lunch at each other's club. May that be to do business, or have a man to man talk about a vote coming up in parliament. (MC)

What is Leonore's middle name? No middle name appeared on Leonore's driver's license (2009.1.4375 Folder 5-1-77) and, according to the former estate manager, she likely did not have one. (LB) According to a family history website (which may not be accurate) she is referred to as Leonore Rosalie Cohen. <http://www.davidandcarole.info/AnnenbergPismon.html>

Was Leonore once an actress or a dancer? No.

Was Walter a freemason? Not that we're aware of.

Did Walter Annenberg have any involvement in the "Banana Republic" in South America? We do not believe so because Walter worked in the fields of publishing and communications. Agriculture is not known to be an Annenberg business venture. (KD)

What position did Walter hold in the military? At the start of US involvement in the Second World War, Walter was granted the permission to avoid enlistment so that he could manage his publication company. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, however, he knew he needed to serve his country. When Walter attempted to enlist in the Marines, he did not pass the physical; he was deaf in his right ear. He then tried to enlist in the Navy and was rejected again. In mid-1951, long after the war had ended, Walter was given a post-war exemption for his disability and served as a Lieutenant Commander for the naval reserves on the USS Missouri for two months. During this time, he cruised around northern Europe and the West Indies. (Ogden, 313)

Was Walter a part of President Reagan's "Kitchen Cabinet"? Unlikely, but it's complicated. Representatives at

the Reagan Presidential Library explain that the “Kitchen Cabinet” was a group of businessmen that supported Ronald Reagan’s political career, and that this group was fluid, making it difficult to know who was a member and between which years. In a 1998 interview, Nancy Reagan described the Annenbergs as part of “the Group,” or the Reagans’ inner-circle. Some of the members of “the Group” were the leaders of the “Kitchen Cabinet,” but the Annenbergs were only listed as being very influential to the “Kitchen Cabinet.” (Bob Colacello, *Ronnie and Nancy: Their Path to the White House*, 10) However, other sources give evidence to prove that the Annenbergs were members of the “Kitchen Cabinet.” The Annenberg Foundation was the largest donor of the Reagan-Graber White House re-decoration project, which could be indicative of such membership.

<http://www.nytimes.com/1981/03/21/us/reagan-s-kitchen-cabinet-is-told-to-vacate-office-in-us-building.html> The University of California website describes Walter as a member: “The so-called Kitchen Cabinet which propelled Ronald Reagan to the statehouse and then to the White House reads like a ‘who’s who’ of USC leadership during the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Leonard Firestone, Walter Annenberg, Henry Ford Salvatori, Justin Dart, Robert Fluor were all USC Trustees.” <https://priceschool.usc.edu/events/reagan/reagan-and-usc/> Walter may have been a member of the Nixon “Kitchen Cabinet” as well.

http://articles.philly.com/2002-10-02/news/25353073_1_art-collector-pneumonia-museums

How much wealth did the Annenbergs accumulate during their lives? It is difficult to know how much money the Annenbergs amassed while they were alive, although it is clear that the Annenbergs were billionaires. For instance, they sold their publishing company, Triangle Publications, Inc. in 1988 for an estimated \$3.2 billion. Triangle Publications made the Annenbergs millions, for example, in 1968, readers spent over \$89 million on *TV Guide*. (791.45 TV) In 2008, Leonore’s net worth was \$2.5 billion and she ranked at #163 in Forbes 400, a list of the 400 wealthiest Americans. In 2002, Walter’s net worth was \$4 billion and he ranked at #39 of Forbes 400.

http://www.forbes.com/static_html/rich400/2002/rank400.html

http://www.forbes.com/lists/2008/54/400list08_The-400-Richest-Americans_Rank_7.html

<http://articles.latimes.com/2002/oct/05/nation/na-annenberg5>

By the time Leonore passed away, The Annenberg Foundation had given away \$4.2 billion to cultural, educational and medical institutions. http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/13/business/13annenberg.html?_r=0

