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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB
WASHINGTON, DC
DECEMBER 1, 1994**

[Acknowledgements: Trish Lott, Delores Beilenson, Janice Gallegley (Guh-LEG-lee), and incoming president Mary Clement, who may or not be there]

I'd like to begin by welcoming all of you who are new to Washington and to say how honored I am to be with you today.

I imagine that you are still getting oriented to this city - not just figuring out where Northeast ends and Southeast starts -- but also adjusting to the rhythms of the place, which are quite unlike anywhere else.

When I moved here two years ago from a much quieter, more low-key place and I had no idea what to expect, a friend offered a few words of advice: "Don't buy a glass house," my friend said. "Don't get your hair cut. And remember if you're in the Congressional dining room and you want pork, never ask for it by name. Tell them you'd like 'infrastructure and investment.'"

There is a growing lore about political spouses in Washington, some of which is based on fact and some of which is pure fiction. You probably remember that when she was married to Senator Warner, Elizabeth Taylor described her role as being akin to living in "hot fudge." Others have lamented lack of time with their husbands or wives, the constant media scrutiny, the artifice of living in a city so dominated by the federal government.

But that's a selective portrait. The good news, and I think I can say this from my own experiences as a political spouse in a new and sometimes very strange city, is that each person finds her or his own way of adjusting and staying true to themselves.

After all, congressional spouses run the gamut from Cabinet Secretaries [Elizabeth Dole], to homemakers, volunteers, lawyers, doctors, teachers, lobbyists and everything in between.

In her book, *A Woman's Place*, Marjorie Margolies-Mesvinsky talks about a unique set of circumstances, taking place over 20 years, in which she and her husband both played the role of Member and spouse. Her husband served in Congress from 1972 to 1976; two decades later she was elected, and it was his turn to be the Washington spouse.

And this proves that there really is no formula, no prescription for these roles because no two spouses come here

with precisely the same interests or past experiences.

[You might want to tell about your admiration for Jackie Kennedy moving into the White House at such a young age, how she had no one to advise her, etc. and compare it to your first experiences in the governor's mansion in Arkansas].

The hardest thing for all of us, I think, is to ensure that the pace of Washington and the demands on our spouses don't undermine our personal obligations and responsibilities. I was given lots of advice about how to guard against unnecessary intrusions into family life and I'm grateful for the advice I got.

What you'll find, if you're a parent, is that your children will remain your top priority. If a parent is ill, helping them get better will take precedence over everything else. And thanks to AT&T, Sprint, MCI or whatever long-distance carrier you use, your friendships back home will survive intact.

Ultimately, there are two ways to look at life in Washington: as a series of obstacles, or a series of opportunities. And I think the latter is closer to the mark.

The reason your spouses, and my spouse, are here, is because they care about serving the people who elected them and they care about making our country a better place.

Whether we are Democrats or Republicans, Midwesterners or Southerners, newcomers to the political world or veterans of it, we all want to help our spouses succeed in their jobs.

And we all want to do what we can to ensure that our children and all the children in America have secure futures. That is an issue that transcends parties and ideologies and it's what drives us as mothers and fathers, as aunts and uncles, as friends and neighbors.

So as much as Washington can be dislocating, confusing, and downright different, it offers each of us a unique opportunity to contribute. No matter how you define your role as a congressional spouse, you will play a part in shaping our nation's future. And that is a very exciting prospect.

I wish all of you well. And I look forward to getting to know each of you better and exchanging stories and ideas with you in the months ahead.

[Q + A]

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DORIS /

FRIDAY - all Democrats / some who lost

Part of family

Thursday - every 2 yrs orientation

(Bipartisan) - a lot of Republicans

- emphasize - all here in Wash,
w/ly together

- breast cancer

- politics stop at front door

- Wash - congh, tour

< 2 or 3 men >



Congressional spouses Berman, Gingrich and Emerson: like their peers, many of whom also have successful careers, they face a no-win situation in the capital, where they are rarely seen and often ignored

Nation

I'm Nobody, Who Are You?

Washington wives have one basic career path—their husbands'

BY MARGARET CARLSON

A wife newly arrived in Washington knows life has changed for the worse when she attends her first cocktail party and the photographer asks her to step aside while he snaps a picture. For Janis Berman, wife of California Congressman Howard Berman, the initiation was even ruder. She called several weeks in advance to tell the hostess of a party welcoming the Bermans to the capital that she would be stuck in Los Angeles that day. After ascertaining that the Congressman would be in town, the hostess briskly told Berman, "That's O.K. We'll just go ahead without you."

