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Margaret Jane Anderson Fountain Named at Will Rogers Memorial Park in Beverly Hills

Fountain Named after Community and Visionary Pioneer Margaret J. Anderson



At the Margaret J. Anderson Fountain Dedication, pictured l to r: Vice-Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Mayor Julian Gold, M.D., Robert S. Anderson, Councilmember William Brien, M.D., Jeanne Anderson and Jack Anderson.

Beverly Hills, Calif. – Today, August 4, the fountain at Will Rogers Memorial Park was named after Margaret J. Anderson, community pioneer and visionary who built, owned and operated The Beverly Hills Hotel over 100 years ago and in 1915, donated the Park to the City of Beverly Hills. In a dedication ceremony held at the park, Mayor Julian Gold officially named the fountain and a plaque is installed commemorating Ms. Anderson's significance to the community. Mayor Gold said, "This park is a wonderful place for community to come together and enjoy our beautiful, Southern

California weather and we are very grateful to Margaret Anderson for her generous donation and for providing the City with its very first municipal park 100 years ago. It is more than fitting that we name the fountain in this park

after an extraordinary woman who ranks foremost among those pioneering spirits to whom Beverly Hills owes its existence."

Great-grandson Robert S. Anderson, Jeanne, and his son Jack were among the over 100 attendees who witnessed the naming of the fountain. Mr. Anderson, also on the City of Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission, thanked the City for recognizing his great-grandmother and said, "I thank the City for paying homage to my family. I feel a sense of great responsibility to give back to the community that's given so much to me and my family."

The fountain in Will Rogers Memorial Park was erected in 1912 and now graces the name Margaret Jane Anderson Fountain.

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