At what point did the Annenbergs officially become billionaires? In 1985, *Forbes* “THE 400 RICHEST AMERICANS” (listed in descending order of wealth, residence, source of wealth, and estimated fortune) listed Annenberg as the 22nd wealthiest at \$875 million. On October 13, 1987, *United Press International* stated that Annenberg was technically a billionaire in 1986 but shortly thereafter, made such large donations that year that he went back down to an approximate net worth of \$650 million. In 1987, *Forbes* came out with the 1987 list of international billionaires and Annenberg did not make that list, though in August 1988, he sold *Triangle Publications* to Rupert Murdoch for \$3.2 billion. According to the “THE 400 RICHEST AMERICANS” his personal net worth was listed as \$4 billion and he was ranked as 39th wealthiest in its 2002 edition. Although it is not clear exactly which year the Annenbergs officially became billionaires, we know it is sometime between 1986 and 1988, and we have the option of paying *Forbes* a fee to give us the exact year.

Did the Annenbergs light the menorah during Hanukkah? From the many photo albums and holiday decorations that the Annenbergs left to the archive, we see that the Annenbergs celebrated the holidays at Sunnylands by having fancy family dinners; decorating the house with figures of Santa, angels, snowy houses, and carolers; opening gifts around a tall Christmas tree; and opening English Christmas crackers/poppers. Walter traditionally read the book *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* to the grandchildren and the butler assisted the grandchildren in leaving milk and cookies out for Santa Claus. There one menorah in the collection but it looks contemporary and unused. So although both Walter and Leonore came from families that practiced Judaism to some extent, it appears that they did not. Leonore practiced Christian Science (she drove herself to church on Sundays) and Walter appears to have been more secular than religious, though a rabbi spoke at his funeral. Despite their personal religious views, the Annenbergs were generous philanthropists who donated to many causes, including Jewish-based organizations. (KD) (2009.1.5987, 5989, 5990, 6002, 6161, 6163, 8158)

Did Walter ever use a computer? No. (MC)

Describe Walter's sense of humor was like. Walter Annenberg had a wonderful sense of humor. (UNK)

What church did Leonore attend? Leonore attended the Christian Science church on Portola in Palm Desert. She always sat in the second row and almost always drove herself to church. After church, she would join Walter and often friends for lunch at Sunnylands at 12:45 p.m. (MC)

Did Leonore have a designated day off on which she did not plan the weekend events? After a large dinner or long weekend, Leonore would relax on Mondays and have a quiet dinner with the Ambassador. (MC)

What were the Annenbergs' favorite meals, desserts, and hors d'oeuvres?

HORS D'OEUVRES: salmon and cream cheese roll, ham and cucumber roll, peanut butter and bacon, and deviled eggs.

DESSERTS: apple pie and ice cream, ice cream bombe, papaya, poached fruit, and sorbets balls.

DINNERS: Mr. Annenberg loved pasta and also liked osso bucca, hamburger, filet minion, and deviled bones. Mrs. Annenberg liked poached salmon with tomatoes vinaigrette and a green salad, or poached chicken breast and spinach and a baked potato.

What cocktails did the Annenbergs prefer to drink? What cocktails did they like to serve to guests? Walter drank vodka undiluted on ice which he called "the bomb." Leonore drank white wine or soda water at the cocktail period. During lunch she liked peach Crystal Light iced tea garnished with a mint leaf and a lemon. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs have any favorite restaurants in the Palm Desert area? The Annenbergs sometimes liked to eat out at restaurants in the Coachella Valley area such as Jillian's, Tony Roma's for ribs, Mama Gina's for pasta (Walter was a huge fan of pasta), Montana Steak House, L.G. Steak House, and Cuistot. They also had dining privileges at both The Vintage Club and the Eldorado Club (MC).

Why is there much more information during the tour about Walter than Leonore? Reflecting the sociological aspects of the era in which they lived, though full partners in all aspects of life, Leonore demurred attention from her many accomplishments while demonstrably supporting her husband's accomplishments and endeavors. Remind visitors that Leonore was a 1940 Stanford graduate, the Chief of Protocol under the Reagan administration, and was a partner to Walter in all matters. (AR)

Did the Annenbergs have any nicknames? Walter referred to Leonore as "mother" (MC) and "Lee" in front of guests (MV) and Walter's family referred to him as "boy" (even in old age). (Ogden, *Legacy*, 62)

Did Leonore ever have a job other than her one-year term as Chief of Protocol? Leonore spent time planning the details of her weekend entertaining. She also appears to have dedicated her adult life after her year in Washington to high-impact philanthropy and partnering with her husband in a life punctuated by dedication to public service. (AR)

Why did Leonore end her position as chief of protocol after only one year?

