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## Record Farewell

This is the last regular issue of the *Record* as communication with members migrates to *The Wire* and the Web site. There will be a special issue containing the constitution and bylaw changes. (See stories right and page 3.)

## Picnic Fun June 13 In Rock Creek Park

The annual NPC picnic is scheduled for 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13, in Rock Creek Park, at picnic area 6 on Beach Drive just north of the intersection with Military Road, and accessible by car. President **Donna Leinwand** and members of the Board of Governors will grill hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers; the Club's committees will offer races, games and photos. Bring a musical instrument for a singalong. Don't have a car? We'll pick up Club members at the Van Ness Metro station every half-hour from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations required at (202) 662-7501.

## NPC Luncheons

Mon., June 1, Ford Journalism Awards presented by former Vice President **Dick Cheney** (members and guests only) .... Mon., June 8, **David Simon**, creator of the HBO series, "The Wire" .... Thu., June 11, Gen. **James Conway**, commandant, U.S. Marine Corps .... Thu., June 25, **Stan Kasten**, president, Washington Nationals .... Fri., June 26, **Robert Herz**, Financial Accounting Standards Board

## NPC Newsmakers

Tue., June 2, 2 p.m., former Sen. **Tom Daschle** and former HHS Sec. **Michael Leavitt**, on health care .... Wed., June 3, **Eric Isaacs**, 10 a.m., director, Argonne National Laboratory, on energy future.

## Board Submits Proposals to Change Club Constitution and Bylaws

The Board of Governors has recommended that members ratify changes to the Club's constitution and bylaws at a membership meeting to be announced. Many of the changes stem from recommendations in the five-year strategic plan adopted at the May 8 membership meeting. Below is a summary of the most pertinent changes. A special issue of the *Record* will contain all the proposed additions and deletions.

### CONSTITUTION:

The mission statement replaces the existing statement under "Purposes."

Membership categories are consolidated, so it's clearer who qualifies under Active, Associate and Affiliate categories.

A third Affiliate/Associate member will be added to the Board, and each Affiliate/

Associate member will serve a three-year term like the other governors, as opposed to the current two-year terms

Because publication of the *Record* will cease, all references to publication requirements are replaced with "commonly used channels of communication."

### BYLAWS:

The bylaws establish permanent Board committees: Audit, Budget, Strategic Planning, Membership, and Ethics.

References to initiation fees are eliminated.

The laborious process for requesting absentee ballots for Club elections is eliminated.

In its place, the Board has the power to create a streamlined process, and reserves the right to create an online elections system.

—JENNIFER SERGENT, CHAIR, NPC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Cheney to Lead June Luncheon Lineup

June Luncheons will offer Club members opportunities to question a former vice president, a TV producer, a Marine general, the Washington Nationals' president and an accounting expert. Former Vice President Dick Cheney will present the Gerald R. Ford Foundation's annual journalism awards ceremony for outstanding coverage of the presidency and national defense Monday, June 1. He will speak and take questions after the awards ceremony. The following Monday, June 8, David Simon, a former reporter at The (Baltimore) *Sun* and best known for producing the popular HBO drama, "The Wire," will be the Luncheon speaker. "The Wire" depicted Baltimore's drug trade, its industrial base, and the inner workings of local politics, education and media. He is currently at work on a drama about post-Katrina New Orleans entitled "Treme," which will be filming a pilot this spring. Gen. James Conway, commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, will address a Luncheon June 11. Stan Kasten, president, the Washington Nationals, will appear June 25 and the next day Robert Herz of the Financial Accounting Standards Board will speak.



