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Ripon Society Hosts “Team Boehner”

**October 19th luncheon features
Senior Staff Members from the
House Republican Leader’s Office**

The Ripon Society hosted a roundtable discussion yesterday, a luncheon event that focused on the legislative and political outlook on Capitol Hill and featured senior staff members from the office of House Republican Leader John Boehner.

“We’re obviously in a very dynamic environment right now,” stated Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of The Ripon Society, “The election is two weeks away, and the prospects of Congress returning in December for a lame duck session are growing more likely with each passing day.

“In light of this uncertainty, we thought it was a good time to bring in some folks who not only have an idea of where things stand politically right now for the Republican Party, but who also have a sense of the legislative agenda between now and the end of the year.”

The roundtable featured 11 senior staff members from the office of House Republican Leader John Boehner. These staff members included: Ed Cassidy, Senior Advisor/Floor assistant; Jay Cranford, Policy Advisor; Trevor Kolego, Member Services; Danielle Maurer, Director Membership Services; Emily Porter, Policy Advisor; David Schnittger, Deputy Chief of Staff; Kevin Smith, Communications Director; Michael Sommers, Policy Director; Michael Steel, Press Secretary; Jo-Marie St. Martin, General Counsel/Director Floor Operations; and, Anne Bradbury Thorsen, Deputy Director Floor Operations.

According to Conzelman, the format of the roundtable was intended to foster discussion among the featured participants and those who attended the event. The staff members circulated among the tables, answering questions and discussing the many concerns that people had.

Conzelman also noted that this was the fifth roundtable



Michael Sommers, Policy Director for Republican Leader Boehner, delivers opening remarks at the Ripon Society roundtable luncheon.

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discussion The Ripon Society has hosted since last December. Previous events have featured members of the House Financial Services Committee, members of the Ways & Means Committee, and senior staff members from both the House and the Senate. Around 80 people were in attendance for those roundtables, Conzelman noted, about the same number that attended yesterday’s event with the Republican Leader’s staff.

The Ripon Society is a public policy organization that was founded in 1962 and takes its name from the town where the Republican Party was born in 1854 -- Ripon, Wisconsin. One of the main goals of the Ripon Society is to promote the ideas and principles that have made America great and contributed to the GOP’s past success. These ideas include keeping our nation secure, keeping taxes low and having a federal government that is smaller, smarter and more accountable to the people.

For more information on the Ripon Society, please visit <http://www.riponsociety.org>.

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**The Ripon Society Roundtable Discussion with the Republican Leader's Senior Staff
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Clockwise, from top left: Ed Cassidy, Jay Cranford, Danielle Maurer, David Schnittger, Michael Steel, Anne Bradbury Thorsen, Jo-Marie St. Martin, Kevin Smith, Emily Porter, and Trevor Kolego.