Great American Conservative Women 2014

Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute Calendar
Dear Friend,

As we present this calendar to you, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute is celebrating 20 years of preparing and promoting conservative women leaders. Since our founding in 1993, we’ve impacted the lives of thousands of women through our training seminars, conferences, lectures, and educational programs. We’re proud that after years of work, the conservative movement now has the most vibrant and varied women leaders in history. From government officials to journalists to policy experts, conservative women leaders are changing lives and leading our country back to its founding principles of liberty and economic freedom.

This calendar is just one of the ways the Institute highlights great American conservative women. In our ninth edition, we feature a few of the many exceptional ladies the Institute promotes and who have spoken in the past year at our luncheons, conferences, and seminars. We hope the photos of these women, taken exclusively for the Luce Policy Institute, serve as a daily reminder to you of the important role women leaders play in our country’s policy debates, and that you are inspired to do even more to advance our conservative values.

Our work at Luce goes far beyond educating women on today’s issues. With your help, we are having an enduring positive impact in changing the course of the nation.

Sincerely,

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"No good deed goes unpunished." - Clare Boothe Luce
Playwright-turned-U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1978) – the namesake of the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute – was the editor of Vanity Fair, as well as a U.S. Congresswoman from Connecticut. A wife, mother, and a woman of deep faith, Mrs. Luce’s extraordinary sense of humor was epitomized by her famous quote, “no good deed goes unpunished.” Clare Boothe Luce is pictured above speaking at the Republican National Convention in 1944. Her Granddaughter, Clare Luce, serves on the Institute’s Board of Directors.

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"A house divided cannot stand and we are again, a nation divided: Half-free, half-slave; one half believing in biblical principles and personal responsibility and the other believing in secularism and socialism." - Star Parker
Star Parker is the founder and President of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, and a nationally syndicated columnist for Scripps News Service, offering weekly editorials to 400 newspapers and internet news sites worldwide. Before involvement in social activism, Star Parker had seven years of first-hand experience in the grip of welfare dependency. After a Christian conversion, she changed her life and today is a sought out commentator on national news networks as an expert on social policy reform.

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"In politics, it doesn't matter if something is actually true; it only needs to be spun and repeated as being true. That's how the phony 'war on women' was born." - Bay Buchanan
President Ronald Reagan thought so highly of Bay Buchanan’s leadership skills that he appointed her to serve as United States Treasurer at age 32. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to shape the national debate on such critical issues as life, immigration, and preserving the American family through her role as a political analyst and host of numerous TV and radio programs. She is the author of *Bay and Her Boys: Unexpected Lessons I Learned as a Single Mom*. Bay was the recipient of the 2002 Conservative Leadership and 2007 Woman of the Year Awards.

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“Conservatives don’t need to change their principles; they need to improve the way they communicate those principles.”

- Katie Pavlich
Katie Pavlich is the News Editor for Townhall.com and a Contributing Editor to Townhall Magazine. She is the author of the *New York Times* best seller *Fast and Furious: Barack Obama’s Bloodiest Scandal and Its Shameless Cover-Up* and is a Fox News contributor. As a reporter, she has covered topics ranging from White House scandals and the 2012 presidential election to the Second Amendment and border issues.

A graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in Journalism, Katie has shared her perspective on multiple media venues including Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and Fox Business, in addition to a host of national and local radio shows. Katie is also the recipient of the 2013 Conservative Leadership Award.

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Katie with Luce Policy Institute 2013 spring interns.
“We know that Clare Boothe Luce was a "get it done" woman. In Washington DC, we’ve got too many ‘good old boys’; maybe it’s time for ‘great new gals’.”  - Marsha Blackburn
Marsha Blackburn represents Tennessee’s 7th District in the United States House of Representatives. She began her elected service career in 1998 as a Tennessee State Senator and has served in Congress since 2002. She has a reputation for her focus on individual freedom and free enterprise and is a champion of anti-tax and government reform issues. She leads the charge for conservative ideas as Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and serves on the House Budget Committee. Marsha and her husband, Chuck, have raised two children and live in Williamson County, Tennessee.