Betty Wright has a different—and more serious—problem. Although the wife of Speaker Jim Wright says she has a head for business, the House ethics committee could find little evidence that she used it in her \$18,000-a-year job with Mallytco, the company founded by the Wrights and Fort Worth businessman George Mallick. Lawyers like a paper trail; they uncovered "no reports, no correspondence, no notes of telephone conversations, no investment analyses" by Mrs. Wright. The committee suspects Betty Wright's job of being a conduit for \$145,000 in cash and gifts to the Speaker.

Marianne Gingrich, whose husband Newt is the House Minority Whip who

initiated the Wright inquiry, is herself being scrutinized for her role in promoting Gingrich's book *Window of Opportunity*. Part book (co-authored by a science fiction writer), part polemic, part tax shelter, *Window* lost money for its investors, but earned the Gingriches \$12,018 in royalties and Mrs. Gingrich \$11,500 in salary. When asked about this at a press conference last week, Marianne stomped out in tears.

A congressional spouse should have a leg up socially and professionally; instead it is like having one foot shot off. "No one takes you seriously if they bother with you at all," says Jo Ann Emerson, wife of Missouri Congressman Bill Emerson and deputy communications director of the National Republican Congressional Committee. In Washington ignoring most of the women at a cocktail party is considered an efficient use of networking time. Let John Warner and Elizabeth Taylor walk into a room, and all the suits head toward the Virginia Senator. Taylor describes her three lonely years as a congressional wife as a kind of hot fudge hell. Food—lots of it—substituted for having a life. She blew up to 180 lbs.; Halston designed caftans for her. "Not only is a Senator's wife not heard, she's pretty much not seen," Taylor complained.

If one of the most famous women in the world cannot make a life for herself in

the capital, it is not surprising that others have a hard time. Says Berman: "You are typecast as unimportant, and you have maybe 30 seconds in any encounter to overcome that." Berman says she gave up her job as acting director of the California Museum of Science and Industry to move to Washington after her husband was elected in 1982. "At an orientation for congressional spouses, there was a lecture on how to live with a celebrity. I wanted to stand up and say, 'Wait a minute, I used to be a celebrity.'"

Although many congressional wives work (there are no husbands in the Senate, a handful in the House), finding a job can be difficult. Says Emerson: "Unless an employer is looking for special access through you, you just look like trouble—someone who will want all congressional recesses off, will have to travel back to the district to campaign on weekends, and might not be here two years later if your husband loses." Heather Foley, wife of Majority Leader Tom Foley, solved the problem by taking a job—gratis—in her husband's office.

That's one way to see your spouse. Emily Malino, wife of New York Congressman James Scheuer, complains, "Staff members want all of your husband. They'll schedule on weekends, birthdays and anniversaries." One wife recommends working in the office as marriage insurance. "With adoring staff all around, your husband might not want to come home to reality."

Like Betty Wright, most Washington wives are invisible until their principal gets in trouble. Pat Nixon held the title for

most stoic wife until Maureen Dean gave an Oscar-winning performance during her husband's Watergate testimony, sitting primly behind him, blond hair pulled back, holding the Nancy Reagan gaze before there was a Nancy Reagan gaze. Former Attorney General John Mitchell's wife Martha took to telephoning reporters and was forcibly sedated. Rita Jenrette, whose husband John was convicted for taking bribes in Abscam, used her 15 minutes of celebrity to pose in *Playboy*, reveal that she and John had known each other very well on the steps of the Capitol and land a role in Hollywood's *Zombie Island Massacre*.

Many Washington jobs raise conflict-of-interest questions. When Barbara Morris Lent took a job as a lobbyist for NYNEX, her husband, Congressman Norman Lent, sought approval of the ethics committee to vote on telephone legislation. Lawyer Marc Miller, author of *Politicians and their Spouses' Careers*, says, "Full disclosure and making sure the spouse got the job for her own talents help resolve the conflict." When Debbie Dingell, a lobbyist for General Motors, married Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell in 1981, she



The Doles at her swearing-in: no collusion between the branches

Some couples reduce potential conflicts by both working for the government, an arrangement the checks and balances of the Constitution did not contemplate. When Elizabeth Dole was Transportation Secretary, the couple made intragovernmental history when she testified before husband Robert Dole, then Senate finance chairman, on "Alternatives to Tax on Use of Heavy Trucks." The subject matter renders plausible his protestations that there was no after-hours collusion between the executive and legislative branches of the

switched to an administrative job. "I'm sensitive to conflicts," says Dingell. "Fortunately, GM is large enough that I could change jobs."