Leonore was very devoted to her job as chief of protocol. There are many speculative accounts of why she ended her service after one year. These range from the competing demands of the job with the family's busy life to Walter's reported dislike of the all-encompassing Washington D.C. lifestyle and Leonore's job requiring her to live there. According to Annenberg staff, she would take the train to Washington from Inwood each Monday morning to arrive at her job and Walter would join her later in the week at their apartment in D.C. The two of them when able, would helicopter together back home to Inwood on Friday for the weekend. The position meant that the Annenbergs were separated and this was not ideal. (MC and AR)

What were Leonore's hobbies? A 1940 Stanford graduate, Leonore was a lifelong student as evidenced by her and Walter's book and periodical collections. Her interests included flowers, gardens, antique furniture, Chinese antiques, French paintings, Christian Science, history, politics, and golf. (AR)

Where were the funerals of the Annenbergs held? Walter died in 2002 at his Inwood home in Pennsylvania. There was a private service held in the Inwood home. There was a larger memorial service held approximately two months later at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. Walter was soon interred at Sunnylands. Leonore died seven years later in 2009 at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage. There was a private celebration of life service in the living room at Sunnylands for family, staff, and a few very close friends. There was a service a day later for a wider invitation list. A memorial was held at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. She is interred at Sunnylands with Walter. They both died of natural causes with the official cause for both cited as pneumonia. (UNK)

Where did Leonore get her hair done? Where was her salon chair kept? The beauty chair was kept in Leonore's personal maid's workroom next to Leonore's dressing room. When Leonore's hair dresser came, Leonore would either have her hair washed and dried or dyed blonde. (MC)

Where did the Annenbergs have lunch? Did they eat dinner in the formal dining room every night or just when they entertained? When it was just the two of them, the Annenbergs enjoyed having lunch in the Game Room or Walter's office and sometimes at the pavilion on the golf course. For dinner, they dined in the formal dining room. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs like to watch any television shows? The Annenbergs liked to watch the nightly news, "Wheel of Fortune," "60 Minutes," "The Carol Burnett Show," and historical shows. Walter enjoyed both college and professional football. (MC)

Did Walter ever fish at Sunnylands? Walter did not fish much at Sunnylands except for when President George Bush visited. (MC) We have a photo in the archive of Walter holding a fish for his grandkids to see. (2012.4.28)

Is it true that Walter and Leonore enjoyed watching birds with binoculars on the property? Yes, both Walter and Leonore loved to watch birds with binoculars. They carried a bird book with them and would mark off the birds that they saw, and have their secretary type up the information of the bird. (MC) "Every day when he went out on the golf cart he always took his binoculars with him." (Hillmann & Carr Kiosk 2, Linda Brooks) According to Ogden's *Legacy*, "[Walter] enjoyed tramping the property with his binoculars and well into his eighties and could rattle off the names of various winged creatures flitting about the property." (399)

Did the Annenbergs ever make their own art? The Annenbergs were inspired art collectors and did not make any of their own art. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs ever play Majong? No. (MC)

Travel

When and what preparations went into leaving Pennsylvania for Sunnylands?

Specific items were taken back and forth between Sunnylands to Inwood. Some of these items include: the Georg Jensen flatware, the golf clubs, and the chest of silver gilt decorations, trays, hollowware, and flatware. Personal items were packed and inventoried and placed in a numbered box. The Annenberg chef departed a few days in advance to get the kitchen ready. Leonore's personal maid and the house manager remained with the Annenbergs, traveling on their person aircraft. (MC)

Did the Annenbergs travel in a personal aircraft? The Annenbergs owned multiple aircrafts which were used for traveling for business, for personal travel, and for shuttling friends around. Their latest model was a Gulfstream 5. (UNK)

Did the Annenbergs ever take vacations? Did the Annenbergs have a favorite travel destination? The Annenbergs took trips outside the United States for special occasions. They went to Spain, Italy, France, or London.

