Dear Senior Fellows and Friends,

You are cordially invited to the Club Room, L'Enfant Plaza Hotel restaurant, on Monday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m., for dinner and conversation with Kirke Harper, USDA Graduate School.

Kirke's career has included service at OPM, OMB, EPA (he helped invent it), the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and USAID. Currently he serves as Director of Corporate Strategic Planning, having previously directed the graduate school's Leadership Development Academy. Further, Kirke chairs the Board of Directors Executive Committee, Public Employees Roundtable @ The Council for Excellence in Government. This no-nonsense, humane, and very inspiring senior executive has made a difference in at least four fields: Budget, Congressional Relations, Contracting, and Human Resources.

Earlier this year, ED's senior fellows invited Kirke to come do a noontime "Conversations with Leaders" discussion. To our delight, the participants were very reluctant to part with him when it was over. Our challenge on the 24th will be to let him go home at a reasonable hour!

Please RSVP using the reply function on this page. Your reply and payment must be received by Friday, October 21st. You may use the PayPal link or mail me a check. The menu options, Kirke's bio, and driving & parking information will be sent to "Yes" RSVPs beginning next week.

Please plan to arrive between 6 and 6:30. Hope you can join us.

Regards, Kitty Wooley