



# Rhode Island

NATIONAL SPEAKERS CONFERENCE 2008

Newport, Rhode Island  
September 17 - 21, 2008

## Preliminary Schedule (as of 8/26/08)

### Wednesday, September 17, 2008

All day	<b>Arrivals</b>
From 4:00 pm	<b>Hotel Check-in</b> Hyatt Regency Newport One Goat Island Newport, RI 02840 Phone (401) 851-1234 • Fax (401) 851-3201 <i>www.newport.hyatt.com</i>
Noon - 8:00 pm	<b>NSC Registration and Information Desk</b> Hyatt Regency Newport - Ballroom Foyer
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>NSC Executive Committee Meeting</b> ( <i>Executive Committee members only</i> ) Hyatt Regency Newport - Aquidneck Room (off main lobby)
5:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>Opening Reception</b> Hyatt Regency Newport - Rose Island Ballroom <i>{resort casual}</i>

### Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:00 am - 6:00 pm	<b>NSC Registration and Information Desk</b> Hyatt Regency Newport - Ballroom Foyer
7:00 - 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> Hyatt Regency Newport - Rose Island Ballroom
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	<b>Spouses Tour</b> Newport Mansions and lunch
9:00 am - Noon	<b>Plenary Sessions</b> ( <i>Open to all participants</i> ) Hyatt Regency Newport - Grand Ballroom

- 9:00 - 9:10      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Hon. William J. Murphy, President, National Speakers Conference*
- 9:15 - 10:00    **Abraham Lincoln and the Loneliness of Command**  
*Hon. Frank J. Williams – Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court*
- 10:00 - 10:15    **Break**
- 10:15 - 11:45    **The Hidden America**  
*Dr. Robert D. Ballard, University of Rhode Island, Discoverer of the Titanic*
- Noon – 1:15 pm    **Program Luncheon**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Rose Island Ballroom
- 1:30 – 4:00 pm    **Speakers Session** *(limited to sitting Speakers)*  
Old Colony House (Rhode Island’s first state house)  
Transportation will be provided – meet in Ballroom Foyer
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm    **Chiefs of Staff Session**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Aquidneck Room (off main lobby)
- 6:00 pm            **Coaches depart** for Rosecliff *(Meet in Conference Center Lobby)*
- 6:30 – 10:30 pm    **Reception & Dinner** *{jacket & tie required}*  
Rosecliff Mansion  
548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport  
*(Note: NSC group photos will be taken before dinner)*

**Friday, September 19, 2008**

- 7:00 am – 6:00 pm    **NSC Registration and Information Desk**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00 – 9:00 am      **Breakfast Buffet**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Rose Island Ballroom
- 7:30 am – 2:30 pm    **Golf** at Newport Country Club – “Speakers Scramble”  
7:30 am – Coaches depart promptly from Hyatt  
7:45 am – Continental breakfast at course  
8:30 am – Shotgun start
- 9:00 am – 2:30 pm    **Optional Activities**  
Sakonnet Vineyards/Lunch at LaForge/  
Tour of International Tennis Hall of Fame
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm      **2009 NSC/Georgia Preview Reception**  
Hyatt Regency Newport - Rose Island Ballroom  
Hosted by Hon. Glenn Richardson – Speaker of the House, Georgia

4:00 pm                      **Coaches** depart for Providence (*Meet in Conference Center Lobby*)

Please Note: For security reasons, nametags must be worn throughout the Friday evening event.

5:00 – 6:00 pm              **Reception at Rhode Island State House** *{resort casual/comfortable shoes}*

6:00 – 7:30 pm              **Dinner/South Lawn**

7:30 – 10:00 pm            **Entertainment, Dessert and Coffee**  
Providence WaterFire

From 10:00 pm              **Coaches** return to Hyatt Regency Newport

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

7:00 am – 1:00 pm        **NSC Registration and Information Desk**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Ballroom Foyer

7:30 – 9:15 am            **Buffet Breakfast**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Rose Island Ballroom

9:30 am – Noon            **Program Sessions**  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Grand Ballroom

9:30 - 10:15      Helping the Next Generation Find Work  
*Mr. Gerald Chertavian – CEO and Founder, Year Up*  
*Mr. Ken Smith – CEO, Jobs for America’s Graduates*

10:15 - 10:30      Break

10:30 - 12:00      Predicting Election 2008: A Crystal Ball, Tea Leaves and Shifting Winds  
*Dr. Larry Sabato – Director, UVA Center for Politics*

9:30 - 11:00 am        **Spouses Program - Cliff Walk**  
2.5 mile scenic walk overlooking the New England shoreline)  
*{please wear comfortable shoes}*  
*www.cliffwalk.com*

12:30 – 3:30 pm        **New England Clambake** *{resort casual}*  
Hyatt Regency Newport – Waterfront Pavillion  
Concluding Ceremonies

3:30 – 5:30 pm        Boat tour of Narragansett Bay (optional)

Evening

Open

**Sunday, September 21, 2008**

11:00 am

**Check-out and departures**