

FEBRUARY 2012

# DIALOGUE



**WORLD AFFAIRS**  
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Bringing the World Closer

## GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

### “Geopolitical Events & Sovereign Debt: Ideas to Cover the Risk”



**Frank Trotter**  
*President of EverBank Direct*

Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
Noon-1:30 p.m.  
The River Club

Sponsored by: *Water Street Capital and EverBank*  
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Co-hosted with: *The Gate Governors Club*

Cost: \$50 (Council Members) \$75 (Non-Members)  
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

Reserved Seating Available for Sponsors and  
Ambassador's Circle Members

## Chairman's Message



Jonathan Howe

A principal reason that U.S. national security policy is “pivoting toward” the Pacific is growing recognition of the future economic, political and security challenges that could be posed by China to its neighbors and the global community. In an increasingly interdependent world, building a constructive and cooperative long-term relationship with China should be a high priority for U.S. policy makers. We are very fortunate that on February 14, China expert **Sheryl WuDunn** will share her insights during two forums. The Global Business Luncheon will explore the economic challenges and opportunities; the Global Issues Evening will examine the many political, security

and economic dimensions of China’s growing influence in the world and potential clashes between its goals and U.S. interests. Since the 14th is Valentine’s Day, we encourage you to continue this dialogue about China over dinner with friends. Undoubtedly, China will be an area of special interest over this decade, and we will want to have a continuing conversation about this challenge.

I was pleased that a number of members read **David Ignatius'** latest book, *Blood Money*, before he spoke in January. In anticipation of the authors coming to UNF in March and April, I hope that more members and book clubs will have a chance to read and discuss **Michael Mandelbaum's** new book co-authored with Tom Friedman: *That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back* and **David Sandel's** *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*

Recently, some members have shared interesting articles on international affairs that have come to their attention. We would also welcome your comments about issues raised by our speakers in their presentations. Currently, there are a number of

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## GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT


### “That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World We Invented and How We Can Come Back”



**Michael Mandelbaum**  
*Author and Director of  
American Foreign Policy at  
Johns Hopkins University*

Tuesday, March 13, 2012  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
University of North Florida,  
University Center

Sponsored by:  
*Water Street Capital, Mayo Clinic and a Generous Gift in  
Honor of Thomas H. Jacobsen*  
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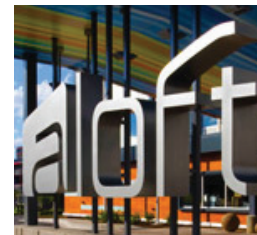
Call (904) 280-8162 by March 9 to reserve your  
complimentary ticket and special Council seating

*Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to  
a special pre-event reception from 6:00–6:45 p.m.  
at the UNF University Center.  
RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by March 9.*

## WORLDQUEST 2012

### Shaken Up and Served With a Twist

Mark your calendars: WorldQuest 2012 will take place Tuesday, April 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Don't miss this spirited, fun evening, benefitting the Council's educational outreach! This fast-paced international trivia contest, played with teams of eight, is sure to delight!



This year's competition will be hosted at the **Aloft Hotel** off of Southside Blvd with world-class cuisine prepared by **Liz Grenamyre**. The evening will be hosted by emcee **Melissa Ross**, WJCT's producer and host of First Coast Connect. Following the initial corporate round, *First Coast Connects to World Affairs*, the traditional five round competition will ensue. Categories include: *Where in the World?*; *Lost in Translation*; *Quotable Quotes*; *Cuisine & Culture* and *International Who's Who*. A Silent Auction will provide opportunities to bid on restaurant packages, golf excursions, fabulous getaways, festive internationally themed baskets, and the ever-popular hosted evenings of dinner & dialogue.

*Corporate and Continental Sponsor Tables (eight participants): \$1,000*  
*Tables of eight (not taking part in the corporate round): \$500; Individual tickets: \$65*

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

## International Trivia Night – Spring Edition

Welcoming the Chinese New Year, the Young Professionals gathered on January 23 at **Hightide Burrito Co.** to test their knowledge of Chinese legends and hot topics for the 2012 presidential election including



The Contemporaries trivia team

Economic Competitiveness, Education and the Middle East. Congratulations to the winning team **The Contemporaries** who celebrated their triumph after a close race between all competing teams. Many thanks to **Hightide Burrito Co.** for co-hosting and sponsoring gift certificates as 1st place prizes and to the other teams *Red-or-Yellow*, *Romeo* and *Year-of-the-Panda* for coming out and being great sports!