Several spouses have got into Betty Wright-like trouble. In 1976 Marion Javits, wife of the late Senator Jacob Javits, had to forgo a lucrative contract with Iran Air. In 1984 Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield's wife Antoinette ran into trouble when Greek businessman Basil Tsakos paid her \$55,000 for decorating his apartment, which seemed like a lot for choosing fabric swatches and paint chips, while her husband was simultaneously urging federal support for Ts-

marriage. "When you get home at 8:30, the last thing you want to do is get into business." It is equally unlikely that Commodity Futures Trading Commission Chairman Wendy Gramm and her husband Senator Phil Gramm, famed for the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit limits, ponder the line-item veto during their off hours.

Elizabeth Taylor coped with Washington by leaving the city and the Senator. Berman has stuck it out and may eventually get sweet revenge. Her tack is the mighty pen: working at home, she has sold to CBS a tell-all television series titled *Inside Capitol Hill*.

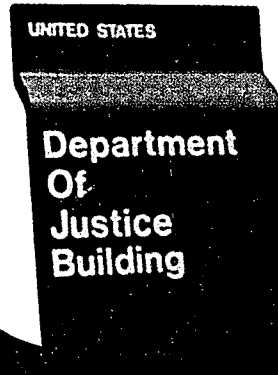
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LOSING ISN'T EVERYTHING.

When Pennsylvania Senator John Heinz was invited to take on the nation's First Tennis Player in a doubles match at the White House, his staff advised, "Let him win." Heinz, however, has too much pride in his game to roll over. He and his partner, TV producer Dorrance Smith, wiped out the President and aide David Bates in straight sets. The score is a state secret. So is the answer to the question Will Heinz be invited back?



Lucas: A victim of Coleman Young's long memory?



trying to force a vote by the N.A.A.C.P.'s full 65-member board to overrule the committee and endorse Lucas.

A FRIEND IN NEED. Congressman Donald ("Buz") Lukens, Ohio Republican, is facing the sort of scandal that could destroy a politician's career: he is accused of having sex with a 16-year-old girl. But G.O.P. heavyweights are still in Lukens' corner. At a \$100-a-head reception last week, party loyalists, including Ed Rollins and Charles Black, collected \$10,000

for Lukens' defense. His trial begins later this month.

CIVIL STRUGGLE. Why did the N.A.A.C.P.'s executive committee come out against the President's choice to head the Justice Department's civil rights division? Some N.A.A.C.P. board members say the opposition has less to do with the qualifications of William Lucas, the first black to run for Governor of Michigan, than with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. Young has never forgiven Lucas for switching from the Democratic Party to the G.O.P. in 1985. And Young dominates the N.A.A.C.P. Detroit branch, which set the stage for the executive committee's stand by voting to oppose Lucas. Dissident board members are

QUAYLE DROPPINGS. Upon landing in Pago Pago last week, the Vice President remarked to a crowd of Samoans, "Happy campers you are, happy campers you have been, and happy campers you will always be." At a recent Belgian-embassy reception in Washington he declared, perhaps with tongue in cheek, "I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have was that I didn't study Latin harder in school so I could converse with those people."

Belle of the Bayou

No one underestimates the power of a Claiborne or a Boggs.

WASHINGTON THROUGH A PURPLE VEIL

Memoirs of a Southern Woman.
By Lindy Boggs with Katherine Hatch.
Illustrated. 392 pp. New York:
Harcourt Brace & Company. \$24.95.

By Rosellen Brown

RARELY has a memoir been as perfectly titled as "Washington Through a Purple Veil," its strengths and shortcomings precisely embodied even without the specificity of its subtitle, "Memoirs of a Southern Woman."

