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# JANINE TURNER

*Actress, Author, Activist*

Keynote Speaker 10 Outstanding Banquet Saturday Evening

Janine Turner was born Janine Gauntt in Lincoln, Nebraska, the daughter of Janice, a realtor and Turner M. Gauntt, a pilot, who attended West Point and flew for Braniff for thirty years. Her father is from East Texas and her mother is from South Texas. She has a brother, Tim, and was raised in Euless, Texas.

Turner began her acting career in 1980 appearing in several episodes of Dallas. However, she is most widely known for her role as Maggie O'Connell on the hit series Northern Exposure from 1990-1994, a role that earned her an Emmy Nomination.

After her breakthrough in Northern Exposure, Turner appeared in the action film, Cliffhanger opposite Sylvester Stallone.

In 2006, Janine was appointed a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation by George W. Bush.

In 2008, Turner's book, "Holding Her Head High: Inspiration from 12 Single Mothers Who Championed Their Children and Changed History, was released.

As a conservative Republican, she campaigned for VP candidate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin during the 2008 election. As a guest on Fox News Channel, Huckabee and CNN she has expressed her concern for what she perceives as liberal media bias. Turner has been a frequent contributor of time and money to Republican Party candidates and organizations over the last decade.

Janine lives on a longhorn cattle ranch outside of Dallas, Texas with her daughter Juliette.

For more info on Janine Turner: [www.janineturner.net](http://www.janineturner.net) or follow her on facebook. To read her Fox New Forum Op Ed: <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2009/07/16/janine-turner-fathers/>.