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(From L to R) Mayor James Kenney, City Representative Sheila Hess, Consul Georgina Fernández Destéfano, and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.

## VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA AND A MEETING WITH MAYOR JAMES KENNEY

On Friday, May 6, Ambassador Jorge Argüello and the Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy, Georgina Fernández Destéfano, visited Philadelphia, where they held a working meeting with Mayor James Kenney and his team, during which they discussed topics of mutual interest, such as human rights, women's rights, minority rights and climate change, among others.

After the meeting, Ambassador Argüello, Mayor Kenney and the Consul, together with members of the Argentine community that reside in Philadelphia, paid tribute to the Liberator General San Martín by placing a floral offering at his bust at City Hall, where the Argentine flag billowed throughout the weekend at a guest pavilion, along with the U.S. flag and the flag of Philadelphia.



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the visit to Philadelphia in which we held a working meeting with the mayor, James Kenney, and we also participated in a tribute to the Liberator General San Martín in the mayor's office, and at the gala of the United Latino Congress in which this year Argentina was the honored country.

In this edition we also include an article on the dialogue organized by the Potomac Exchange with American companies that have investments and interests in our country.

Finally, an article on the annual celebration of the Washington Diplomat that was held at the Argentine Embassy before the White House Correspondents' Dinner, to honor to journalism and reaffirm press freedom.

Jorge Argüello  
Ambassador to the United States

DURING THE MEETING THEY DISCUSSED TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, WOMEN'S RIGHTS, MINORITY RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE, AMONG OTHERS.

In the evening, the Ambassador and the Consul attended the Congreso Gala Latino event hosted by Congreso de Latinos Unidos, a nonprofit organization founded in 1977 which aims to ensure that Latin American families can achieve economic self-sufficiency and wellbeing. This year Argentina was the country honored, and those who attended enjoyed a traditional Argentine menu, as well as a tango show presented by the Escuela de Tango Argentino in Philadelphia.

Approximately 2,500 Argentines live in Philadelphia and its surroundings; they represent an example of adaptation and integration in the local community, and pay homage to the city's traditional motto: "Welcoming City".

For its part, the Port of Philadelphia, located on the Delaware River, provides privileged access for Argentine products to the East Coast, and is the gateway for plentiful products, including honey, lemons, pears, wines, and lithium carbonate, which are then distributed throughout the United States. ■

## DIALOGUE WITH ENTREPRENEURS AT THE POTOMAC EXCHANGE

Argentina offers opportunities in renewable energies, lithium, gold, and copper mining, knowledge economy, services and hydrocarbons, among many others. This has sparked the interest of executives from many companies such as CVS Health, Apple, Bank of America, Corcoran & Rowe LLP, BMW Group, Boston Scientific, The Coca Cola Company, Exxon Mobil Corporation, FedEx Corporation, Fluor, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Google, Lockheed Martin International, Paramount LLC, Texas Instruments and United Airlines.

During his presentation, the Ambassador made reference to the state of the Argentine economy, its challenges and perspectives, and reviewed the post-pandemic recovery process, in which the basic indicators are stronger than the initial baseline during the global crisis period.

In this regard, he pointed out that indicators show the strongest economic activity since March 2018. In 2021, GDP growth rose to 10.3%, which is 7% higher than in 2019 (prior to the pandemic). It should be noted that Argentina had a good year for exports in 2021, reaching a total of US\$ 78 billion, with values increasing 42% compared to 2020, and 20% compared to 2019.

The Argentine Ambassador highlighted the favorable current bilateral relationship, both for specific issues as well as for regional issues, in the run up to the next Summit of the Americas.

Guests at the Potomac Exchange underscored -and agreed with the Ambassador- the importance of rethinking value and supply chains to generate an ecosystem that

Ambassador Jorge Argüello and guests at the Potomac Exchange meeting.



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Argentina has the potential to make an important contribution in diverse areas, such as the knowledge economy (aerospace sector, video games, and audiovisual production), organic food, products from regional economies, and fishing, among others.

We value the contribution of institutions such as the Potomac Exchange that cooperate in identifying and giving visibility to the various integration and development vectors to enhance business opportunities in our country. Renewable energies, green development and knowledge-based industries are topics of interest in the bilateral relationship in which North American companies make a highly valuable contribution. ■



Wine tasting during the Washington Diplomat's annual pre-White House Correspondents Dinner celebration at the Embassy of Argentina.

## THE EMBASSY HOSTED THE FOREIGN PRESS AHEAD OF THE TRADITIONAL WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER

On April 29th, administration officials; members of Congress; media personalities from different outlets; members of the diplomatic community and the private sector celebrated journalism and freedom of the press at the Washington Diplomat's annual pre-White House Correspondents Dinner celebration hosted by the Embassy of Argentina.

Argentina, member of the Media Freedom Coalition since September 2019, reaffirmed in this way its strong support for the freedom of expression, in line with the active role played in international and regional forums like the Human Rights Council, the UN general Assembly and the Organization of the American States in the promotion and protection of this fundamental human right.

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) and former Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce were among the guests of this event sponsored by Wines of Argentina, who had the opportunity to enjoy a showcase of some of the best wines Argentina has to offer.

Eight wineries and more than twenty different labels were displayed, representing the main wine regions of Argentina: Salta, Cuyo and Patagonia. Almost all the varieties that are produced in Argentina were included: on top of our excellent Malbec, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Torrontés, and Rosé.

Ambassador Argüello highlighted the importance of

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bringing to Washington DC these variety of wineries, representing not only the Argentine wine industry but the history of many hardworking families, a culture, an identity, and a passion and stressed that "Our viticulture is the history of our wine tradition, a history where innovation and tradition go hand in hand to create new paths." ■