Until accident rearranged all of former Congresswoman Lindy Boggs's expectations, her family provided a virtually unique legacy: every generation since her ancestor William Claiborne landed at Jamestown has furnished at least one man who held public office. This august roll of honor did not protect the young Marie Corinne Morrison Claiborne (nicknamed Rolindy, later Lindy, for her father, Roland) from an assortment of family tragedies — a good bit of early death, fire and flood — but the worst of it was balanced by the comfort of a large, gregarious, storytelling clan. All this makes for an engrossing narrative of her girlhood on a plantation near New Orleans.

In spite of her comfort among the well-born and accomplished, Lindy Boggs's earliest forays into Washington were no less awkward than many another innocent's. She describes her first attempt, as a 24-year-old wife, to gain access in 1941 to the House of Representatives hearing room where her brilliant young husband, the Democratic Congressman from Louisiana Thomas Hale Boggs (only two years older than she), was delivering a speech. Rebuffed at the door for being so simply dressed that she couldn't persuade the guard that she belonged inside, she remembered a friend's contention that "the most sophisticated and becoming thing a woman could wear was a purple veil." The young Mrs. Boggs returned, newly draped, to launch her career as a belle who knew how to manipulate her image to hide quite unfrivolous intentions.

Thereafter, having put aside her own ambition to be a journalist, Lindy Boggs pulled a strenuous load as a Congressional wife. Using her unique combination of "confidence and authority and graciousness," she became strategic adviser, social director, behind-the-scenes organizer of many a canny campaign to advance her husband's liberal political ideals. Her three children include this generation's officeholder, Barbara Boggs Sigmund, who at the time of her tragic early death in 1990 was Mayor of Princeton, N.J. The other two are Cokie Roberts, a National Public Radio and ABC-TV correspondent, and Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., a prominent Washington lawyer and lobbyist.

Mrs. Boggs herded recalcitrant workers in campaigns and causes into the fold by falling back on her grandmother's instruction that "you can succeed at anything if you give somebody else the credit for doing it," and the similarly sly admonition of the nuns who taught her as a girl that she would do people a favor if she let them contribute to a good cause. If these work as well as she says they do, it's pure unsuspecting vanity that makes the world (or at least Washington) go round.

No novel could contain higher drama than the story of Lindy Boggs's husband's disappearance and presumed death in a flight over Alaska in 1972 — a story she tells beautifully — followed by her

Rosellen Brown's novels include "Civil Wars" and "Before and After."



FROM "WASHINGTON THROUGH A PURPLE VEIL"
Lindy and Hale Boggs at the White House in 1962.

accession in 1973 to complete his term. Finally, and here is where her family's devotion to public service takes an unexpected turn, she went on to be re-elected, not as sentimental successor, but on her own merits, for the next 17 years.

As a legislator, she used that same Southern charm, those same conscious wiles, to accomplish a great deal, particularly on the Appropriations Committee, and especially (though not solely) on behalf of women. For example, to an amendment to the 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act, she added the crucial phrase, "sex or marital status," and suggested, in her graceful way, that the omission had been "an oversight."

All this makes an engaging, even a stirring story, studded with anecdotes in which she evokes dozens of memorable characters and campaigns and brings her husband to life again. Yet the manner of its telling makes some parts of "Washington Through a Purple Veil" all too ingratiating, a Barbara Bush-esque list of grateful acknowledgments that stops far short of the sound and fury of pitched political battle. Given Lindy Boggs's firsthand experience, she misses many opportunities for a deeper level of introspection and honesty about the costs of the delicate dance with power she's done her whole life long.

Whether we are seeing an attempt at candor by a woman who tends more naturally toward action than meditation is hard to tell, since for the most part she stays in character and dances for her readers as she has for all those others. Garden party description — "delightful" and "beautiful" and "interesting" wives, a circumspection exemplified by the *de rigueur* compliment to Pat Nixon for "her superior intelligence, her devotion to her husband and her exquisite taste" — only reminds us that well-intentioned habits may die the hardest of all.

Such diplomacy has surely served her well, but it is impossible not to wonder what clear-sighted critical wisdom this extraordinary woman is withholding. The purple veil, if it doesn't make vision hazy, apparently does soften speech. Come to think of it, a better title for Lindy Boggs's demonstration of how her personal and political styles are inseparable might have been "Caught More Flies With Honey."

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Rostenkowski likes to hang out with some of the women he's compatible with, not all of them, but those that fit his sort of ethnic kind of approach."

