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1993 **Tim Russert**, Moderator of Meet the Press and NBC Washington Bureau Chief
1994 **Mark Russell**, Political Satirist
1995 **Wolf Blitzer**, CNN Television Correspondent
1996 **David O. “Doc” Cooke**, Pentagon Administrator
1997 **Thomas A. Constantine**, Administrator, US Drug Enforcement Administration
1999 **Marv Levy**, Head Coach of the Buffalo Bills, NFL (1986-1997)
2001 Buffalo Nite, scheduled for September 12, cancelled.
2002 **Gwen Ifill**, Public Broadcasting System National Correspondent
2003 **Jack Kemp, John LaFalce** and **Hank Nowak**, former U.S. Congressional Representatives, Buffalo Nite Founders
2004 **Jack Quinn**, U.S. Congressional Representative, 27th District, New York
2005 **Tom Toles**, Pulitzer Prize Winning Editorial Cartoonist
2006 **Michael A. Fitzpatrick**, General Secretary, Intl. Iron Workers Union
2007 **Bill Paxon**, U.S. Congressional Representative, 31st District & 27th District
2008 **Charles W. Roesch**, (Charlie the Butcher) Buffalo’s Food Ambassador
2009 **Donald E. Will**, President, Will Poultry Company, Inc.
2010 **Erik Brady**, Sports Writer, USA Today
2011 **Tracy O’Grady**, Executive Chef and Co-owner, Willow Restaurant

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History of Buffalo Nite

INAUGURATION

In 1978, the event started with modest beginnings in the Capitol, Room EF100. Staffers from the Offices of Representatives Kemp, LaFalce and Nowak organized the event. Large and enthusiastic crowds spilled into the Capitol hallways at the inaugural event called “The Buffalo Party.” The tradition exhibiting Buffalo pride through signature food and drinks and an event format was established. “The Buffalo Party” continued under the management of Western New York Congressional staffers through 1985.

EVOLUTION

Buffalo Chamber of Commerce ran the renamed “Buffalo Night in Washington, D.C.” from 1986 to 1992. The event was held in Washington hotels and other venues in the Cannon, Longworth and Rayburn Buildings of the House of Representatives. Additional Buffalo flavor and hometown management was added.

REVOLUTION

New York State Society assumed stewardship in 1993. A larger committee implemented a multitude of new ideas. The event was entitled “Buffalo Nite.” The “Charging Buffalo” Award was presented to recognize outstanding Buffalonians and there was more corporate sponsorship, more food, live music, charitable contributions, and a unique logo created. Buffalo Nite receives annual support from New York Senators and Members of Congress. Attendance at Buffalo Nite and membership in New York State Society increases annually.

TRADITION

A showcase of Buffalo, New York State’s second largest city, Buffalo Nite is an annual celebration of Buffalo pride and traditions right in the heart of our Nation’s Capital. The “City of Good Neighbors” legacy attracts hundreds of local Buffalo people and fellow New Yorkers. Friends, food, fun, reminiscence, comradship, and conversation are sparked by thoughts of Millionaires Row, Kleinhans, Hertel, Elmwood and Chippewa haunts, the HSBC Arena, the new airport terminal, the Aud, Shea’s Performing Arts Center, Lake Erie and the waterfront, Albright-Knox, Delaware Park, the Bills, Sabres, and Bisons, the universities, Our Lady of Victory National Shrine, the Allentown Festival and the Broadway Market. Buffalo, each year, is number one for a special night in the shadow of the Nation’s Capitol Dome.

WELCOME!
A Brief History of the City of Buffalo

In 1758, Frenchman Chabert Joncaire established a farm and trading post within Seneca Indian territory at the mouth of the Buffalo River. Abandoned when the British attacked Fort Niagara in 1759, "Riviere aux Chevaux," remains the first European agricultural enterprise in Western New York.

After the Revolutionary War, the Seneca Indians, British allies, relinquished their lands to reside on reservations. A multi-ethnic, multi-racial group of new settlers began to build their dwellings near the site of today’s downtown Buffalo stadium.

The Holland Land Company obtained title to the area in 1793. After British troops evacuated Fort Niagara in 1796 and the Seneca ceded their land rights to the Holland Company, Joseph Ellicott began planning Buffalo. He adopted a radial street pattern similar to the one Pierre L'Enfant used for the nation’s capital. Ellicott and his brother, Andrew, served as surveyors in Washington. While Ellicott named his proposal for Buffalo’s streets "New Amsterdam" to please his Dutch employers, local citizens persisted in calling it Buffalo Creek, then simply Buffalo.

The War of 1812 saw bloody campaigns on the Niagara Frontier. In the winter of 1813, the British burned the entire village of Buffalo to retaliate for the American destruction of York (Toronto) and Newark (Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Later developments established Buffalo and Erie County as vital centers of trade and transportation. In 1818, the first Great Lakes steamboat, Walk-in the-Water, plied the lakes of Buffalo. Then, in 1825, the Erie Canal opened to link Lake Erie with the Hudson River at Albany and the Atlantic Ocean at New York. Buffalo became a transfer point in the flow of products between Eastern cities and the agricultural Midwest. Buffalo played a crucial role to ship and process Midwestern grain. Irish immigrants who came to the county to work on “The Big Ditch” became the first in a series of ethnic groups to make their homes in Buffalo. Large numbers of Germans, Italians, Poles, African-Americans, and many others joined them later.

The railroad arrived in the 1850s, solidifying Buffalo’s position as a trade and transportation hub. Before the Civil War, Buffalo was an important station on the Underground Railroad that helped slaves reach freedom in Canada.

The City of Buffalo gained international recognition in 1901 with the Pan American Exposition. The Exposition strengthened relations between the United States and Central and South America and introduced the world to large-scale electrical lighting. President William McKinley was assassinated while attending the Exposition.

After his death on September 14, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt took the oath as the 26th President of the United States in the library of Buffalo’s Wilcox Mansion.

With the arrival of steel making and hydroelectric power at the beginning of the 20th Century, Erie County became a major manufacturing center. Related jobs in the automobile, aircraft, chemical, and refractory industries burgeoned. Support jobs in retailing and publishing also flourished. Prosperity at that time fostered Buffalo arts organizations and educational institutions that remain today.

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