



## Media Release

### **AVIATION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MAJOR AIRLINES & PORT AUTHORITY HELP SCHOOL KIDS 'DIG' HISTORY AT KING MANOR MUSEUM'S ARCHEOLOGY ED. PROGRAM**

Aviation Development Council (ADC), a bridge organization between our region's aviation industry and the communities it serves, is proud to announce its partnership with its airline board members, the Port Authority of NY & NJ, and King Manor Museum, as a sponsor of King Manor Museum's on-site school program for over 4,000 visiting students, teachers, and chaperones. This valuable school education program allows groups of 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be introduced to important local history through the discipline of archeology. The educational program utilizes artifacts similar to those unearthed on King Manor's grounds, as well as many of the exhibits housed at the museum. Participating classes also get to visit the King Manor excavation site, speak to archeologists, and even view artifacts removed from the grounds. Aviation Development Council's sponsorship of this school visitation program was the result of some dialogue between ADC's board member airlines and the community affairs office of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"Aviation Development Council has formulated a community outreach program which is focused on youth education, youth leadership development, and youth wellness. We were looking for a worthwhile initiative in the Jamaica area and began discussions with our industry partners, like Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Air Canada, American Airlines, and the Port Authority. The King Manor Museum's on-site school program became a natural choice for our local outreach efforts", states Bill Huisman, the Director of the Aviation Development Council. "We are demonstrating the regional aviation industry's concern for the youth of the communities it serves through our community outreach program and appreciate the support we receive from the Port Authority and our airline board members. We are pleased to be helping the King Manor Museum with this exciting program which helps to educate young people throughout Queens and our city schools about the importance of our local history and how our community developed over time", continued Mr. Huisman.

"King Manor Museum's primary mission is history education," noted the Museum's Executive Director, Mary Anne Mrozinski, "and this program -- the only one of its kind in the city -- is designed to introduce children to the notion that history is all around us -- even beneath our feet!"

*King Manor Museum was the home and farm of one of our country's Founding Fathers, Rufus King, from 1805 to 1827. Rufus King was an author of the U.S. Constitution, as well as one of New York's first United States Senators, Ambassador to Great Britain and an early, and outspoken, opponent of slavery. King Manor later became the estate of King's son, John Alsop King, who served as New York's Governor. King Manor has been a museum since 1900.*

*The Aviation Development Council (ADC) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be a positive agent for the advancement of aviation in the New York metropolitan area by promoting a business-minded, community-friendly agenda for both the region's aviation industry and the communities it serves. ADC is funded by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the airlines that operate at all four Port-Authority managed airports in our region.*

The ADC will be celebrating its support of the King Manor Museum School Visitation Program with a check presentation on Friday, November 21st, at 12 noon at the King Manor Museum – 150-03 Jamaica Avenue (in King Park), Jamaica, N.Y. Those expected to be present for this occasion are: Ralph Tragale, Manager of Government and Community Affairs, Port Authority of NY & NJ; and a member of the Museum's Board of Directors-Marcia Moxam Comrie, Vice President of the King Manor Association; Mary Anne Mrozinski, Executive Director of King Manor Museum; Bill Huisman, Executive Director of ADC, and other esteemed guests.

#### **ADC, Port Authority of NY & NJ & King Manor Museum's Archeology Education Program Event Overview**

**What:** Check presentation & media event to celebrate support of King Manor Museum's Archeology Education Program by the Aviation Development Council and the Port Authority of NY & NJ

**When:** Friday, November 21st, at 12 noon.

**Where:** King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Avenue (in King Park), Jamaica NY, 718-206-0545.

**More info:** For further information, please contact the Aviation Development Council at (718) 746-0212.