



Featured Speakers & Entertainment

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will be the featured speaker at the opening session on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Gov. Huckabee is the host of the number-one rated weekend hit "Huckabee" on Fox News Channel, and is heard three times daily across the nation on the "Huckabee Report" on the ABC Radio Network.



He is the author of six books, the most recent being *Do The Right Thing*.

After his quest for the Republican nomination for President in 2008, in which he finished second to John McCain, he formed HuckPac to assist Republicans running for office nationwide and has amassed a volunteer army of thousands of activists, in all states.

Having been honored by several renowned publications and organizations for his accomplishments, Huckabee served as the 44th governor of Arkansas from 1996-2002, and was recognized as a national leader.

Huckabee became governor in July 1996 when his predecessor resigned. He was one of the youngest governors in the country at the time. He was elected to a full four-year term as governor in 1998, attracting the largest percentage of the vote ever received by a Republican gubernatorial nominee in Arkansas, and was re-elected to another four-year term in Nov. 2002.

He is an avid musician and is a bass player in his rock-n-roll band, Capitol Offense, which opened for artists such as Willie Nelson and the Charlie Daniels Band, and has played the House of Blues in New Orleans, Red Rocks Amphitheater in Denver, and for two presidential inauguration balls. He is featured each week in the musical segment of his Fox News TV show with the Fox house band, The Little Rockers.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Critics have called Jeannette Walls' memoir, *The Glass Castle*, "spectacular," "extraordinary," "incredible," and "riveting." Walls describes growing up in the desert of the American Southwest and then in a West Virginia mining town with her three siblings and the brilliant, unorthodox, irresponsible parents who manage at once to neglect them, love them, and teach them to face their fears.



This inspirational book has been taught at universities in courses on literature, psychology, parenting, child development and poverty. Walls has spoken at colleges, corporations, and business associations about overcoming hardship and the keys to turning adversity to your advantage.

Jeannette's new book *Broke Horses: A True Life Novel* is scheduled to hit the bookshelves early October.

This extraordinary speaker is scheduled for the spouse breakfast on Tuesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Dinner and Show • One of the top comedians today will entertain at the dinner and show. Bill Engvall has the ability to connect with an audience. Bill recently starred in and produced a television sitcom for TBS "The Bill Engvall Show." The show centered around Bill as the father at the core of a family comedy. The series secured a place among ad-supported cable's Top 3 sitcom telecasts of all time among households and Top 5 original telecasts of all time among key adult demos and viewers.

Bill also hosts one of the top-rated shows on CMT, Country Fried Home Videos. This show finds real videos of real people showing what real Americans do bringing the wit and wisdom to television that only the heartland can offer.

Bill is a platinum recording artist and has written several books, including his autobiography "*Bill Engvall—Just a Guy*."

A native of Galveston, Texas, he moved to Dallas and was working as a disc jockey with plans of becoming a teacher. While in a nightclub one evening, he decided to try his hand at stand-up comedy and quickly found that making people laugh was truly his forte. Soon after, he decided to move to Los Angeles to pursue television opportunities. In 1992, Bill won the American Comedy Award for "Best Male Stand-up Comedian."

The remainder of the evening, you will have the opportunity to dance to the PartyQuake Band. PartyQuake is a 6-piece ensemble, playing high energy music from the 1960s, 70s, 80s and 90s. You will be transported back to a simpler time and will be converted into a participant instead of a spectator.

