

July 7, 2010

To: NRLN Grassroots Network Members
From: NRLN President Bill Kadereit
Subject: NRLN September Fly-In and 2011 Annual Leadership Conference

This is a message to invite you to participate in the NRLN's 2nd annual Washington, DC Fly-In September 13 - 14 for face-to-face meetings with your members of Congress and their staffs.

Why is it important to meet with your elected representatives in their Capitol Hill offices? A news article published on July 6, 2010 about a study released by the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania points to a bleak future for retirees.

Wharton professor Olivia S. Mitchell claims that existing government and corporate retirement funding models are out of whack, putting people at risk of poverty after retirement. Mitchell says that pension plans have been vastly underfunded and have deteriorated even more so during the recent financial crisis.

The article noted that retirement system experts claim that the U.S. government is using Social Security as a cash cow to pay bills without reimbursing the fund. According to the House Oversight Committee, the government is expected to borrow over \$2 trillion from Social Security trust funds to pay for government spending over the next ten years.

We need NRLN Grassroots Network members to look their U.S. Representative and Senators in the eye and ask them what they are going to do to protect their pensions and Social Security. They also need to hear from you about how health care and prescription drug costs are eroding the retirement income of America's retirees. You need to tell them that retirees need to be treated more equitably in corporate bankruptcy courts, in payment calculations when the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation takes over a pension plan, and retirees need to be protected in company mergers and acquisitions.

If you think there is a fairly good chance that you would come to Washington, DC to communicate to your elected representatives the concerns of retirees, please go to www.nrln.org/flyin.html to register. Also make your hotel and transportation reservations:

Hotel: Holiday Inn, Central / White House

1501 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20005

Phone Reservations 1- 800-465-4329

Room Rate for King or Double - \$179 + taxes

Check in 3:00 p.m. - Check out 12:00 noon

Hotel Front Desk: 202-483-2000 Fax: 202-797-7979; Website: www.holidayinn.com

Tell the Holiday Inn Reservations Representative you want to make a reservation at the Holiday Inn, Central / White House on Rhode Island Avenue NW to attend the NRLN—National Retiree Legislative Network meeting (Reservation Code NRL-National Retiree) in order to get the \$179 per night discount rate.

Individual reservations must be made by 8/13/2010. You can reserve your room through the Reservations Representative at the discount rate for any dates of 9/11

through 9/14. If you have a personal reason for arriving on 9/9 or 10 and staying through 9/15 or 16, you need to contact April Daniels to obtain the discount rate for these additional dates. Her phone number is 202-349-3027 and her email address is AprilD@inndc.com .

I suggest that as soon as possible you register at www.nrln.org/flyin.html , reserve your room and book your flight early to possibly get the best rate.

AGENDA:

Sunday 9/12 Early Arrivals

**Monday 9/13 A.M – 2:00 p.m. – Arrivals and association meetings, etc.
2:00 p.m. Orientation and Lobby Materials Reviewed
5:30 p.m. Hosted Social & Dinner**

Tuesday 9/14 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lobby Day on Capitol Hill

We will provide advance information to attendees and assist them in scheduling appointments prior to their arrival. Folders will be provided at the orientation and we will provide transportation to the Hill on 9/14.

Start making your appointments with your elected members of Congress ASAP.

Our 2011 Leadership Conference and Lobby Day will be held Jan 17 -19 in Washington DC. So that you may advance plan, we have booked next year's meeting at the newly renovated Liaison Hotel, Capitol Hill. The hotel is located one block closer to the Hill on New Jersey avenue (the same street our previous hotel, The Washington Court, is on). The meeting and room accommodations are very good and the room rate for single or double occupancy is \$189 per night.

If you have any questions about attending the September Fly-In or the January Leadership Conference, please send an email to nrlnmessage@msn.com .

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