For a few years, they visited London for the Queen Mother's birthday luncheon. They enjoyed spending mid-July to August in Bungalow Five at the Beverly Hills Hotel—especially after the hotel added a swimming pool in response to a request made by Walter. (MC)

Triangle Publications

What was *TV Guide*? *TV Guide* was a magazine that published local and national TV listings (divided into the movies, sports, and weekly shows) as well as articles related to TV such as discussions of certain programs, articles about TV equipment, articles critiquing what is shown on TV, TV bloopers, and columns featuring reader's comments on past articles. The first issue, which was released in 1953, used an image of the newly born Little Ricky from *I Love Lucy* as the cover photo and sold 1.5 million copies. For many years, consumers relied on *TV Guide* to know what shows were on at what time and to read synopsis of new shows. By 1988, when Rupert Murdoch purchased Triangle Publications, *TV Guide* was at its zenith.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gxiEWH_S0GCLbWTRm1ZmuBYOOMqP1Z25VO5uak3Zaw8/edit

Is *TV Guide* still being published? Yes. In the years following Rupert Murdoch's purchase of *TV Guide*, magazine circulation declined, becoming outpaced by the internet and scrolling TV listings available on television screens. In 2008, Murdoch's News Corp. severed its ties with *TV Guide* after years of failure, selling the website to Macrovision for \$2.8 billion to a company who metaphorically "stripped it of its parts." Just a few months later, Macrovision sold the print form, *TV Guide Magazine*, to OpenGate Capital for just \$1. It has been sold since and the most recent owner (2015) is NTVB Media. The magazine is still available in print. The *TV Guide* website, tvguide.com, is owned by CBS Interactive Inc. and includes television listings, news, sports information, and celebrity gossip.

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/08/business/media/08guide.html?_r=0

http://archive.fortune.com/2008/05/08/news/companies/leonard_tvguide.fortune/index.htm

Where was the Triangle Publication headquarters? The Triangle Publications headquarters was in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

Does the Annenberg family still own the company? Triangle Publications was sold in 1988 to Rupert Murdoch for 3.2 billion dollars.

How much was Triangle Publications worth when Walter inherited it? As a private company, this is difficult to estimate but what is clear is that Walter increased its worth. Started by his father Moses, Walter assumed leadership of Triangle Publications, Inc. (then called Cecelia Investment Company after Moses' wife) overseeing the assets of the *Daily Racing Form*, the *Morning Telegraph* in New York, and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Walter then expanded the company into television, radio, and magazines such as *Seventeen* and *TV Guide*. (UNK)

Did the sisters get any of the money? According to Ogden's *Legacy*, Moses' will, which he signed in 1940, named Walter as the trustee and executor of the estate. The trust was divided into two parts. The first part consisted of all Moses' stock in Cecelia (240 shares). Walter was given all of the stock to manage and given 2/3 of the dividends and income from those shares. His mother, Sadie, was to receive 1/3 of the dividends and income from those shares until she died, when the 1/3 would be divided amongst the seven sisters. The second part of the estate was a non-stock portion. Walter received 2/3 of it and was to care for Sadie with the other 1/3. The family recognized the disproportionate allocation and rearranged the will which Moses signed on his deathbed. (246)

Was *TV Guide* Walter Annenberg's idea? Walter Annenberg had the business acumen to purchase multiple existing TV listings and incorporate them into one national publication: *TV Guide*. Before it was acquired by Triangle Publications, *TV Guide* was the project founded by Lee Wagner. Though it was Walter Annenberg who decided to choose the name *TV Guide* from all of the TV listings he had purchased and also to make it nation-wide.

http://articles.latimes.com/1993-09-14/news/mn-34969_1_tv-guide

Was *Seventeen* magazine the first US magazine marketed to teenage women?

