

# AGENDA

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**AMERICA'S  
RESTAURANTS**  
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## TUESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2008

- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Public Affairs Conference Registration**  
*Independence Foyer*
- 2 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Independence Ballroom*  
*Michael S. Kaufman, chairman,  
National Restaurant Association*  
*Dawn Sweeney, president and CEO,  
National Restaurant Association*  
*Michael Gibbons, vice chairman,  
National Restaurant Association*
- 2:30 p.m. **Congressional Speakers**
- 3 p.m. **McCain and Obama Campaign  
Speakers**
- 3:30 p.m. **Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.)**
- 3:45 p.m. **Refreshment Break**  
*Sponsored by Dunkin' Brands*
- 4 p.m. **Presentation of National Restaurant  
Association 2008 Restaurant Neighbor  
Awards**  
*Sally Smith, treasurer, National Restaurant  
Association*
- 5 p.m. **NRA-PAC Update**  
*Bob Leonard, chairman, National Restaurant  
Association Political Action Committee*  
*Ed Tinsley, former chairman, National  
Restaurant Association; Congressional  
Candidate (R-N.M.)*
- 5:15 p.m. – 6 p.m. **Keynote Speakers: Point/Counterpoint**  
*Charlie Cook and Stuart Rothenberg*  
*Sponsored by Host Hotels and Golden Corral*
- 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Chairman's Reception**  
*Sponsored by Coca-Cola Foodservice and  
Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing  
Board*  
*Constitution Ballroom*
- State-delegation photos**  
*Cabin John & Arlington Rooms*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by BMI*  
*Independence Foyer*
- 8 a.m. **Recognition of State Restaurant  
Association Elected Officers**
- 8:15 a.m. **Presentation of National Restaurant  
Association 2008 Grassroots Award**  
*Daniel Halpern, chairman, National Restaurant  
Association Government Affairs and Public  
Policy Committee*
- 8:20 a.m. **NRA Federal Lobbyist Issue Briefings**
- 8:30 a.m. **Keynote Presentation: Clarence Otis**  
*Chairman and CEO, Darden Restaurants, Inc.*
- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Shuttle Buses Depart for Capitol Hill**  
*Grand Hyatt, 10th Street Entrance*
- 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Capitol Hill Office Visits**
- 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Hospitality Suite on Capitol Hill**  
*Sponsored by Sam's Club*  
*Rayburn House Office Building, Rooms  
B338, B339 and B340 (Basement Level)*
- 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. **Congressional Reception**  
*Wine sponsored by Trincherro Family Estates*  
*101 Constitution Avenue, N.W.*

### SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

*Open to all registered Public Affairs Conference attendees.*

#### TRACK I

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **The Art of Advocacy: Lobbying Your  
Lawmakers**  
*Tips on making your case effectively on  
Capitol Hill.*  
*Independence GHI*

- 11:30 a.m. – Noon **Making a Difference: Tips for New  
Attendees**  
*A roadmap for first-time attendees of the  
Public Affairs Conference.*  
*Independence GHI*

#### TRACK II

- 10:30 a.m. – Noon **Dealing with Day-to-Day Business  
Concerns**  
*How to handle daily issues such as employment  
verification and credit card PCI compliance in  
your restaurant.*  
*Franklin Square Room*

*Schedule as of Sept. 12, 2008*