



NWC NEWSLETTER *February 2010*

Upcoming Events - Please Join Us!

After an amazing 2009 the RJC's National Women's Committee is off to a strong start for 2010. The NWC will be visiting Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, New York, and California during the first part of the year. We are excited to have a great line up of guest speakers as well as a growing number of women in each region. We have listed all the details of the upcoming events below. If you are interested in attending any event please email Lisa Spies at Lisa@theLSgroup.com.

ATLANTA:

Special Guest: SANDY FROMAN

Sandra Froman is a past president of the National Rifle Association of America. She was elected vice president in 1998 under Charlton Heston and in 2005 became the second woman and first Jewish president since the NRA was founded in 1871. At the conclusion of her presidency, the NRA Board of Directors unanimously elected her for life to the NRA Executive Council. An international speaker on the right to keep and bear arms, Froman promotes the NRA as a civil rights organization, dedicated to the protection and advancement of the Bill of Rights. Her many radio and television appearances include *Good Morning America*, *MSNBC*, and *Fox and Friends*. She was featured on the front page of *The New York Times* in a positive story about firearms ownership and was chosen by *ABC World News Tonight* as the "Person of the Week" upon her election as NRA president. Last year, Ms. Froman testified before the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate in opposition to the confirmation of Judge Sonia Sotomayor as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court based on her Second Amendment record.

Date and Time: Friday, February 12th at 12:00 PM

Location: 103 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Cost: \$25 for RJC members/\$35 for non-members

RSVP: Please RSVP to Lisa Spies at Lisa@theLSgroup.com or 202-744-7373

Kosher meals available upon request.

CHICAGO:

Special Guest: DEMETRA DEMONTE

Republican National Committeewoman for Illinois & Director of Coalitions for Illinois. In June of 2008, Demetra was elected Republican National Committeewoman for Illinois at the State Convention in Decatur and in January 2009 she was elected Secretary of Midwest Region of the RNC. She was also appointed Illinois' representative on the Rules Committee. Since being elected, Demetra has traveled all around the state speaking,

recruiting, and assisting candidates and attending events. As an active participant in Presidential politics, she chaired the 2000 Peoria "W Stands for Women" event attended by over 1,000 women which was heralded as contributing to Bush's winning margin in Central Illinois. In 2004, she was elected as Bush Delegate to the National Convention in New York City and in 2008 she was a delegate to the National Convention in Minneapolis. This event is co-chaired by Nina Cunningham & Eloise Gerson and it is co-hosted by Rachel Erlichman, Liz Geifman, Sharon Glick, & Rita Zak.

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30 PM

Location: Doubletree Hotel, 9599 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077

Cost: \$25 for RJC members/\$35 for non-members

RSVP: This event is open to the public, RSVP to Lisa Spies at Lisa@theLSgroup.com or 202-638-2909 ext. 109. A light kosher style meal will be served, strict kosher meal by request.

LAS VEGAS:

Special Guest: LIZ CHENEY

Liz Cheney is an attorney and specialist in U.S. Middle East Policy. From 2005-2006, she was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. In this capacity, she was the second-ranking State Department official responsible U.S. policy in the Middle East. Prior to that, Ms. Cheney served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs from 2002 to 2004. She was responsible for the establishment of the \$300 million Middle East Partnership Initiative to support political, economic, and educational reform and the empowerment of women in the Middle East. Ms. Cheney practiced law at White and Case LLP in the area of international project finance from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2002 she served on assignment with the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. Ms. Cheney served previously at the Department of State and at the Agency for International Development from 1989 to 1993, designing and managing U.S. assistance projects in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. She is currently collaborating with Vice President Cheney on his memoirs, covering 40 years of his career in Washington. She is Chairman of the board of KeepAmericaSafe.com, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and advocacy about American national security policy. She also chairs the board of the Institute for the Study of War and is a member of the International Board of Visitors at the University of Wyoming. Ms. Cheney earned her law degree from the University of Chicago in 1996 and her bachelor's degree from the Colorado College in 1988. She is married to Phillip J. Perry and they have five children. This lunch is hosted by Dr. Miriam Adelson and the topic is "*National Security and the War on Terror*".