Accounts in *Legacy* make it seem as if there were no other magazines marketed toward teens in 1944, but the answer may depend on how we define *teen magazine*. *Calling All Girls* was a magazine first published in 1932 (eventually known as *YM*) that featured teenage women on some of the covers and discussed stories, fashions, movies, beauty, and extra-curricular activities. However, using the word *teen* in the title of the magazine may have been what set *Seventeen* apart as a *teen magazine*. This is a gray area as the idea of categorizing the years between adult and child as a distinct life stage was a new idea in the early 1900s.

<http://thehairpin.com/2014/08/the-tragic-history-of-fallen-teen-magazines/>

Did Walter Annenberg create *Seventeen* magazine for his daughter? No. He had the good foresight to see/know and follow the interest of young girls' style. (MC) Perhaps growing up with seven sisters showed him that there was a market for this type of magazine. (UNK)

What are the names of the other publications managed by the family publication company? Some of the other publications managed by the Annenberg family publication company include the *Philadelphia Daily News*, *Good Food* magazine, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Daily Racing Form*, and the *Morning Telegraph*. (UNK)

Is it true that the Triangle Publications holding company ultimately consisted of multiple radio and television stations around the United States? Yes, Triangle Publications consisted of multiple radio stations: WFBG-FM-98.1 (now WFGY) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. WNBC-FM-98.1 (now WHWK) in Binghamton, New York. KFRE-FM-93.7 and KFRE-940 in Fresno, CA. WNHC-FM-99.1 and WNHC-1340 in New Haven Connecticut. WFIL-FM 102.1 in Philadelphia. The television stations include: KFRE-TV in Fresno, CA. WNHC-TV in New Haven, Hartford, CT. WNBC-TV in Binghamton, New York. WFBG-TV in Altoona-Johnstown, PA. WLBR-TV/WLYH-TV in Lebanon/Lancaster/ Harrisburg/ York, PA and WFIL-TV in Philadelphia. (UNK)

Did Walter take pictures of celebrities at Sunnylands and then use them for the cover of *TV Guide*? No. (MC)

Why was Cecelia Corporation renamed Triangle Publications? What year was the change made? According to Ogden's *Legacy*, the company was "renamed Triangle while Moses was in Lewisburg [prison] to remove the notoriety from the name," (*Legacy*, 246). This fell sometime between 1939 and 1942.

Did Triangle Publications, Inc. have anything to do with the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York? No.

Vehicles

How many cars did the Annenbergs have? What kind of cars did they own? Do we still have any in our collection today? The house was designed with a 2-car garage, though other vehicles could be parked in the service entry court and the maintenance yard. The first car that we know of the Annenbergs buying for use at Sunnylands was a 1966 Bonneville station wagon. Over the years, they have owned many Cadillac, Ford, and Chevy sedans and station wagons, multiple Chevy pickup trucks and vans, a Jaguar, a Mercedes Benz, a BMW, and a dump truck. Other notable vehicles include the 1963 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III which the Annenbergs used in Pennsylvania and in London (though it is now at Sunnylands) and the 1967 Austin Mini Moke which, on occasion, was used to drive the grandkids to get burgers and milkshakes. (Operations documents). (MV)

Did Walter own a 737 G5 aircraft? Did he own others? Do we still have any of them? He owned a G5, G4, and a G3. He sold them as he upgraded. (MC) He owned other aircrafts as well.

William Haines

Did William Haines pick out all of the Chinese pieces (such as the Tang figures or the cloisonné birds), or just the ceramics anchored to lamps? William Haines proposed nearly all of the Chinese decorative objects and yet the Annenbergs played a very active role in deciding which objects to keep and which to reject that Haines would propose. It is likely that the Annenbergs made suggestions to Haines as well. For example, Leonore owned flower drawings that were re-framed (in color-coordinating frames) by Haines and used in the Sunnylands guest suites.

Was Haines designing until his death? William Haines retired in 1970 and died of lung cancer on December 26, 1973 at the age of 73. (Wikipedia)

Winfield House

Did any other individuals (apart from the Annenbergs and their staff) reside at Winfield while Walter served as Ambassador? Or did only the Annenbergs occupy that entire mansion? Only the Annenbergs resided at Winfield House during Walter's service as ambassador. (MC)