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Ripon Society Hosts Second Luncheon of the Year with Schedulers, Appointment Secretaries and Executive Assistants

The Ripon Society hosted a luncheon Wednesday afternoon with the schedulers, executive assistants, and appointment secretaries who, in the words, of Ripon Society President and CEO Jim Conzelmen, are “some of the key people who make Congress work.”

“This is the second time this year we’ve hosted a luncheon for this special group,” Conzelman stated. “We call them the unsung heroes of Capitol Hill, and it’s very easy to understand why. They are the individuals who, among their many other roles and responsibilities, make sure Congressional offices are functioning and make sure Members of Congress are on time. As someone who spent 25 years as a Chief of Staff in the House, I can say first-hand that neither the House nor the Senate could function without them.”

According to Conzelman, about 50 schedulers and executive assistants from both the House and the Senate attended the luncheon. Conzelman also stated that the luncheon featured remarks by two individuals who are also quite familiar with keeping things on schedule and juggling multifaceted lives: The Honorable Connie Morella, who represented Maryland’s 8th District in the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years and later served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and, Mrs. Sally Thornberry, who serves as the Social Secretary to the Ambassador of Switzerland and is the wife of U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry, who attended the luncheon.

“We are honored that Connie and Sally were able to join us for the luncheon. Both are special women and very accomplished individuals – not just because of the successful careers they have forged in Washington, but because of the wonderful families they have raised at home. As such,



The Honorable Connie Morella and Mrs. Sally Thornberry deliver remarks at The Ripon Society luncheon on December 14.

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they understand the importance of finding the right balance in life, which is a key part of every scheduler and executive assistant’s job.”

As Conzelman noted, this was the second time The Ripon Society has hosted a luncheon with congressional schedulers, executive assistants, and appointment secretaries. On June 9th, he said, The Ripon Society hosted The Honorable Anita McBride, who served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady for President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, and The Honorable Melissa Bennett, who served as Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling and Appointments for President George W. Bush, for a very similar luncheon. Around 50 staffers from the Hill attended that event, as well.

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**



A full house attended The Ripon Society luncheon on December 14th.



Ripon Society President & CEO Jim Conzelman thanks The Honorable Connie Morella and Mrs. Sally Thornberry.

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