Former Vice President Dick Cheney



# June

# National Press Club

All events subject to last-minute change. Check the calendar on the web site or call (202) 662-7595 for updates.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1 <b>MEETING</b> House and Bar Committee 12:15 p.m. <b>LUNCHEON</b> Dick Cheney, Ford Awards <b>RECEPTION</b> Photo Exhibit, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>2 <b>FREELANCERS BREAKFAST</b> 8 a.m. <b>NEWSMAKER</b> Tom Daschle, Mike Leavitt 2 p.m.</p>	<p>3 <b>NEWSMAKER</b> Director, Argonne National Laboratory 10 a.m. <b>BOOK EVENT</b> Michael Connelly "The Scarecrow," 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4 <b>MOVIE AND DINNER</b> "Rear Window" 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>FOURTH ESTATE</b> Saturdays Brunch or lunch 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Bar until 4 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m.</p>
<p>8 <b>LUNCHEON</b> David Simon, producer "The Wire"</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <b>MEETING</b> Photo Committee, noon <b>SPEAKER</b> George W. Casey, Jr. Army chief of staff, 2 p.m. <b>MEETING</b> Events Committee, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11 <b>LUNCHEON</b> James Conway Commandant U.S. Marine Corps <b>PUB QUIZ</b> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <b>CLUB PICNIC</b> 11 a.m.</p>
<p>15 <b>MEETING</b> Speakers Committee Noon</p>	<p>16 <b>MEETINGS</b> Committee Chairs, noon Commun. and Marketing, Noon Travel Committee, 6:30 p.m. <b>BOOK EVENT</b> David Ignatius, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <b>BOOK EVENT</b> Joe Scarborough "The Last Best Hope" 6:30 p.m. <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19 <b>MEETING</b> Membership Committee 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 <b>BOOKS AND BRUNCH</b> "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" Junot Diaz Noon</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <b>LUNCHEON</b> Stan Kasten, president Washington Nationals <b>BUFFET</b> Texas BBQ 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 <b>CLASSES</b> Web 2.0, 9:30 p.m. Advanced Google, 11 a.m. Twittering Away, 1:30 p.m. Facebook, 3 p.m. <b>LUNCHEON</b> Robert Herz, FASB</p>	<p>27 <b>FOURTH ESTATE</b> Saturdays Brunch or lunch 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Bar until 4 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m.</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><b>HAPPY HOUR</b> Reliable Source Mon., 5-8 p.m. Tue., 5-9 p.m. Wed., 5-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE</b> Every weekday in the Truman Lounge 10-11 a.m. 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FOURTH ESTATE</b> Saturdays Brunch or lunch 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Bar until 4 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FOURTH ESTATE</b> Saturdays Brunch or lunch 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Bar until 4 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m.</p>

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

## It's '30' for *Record*, But Members Without E-Mail Will Still Be Informed

The business of journalism is changing by the second. Journalism at the National Press Club is no exception. Today we bid farewell to the last regular issue of the *Record*. The *Record* has been with us a long time and in many forms. The first copy in the archives is a bimonthly that dates from February/March 1958 — the Club's 50th anniversary year — and was produced by **Don Byrne**. It went weekly in 1966. Before that, the Club had another publication called "*The Goldfish Bowl*." Times have changed once again. All members with an e-mail address on file now get their NPC news from *The Wire*, an extremely popular electronic newsletter published four times a week with up-to-the-minute news on Club happenings. Our members like that it's current and has lots of room for photos and video. The *Record* has been losing subscribers for years as more and more members opt to get Club communications electronically. Fewer than 300 Club members still subscribe to the *Record* only. It's also been tough to find volunteer writers and editors. The Club's Board of Governors and I commend past writers and editors for their dedicated service. They have done an outstanding job through the years. For our remaining *Record*-only subscribers, I'll be mailing a monthly President's Newsletter with a calendar of upcoming events and news from the Club. Please feel free to contribute items of note by e-mailing [president@press.org](mailto:president@press.org). If you've got an e-mail address and you're not currently receiving *The Wire*, I encourage you to e-mail [wire@press.org](mailto:wire@press.org).

—PRESIDENT DONNA LEINWAND

## Survey to Probe Member Networks, Thoughts on News

The Club and Professor Roy Chua of Harvard Business School are teaming up on a groundbreaking survey of NPC members. This survey will help the Club learn about our members' professional networks — and what they think about the future of journalism. "The results will show us how much our members socialize and share information — and knowing this will help the Club's leaders do everything we can to make the Club the kind of social and professional gathering place it should be," said NPC President **Donna Leinwand**. "In addition, this survey will give all members the opportunity to say what they think about the traditional news industry — and how it can be rescued." Ten survey participants will win \$100 gift certificates for use in the Club's restaurants. Set aside 45 minutes to complete the survey, which will be available at [www.press.org](http://www.press.org) beginning June 1. Survey submissions are confidential.