Date and Time: Saturday, March 6th at 1:00 PM

Location: The Venetian Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada

Cost: \$50 per person

RSVP: This event is only open to RJC leadership, RSVP to Lisa Spies at Lisa@theLSgroup.com or 202-638-2909 ext. 109

Lunch will be kosher-style with strict kosher available on request.

NEW YORK:

Special Guest: BRAD BLAKEMAN

Bradley A. Blakeman is currently teaching at Georgetown University's 2010 Spring Semester in Washington Program. Prior to that he was the President of Freedom's Watch, a right-of-center conservative advocacy organization. Prior to founding Freedom's Watch, Mr. Blakeman was a member of President George W. Bush's senior staff, having served from 2001-2004 as Deputy Assistant to the President for Appointments and Scheduling, Vetting and Research, Correspondence and Surrogate Scheduling. Mr. Blakeman can be seen regularly as a Republican Strategist on FOX News, MSNBC, BBC, CNN and al-Jazeera. He also is published regularly in *Politico*, *US News and World Report*, *Newsmax* and Foxnews.com. Mr. Blakeman played a major role in the 2000 presidential election as a senior advisor and played a critical role in the Florida recount, a role that landed him a part as a character in the HBO Film "*Recount*". He has also been an advisor on the ABC TV Drama Series "*Commander in Chief*". Mr. Blakeman is an attorney licensed to practice in that State of New York and the District of Columbia, and is currently the President & CEO with Kent Strategies LLC, a private corporation dedicated to providing strategic advice as well as crisis management and communications strategies to foreign governments and foreign and domestic corporations. He is also a principal of Manhole Barrier Security Systems Inc., which owns a U.S. Utility Patent on a manhole-locking device that is currently being sold nationwide. Mr. Blakeman has been active in presidential politics since 1980. He was appointed to serve as a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council during the George H.W. Bush Administration. Mr. Blakeman's topic of discussion will be on: "*Why American Jews Need to Heed Israel's Warning on Obama*".

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 24th from 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Location: TBD

Cost: TBD

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CALIFORNIA:

The NWC is coming to California at the end of April, details to come soon!

Let us know if you would like the NWC in your area!

The NWC would like to come to YOU! If you have a group of women in your area and would like us to work on bringing a speaker please email Lisa Spies at Lisa@theLSgroup.com. We will help coordinate the event as well as publicize it to other RJC members in your community

Photos from *DAY ON THE HILL*



Congresswoman Ileana Ross-Lehtinen listens while Diana Cantor asks a question at the dinner during Day on the Hill



Congressman Eric Cantor addresses the NWC at our Inaugural Day on the Hill in Washington, DC



Senator David Vitter (R-LA) speaks to the NWC during Day on the Hill

NWC Chair, Diane Sembler Kamins, introduces Congresswoman Jean Schimidt at the Day on the Hill



RNC Political Director, Gentry Collins, speaks to the NWC at the National Republican Senatorial Committee during Day on the Hill

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NWC has a Facebook page! If you are on Facebook please join our group and invite your friends to join too.

The link for the group is:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=80815824269&ref=ts>

The National Women's Committee of the RJC was formed to give Republican Jewish women a strong voice to express their unique viewpoint on issues and exciting ways to make a difference in their communities.

The NWC is part of the Republican Jewish Coalition. Our goal is to bring more women members into the RJC leadership and express our unique perspective through our speakers and events. While we do not have a membership fee, we encourage women to join the RJC at a leadership level.

Only members of the RJC may participate in NWC events.

To attend NWC events you must be a member of the Republican Jewish Coalition. To join the RJC, please fill out the attached membership form or send us an email at women@rjchq.org. Membership dues and contributions to the RJC are not tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes. The RJC is a not-for-profit corporation registered under section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Membership entitles you to all the benefits of the RJC as well as the National Women's Committee.

Questions? Email us at women@rjchq.org or call 202-638-2909 ext. 109

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