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DIALOGUE



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HIGHLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Academic WorldQuest 2011



Great Decisions Participants from Hilliard Middle-Senior

Great Decisions Participants at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School are learning about the world and its people... and you can still support these ambitious students from Hilliard or other local high schools at this year's **Academic WorldQuest** competition on November 15. Sponsor a team today and cheer the students on to victory! Team sponsorships are \$250.

Call the Council office at 904-280-8162, if you are interested in participating, or send an email to uli@worldaffairscounciljax.org.

Chairman's Message



Jonathan Howe

We are off to a great start this year with strong evening presentations by Presidential counterterrorism advisor **John Brennan** and Middle East expert **Fouad Ajami**, as well as informative lunches with Atlanta Federal Reserve President **Dennis Lockhart** and our own JAXPORT CEO **Paul Anderson**. In addition, **Mr. Brennan** also spent an hour in dialogue with high school students from our Great Decisions Program. Dr. Ajami's absorbing presentation on the Arab Spring at UNF was followed by a captivating discourse during a River Club supper involving a number of our supporters. We continue to experiment with various

formats and opportunities for intimate conversations with our distinguished speakers and welcome your suggestions and reactions.

November will bring two more fascinating speakers to Jacksonville. **Farooq Kathwari** is the successful CEO of Ethan Allen. He is also very knowledgeable about South Asia and the world in general. On November 8, he will speak at a Global Business Luncheon at the River Club about the future of US manufacturing. Although a global company, Ethan Allen still makes 70% of its products in the US. On the night before, Sponsors and Ambassador's Circle Members will have the privilege of meeting with him at the home of **Dori** and **Bill Walton**. In addition to discussing economic issues, he will share his insights on Kashmir and the complex dispute that has frustrated India and Pakistan (and some times China) for many years.

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PREMIER MEMBER & SPONSOR EVENT

International Wine Party



Marilyn McAfee

Ambassador Marilyn McAfee is hosting a really fun International Wine Party to benefit the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville.

**Friday, December 2, 2011
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

International cheese and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served. Fun will abound! Here's how it works....

- Guys will each bring a bottle of international red wine (\$12 – \$25 price range--or more)
- Gals will each bring a bottle of international white wine or bubbly (\$12 – \$25 price range--or more)
- Accompany each bottle of wine with a signed card which includes anything distinctive you know about the wine--especially how much YOU like it
- Bring a check for a donation to the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville (you decide the amount)
- Any unopened bottles of wine will be sold to the highest bidder. (minimum bid \$12)

For fun and frolic RSVP quickly to trina@worldaffairscounciljax.org or call 280-8162.

DEVELOPMENT

Planned Giving: A Worthy Investment in Understanding

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is growing and so is the number of ways in which you can support it. This month we are introducing a planned giving program that will allow you and your family to make a living legacy gift to the Council.

There are several planned giving methods to support the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, including bequests of financial and real assets, as well as life insurance proceeds. The process of creating a bequest is simple and will make a lasting impact on the Council.

While planned gifts benefit the Council, they also can be a valuable financial tool for you. From now until December 31, 2011, the Federal government will allow you to make a charitable gift from your IRA without increasing your taxable income. Certain rules apply, so please contact your financial advisor for details.

To begin the conversation, please contact **Megan Duda** at (904) 280-8162. What will your legacy be?

Glenn C. Hansen



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EDUCATION

Student Interaction with John Brennan



The Honorable John O. Brennan and Great Decisions Students

On September 26, students from **Allen D. Nease, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Jean Ribault, Samuel W. Wolfson, Stanton College Preparatory** and **Yulee High** gathered at the **University of North Florida** to meet with **The Honorable John O. Brennan** and ask the “tough questions” about counterterrorism, national intelligence and security issues.

U.S. National Security is one of the topics that students are discussing this year as part of the Council’s after-school enrichment program, **Great Decisions**, and as Mr. Brennan rightfully noted, these student “came prepared.” Many thanks to our generous sponsor **Regency Centers**, for making this event possible.

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2011-2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7, 6:00 PM
A.C. & Sponsor Event
M. Farooq Kathwari
Home of Bill & Dori Walton

Nov. 8, Noon
M. Farooq Kathwari
The River Club

Nov. 15, 5:30 PM
Academic WorldQuest
UNF University Center

Nov. 29, 7:00 PM
Norman J. Ornstein
UNF University Center

Dec. 2, 6:00 PM
International Wine Party
Home of Ambassador
Marilyn McAfee

Jan. 10, 7:00 PM
David Ignatius
UNF University Center

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

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On November 29, national election expert **Dr. Norm Ornstein** will talk about the issues in the coming US Presidential election, with a focus on national security and foreign policy. Obviously, the economy will dominate the 2012 election, and has significant national security implications. One critical topic I would like to hear more about is the role in the world the President and his challengers envisage for the US going forward. If you have questions or topics you'd especially like Dr. **Ornstein** to address, let us know and we'll share them with him.

Finally, please mark your calendars for **Academic WorldQuest** on November 15. It is one of my favorite events of the year. Some 40 teams from 17 high schools will compete for the opportunity to represent the First Coast at the national competition in Washington, D.C. We are proud that last year's winning team from Stanton finished in the top ten nationally. Please join me in sponsoring a team and cheering them on. It is always exciting and great fun!

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

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Mentor Program Kick-Off

Congratulations to this year's participants in the **2011-2012 Mentor Program**:

- **Mr. Suraj (Sunny) Bali**, Associate, Collateral Management & Valuations, Deutsche Bank - Partnered with **Mr. Edward Paul**, Retired Business Executive & Council Board Director
- **Ms. Sama Bé**g, Administrative Resident, Brooks Rehabilitation/Graduate Assistant, University of North Florida - Partnered with **Ms. Marlene Spalten**, Vice President of Baptist Health/Executive
- **Mr. Gerry Copeland**, Supervisor, Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Support, American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc. - Partnered with **Mr. David Strickland**, Vice Chairman for Community Banking, EverBank & Council Vice Chairman of Development
- **Ms. Brittany Glenos**, Financial Services Professional, National Financial Services Group - Partnered with **Mrs. Sandy Cook**, Retired Business Executive & Community Leader
- **Mr. Heyawneh (Mickey) Yimer**, Coverage Maintenance Analyst, ICG Equities, Deutsche Bank - Partnered with **Mr. Harrison Goodall Jr.**, President/CEO, CNG Enterprise & Council Board Director



2011-2012 YP Mentor Program Participants

This year's Mentor Program kicked-off with an evening celebration at **The River Club**, featuring **Ms. Audrey Moran**, Senior Vice President of Social Responsibility and Community Advocacy at Baptist Health, as a guest speaker. Her remarks on “making a commitment” and “the importance of following through with your promises” were well received and set the stage nicely for the Mentors and Protégés, who will be working together closely over the next several months.

Many thanks to our generous sponsor **Baptist Health** and Council Director **Marlene Spalten** for championing this endeavor!

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