

Welcome to the 51st New England Circle. We are beginning 1988, a political season, with one of America's most stalwart defenders of the American political system, New Hampshire Senator Warren Rudman. The Circle tradition began here at the Parker House in the 19th Century. Literary giants such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charles Dickens, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and others, gathered regularly for meetings of the Saturday Club. Their lively informal discussions formed a tradition that continues to influence today's Circle which began fifteen years ago. We invite men and women from different cultures, political persuasions, diverse professions and points of view to engage our Discussion Leaders and enliven our Circles.

Senator Rudman is one of the most energetic and productive Senators elected to represent this region. His co-sponsorship of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act - the budget deficit control law - will place his name prominently in American history. His penetrating questions and sharp analysis during the Iran-Contra hearing prompted knowledgeable observers to call him one of the Senate's most courageous and sensible men.

Rudman will be questioned by Anchor/Reporter Carmen Fields, a highly respected print and broadcast journalist. Presently, Fields co-Anchors "The Ten O'Clock News" at WGBH-TV/Channel 2. Carmen has recently completed a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University and teaches Journalism at Northeastern University.

Fields and Rudman should stimulate an engrossing and thought provoking evening as we head into America's most significant political season. MARJORIE ARONS-BARRON, Editorial Director, WCVB-TV 5, Needham, MA

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