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**FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LOOK-A-LIKES
APPEAR AT NORTH OAKS FUNCTION IN PIKESVILLE**



Pikesville, MD (July 28, 2008) – Actors mimicking the costumes, dialects and demeanors of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt recently appeared at Beth El Congregation in an event sponsored by the North Oaks Retirement Community.

Commonly referred to as “FDR,” Franklin Roosevelt was the 32nd President of the United States of America, served four separate terms between 1933 and 1945, and was the only chief executive to serve more than two terms. Famous quotations included, “First of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself,” and “Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live on in infamy, the United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the naval and armed forces of the Empire of Japan.”

His wife Eleanor Roosevelt is recognized as among the country's most influential and respected First Ladies and was a vibrant supporter of the civil rights movement and as an advocate to enhance the status of working women. She founded the UN Association of the United States, which was the predecessor organization of the United Nations.

The Roosevelt's were portrayed by the husband and wife acting and writing team of William and Sue Wills, who make nearly 300 appearances annually depicting the stories and life experiences of thirty-one different Presidential couples. The Wills' first started their careers by operating a theatrical company in Ocean City, MD.

"The appearance was both entertaining and educational and provided an interesting glimpse into the historical events that helped shape our country in the 1930s and 1940s," explained Mark Pressman, Executive Director of North Oaks. "We picked this presidential couple as many of our current residents can relate to and have strong memories of the Roosevelt's tenure in the White House," he added.

North Oaks typically holds special events such as these at their Pikesville campus, but the community's primary social gathering facility – Wilson Hall – is currently undergoing renovation work.

Founded in 1991, North Oaks is a Senior Living Community in Pikesville that offers a variety of living options for local residents including the full continuum of care: independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care. It is managed by Life Care Services LLC, which is based in Des Moines, IA.

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