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Welcome to this 46th New England Circle, another in a series of these gatherings inaugurated here in this hotel more than a decade ago.

As it has since that February evening in 1974, our purpose has remained steadfast: to provide a forum for the discussion of social, political, educational and literary topics that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation and in our world.

The Circle's beginnings go back to the Nineteenth Century when Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charles Dickens, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and other literary lions of their day gathered regularly at the Parker House for meetings of the Saturday Club. Their lively exchange of opinions and ideas in that hospitable and informal setting is a tradition that continues to influence today's Circles: private, non-profit gatherings that have welcomed more than 2,000 members from every corner of the region. From the start, this has been a setting that encourages spirited and open dialogue between Circle discussion leaders and each Circle guest.

This evening's discussion leader is Thomas R. Harkin, United States Senator from Iowa.

Growing up in the small (pop. 150) Iowa town of Cumming, Tom Harkin got some early, first-hand experience in the problems of working men and women, farm families and their rural lives. While his coal-mining father and his immigrant mother spent long days keeping the family strong and secure, the future Senator was a student at the Cumming public school in the mornings and a jobholder in the afternoons. When he entered Iowa State University in 1958, he also got a job on a construction crew to pay for his own education.

In 1962, his graduation year, Tom Harkin joined the Navy and became one of its jet pilots in Vietnam for most of the five years he served. Shortly after his discharge, the veteran began his career in Iowa Democratic politics as a staff aide to Congressman Neal Smith, and two years later, in 1972, earned his law degree in Washington and was admitted to the Iowa bar.

The concern for farmers and working people of Iowa that had been part of his growing up helped persuade him to run for Congress in 1974. He was elected then, and has been each time he has run since. After five Congressional terms, he won a U.S. Senate race two years ago and now serves on the Agriculture, Small Business, and Appropriations committees, posts that require energy, commitment and a great deal of time. They are, however, the committees which play a critical role in generating policies that can help sustain and strengthen the Iowa way of life that is Tom Harkin's heritage.

Senator Harkin will be interviewed by nationally syndicated columnist Sarah McClendon, a White House reporter who has covered nine presidents since she began her distinguished career as a journalist, lecturer, and broadcaster.

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Congressman Michael Harrington	EARLY WARNING/CIA
U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy	THE KENNEDY VIEW
Author & Columnist Jimmy Breslin	RACE AND THE CITY
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations & Mayor Andy Young	YOUNG IDEAS
Coretta Scott King	HUMAN RIGHTS & FULL EMPLOYMENT
Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill	CONGRESS & CARTER
Economist John Kenneth Galbraith	U.S. & THE ECONOMY
Press Secretary to the U.S. President Jody Powell	THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
European Parliament Member John Hume	PEACE IN IRELAND
New York Mayor Edward I. Koch	CITY DECISIONS
U.S. Senator Thomas J. McIntyre	NEW EFFECTS ON POLITICS
U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy & Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge	AMERICANS FOR SALT
Ralph Nader	CONSUMER MOVEMENT/POLITICAL PROCESS
Gloria Steinem	FEMINISM TODAY
U.S. Commissioners for Peace & Conflict Resolution	PEACE ACADEMY
U.A.W. President Douglas Fraser	AUTO INDUSTRY IN TROUBLE
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Television Producer Paul Fitzgerald	AFGHANISTAN BETWEEN THREE WORLDS
Bianca Jagger & Congressman/Attorney General James Shannon	CENTRAL AMERICAN TURMOIL
Disarmament Negotiator Inga Thorsson & George Kistiakowsky	THE NUCLEAR AGE
Donald Woods & Dick Gregory	LEGALIZED RACISM/SOUTH AFRICA
Author Mark Gerzon	A CHOICE OF HEROES
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Congressman Edward Markey	NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION
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Urban Developer James Rouse	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley	THE CARIBBEAN FUTURE
Journalist William Hodding Carter, III	MEDIA'S CHALLENGE
African National Congress President-General Oliver Tambo	SOUTH AFRICA'S STRUGGLE
H.J. Heinz President & CEO Anthony J.F. O'Reilly	IRELAND'S FUTURE
South African Council of Churches General Secretary The Reverend Beyers Naude'	APARTHEID TODAY
Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank & New Hampshire Governor John Sununu	LIBERAL vs CONSERVATIVE
Harvard University Williston Professor of Law Roger Fisher	CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu, South Africa	APARTHEID & AMERICA
U.S. President Jimmy Carter & First Lady Rosalynn Carter	PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE
First Lady of Greece Margaret Papandreu	WORLD PEACE/WORLD EQUALITY
Human Rights Activist Isabel Morel Letelier	JUSTICE IN CHILE
Actor & Activist Martin Sheen & National Homeless Advocate Mitch Snyder	CARE FOR USA'S HOMELESS