

APRIL 2010

DIALOGUE



WORLD AFFAIRS
COUNCIL
JACKSONVILLE

Bringing the World Closer

EVENT REMINDER

“Beyond Global: Death By Black Hole and Other Cosmic Quandaries”

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
UNF Arena

GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“The Progress Made in Healthcare Reform and the Challenges that Lie Ahead”



Dr. William Rupp
CEO, Mayo Clinic

Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital

Media Sponsor: The Jacksonville Business Journal

Co-hosted with: The Gate Governors Club

Cost: \$45 (Council Members) \$65 (Non-Members)
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

Reserved Seating Available for Sponsors and
Ambassador's Circle Members

A SPECIAL LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT

“U.S. and Pakistan Relations”



H.E. Husain Haqqani
Ambassador of Pakistan to the
United States

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Cost: \$50 (Council Members) \$70 (Non-Members)
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

Call (904) 280-8162 to reserve or purchase tickets
Complimentary Reserved Luncheon Seating Available
for Sponsors and Ambassador's Circle Members

President's Message

In addition to two exceptional speakers, astrophysicist **Dr. Neil Tyson** and Mayo CEO **Dr. William Rupp**, April brings several special events: Latin Friday Fusion, **WorldQuest** and the opportunity to have lunch with Pakistani **Ambassador Husain Haqqani**.

I hope many of you will join us at **WorldQuest** on April 20. If you don't want to form a team of friends, just come as an individual or a couple and we'll put you together with others. This is always a favorite evening for me because it's so much fun and supports such a great cause. Some fabulous items have been donated for the silent and live auctions this year and the proceeds will help support our education programs in the schools. One team will answer the most questions correctly on April 20, but the real winners will be our high school students and teachers in the area.

In March we had an uplifting example of these educational programs: the unique international crisis management exercise at UNF developed by **Ambassador Nancy Soderberg** and described on the back page. This year the exercise engaged 47 high school students from the Great Decisions seminars. Each student played a key role on one of the two U.S. National Security Councils dealing with the unfolding crisis. The hypothetical national security crisis was in Somalia, with the complications of poverty, terrorism, piracy and disparate parties fighting for control of a failed state. The goal was to help our high school students begin to appreciate the complexity of national security decisions at the Presidential level and better understand a variety of leadership positions that they could aspire to hold in government.



Jonathan Howe

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WorldQuest 2010 No Jeopardy...Just Fun!

Join us for the 9th annual night of international trivia, dinner and fun with live & silent auction.



This year's topics include: *World Literature, Cuisine & Culture, Cuba, Quotable Quotes, Crime & Punishment, Historical Royal Figures*

Tuesday, April 20 6:00-9:00 p.m.
University of North Florida, University Center

Come, Play and Bid on Fabulous Auction Items Including...

- > 1 Academic WorldQuest Winning Student from Stanton to be Used as a "Life-Line" During the Round of Your Choice
- > 2 Front-Row Seats, Reception and Photo with Guest Speaker at all 2010-2011 Global Issues Evenings
- > Fabulous Get-Aways (Including 2 Nights at a Castle in Ireland)
- > Tour of the U.S. Capitol with Congressman Ander Crenshaw
- > Exclusive Champagne Art Tours with Diane Jacobsen
- > Round out a foursome of golf with Steve Halverson at Pablo Creek
- > JAXPORT Tugboat Tour
- > Box Seating with Wayne and Delores Weaver for a Jaguars Home Game
- > International Dinner Parties and Gift Baskets

Call (904) 280-8162 or visit www.worldaffairscounciljax.org to learn more and register

EDUCATION

ICME Gives Local High School Students Experience with National Security Council



'President' Nancy Soderberg and students at ICME

The Council, in partnership with UNF, hosted the 2010 International Crisis Management Exercise (ICME) on Saturday, March 6. ICME serves as the culmination of

the Great Decisions after-school enrichment program. Forty-seven students from Episcopal, Fletcher, Mandarin, Nease, Ribault, Stanton and Yulee High Schools gathered to role-play as members of the President's National Security Council (NSC), responding to a mock international crisis dealing with U.S./Somalia relations. Participants researched their respective NSC roles and were briefed on the issues. Recommendations were made to the 'President' concerning Somali piracy, national & international support for peacekeeping forces and US support for Somalia's humanitarian needs. Curveballs were thrown in as 'trouble-makers' phoned in updates forcing participants to think quickly on their feet. This experience demonstrated the complexity of decision-making by the President and his advisors when international policy and incidents collide. Many thanks to Council President, Admiral Jonathan Howe and Council VP of Programs, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, for acting as 'President' for the day, and to the leaders of the 'trouble-makers,' UNF's Dr. David Schwambaird and Nease's H.A. Smith!

Vanessa K. Harper

COUNCIL 2010 CALENDAR

April 9, 6:30 p.m.

JSO Latin Friday Fusion
Times-Union Center

April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson
UNF, Arena

April 20, 6:00 p.m.

WorldQuest 2010
UNF, University Center

April 27, noon

Dr. William Rupp
The River Club

April 28, noon

Ambassador Husain
Haqqani
The River Club

May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Member Celebration
With David Walker
former Comptroller General
JU Swisher Theater

May 25, noon

David Walker
The River Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

Our speakers in the past few months have all stressed the critical importance of informed citizens in a democracy and the personal value to them of dialoging with Council members and answering your probing questions. They have been impressed with the interest shown by our members and the quality of the questions asked.

Admiral Stavridis, the Commander of NATO forces, invited your emails and specifically asked to hear more about **Dr. Diane Jacobsen's** findings during her trip to Iran. I hope many of you were able to see WJCT's recent broadcasts of her superb presentation. Many of you will remember **Assistant Secretary Kayyem** taking notes on your timely questions to carry back to Washington. Not only are we learning a lot at these sessions, but we are also having an impact on those who directly shape policy. We will have another opportunity for meaningful dialogue at the River Club luncheon with **Pakistani Ambassador Haqqani** on April 28. As you know, Pakistan plays a pivotal role in our efforts against Al-Queda and in Afghanistan. I hope to see you there.

Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.), President
World Affairs Council of Jacksonville

MEMBERSHIP

Give the Gift of Membership

Already a member of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville? Do you know someone who is passionate about expanding international awareness? Consider giving the gift of membership to your family, colleagues, and friends. Membership in the World Affairs Council is a gift of education and friendship that lasts all year. Your gift will be acknowledged to the recipient with a personalized letter and your contribution will help make 2010-2011 another banner year. Please contact the Council's office at (904) 280-8162 for additional information.

Jeanie Taras

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Partnering is the Key to Building Community

In February, the YPs partnered with HabiJax's young professional group, The Crew. Together, they co-hosted a social at Restaurant Orsay in Avondale and had more than sixty people attend. The evening was lively and informative as attendees had the opportunity to learn about both organizations and the benefits of membership. We look forward to participating in their organization's upcoming builds and growing this partnership over the years. At the end of March, the YPs participated in ImpactJax's Government and Community Affairs Fair and networked with both their members and members of other area non-profits in attendance. The YPs are also currently exploring partnering for an event with the young professionals of WJCT. We hope to continue to explore partnerships with other area non-profits as we work together to become more educated and create real change while we build community.

Daniel R. Gilham

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