The flip side of the men's club is the dutiful spouse club. Until recently, its membership was almost solely dutiful wives. Its increasing male membership faces its own set of problems. Steve Lowey, a successful attorney in New York City and the husband of Congresswoman Nita Lowey, took a leave of absence and worked full-time for four and a half months before Nita was elected to Congress in November of 1988. In that campaign cycle, Nita and Jolene Unsoeld, a Democrat from Washington State, were the only two women added to Congress. Steve was the only new congresswoman's spouse at the 1988 orientation (Jolene is a widow). At the wives' orientation, Steve was given a goody bag with perfume and other female items.

A speaker at the Male Spouses' Orientation Meeting on December 4, 1992, Steve told his compatriots the following: "You are a mere appendage—a prop—sort of like the man in those magazine advertisements for bridal gowns in ladies' magazines—you know, all you see is the back of his head and tuxedo as he dances with the beautiful and radiant bride. . . .

"The ideal role model for us all—indeed, our patron saint—is Denis Thatcher. When I first came to Washington and met Jim Schroeder, he said, 'Welcome to the Denis Thatcher club.' I said, 'What do I have to do to join?' He said, 'Just learn the password.' I said, 'What's that?' He answered, 'Yes, dear.'"

Steve was placed in a backseat position traditionally held by wives. It took some adjusting to. "The hardest thing for me was in making the emotional switch from one hundred percent involvement in Nita's campaign. It was really our campaign. She wouldn't have won without my support. That all changed the moment she was sworn in. From that point on, it was her career. What I began to realize was that the media, her staff, her colleagues, her constituents, interest groups, women's groups around the country care about her, not me. The fact that Nita has a husband is irrelevant—nobody

needed me. It wasn't like the campaign. It wasn't easy for me to make the transition to obscurity. I understood the need and I didn't have any hang-ups about it. But her election was a really, really big change in our lives and we both had to adjust."

My husband, Ed Mezvinsky, has had a different experience from that of most of the other husbands because he's got something most congressional spouses don't have: experience as a congressman. I was the congressional spouse.

Ed was a Democratic congressman from Iowa, elected in 1972. He served for four years, losing his third election. As a freshman, he served on the House Judiciary Committee that voted to impeach President Nixon. It was a very tumultuous time in our nation's history, with the Vietnam War winding down and the Nixon administration unraveling. So when I come home now each week with stories from the front, he understands. Every now and then, someone kids him about being a congressional spouse, but Ed just laughs it off. No one is prouder of me than he is; no one gives me better advice. When I first went off to Washington, he said, "Know the rules, and know the people. You really have to understand these rules. These guys stay up nights, the old-timers, and they know the rules." His words came back to me in a rush after the disappointment of the Hyde Amendment, which ultimately was passed because of arcane parliamentary procedural maneuvers on the part of the pro-life members.

So Ed knows whereof he speaks, having been there himself. But I would venture to say that his experience as a congressional spouse is different from what mine was back in the seventies. Back then, wives were just ancillary.

"I can laugh about the experience because I know what it's all about. It is important to show support," says Ed. "But the appendage idea is something we laugh about now, because it's not that way anymore."

Ed's freshman experience began exactly twenty years before mine, so he has an interesting perspective. "I started my first touch on the Hill when I got a call in my senior year in law school, which

Memo to Maggie Williams
Lisa Caputo
Lissa Muscatine

From: Mark Katz
Subj: suggested HRC humor material
Date: November 29, 1994

Here's a first draft based on our conversation yesterday afternoon. Please let me know what's useful, what's not and what else you need.

MKatz

HRC role

A large part of my role as the First Lady is explaining my role as the First Lady.

.....Once I've finished that part of my day, I can usually find a couple of minutes to answer my mail and return a few phone calls.

.....In fact, I'm thinking of heading the Explain the Role of the First Lady Task Force. (That one may require about a thousand people.)

Whatever my role is, I wish I could spend as much time doing it as explaining it.

I serve at the pleasure of the president and I am confident I will continue as First Lady for his full term of office.

I can't define my role but I know it when I see it.

Despite the Vice President's generous offer, I have no plans to be reinvented.

My schedule is as busy as ever. Every day, there's is another page one story about my new low profile. It seems like its a pretty high-profile low profile to me.

