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Ripon Society Hosts “Team Cantor”

**December 6th Roundtable features
12 members of the incoming
Majority Leader’s staff**

The Ripon Society hosted a roundtable luncheon and discussion this afternoon with 12 members of Virginia Congressman Eric Cantor’s staff.

“Today, they work for the Republican Whip,” stated Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of The Ripon Society. “In less than a month, they will work for the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

“These are some of the folks who are helping to drive so many of the changes we are likely to see on Capitol Hill -- changes that will not only be reflected in the number of new faces taking office in January, but in an entirely different and much more open way of doing business as well.

“The purpose of this afternoon’s roundtable was to hear about what some of these changes may be, and the impact they may have on the legislative agenda next year.”

Participating in the roundtable discussion from incoming Majority Leader Eric Cantor’s staff were: Amy Barrera, Director of Administration; Neil Bradley, Policy Director; Jeff Burton, Director of Outreach; Brad Dayspring, Press Secretary; Mike Ference, Senior Policy Advisor; Nicole Gustafson, Policy Advisor and Legislative Counsel; Cheryl Jaeger, Senior Policy Advisor; Matt Lira, New Media Director; Valerie Nelson, Director of Member Services; Kyle Nevins, Floor Director; Shimmy Stein, Senior Policy Advisor; and, Steve Stombres, Chief of Staff.

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 sixth roundtable discussion The Ripon Society has hosted since last



Steve Stombres, Chief of Staff for the incoming House Majority Leader, introduces members of “Team Cantor” at The Ripon Society roundtable.

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December. Previous events have featured senior members of Republican Leader John Boehner’s staff, 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, while today’s event drew over 110 -- an increase, Conzelman noted, that reflected not just the GOP’s new majority status, but also the level of interest in the changes that may take place in the House next year.

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 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>. **RS**



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Clockwise, from top left:
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Neil Bradley,
Policy Director;
Jeff Burton,
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Brad Dayspring, Press Secretary;
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