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The Madison Civics Club is celebrating 100 years of engaging minds

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will deliver remarks in Madison Sept. 17

MADISON—**Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano** will deliver remarks entitled “The Role We All Play: Homeland Security in the 10 Years Since 9/11” at the Madison Civics Club’s first lunch meeting of its 2011-12 season

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m., at the **Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center**.

Janet Napolitano, the third secretary of homeland security, is leading our nation’s collective efforts to secure our country from the threats we face, from terrorism to natural disasters. As head of the [Department of Homeland Security](#), Secretary Napolitano oversees the implementation of the department’s five core missions: preventing terrorism and enhancing security, securing and managing our borders, enforcing immigration laws, safeguarding and securing cyberspace, and ensuring our resiliency to disasters.

Secretary Napolitano is a woman of many firsts. Prior to her position as the secretary of homeland security, Secretary Napolitano was the first woman to be re-elected as governor of Arizona and was named by Time magazine as one of the top five governors in the nation. Secretary Napolitano was born in New York City and grew up in Pittsburgh, Penn., and Albuquerque, N.M. She graduated from Santa Clara University, where she won a Truman Scholarship and was the university’s first female valedictorian. She received her juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. Before holding public office, Secretary Napolitano served as a clerk for Judge Mary M. Schroeder on

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and practiced law in Phoenix at the firm of Lewis and Roca.

The cost for the luncheon meeting is \$30.00. To see if space is still available, call **608-241-1158**.

In addition to Secretary Napolitano, the following newsmakers will speak during the Madison Civics Club's 2011-12 season:

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| Oct. 29, 2011 | Gwen Ifill , moderator and managing editor of the Public Broadcasting System's public affairs program "Washington Week"
Topic: "Politics, Policy and Reality: What's Really Going on in Washington" |
| March 3, 2012 | Biddy Martin , former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and recently appointed president of Amherst College
Topic: "The Challenge of Pursuing Innovation in Academia" |
| April 14, 2012 | Elizabeth Warren (invited), Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard University, who recently served as assistant to the President and special advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury in the development of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Topic: "Rebuilding the Middle Class" |

The Madison Civics Club partners with community organizations to provide thought-provoking presentations by civic, national and international leaders and grants to support the work of student and youth groups in the Madison area. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to youth groups whose community service projects dovetail with the topics covered by the 2011-12 speakers listed above. For details and a grant application form, visit www.madisoncivicsclub.org and click on "Youth Grants."

Anyone can become a member of the Madison Civics Club and save \$5 on the cost of each luncheon meeting. The \$100 membership fee includes the cost of all four luncheon meetings at Monona Terrace. Information about how to become a member and further details about the meetings can be found at www.madisoncivicsclub.org.

The nonprofit Madison Civics Club was founded in 1912 by five women after the Wisconsin State Legislature failed to grant women the right to vote. Since then, the club has expanded to more than 500 members, both women and men.

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