A few weeks ago, I told a reporter that I've been "rezoned." But I failed to mention I'm still designated for commercial and residential use.

I hope to seek the middle ground in my role as First Lady. Somewhere in between Barbara Bush and Barbra Streisand.

health care

I am proud of work I did on the Health Care Task Force. And I have every intention of keeping it on my resume.

We set out to simplify America's health care. It's all there, outlined in Chapter 974.....page 1487.....of Volume six.

First Ladies

Mrs. Bush have something very important in common: relatives who lost in Florida.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow First Ladies, who all gave me their unqualified support when Senator Helms asked them if they thought I was up to the job.

1994 election

Since the election, we've been trying to send the signal that we want to cooperate with the Republicans. Right now, I'm deciding whether I am going to restyle my hair like Marilyn Quayle or Barbara Bush.

You win some and you lose some. I only wish that were the case this year.

Well, its not quite that desperate. This was our plan all along. If you listened closely in '92, we ran as Newt Democrats.

Voters have re-embraced the same set of political principles that quadrupled our national deficit. If the American people have sent Washington a message, its arrived postage due.

But don't write us off yet. It wasn't long ago that the experts were writing off George Foreman halfway into the fight.

I don't think we have any problems working with the Republicans. Rabin and Arafat have already offered to broker a peace agreement.

That's the problem with a mandate for change. It never remains the same.

I don't think I'll have any problem working with the Republicans. After all, they think ~~we~~ ^{Jim} ~~are~~ ^{on} the ~~people~~ who got them elected.

The political climate has already improved measurably. I haven't seen one of those political attack ads on television in over three weeks.

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Memo to Lissa Muscatine
from: Mark Katz
date: November 29, 1994
subj: more material

HRC's Helpful Tips for Adjusting to Life in Washington

- The first and foremost rule of politics in Washington is don't buy a glass house.
- When someone smears your name, questions your motives or impugns your family, remember: it's nothing personal.
- If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog. I wish someone told us that. We showed up here with a neutered cat.
[borrowed from the President's speech at the Radio & Television Correspondents Dinner, April 1994]
- Once you get used to the ways of Washington, you'll find you needn't spend hundreds of dollars to get a good haircut.
- Stay in close touch with your friends and family back home. Sometimes your back with them sooner than you planned.
- If you want to protect your children from the mean streets of this city, keep them off Pennsylvania Avenue during daylight hours.
- At social events, it's easy to tell the liberals from the conservatives by their shoes. Conservatives always wear them.
- If you are eating in the congressional cafeteria and want the pork, never ask for it by name. Tell them you'd like the "infrastructure and investment special."
- If you can, try to live in public housing. We've been very happy there.

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Dear Patty:

We are so pleased that Mrs. Clinton has agreed to be our keynote speaker for this year's Orientation Program for the spouses of the newly elected Members of the 104th Congress.

As you know, the program is bipartisan and for new House Members only. It will take place on Thursday, December 1, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. at the Congressional Club, 2001 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. I am enclosing a copy of our program for your review.

We are planning a receiving line beginning at 9:30 a.m. to give Mrs. Clinton the opportunity to meet the spouses. However, if she prefers, we could use that time for her to simply mingle with our attendees. Then at 10:00 a.m., we ask everyone to gather upstairs in the ballroom where I will introduce the First Lady. We have scheduled thirty minutes for the keynote address. She may use the entire thirty minutes for her address or perhaps she might prefer setting aside a portion of that time to take questions from the spouses.

In past years we have asked our keynote speakers to discuss their experience as the spouse of a public figure--the enormous challenges, the public and personal expectations, and the many rewards as well. Of course, sharing humorous events and experiences is always very well received!

While we would love to have the First Lady stay the morning and join us for lunch, we certainly understand if her schedule would not allow that. Therefore, she may feel free to depart after her address concludes at 10:30 a.m.

Many of the spouses, both male and female, are completely new to public life, so our program is designed to offer the guidance to help them get started on their new journey. We cannot thank Mrs. Clinton enough for deciding to share this important time with us and to offer her wisdom, her insight, and her support.

Since I will be introducing the First Lady, I would very much appreciate your guidance in preparing the appropriate introductory remarks to create a suitable background for Mrs. Clinton's address.

