

MAY 2010

DIALOGUE



WORLD AFFAIRS
COUNCIL
JACKSONVILLE

Bringing the World Closer

ANNUAL MEMBER CELEBRATION

“Comeback America: Turning the Country Around and Restoring Fiscal Responsibility”



The Honorable David Walker
President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and former Comptroller General of the U.S.

Monday, May 24, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville University
Terry Concert Hall

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital and Judith R. Haberkorn
Co-hosted with:



Round-trip shuttle transportation provided from the Jacksonville Beaches at a cost of \$20 per person

*All Council Sponsors and Members are invited to the special pre-event reception and celebration hosted from 6:00–7:15 p.m. in the JU Terry Concert Hall
RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by May 17*

GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“The Deficit and Its Impact on America’s Business Competitiveness”



The Honorable David Walker
President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and former Comptroller General of the U.S.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital, Jacksonville University and Judith R. Haberkorn
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Cost: \$45 (Council Members) \$65 (Non-Members)
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

President’s Message

There are special times in an organization’s young history when a series of serendipitous surprises underlines how blessed we are to have such a great staff, Board and membership as well as growing partnerships with supporting organizations. Here are a few recent examples: **Ambassador Haqqani**, an all-time favorite speaker, asked if he could come again to talk to us in late April. He participated in several dialogues, including our first online Times Union blog, allowing more people in the Jacksonville area to ask him questions. We have a positive and growing relationship with The Times Union. Recent discussions with Jacksonville University Business Dean **Joseph McCann** have led to our May 25 Global Business Luncheon (GBL) with author and former Comptroller of the Currency **David Walker**. He will also speak at our annual meeting the night before. The bequest from **James C. Sharp** is another unanticipated blessing. Combined with **Water Street Capital, The Mackowski Family Foundation, the Russell Newton’s, the Winston Family Foundation** and another donor and with the help of UNF and WJCT, we were able to bring the irrepressible Astrophysicist **Neil Tyson** to Jacksonville. As those of you who attended know, his performance enthralled the audience which included the largest number of students ever at a Global Issues Evening. Recently, we learned that our Council had been selected by the National World Affairs Council to host a panel of political, security and economic experts on the future of Korea. More information will follow about our first June GBL.



Jonathan Howe

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WORLDQUEST 2010

A Night of International Trivia and Fun



WorldQuest 2010 Winners...Nuclear Option

World Affairs Council members and their friends gathered at the University of North Florida on April 20 to be challenged by questions covering *World Literature, Cuisine & Culture, Cuba, Quotable Quotes, Crime & Punishment and Historical Royal Figures*. Once again, WJCT’s News Director **Scott Kim**, as Master of Ceremonies, conducted the contest with humor and an admirable adeptness at

pronouncing the names of people and places throughout the world. The contest remained close throughout the evening, but **Nuclear Option** (represented by Elana & Carl Dietz, Linda & Pat Doran, Eileen & Jim Ferland and Isobel & Shep Spink) took home first place. Last year’s winners, **IVCJax** (Tom Brennan, Odette Struys, Sondie & John Frus, Maggie Penn, Farshad Ghannadian and Andrea & Matt Hartley) took home second place after winning a sudden death playoff against **The Bawdy Brainers**

EDUCATION

2010 Ambassador McAfee Scholarship



2010 Scholarship
Winner Amanda
Sieusahai

The Council awarded its annual \$1,200 Ambassador Marilyn McAfee Scholarship in April to **Amanda Sieusahai**, a junior majoring in International Business at UNF. A native of Trinidad, she hopes to work for a multinational corporation immediately following graduation in order to gain some experience prior to applying to graduate school for a degree in

Development Economics. Amanda is most interested in issues of poverty, primarily in Africa, and aspires to eventually work for the United Nations. A first generation scholar, she has excelled at UNF academically, has participated in study abroad trips to India, Korea and Peru, and has an impressive list of volunteer activities. Amanda intends to use the scholarship to help fund an internship abroad and has applied for positions in South Africa, Rome and Paris. We wish her the best of luck with her future endeavors!

Barbara A. B. Gubbin

EDUCATION

National Academic WorldQuest 2010

Stanton College Prep represented the Council at this year's Academic WorldQuest competition, held April 24 at the National Press Club. This year's team – notable for its youth, including two freshmen – responded well to 100 demanding questions asked of superior students from Hawaii to New England. Team members included: **Janaki Perera, Ariel Burnett, Sajan Patel, Rodrigo Vilaro** and **Gagan Gupta**. The experience has motivated them for 2011! A discussion with professors and students at George Washington University's Elliott School, private time at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial, several hours at the National Gallery, and Chinatown at night highlighted the weekend. Janaki, Ariel, Sajan, Rodrigo, and Gagan appreciate very much the Council's desire to fund this unique educational opportunity. Thank you!

Frank Bunton

COUNCIL 2010 CALENDAR

May 24, 6:00 p.m.

Annual Member Celebration

David Walker

JU Swisher Theater

May 25, noon

Global Business Luncheon

David Walker

The River Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

In addition to **Dr. Tyson, Ambassador Haqqani**, and **Dr. Rupp** of Mayo, April brought a very special WorldQuest evening. It was well run, great fun, and we all left as winners. My thanks to Co-Chairs **Suzanne Judas** and **Lenorae Atter**, and Auction Chair **Elana Dietz**. In addition, high praise goes to the hard working auction, question, and WorldQuest committee members and all of you who donated gifts, participated in the auction and competed in giving to next year's education programs. Thanks also to WJCT's **Michael Boylan**, master of ceremonies **Scott Kim**, and auctioneer **Gary Salts giver**, the Stanton students and the Nease NJROTC cadets who assisted. Special accolades to Stanton's impressive **Reno Varghese** who assisted the highest bidding team in each round. This memorable evening was another reminder of how fortunate we are to have the talented staff of **Trina Medarev, Vanessa Harper**, and **Ellen Wawrzyniak** whose efforts make everything happen so well.

I hope to see you on May 24th at our celebration of this banner year. We look forward to sharing more then about the exciting plans for the 2010-2011 year ahead!

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

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(Gerry Maloney, Kathy & Andrew Fleming, Tom Reilly, Gerri & George Chester, Barbara Gubbin and Daniel Gilham), **Have We Wan Yet?** (Marty & Dick Jones, Karen & John Burr and Patty & Richard Skinner) and **The State Department** (Diane Jacobsen, Jim Winston, Judi & Tom Tygart, Elizabeth Heuer, Rodney McLauchlan, Debbie Grant and Peter Douglas).



Barbara and William Harrell with Reno Varghese, "lifeline" for the Coastal Team during round 6 of competition

In addition to the fun-filled competition, **Elana Dietz** and her committee creatively and artistically presented guests with an assortment of auction items to bid upon, including theme baskets, hosted dinner parties & receptions, champagne tours, golf outings and get-away's. The competition was made even livelier with teams vying to win Stanton Academic WorldQuest winner, **Reno Varghese**, in a live auction prior to each round of competition. The well-prepared Reno joined one fortunate team each round as a valuable "life-line."

In the end, WorldQuest in its 9th year raised over \$22,000 for the Council's education outreach initiatives. The credit goes to everyone who participated – my co-chair **Lenorae Atter**, our members and guests who played, the table sponsors, the many, many, many members and friends who donated or made arrangements for the donation of the silent auction items, the board members whose great ideas last year inspired the changes this year, and our great relationships with **UNF, WJCT, Stanton**, and **Nease NJROTC**.

Suzanne Judas

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