



The 2009 Pennsylvania Society Weekend: A complete schedule Brought to you by pa2010.com

THURSDAY

Christine Toretta Reception

6-8 p.m., Club Macanudo, 28 East 63rd Street

The skinny: The well-known Republican national committeewoman will be holding court at this midtown cigar club.

FRIDAY

Republican State Committee Annual Commonwealth Club Luncheon

Noon, The W Hotel, Forest Ballroom

The skinny: We hear that his GOP-highness Karl Rove will be in attendance. At \$1,000 per person, don't expect to be there if you're not already on the list.

BlankRome Government Relations Briefing

12-2 p.m., The Chrysler Building, 24th floor boardroom

The skinny: This small, exclusive gathering of high-powered lobbyists might very well be the hardest event to get into all weekend. Haven't been invited? Tough luck.

Forum for a Better Pennsylvania hosts the gubernatorial candidates

12:30-1:45 p.m., Waldorf Astoria, Conrad Suite

The skinny: Hosted by the organization of black business and civic leaders, this off-the-record candidate's forum will mark one of the first times the hopeful state executives have stood before the same audience. We know candidates from both parties are attending, but exactly which ones are unclear. Attendance to this event is very exclusive. If you're not a member, don't even bother trying.

Lou Barletta reception

2 p.m., O'Neil's Irish Bar, 3rd Avenue near East 46th

The skinny: The Hazleton Mayor and two-time felled GOP candidate in the 11th Congressional District was widely expected to announce this week that he'll run for a third time next year. A newly-declared candidate in a public setting? Invite or no, you're probably golden.

The Metropolitan Caucus

2 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria

The skinny: The Philadelphia-area lawmakers at this gathering may want some modicum of privacy to talk regional politics. Go at your own risk.

Pennsylvania Society Scrimmage by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

2-4 p.m., ESPNZone, Times Square

The skinny: This party hosted by the powerful law and lobbying firm is often seen as the unofficial kick-off event for the weekend. It's often packed to the brim, so even if you don't have an invite, your chances of getting in are good.

Broadband Kickoff

2-5 p.m., ESPNZone, Times Square

The skinny: It's hosted by the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania. Think they'll be talking about Comcast's new NBC unit?

Forum for a Better Pennsylvania Reception

3:30-5 p.m., Waldorf Astoria, Conrad Suite

The skinny: The follow-up event to the organization's earlier off-record conversation with the candidate's for governor.

Gleason Family Cocktail Reception

4-6 p.m., Harvard Club, Gordon Reading Room, 35 West 44th Street

The skinny: State GOP chairman Rob Gleason's family company is celebrating 100 years in business.

Jack Wagner for Governor Reception

4-6 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria

The skinny: The Democrat is trying to build some insider support in a primary where many party leaders are backing his opponent Dan Onorato. Go ahead, he wants to meet you.

Tom Corbett fundraiser

4 p.m., the residence of John and Margo Catsimatidis

The skinny: Are you a donor? No? Go somewhere else.

Bryan Lentz for Congress fundraiser

5-7 p.m., Public House, 140 East 41st Street

The skinny: Lentz faces one of the most competitive House races in the country in the 7th District. Bring a check or go somewhere else.

Waste Management Eastern Group Cocktails

5-7 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria

The skinny: Keep your head down, it could be harder to get into this one if you're not on the list.

Michael Clark Reception

5-7 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, The Towers, Suite 32-A

The skinny: Anyone know who this guy is? Everyone's got the event on their schedule, but no one seems to know Michael Clark.

Dominic Pileggi Reception

5 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria

The skinny: Everyone wants to hang with the state Senate Majority Leader.

Children's Champion Reception

5-7 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof

The skinny: Senator Bob Casey and the state's former First Lady Michele Ridge are both getting awards from host Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Mike Gerber Reception

5:30-7 p.m., Public House, 140 East 41st Street

The skinny: This is billed as a private fundraiser for the chair of the state House Democrats' campaign arm, who's increasingly becoming a force in Keystone State politics. If you don't have an invite, write a check or go somewhere else.

Friends of Dan Onorato Reception

6-8 p.m., The Waldorf-Astoria, Hilton Room

The skinny: The Democratic front-runner for governor is letting us in... so you're probably good to go.

Cozen O'Connor Reception

6-9 p.m., 21 Club, 21 West 52nd Street

The skinny: Getting into this Philly law firm's parties can be tough. But if you move now, it's probably not too late to get on the list.

Keystone Victory Fund Reception

6:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria

The skinny: Senator Bob Casey and wife Terese are being honored.

Stevens & Lee Cocktails and Dinner

7 p.m., Four Season Hotel, Cosmopolitan Suite

The skinny: Cocktails are at 7 and dinner is at 8:30 for this mid-Atlantic professional services firm. We're told it's invitation only, and being at the Four Seasons, you might want to just go elsewhere if you're not on the list.

BlankRome Reception

7 p.m., Hotel Intercontinental

The skinny: Still by invitation, but certainly easier to slip into than its smaller lobbyist briefing earlier in the day.

Gerlach for Governor Reception

7-9 p.m., Arent Fox LLP, 1675 Broadway

The skinny: With much of his party backing Tom Corbett, Jim Gerlach is looking for supporters. See you there.

