



FACT SHEET

WHAT

- Governor Kathleen Blanco and United States Senator Mary Landrieu will convene women leaders from across the state to discuss influence, power and leadership and the dramatic recent changes in the political, economic and social fabric of the state.

WHY

- The time is right to gather women leaders from all walks of life and geographic areas of the state to reflect on our accomplishments and look to the future to determine how best to continue to be a positive force in state government, in our corporate and business lives, in our communities and with our families.
- This forum will offer a rare opportunity to share our professional and personal experiences and learn from our successes and disappointments.
- This forum is a way to expand the dialogue between women from all corners of the state; opening doors that we hope will inspire and encourage all women to fully participate in the political, business and social processes.
- As more women take their places on city councils, in the state capitol and in boardrooms, everyone benefits from the considerable talents and resources they bring to the table.
- Our state and our nation are stronger when people of every race and gender are fully engaged.

DETAILS

- Louisiana's Women Leaders New Orleans Sheraton Hotel, Canal Street, May 21-22, 2004.
- The highlight of the two-day leadership forum will be a series of panel discussions with the state's highest-ranking government, business, military, religious and community leaders that will be moderated by *Dateline NBC's* Hoda Kotb.
- The Saturday program will include two morning panels, lunch followed by an informal conversation with the state's highest ranking government leaders - Governor Blanco and Senator Landrieu.
- Friday afternoon optional pre-conference workshops will be offered. The topics to be explored: women as care givers; technology's role in managing personal, professional, and public life; and understanding the news media and communicating in an unforgiving public arena.
- A reception will be held Friday evening at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art.

PANELISTS

- The first panel includes: The Honorable Diana Bajoie, President Pro Tempore, Louisiana Senate; The Honorable Sharon Weston Broome, Speaker Pro Tempore, Louisiana House of Representatives; The Honorable Kitty Kimball, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court; The Honorable Diane Winston, Louisiana House of Representatives; The Honorable Ruth Fontenot, Mayor, City of New Iberia; The Honorable Martha Andrus, Mayor, City of Grambling.
- The second panel includes: Jacqui Vines, Vice President and General Manager, Cox Communications, Baton Rouge; Capt. Peggy Feldmann, Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Information Technology Center, New Orleans; Darla Montgomery, Anchor, KATC-TV, Lafayette; Elder Debra Morton, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church; Dr. Diane Roussel, Superintendent of the Jefferson Parish Public Schools; The Honorable Ray Swent, Judge, 9th Judicial District Court; The Honorable Jennifer Sneed, Councilmember, Jefferson Parish Council; Angele Davis, Secretary, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

REGISTRATION

- The leadership forum is \$50 per person, which includes the opening night reception on Friday, and Saturday's panel discussions and lunch. Pre-conference workshops on Friday are \$25.
- For additional information and to register online go to www.gov.state.la.us <<http://www.gov.state.la.us>>, click Women's Conference to link.

ORGANIZING LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- State Senator Diana Bajoie; State Representative Sharon Weston Broome; State Representative Diane Winston; Public Service Commissioner Irma Muse Dixon; Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justices: Kitty Kimball; Jeanette Knoll; Bernette Johnson; Orleans Civil District Court Clerk Dale Atkins; Mayor of New Iberia Ruth Fontenot; Calcasieu Parish School Board Member Clara Duhon; Natchitoches Police Juror Gail Potts Roque.

OTHER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Louisiana Women's Foundation; the Governor's Office on Women's Policy; the Louisiana Commission on Women's Policy and Research; and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus; Technical assistance & support provided by The Baton Rouge Technology Council.