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As I sit back breathing a collective sigh of relief following the events of last week surrounding the Clinton wedding I am very grateful. This was a high profile event with tremendous historical significance, that highlighted our beautiful Village and drew media from all over the world. It took an enormous amount of commitment and coordination to stage an event of this magnitude. I would be remiss if I did not thank those involved. The owners of Astor Courts are to be commended. If not for their willingness to provide their beautiful home for this historical occasion, Rhinebeck would not have received the attention it did. These are tough economic times and the influx of people to our Village was a shot in the arm for our local businesses. I expect that to continue as people that may have not known about Rhinebeck prior, will now come visit. I would like to thank Officer Scattergood and all the officers of the Rhinebeck Police Department for their hard work during the days and nights surrounding this event. My thanks also go out the New York State Police and the Dutchess County Sheriffs Office for their valuable assistance with traffic and safety during the event. The media deserves recognition for showcasing Rhinebeck. They were a pleasure to work with and conducted themselves as true professionals. Lastly, I would like to thank the people of the Village of Rhinebeck for demonstrating what makes Rhinebeck so special. I am proud to be their Mayor!

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