## 'Stoning of Soraya' To Screen June 17

Club members and their guests are invited to a free, private screening of "The Stoning of Soraya" and discussion with its director and its lead actress, Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. The film tells the story of the execution in Iran of Soraya Manutchehri, who in 1986 was accused of infidelity under Islamic law, was buried to her chest and stoned to death in front of her children. The film's director, Cyrus Nowrasteh, son of Iranian parents, will speak and answer questions, as will the star, Zahra Khanum. Reservations are required at (202) 662-7501. Credentialed press may attend.

## Documentary Films Wanted

The Club is seeking documentary films made by working journalists in the Washington, D.C. area for a film series to be shown in July and August. DVD screeners should be sent to: Film Series at the National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW Washington, DC 20045, postmarked by June 20. Include name, occupation, home address, phone number and e-mail address with the entry.

## South Africa, Baseball, Diabetes —and More — Highlight May Luncheons



**Angela Grelling-Keane**, chair of the Speakers Committee, listens as **Sir Richard Branson** speaks May 11. PHOTO BY NOEL ST. JOHN

May NPC Luncheons began with South Africa's prospects and moved on to baseball's Hall of Fame, carbon emissions, transportation policy and diabetes. On May 5, F.W. de Klerk, former president of South Africa, expressed both optimism and concern about the country's new leadership. On May 11, Baseball Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson promised that the hall "will not shy away from the topic" of star players who have been accused of using steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. Idelson appeared with his guest, Brooks Robinson, former Baltimore Orioles third baseman who was elected to the hall in 1969. On May 14, Sir Richard Branson, asked a breakfast audience to "Please join me in saying 'No Way BA/AA.'" The British industrialist was in Washington to make his case against the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines. On May 15, Exelon Corp. Chairman and CEO John W. Rowe, head of the one of the nation's largest electric utilities, said he supports the carbon cap-and-trade bill that would require a significant reduction in greenhouse

gas emissions. On May 21, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood identified high-speed rail transportation and a long-overdue upgrade of the nation's air traffic control system as the Department of Transportation's high priorities. May 21. On May 28, Mary Tyler Moore talked movingly of her long daily battle with Type I diabetes, her newly-published memoir, "Growing Up Again: Life, Loves, and Oh Yes, Diabetes," and her work as chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). She has been an effective fund-raiser, and icon, for the JDRF. . —REPORTING BY BILL MILLER, HOPE KATZ GIBBS, LYNN GARNER, JOHN GALLAGHER AND RICHARD LEE.

## June in the Reliable Source

Thursday, June 4, Dinner and a Movie, "Rear Window," 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 11, Pub Quiz Night, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, Karaoke Night, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, Texas BBQ Buffet, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## June in the Fourth Estate

Monday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

Wine Dinner

Featuring Tom Clare of Longboard Vineyards

**Couple the special event you attend with either lunch or dinner in the Reliable Source or Fourth Estate. See hours below.**

**NOTE:** Luncheons, 12:30 p.m., members \$16, guests \$28, general admission \$35. Reserve for Luncheons 24 hours a day at (202) 662-7501. Club Newsmakers, open to all members and those with press credentials, 9 a.m., exceptions noted. **Members will be held financially liable for themselves and their guests should they fail to cancel reservations 24 hours in advance.** Pick up advance tickets at front desk. To make banquet or press conference arrangements, call (202) 662-7515. Fourth Estate Dining Room open 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. and 5:30–8:30 p.m., Mon.–Fri. For Fourth Estate reservations, phone (202) 662-7638. Reliable Source: Monday through Friday, bar service 11 a.m.–11 p.m., food service 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, bar service 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m., food service 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. For Reliable Source reservations, phone (202) 662-7443. **NPC FITNESS CENTER** open Mon.–Fri., 7 a.m.–10 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. **FOR TAPES OR TRANSCRIPTS** of NPC Luncheons, call (888) 343-1940. **NPC LIBRARY** open Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–6 p.m. **24-HOUR EVENTS LINE:** (202) 662-7595. **FAX:** (202) 662-7569. **EMPLOYMENT HOTLINE:** (202) 879-6795. **WORLD WIDE WEB:** www.press.org. **ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:** (202) 662-7505, [pwaldron@press.org](mailto:pwaldron@press.org). **SUBMISSIONS:** [record@press.org](mailto:record@press.org).

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