On behalf of the Orientation Committee of the Congressional Club, I send along our sincere thanks to Mrs. Clinton for accepting the invitation to join us on December 1. Please let me know if I may provide further information or answer any questions you may have about the program. I may be reached through our California office at (818) 999-1990, or you may contact Anita Lawson in our Washington office at 225-5911.

Sincerely,



Dolores M. Beilenson
Co-chairwoman
Orientation Committee

Enclosure

Thursday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. Meet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for coffee. Location will be listed in your packet upon arrival at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Meet at the front entrance driveway of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., where you will board the bus for the Congressional Club. Congressional wives will accompany you.
- 8:45 a.m. Bus departs
- 9:15 a.m. Reception
Meet other new wives and Orientation Committee members, tour our historic Congressional Club. Juice, coffee and danish will be served.
- 9:30 a.m. Receiving line to meet the First Lady.
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
- 10:30 a.m. Lifestyles in Washington, D.C. for the Congressional Spouse
A panel of Congressional spouses, including a full-time career woman, a mother-homemaker, a volunteer social activist, and a spouse who remained in the home district, will discuss some of the different lifestyle choices possible after moving to Washington D.C. A question period will follow.
- 11:30 a.m. Social Hour
Meet the spouses of the House leadership. Meet your own sponsor who will join you for lunch.
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Representatives of the various clubs for Congressional spouses will discuss the purposes and functions of their respective groups.
- 1:30 p.m. Moving to Washington
Congressional spouses will discuss such nuts and bolts matters as the role change from spouse of a candidate to spouse of a member, staff relations, social and political obligations, information on buying and renting real estate in Washington, schools and child care, volunteer and career opportunities, etc. A question period will follow.
- 2:30 p.m. Review of packet materials
Carefully chosen materials have been assembled for your use. They are geared to the particular needs of a Congressional family. We will review and answer questions about this material.
- 3:00 p.m. Bus leaves for the Hyatt Regency Hotel--approximate return time is 3:30 p.m.
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel will be available for coffee and will be staffed by Congressional spouses.

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of the Orientation Committee of the Congressional Club, I would like to invite you to be the keynote speaker for this year's program for the spouses of the newly elected 104th Congress. This is a two day comprehensive program which is bipartisan and serves all the new spouses in the House of Representatives.

This year's keynote address will take place on Thursday, December 1, 1994, at 10 A.M. at the Congressional Club, 2001 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The presentation is normally 20 minutes if one wishes to allow time for questions, or 30 minutes if one prefers more time to speak.

There is no press allowed as this is a personal time between spouses and is the first opportunity they have to be together and learn something of the challenges they may face, as well as the wonderful opportunities before them, as they embark on the path Congressional life will afford them.

It would be a great honor to the new spouses and the Congressional Club if your schedule would allow you to greet them. No woman in America could be a greater inspiration. Your wisdom and grace set an example of excellence for everyone.

We look forward to hearing from your office at your convenience. I can be reached at [redacted] P6/b(6) or through my husband's office at (202) 225-5911. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Dolores M. Beilenson

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November 28, 1994

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Some funny quotes....

"The more I observed Washington, the more frequently I visited it, and the more I interviewed there, the more I understood how prophetic L'Enfant was when he laid it out as a city that goes around in circles."

--John Mason Brown, *Through These Men*

"When I was in the House, I was told that the difference between the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was that the Senators were too old to have affairs. They only have relations."

--Alben W. Barkley, Harry Truman's VP

"You learn more about yourself while campaigning for just one week than in six months spent with a psychoanalyst."

--Adlai Stevenson

"You know, Congress is a strange place. A man gets up to speak and says nothing, nobody listens, and then everybody disagrees."

--Will Rogers, political humorist



The Oldest Profession

A surgeon, an engineer, and a politician were disputing: which of their occupations was the oldest? The doctor insisted that the first profession was surgery, because Eve was created by carving a rib out of Adam. The engineer held that his profession was older still, for before the creation of Adam and Eve there had to have been Earth created from chaos—an engineer's job.

"All right," the politician finally said, "but who do you think made the chaos?"

A Clear Explanation

Adlai Stevenson told of a little boy who heard his father talking about converts and traitors and said to him, "Father, what is the difference between a convert and a traitor?"

The father replied, "Well, son, don't you understand—if a Republican becomes a Democrat, he is a convert, but if a Democrat becomes a Republican, he is a traitor."