Uli Decker

## MEMBERSHIP

## We Want to Hear From You!

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 14, Noon  
Sheryl WuDunn  
The River Club

Feb. 14, 7:00 PM  
Sheryl WuDunn  
UNF University Center

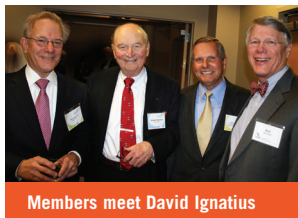
March 6, Noon  
Frank Trotter  
The River Club

March 13, 7:00 PM  
Michael Mandelbaum  
UNF University Center

April 11, 7:00 PM  
Michael Sandel  
UNF University Center

April 24, 6:00 PM  
WorldQuest 2012  
Aloft Tapestry Park

May 22, Noon  
Joseph Quinlan  
The River Club



Members meet David Ignatius

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville operates with the support of our Members and Sponsors, who are truly the backbone of the organization. As a Council Member, you are an integral part of our operation and purpose, and we want to make certain that we are serving you to the best of our ability. Please take a few minutes and visit the Membership page of the Council's website and fill out a brief survey about your Member experience. The survey is confidential and your response will help ensure the continued success of the Council. I look forward to hearing from you!

Megan Duda

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

resources on our website that may be informative and helpful in facilitating dialogue on a range of issues.

1. If you click on "[News](#)" you can read articles that have appeared recently about the Council, as well as links to short reports from around the world that are updated frequently.
2. If you click on "[Library](#)" you will see the results of research by Ed Lein from the Main Library Reference Department, identifying background resources about speakers and their topics.
3. Under the calendar on the opening page of our website, you can link to our [Facebook](#) page which includes links to informative recommended readings, comments about upcoming opportunities and a number of pictures taken during recent events. If you choose to "Like" the Council's Facebook page, you can share your observations with a number of members.
4. Summaries of speaker's remarks are posted in two places under "[Speaker Series](#)." For recent speakers click on "Speaker Archives." For earlier speakers click on "GIEs" or "GBLs" and then scroll down to "Past GIE Speakers" or "Past GBL Speakers."
5. Under "[Travel](#)" we now post feedback from those who have taken WAC trips. This is invaluable to those considering international travel. In addition, we have many members who travel abroad for business, pleasure or other reasons such as meeting with leaders in countries or fact finding missions. It would be informative to all of us if members were willing to share their first-hand observations about countries, issues, leaders etc. We will find an appropriate place on the website for these reports.

I appreciate the many different initiatives being undertaken by members to foster dialogue among us. Going forward, let's take more advantage of these opportunities to share our opinions and experiences. It is through exchanging ideas and information that we can sharpen our understanding of the complex issues facing our nation and become better informed participants in this fast changing world.

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

## EDUCATION

## Generous Donation to Support Education

A generous gift has recently been presented to the Jacksonville Council to support its Education Outreach Endeavors. The donation will support the Council's inaugural participation in the **Spotlight on Turkey Teacher Training Program** and cover the Study Tour registration fee as well as domestic round-trip travel to Washington, D.C. for up to three local teachers.



The **Spotlight on Turkey Program** is offered annually by the **World Affairs Councils of America** and the **Turkish Cultural Foundation** and consists of three phases: 1. Teachers' Workshop on Turkey: open to teachers of grades 6-12 to be held this spring; 2. Study Tour: up to three local teachers will be selected to travel to Turkey from June 24 – July 8, 2012; 3. "Portrait of Turkey" Cultural Program: open to teachers, students, and the general public to be held in fall 2012.

Costs for this three phase program are underwritten by the **World Affairs Councils of America** and the **Turkish Cultural Foundation**. However, due to the generous gift, we are now able to offer this unique opportunity entirely at *no cost* to local educators. A heartfelt thank you to all of our generous supporters!

Uli Decker

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