Second Annual Book Bash

9 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof

The skinny: This charitable event raises money to buy books for children in poverty (that's what the \$250 ticket price is for). Senator Bob Casey, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter will all be on the scene.

IBEW Local 98 Reception

9:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Hilton Room

The skinny: This party runs past midnight, and it's one of those truly bipartisan events. Democrats and Republicans, drinking together. Getting in is pretty easy.

Governor Mifflin Society Desserts and Cocktails

10 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Conrad Salon

The skinny: Admission to this popular, late-night party, sponsored by a bevy of lobbying and PR shops, is tightly-enforced. The invitation we saw sternly warns that invites are non-transferable, RSVPs were due by Nov. 30 and "those without proper credentials will be denied admission." Ouch. If you've got some favors to call in, you might be able to pull something off. But you're probably out of luck.

Duane Morris Reception

10 p.m., 21 Club, 21 West 52nd Street

The skinny: If you haven't been invited by this powerful law firm and its lobbying arm yet, start working the phones now.

Joe Hoeffel After Dark

Midnight, The W Hotel, Canyon and Plateau Room

The skinny: The Montgomery County Commissioner and Democratic candidate for governor entered the race late, and he wants your support. See you there.

SATURDAY

PNC Breakfast Reception

7:30-9:30 a.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Skylight Roof

The skinny: Chairman and CEO James Rohr will be on the scene.

University of Pennsylvania Breakfast Reception

8:30-10:30 a.m., The Penn Club, 30 West 44th Street

The skinny: Penn President Amy Gutmann is hosting this invitation-only event. We scored one—but don't expect to read anything more about it; it's off-record.

Pennsylvania Manufacturer's Association Annual Seminar and Luncheon

9 a.m., The Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th Street

The skinny: Attendance at the invitation-only event hosted by Wachovia Bank and the powerful trade group is a must for anyone with business interests in the state. Lots of candidates for office will be there. Lunch follows the morning seminar.

Tom Corbett for Governor Reception

11:30 a.m., Smith & Wollensky, 97 3rd Avenue

The skinny: The state GOP's favored candidate for governor, deep into his Bonusgate investigation, will be holding court. Getting into this one shouldn't be too tough.

Bravo Group Reception

12 p.m., Maggie's Place, 21 East 47th Street

The skinny: Lunchtime with this big-time lobbying and PR shop should be a fun one.

Chris Doherty for Governor Reception

12 p.m., Matt's Grill, 932 8th Avenue

The skinny: One of the more recent candidates to jump into the race, this Democrat should be welcoming all comers. But it's a little further from the Waldorf than most events, so plan ahead.

Focus on Infrastructure Reception

12:30-2:30 p.m., Maloney and Porcelli Restaurant, 37 East 50th Street

The skinny: Leaders in infrastructure policy will be meeting at a time when the federal government is pouring money into new projects.

Meet and Greet with Joe Watkins

1-3 p.m., Benjamin Hotel, Emery Bar, 125 East 50th Street

The skinny: Some Republican insiders think this longtime Republican operative and Philly pastor is exactly the man to complement Tom Corbett as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Commonwealth Energy Group Party

2-4 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Conrad Suite

The skinny: With the Marcellus Shale set to be tapped, these guys are in the money.

Charlie Dent reception

2:30 p.m., Mint Restaurant, 150 East 50th Street

The skinny: Congressman Dent is target No. 1 for Democrats next year.

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Reception
3:30-5:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Astor Salon
The skinny: Probably the biggest higher-ed event of the weekend.

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Cocktail Reception
4 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof
The skinny: After hosting the kick-off event the day before, these folks just can't get enough. This one might be tougher to get into.

Thomas Hagen and Roger Richards Reception
5-6:30 p.m., Waldorf Astoria, The Towers, Suite 37A
The skinny: These two hosts are on the board of The Pennsylvania Society... you remember, that group we all supposedly came here for?

The 111th Annual Dinner of The Pennsylvania Society
7 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Grand Ballroom
The skinny: Everyone will be at this main event—provided they're willing to shell out for the \$300 tickets. It's preceded by a 6 p.m. reception in the East Foyer. Not in the mood for black tie? There's all sorts of side dinners going on you can try to sneak into. We hear Dilworth Paxon and Greenlee Partners are among the companies breaking bread away from the Grand Ballroom.

After dinner, the meaning of the word "schedule" breaks down, as the Waldorf-Astoria transforms into a hotel full of simultaneous parties that people mull in and out of. We've got a couple listed below, but just follow the crowds. You'll end up somewhere.

Premier Party
Following the dinner, Waldorf-Astoria, Oscar's
The skinny: Hosted by the big-time trade lobby, The Energy Association of Pennsylvania.

The Governor's Reception
9:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Basildon and Jade Rooms
The skinny: Ed Rendell may be a lame-duck governor, but he can still throw a party. This rock-till-midnight affair is hosted by the big-time lobbyist Stephen Wojdak and Rendell's own Ballard Spahr.

SUNDAY

Temple University and Wachovia Brunch
9 a.m., Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof
The skinny: At this final event of the weekend, a chance for the late-night revelers to work off those hangovers.