

**Economic Club of Washington
October e-newsletter**

Program Committee Upcoming Events



The next speaker at The Economic Club of Washington, DC, will be the Honorable Gene Sperling, Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. Mr. Sperling will speak at a luncheon meeting on **Monday, October 31, at The Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW.**

Mr. Sperling has a long and distinguished career in public service. He was appointed to his current positions by President Barack Obama in January. Previously, starting in 2009, he served as Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner. In that role, he served as a lead policy advisor for Secretary Geithner on fiscal, budget, tax, job creation and small business issues.

In the Clinton Administration, Mr. Sperling served as the Director of the National Economic Council for four years, from 1997 to 2000, and as the Deputy Director of the National Economic Council from 1993 to 1996. In these positions, he played a lead role in the 1993 Deficit Reduction Act and was a key negotiator for the 1997 bipartisan Balanced Budget Agreement.

Event Details:

Lunch Meeting featuring the Honorable Gene Sperling, Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy

Monday, October 31, 2011

11:15 a.m. Reception

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program

1:30 p.m. Adjournment

Location: The Grand Hyatt Hotel (1000 H Street NW) (Independence Ballroom)

To make a reservation for this event, contact rsvp@economicclub.org or call 202-481-3260. Please send you guest list along with your RSVP.

Event sponsorships are limited. If you are interested in being contacted about future sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sarah Gyselings at sarah@economicclub.org to have your company name added to the list of possible sponsors. Economic Club staff members will contact you as opportunities arise.

Note: The lunch meeting featuring **Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman of Google**, that previously was scheduled for Thursday, November 3, at The Grand Hyatt Hotel has been cancelled. We are in the process of rescheduling a date in December and will notify you once a new date has been confirmed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

Earlier this week, David Rubenstein hosted a private Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at Anderson House. This dinner served as a “thank you” to our members who have supported the Economic Club in the past year by being a Corporate Partner, part of the Corporate Circle, an event sponsor or a Premier Supporter. Individuals who served as member-dinner hosts were also invited to attend. Anderson House is the headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, founded in 1783 by George Washington. It was once the largest private residence in Washington and now houses a rare art and artifacts collection, including many items owned by George Washington. Following dinner, David Rubenstein was joined by Washington Scholar Jack Warren, Executive Director of The Society of the Cincinnati for a lively discussion on the history George Washington. Historical artifacts were pulled from the Society’s vault and displayed for the group. The artifacts included an early Constitution of the Society and the Diamond Eagle worn by all thirty-five men to have held the office of president general of the Society, beginning with George Washington.



Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at Anderson House

Click [here](#) to view the guest list

Insider's Breakfast Briefing

President Rubenstein, Deborah Dingell, Sudhakar Shenoy, and Chris Simmons, will host a breakfast for new members and prospective members on Thursday, December 8. This breakfast will provide an opportunity to introduce leading members of the Greater DC business community who are not yet members of the Economic Club to all the benefits of being involved in this very special organization. Members may forward the names of qualified individuals by filing out a membership nomination application and returning the information to Chris Simmons, Chairman, Membership Committee at membership@economicclub.org. For additional information, please contact the staff or request a copy of the membership application guidelines at the same email address.

Board News

The Board of Director of The Economic Club of Washington is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 12th. A full report of that meeting will be shared in a future newsletter.

Dinning Out

The Economic Club of Washington will host the first series of member hosted dinners for the season on Tuesday, December 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Among the hosts for this series include:

- Magid M. Abraham, President, CEO and Co-Founder, comScore and Linda Abraham, EVP and Chief Marketing Officer, comScore
- David M. Bradt, Jr., Office Managing Director, WTAS LLC
- Susan Lacz, Principal and CEO, Ridgewells
- Linda D. Rabbitt, Chairman and CEO, Rand Construction Corporation

If you are interested in serving as a host for this round of dinners please contact Sarah Gyselings at sarah@economicclub.org. Formal invitations to be sent shortly.

Featured: Recent Programs

Ursula Burns, CEO of Xerox, was the featured speaker for the first dinner meeting of the Economic Club this season on October 5. The topic of Ms. Burns' remarks was "Impatience is a Virtue." She made the case that leaders and policy makers in all sectors have become too satisfied with the status quo. Rather than focus on what can't be done, Ms. Burns maintains that much more impatience with "what is" should be exhibited along with passion for "what might be."

Ms. Burns also shared aspects of her compelling personal story. She grew up in the public housing projects of the lower east side of New York. Raised by a single mother who had a fervent belief in the power and importance of education, Ms. Burns became a mechanical engineer and spent one summer interning at Xerox. She never left, spending her career climbing the corporate ladder at Xerox one rung at a time. Today, she is leading a major transformation of the company; guiding it in an evolution from a largely technology company to a services-led technology company. Ms. Burns concluded her remarks and comments to a standing ovation. Please visit www.economicclub.org to view the complete video.



Ursula Burns, CEO, Xerox and David Rubenstein, President, Economic Club of Washington



(L-R) Kamonte McCray, VP & General Manager Mid-Atlantic Customer Operations; Gus Bell, Jr., President/CEO, Infiniti Information Solutions, LLC; Sherman Parker, VP and General Manager Public Sector Sales, Xerox; Ursula Burns, CEO, Xerox



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VIP Guest and Nancy-Ann DeParle, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff, The White House



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Spotlight: Premier Supporter- Christopher G. Caine, President & CEO, Mercator XXI,LLC



A new Premier Supporter of The Economic Club of Washington, DC, Chris Caine also serves as an officer and member of the Board of Directors. He is the co-chair of the Nominating Committee, working with Lyles Carr, Senior Vice President of The McCormick Group, Inc., to help guide the growth of the Club in positive directions. Other members of this important committee are Bill Couper, Michele Hagans, John Hill, Linda Rabbitt, and Chris Simmons.

Mr. Caine also is the founder of Mercator XXI, LLC, a professional services firm that aids clients in engaging in the global economy. The company provides marketplace insight and support to execute initiatives in all four hemispheres.

With a rich background in government, public policy and the private sector, Mr. Caine has expertise in such critical issues confronting the world today as innovation, global electronic commerce, privacy and new security challenges. He has testified on these issues before the United States Congress and addressed the topics as a featured speaker at a wide range of global forums. Additionally, he is a guest lecturer at Lafayette College and Georgetown University.

Mr. Caine serves as a senior adviser for technology and public policy for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) as well as its Global Strategy Institute. In addition to the Economic Club, he is a member of the Boards of Directors for the Department of State Advisory Committees on International Communication and Information Policy, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, The Center for National Policy, The Constitution Project, The Institute for Education, The Ambassador Theatre, and BrainFood.

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