

Save the Date: February 17, 2014 SIRC Presidents Day Banquet

Featured Speaker Star Parker will deliver a riveting critique of how liberal myths have failed to deliver on promises to improve the conditions of poverty in American. She is the founder and president of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal & Education, a non-profit think tank which promotes market-based public policy to fight poverty.

Before involvement in social activism, she had seven years of first-hand experience in the grip of welfare dependency. Now, as a social policy consultant, she brings new energy to policy discussions on how to transition America's poor from government dependency.

Star has a BS degree in Marketing and Business from Woodbury University and has received numerous awards and commendations for her work on public policy issues.

Star Parker's personal transformation from welfare dependent to conservative crusader has been chronicled by ABC's *20/20*, Rush Limbaugh and *Readers Digest*. She also spoke at the 1996 Republican National Convention and hosted a documentary on poverty with the BBC in London.

She has debated Jesse Jackson on various headline issues, fought for school choice on Larry King Live, and defended welfare reform on the Oprah Winfrey Show. She also debated healthcare reform against Michael Moore on *The View* with host Barbara Walters.

She has authored three books:

- *Pimps, Whores & Welfare Brats*,
- *Uncle Sam's Plantation*, and
- *White Ghetto*. She currently is working on book four, *How the Poor Get Rich*.

In 2010, she ran for the Republican Congressional seat in liberal California's 37th District and was unanimously nominated. Though she did not win the seat, she increased Republican votes in the district.

Star is also a syndicated columnist for Scripps News Service, offering weekly op-eds to more than 300 newspapers and internet news sites worldwide, including the *Boston Herald*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Orange County Register*, the *Washington Examiner*, and *Stars and Stripes*, the largest newspaper serving the men and women of our Armed Forces stateside and abroad.
