

**NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE  
CITIZENS ROUNDTABLE**

**" Reclaiming Urban America "**

**Reverend Jesse Jackson  
President, National Rainbow Coalition**

**Liz Walker  
Moderator  
Co-Anchor, WBZ News 4**

**Co- Sponsored by  
Citizens for Safety**

**Monday, September 18, 1995  
Omni Parker House**

**P R O G R A M**

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast reception in the Press Room
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome remarks  
*Jack Dunfey, Chairman, New England Circle*  
*Thomas P. O'Neill, Vice Chairman, New England Circle*
- 8:35 a.m. Introduction of Reverend Jesse Jackson, Discussion Leader  
*Harlan Jones, Executive Director, Citizens for Safety*
- 8:40 a.m. Introduction of Liz Walker, Moderator  
*Geri Denterlein, Program Director, New England Circle*
- 8:45 a.m. Circle discussion begins
- 10:00 a.m. Circle discussion ends

**NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE/CITIZENS ROUNDTABLE** " Our purpose is to assemble a diverse group of concerned individuals for discussion of social, political, literary and educational topics; our goal is to exchange challenging ideas and opinions that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation, and our world."

*The Dunfey family  
Inaugural Circle, 1974*

*New England Circle is a non-profit, non-partisan foundation for educational purposes.*

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## ***Reverend Jesse Jackson, Discussion Leader***

Reverend Jesse Jackson is the President of the Rainbow Coalition. Founded in 1986, the Rainbow Coalition is a national social justice organization devoted to education and empowerment.

As a leader in the political movement for justice and democracy, Reverend Jackson has committed much of his life to working with youth, promoting voter registration and teaching non-violence. He has visited thousands of schools, colleges and universities, encouraging excellence and urging young people to stay in school and away from drugs.

A tireless campaigner, Reverend Jackson has supported numerous political candidates and himself ran for United States President in 1984 and 1988.

Reverend Jackson is the author of two books: *Keep Hope Alive* and *Straight from the Heart*. He lives in Washington D.C. with his wife Jacqueline Lavinia Brown. They are parents of five children.

## ***Liz Walker, Moderator***

A broadcast journalist for more than twenty years, Liz Walker is co-anchor of WBZ News 4. Over the course of her career, she has covered politics, consumer affairs and the courts and she has produced and hosted several documentaries. In addition, Ms. Walker has worked in the community in support of many causes, particularly on behalf of victims and survivors of violence. She has been instrumental in shaping WBZ's current public service campaign. *Stop the Violence*.

## ***Citizens for Safety, Co-Sponsor***

Citizens for Safety is a multi-racial coalition working to reduce violence in Boston, through public policy advocacy and direct programming. The organization includes those most affected by violence in programs and initiatives designed to address its root causes.

## ***New England Circle/Citizens Roundtable***

New England Circle has become a Boston tradition with roots that date back more than a century.

In the late 1800's, great thinkers such as Emerson, Hawthorne, Holmes and Longfellow gathered at the Parker House to discuss probing issues of the times, often moving the members to bold action. The last meeting of the "Saturday Club" was in 1902, led by Booker T. Washington.

When the Dunfey family acquired the Parker House, they revitalized this tradition, broadening its mandate and expanding its participation. During the past 20 years, more than 8,000 people have participated in New England Circle gatherings. Discussion leaders have included such prominent guests as Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa; President Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter; Mary Robinson; Marian Wright Edelman; Bill Moyers; Senator William Cohen; Warren Rudman.

Celebrating its twentieth anniversary season and anticipating the challenges of the 21st century, the Dunfey family and New England Circle board members welcome Thomas P. O'Neill III as Vice Chair, Pamela G. McDermott as Vice President and Geri Denterlein as the Program Director. Their involvement creates a new sense of purpose and secures a place for ongoing dialogue designed to lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation and our world.