

OCTOBER 2010

DIALOGUE



WORLD AFFAIRS
COUNCIL
JACKSONVILLE

Bringing the World Closer

GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“Europe and Globalization”



T.R. Reid

Former Washington Post Bureau Chief in London and Tokyo and author of “The United States of Europe”

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital, Baptist Health and Adecco Group North America
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Cost: \$50 (Council Members) \$75 (Non-Members)
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

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GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

“The Healing of America: The Quest for Better, Cheaper Healthcare”



T.R. Reid

Author, NPR Correspondent and Health Policy Fellow of the Kaiser Family Foundation

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
7:00-8:00 p.m.
University of North Florida,
University Center

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*Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to a special pre-event reception hosted from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at the UNF University Center
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Chairman's Message

We begin October with two fascinating subjects. At the Global Business Luncheon on October 5, CSX President **Michael Ward** will explore the resurgence of the American railroad system and “How tomorrow moves.” At the Global Issues Evening (GIE) on October 12, author **Stephen Kinzer** will assess Turkey's changing role as a critical and dynamic country that links “two worlds.” Mr. Kinzer, who spent four years as the *New York Times* Bureau Chief in Istanbul, is author of many books including *Reset: Iran, Turkey and America's Future*. The Kinzer presentation will undoubtedly raise some interesting questions for dialogue among ourselves and with **Dr. Parvez Ahmed** at the special evening of conversation on October 28 at the home of **Dori and Bill Walton**.



Jonathan Howe

I have been impressed by the numbers of our members who buy and read books written by our speakers. This year we hope that more members will be able to read some of these books in advance of the talks, perhaps exploring the ideas in informal discussion groups or existing book clubs. Over dinner or coffee after an evening presentation there might be further dialogue about what we heard and our differing points of view. Reading thoughtful and provocative books by **Stephen Kinzer** on Turkey and Iran, **T.R. Reid** on health policy, **Ken Auletta** on *Googled*, **David Sanger** on the nuclear age, and **Jon Meacham** on *Franklin and Winston* or *Andrew Jackson* offers great opportunities to share more insights from our evenings together.

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MEMBERSHIP

Get to Know

QUESTION: Do you belong to or are aware of an organization, club or group that would enjoy hearing about the World Affairs Council?

ANSWER: Council leaders including **Admiral Jonathan Howe, Ambassador Marilyn McAfee, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Sandy Cook, Marty Jones** and **Trina Medarev**, among others, would be pleased to offer an enlightening presentation on “**Get to Know the Council!**” to your organization! They will describe the Council's mission of “Bringing the World Closer” including highlights of Global Issues Evenings featuring world-class experts on international issues and the Global Business Luncheons designed specifically for the business community. Other topics include:

- Understanding Current Global Issues
- Council Discussion Groups
- Education Outreach for High School Students - Academic WorldQuest and Great Decisions

If you would like to help a club or organization or just a group of friends and neighbors “**Get to Know the Council!**”, call or contact: Trina Medarev at 280-8162 or trina@worldaffairscounciljax.org.

Shereth Coble

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

A Special Engagement with Reuben Brigety



Council YPs With Ambassador Marilyn McAfee

On Thursday, October 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., the Young Professionals (YPs) of the Council will present a special engagement with Jacksonville native, Reuben Brigety, who currently serves as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. This special event will be hosted by the **Federal Bureau of Investigations** at their Jacksonville Field Office, in partnership with the Council's YP corporate sponsor, **Deutsche Bank**. Council YP members and Deutsche Bank employees will gather to enjoy a cocktail reception, followed by a presentation by Brigety, who will share his experience with the U.S. Government humanitarian efforts in Africa and U.S. refugee assistance programs.

Daniel R. Gilham

FALL 2010 CALENDAR

Oct. 5, noon

Michael J. Ward
The River Club

Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Academic WorldQuest
UNF, University Center

Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Kinzer
UNF, University Center

Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m.

AC, Benefactor and
Sponsor Reception
The River Club

Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

JSO American Fusion
Times-Union Center

Nov. 16, noon

T.R. Reid
The River Club

Oct. 28, 6:00 p.m.

AC and Sponsor Reception
Home of Bill & Dori Walton

Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m.

T.R. Reid
UNF, University Center

Nov. 3-5

WACA National Conference
Washington, D.C.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

We will not agree with all they say, but will clarify and enrich our own thinking as we explain why. We will be providing a list of recommended books for your consideration. **Shereth Coble** and the Membership Committee are helping us get started. Let the discussions begin and continue!

In our recent strategic planning sessions focusing on the future, some expressed the view that many of our members are unfamiliar with the strong efforts being made to help our high school students become interested in and prepare better for this challenging and competitive world ahead. A portion of membership dollars make the education program possible. For example, it enables us to hold the intense Academic WorldQuest and send our winning high school team to a national competition; sponsor Great Decisions seminars in ten high schools with the collaboration of devoted high school teachers and professors from UNF, JU, Edward Waters and FSCJ; and a morning long International Crisis Management Exercise in which the students become members of the National Security Council and deal with an unfolding global crisis. As Ribault teacher leader **Betsey O'Donnell** has said proudly about "her boys" from last year's seminar, who are now all in college, the impact is "significant."

A recent example of the enriching educational opportunities our speakers provide was the dialogue and interactive exercise with Joe Berg Scholars prior to the GIE presentation by Environmentalist **Hunter Lovins** on September 28. After meeting with these gifted high school students she helped present a complex environmental sustainability challenge requiring teamwork to resolve. Thanks to the sponsorship of **Holland & Knight**, and the expert assistance of **Dr. Elizabeth Porter**, a JU instructor and Council Young Professional; **Dr. Rick Stepp**, a University of Florida associate professor; and our own **Vanessa Harper**, these students had a memorable experience.

Our long-term goal is to find sponsors for all of these educational activities, but strong membership will remain an important resource. Please renew for our new season at the highest feasible level. Your contributions have a huge impact and we need your help!

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

EDUCATION

Academic WorldQuest 2010

The Council needs your help to make our sixth annual Academic WorldQuest competition as successful as previous years! Council members are encouraged to sponsor a school's table for \$250 and volunteer that evening. Last year we raised more than \$5,000 in table sponsorships and this year our goal is to exceed that. Our 2010 competition will be held Tuesday, November 9 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the UNF University Center. Academic WorldQuest is a fun, fast-paced competition where high-school teams test their collective knowledge of international facts. The contest consists of six rounds of multiple choice questions. The Council underwrites the cost of the winning team to travel to Washington, D.C. in spring 2011 to compete in the national competition. This year's topics include *Quotable Quotes, Africa, Global Disasters, Current Events, Great Decisions* and *International Pop Culture*. Call the Council office at 280-8162 for more information and to find out which area high schools are available for you to sponsor. Thanks in advance for your support!

Barbara A. B. Gubbin

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