THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF HISTORIC SPEAKERS AND CAPTIVATING SPEECHES WITH A NEW EXHIBIT OPENING SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

DETROIT – The Detroit Economic Club will open a new exhibit, Detroit Economic Club: 75 Years of Remarkable Speakers and Compelling Conversations, on Saturday, April 16 at the Detroit Historical Museum. This exhibit in the Museum’s Community Gallery celebrates the history of the Detroit Economic Club, the City of Detroit and American business overall.

The Detroit Economic Club, once known as the Economic Club of Detroit, was established in 1934 during the Great Depression by Allen Crow. Crow, a determined and forward-thinking business leader known for his devotion to the community, wanted the organization to be larger, permanent and more effective to help lead the way out of the Depression. He brought together 47 of Detroit’s business and industrial leaders for regular forum meetings, and the Detroit Economic Club was born.

The organization has seen many “firsts” while hosting prominent CEOs, thinkers and government officials including Catherine Curtis, the first female speaker; Martha Griffiths, the first female member and first female board member; and Lester Blackwell Granger, the first African American speaker. Today, the organization has 3,000 members and more than 100 sponsors.

This exhibit will feature photographs and artifacts, as well as audio and video of the speakers the Club has hosted. Visitors will see the original bell used to bring the meetings to order, ledgers from the days of Allen Crow, the roster of the original members and much more.

Additionally, the Club’s 75th Anniversary commemorative book, “They Said It Here” will be available for purchase at the Museum for $35. The book features photos and narratives of the most significant moments of the Club’s history, mirroring local and national trends through the years.
The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is $6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay $4. Admission for children ages four and the famous Streets of Old Detroit; Frontiers to Factories; The Motor City; and The Glancy Trains. New exhibits include Fabulous 5: Detroit’s Award Winners; New to the Collection; and the Detroit Artists Showcase featuring Janet Anderson. For more information, visit www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1805.

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