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“Sitting on the couch yelling at the TV wasn’t helping. After doing laundry, cooking, cleaning, raising two little girls and working during naptime, I realized that if the leaders on TV were not going to fix the situation, then fine, I’ll do that, too.”
- Rebecca Kleefisch
Rebecca Kleefisch, a former small-business owner and news reporter, serves as Wisconsin’s 44th Lieutenant Governor to which she was elected in 2010. She has played a key role in business growth and retention for Wisconsin and is widely credited for coining the phrase “Wisconsin is Open for Business.” She fought against the unions with Governor Scott Walker and handily survived a recall election, becoming the first Lieutenant Governor to face and win a recall election. She is the mother of two daughters and lives in Oconomowoc with her husband and family.

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“It’s shocking that liberal women’s groups in America ignore the extreme oppression of Muslim women worldwide. Freedom shouldn’t be a partisan issue.” - Nonie Darwish
Few women leaders today are as passionately outspoken in advocating for the rights of women oppressed by Islamic extremism as Nonie Darwish. Born and raised as a Muslim in Egypt and Gaza in the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the 1950s to 1970s, Nonie has firsthand experience living under Islamic Law called Sharia.

She founded the groups Arabs for Israel and Former Muslims United and is the author of books *The Devil We Don’t Know, Now They Call me Infidel*, and *Cruel and Usual Punishment*. Nonie received the Woman of Exceptional Courage Award from the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute in 2008.

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“Everybody wants to be liked, but it is far more important to be respected. Respect is earned; you get it no other way.” - Cleta Mitchell
Cleta Mitchell is a longtime fighter in the conservative trenches and a leading attorney in election law. In 2013, Cleta led the charge to uncover the truth about IRS targeting and abuse of conservative groups, including filing lawsuits in federal court to force the IRS and its employees to tell the American people the truth about what they have done to conservatives. She received the Institute’s 2013 Woman of the Year Award.

She is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Foley & Lardner LLP and has more than 40 years of experience in law, politics, and public policy. She has testified before Congress on election law, campaign finance, and lobbying and ethics laws, and is a frequent speaker and guest commentator on political law. She received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Oklahoma and is a wife and mother.

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“Life is short. Although it will make you a target of the Left, make the most of every opportunity to make this world a better place.”
- Michele Bachmann
Congresswoman Michele Bachmann proudly represents the 6th District of Minnesota as an unwavering defender of constitutional conservatism in Congress. She is the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota and her example has served as an inspiration to the young women who have heard her at Luce Policy Institute events. She received the 2010 Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute Conservative Leadership Award. She is a wife and mother of five and has opened her home to twenty-three foster children.

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“Social media isn’t the milieu of the Left anymore. We are knitting together a sorority of conservative female foot soldiers, and we never need to be steamrolled by liberals who have no facts on their side.” - Michelle Malkin
Michelle Malkin is a #1 New York Times best-selling author of four books, including Culture of Corruption and Invasion. She is a FOX News Channel contributor and is known for being a trailblazer in the blogosphere, where she founded three of America’s most popular conservative blogs: Hot Air, Twitchy, and michellemalkin.com.

Michelle is a mother of two and has been married for 20 years. She was the recipient of the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute’s 2004 Conservative Leadership Award and 2006 Woman of the Year Award.

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“Conservative women are making great strides in this country, and they’re doing it through hard work, responsibility, honesty, integrity, and courage.” - Jan Brewer
Guided by her devotion to family, faith in God and love of country, Jan Brewer has led a distinguished career of public service. Prior to her election as Arizona’s 22nd Governor in 2009, she was inspired to run for state office out of concern for her children’s education. She implemented her winning formula of Conservative leadership, free-market principles, and a willingness to make tough decisions to lead the charge in Arizona for critical reforms in education, healthcare, and immigration. She and her husband, John, have raised three children.

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"Foreign policy is a woman's issue, because our economy, our energy, our jobs, and our safety depend on it." - KT McFarland
Kathleen Troia “KT” McFarland is FOX News’ National Security Analyst and appears regularly on FOX News and FOX Business News. She is also the host of FOXNews.com’s DEFCON 3, one of the internet’s most watched national security shows, and she writes a column for FOXnews.com, DEFCON 3 by KT. She held national security posts in the Nixon, Ford and Reagan Administrations and received the Defense Department’s highest civilian award for her work in the Reagan Administration.

She is a graduate of George Washington University (BA), Oxford University (BA, MA) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (PhD program, all but dissertation) with concentrations on nuclear weapons, China and the Soviet Union. She is a wife and mother of five.

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KT speaking to students at a Conservative Leadership Seminar.