

LEAD New York Class 12
Workshop : Federal Government
Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge
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September 22 - 25, 2008

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Session Sponsors: FarmerMac, AFBF, Farm Credit System Foundation – Douglas Sims Fund

Special Notes for Washington Session:

1. You must carry 2 forms of ID (one with a picture) at all times
2. Do not carry pocket knives or other hazardous materials
3. Wear comfortable shoes – there will be a lot of walking!
4. Do your advance homework! Have questions prepared for lobby group visits, etc.

Goals:

1. Get exposure to “Potomac Fever” – Washington DC culture, political scene, etc.
2. Learn about federal political process
3. Exposure to USDA and other federal agencies
4. Meet and discuss policy issues with non-governmental organizations like AFBF
5. Examine the US role in the rest of the world; trade issues
6. Spain preview; visit embassy, government and ag industry overview
7. Learn about special interest groups – issues, approaches, lobbying styles
8. Look at leadership from a military/historical perspective

Monday, September 22, 2008: (Dress is khaki casual) (Orientation to DC day)

AM **Travel by bus to Washington** (see travel instructions in class letter)

(6:15 Batavia, 8:00 Syracuse, 9:30 Binghamton, 2:30 Rosslyn, VA)

Housekeeping – collect passport copies, Ottawa preview, reconnect, documentary

Facilitator: Kelley Jensen

12:00 Lunch en route (**fast food stop**)

2:30 Arrive, check in at hotel (at the latest)

3:00 Travel to the Holocaust Museum

Via Metro Orange/Blue line from Rosslyn to Smithsonian, walk two blocks west to museum

3:30 **Tour the Holocaust Museum**

6:00 **Dinner at Oyamel** (w/ guests from PA and MD LEAD programs)

401 7th St. NW - Walk east to 7th St., then north to D St. (across Mall) (about 15 min)

Speaker - Congressman Reynolds? (invited)

8:00 **Night time tour of the monuments** (by bus from restaurant – **All About Town Tours**)

9:30 Return to hotel by bus (Hospitality suite available)

Tuesday, September 23, 2008: (Dress is business attire)

Facilitator: Susan Dingee

7:00 Breakfast on your own (there is a cafeteria in the hotel, or others nearby)

7:30 **Travel to AFBF** Orange/Blue line from Rosslyn to L’Enfant Plaza (45 min)

8:15 **Dave Salmonsens** – Welcome/tour of AFBF, 600 Maryland Ave. SW, Suite 800

8:30 **WTO/Trade panel** (20 min. ea. w/ 15 min. Q&A)

Dave Salmonsens (class 5), VP Gov’t Affairs, AFBF – “The Doha Round” (WTO)

Dan Rotenburg, Ag. Attache’ – EU domestic Ag policies, CAP reform

Betsy Baysinger, FAS- EU liaison – US Ag. trade with the EU

- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:30 **2007 US Farm Bill speakers** (20 min ea. w/ 15 min. Q&A)
Tara Smith, AFBF – Farm Bill overview (title review)
Lisa Shelton, House Ag. Committee – How is Farm Bill good for Northeast Ag?
- 11:45 Catered lunch at AFBF (**sponsored by Farmer Mac**)
Speaker: Mary Maloney – Farmer Mac
Facilitator: Paula Schafer
- 1:30 Travel to **Special Interest Group Visits** (see roster for times and locations)
- 2:00 **Appointment with special interest group** (some groups have different times, see roster)
- 4:30 Travel to Russell Senate Office Bldg. (Rm. SR 325) for reception – (*near Union Sta.*)
- 5:30 **Guests at Senator Clinton’s “New York Agriculture” reception** (photo w/ Senator?)
- 8:00 Reception adjourns; **Dinner on your own** (suggest Canal Rd. in Georgetown)
- EVE Return to hotel, free time, hospitality suite available

Wednesday, September 24, 2008: (Dress is business attire)

Facilitator: Tricia Bauer

- 7:00 **Group breakfast in hotel with reports on special interest group visits**
- 8:15 Travel to **Hall of States Building, 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Rm. 223**
Orange or Blue line from Rosslyn to Metro Ctr., then Red to Union Station (45 min)
- 9:00 **Legislative Panel - From Bill through Enforcement – Following the Process**
Farm bill title: Commodities - Dairy
Brooke Jamison, Leg. Dir., (Gillibrand), house Ag comm. - How a bill becomes law
Brian Ronholm, Leg. Dir., (DeLauro) - Appropriations process
John Johnson, Deputy Admin., USDA/FSA speaker- Agency interpretation/rule-making
Kevin Brosch, NMPF?, or other USDA speaker - Implementation and enforcement
- 12:00 **Lunch** (on your own?) **at Union Station**
Facilitator: Matt Cole
- 1:00 **Group picture in front of Capitol** – Mall side by reflecting pool (*15 min. walk*)
(Or photo w/ Senator Clinton as per Trevor)
- 1:30 Travel to embassy *Orange/Blue line from Federal Center SW to Foggy Bottom-GWU*
- 2:00 **Visit Embassy of Spain, 2375 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (Washington Circle)**
(TBD) - Overview of Spanish Government, trade
(TBD) - Spanish Agriculture Overview
- 4:00 Free time to meet with your representative
- 5:30 Travel to dinner location in Georgetown **Agraria, 3000 K St. NW**
- 6:00 **Dinner – Agraria (Georgetown)** (with guests: Trevor Dean)
Dan Morgan, Washington Post (invited) – Critique of US Farm Bill

Thursday, September 25, 2008: (Dress is khaki casual)

Facilitator: Ken Van Fleet

- 7:00 Check out, breakfast on your own at hotel
- 7:30 **Bus travel to Gettysburg**
- 9:30 **Brian Jordan, Tour Gettysburg Battlefield;** focus on leadership
Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College
- 12:00 Depart towards NY – **debriefing on bus, book discussion**, documentary
lunch en route (fast food stop)
- 3:45 Binghamton, 5:00 Syracuse, 6:45 Batavia