

MARCH 2011

DIALOGUE



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GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“The Politics of Economics”



Jon Meacham
*Pulitzer Prize Winning Author,
Co-Author of PBS's Need to
Know and former Editor of
Newsweek*

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Media Sponsor: Jacksonville Business Journal
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Cost: \$50 (Council Members) \$75 (Non-Members)
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)
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Ambassador's Circle Members

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

“Is Greatness Slipping Away?”

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Tuesday, April 12, 2011
7:00-8:00 p.m.
University of North Florida,
University Center

Presentation followed by a champagne toast, for
all World Affairs Council Members, to celebrate
an impactful 2010-2011 Season.

UNF University Center, Board of Trustees Room

Media Sponsors: Florida Times-Union and WJCT

Call (904) 280-8162 by April 6 to reserve your complimentary
ticket and special Council seating

**Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited
to a special pre-event reception hosted by the
Sewanee Club of Jacksonville from 6:00-6:45 p.m.
at the UNF University Center
RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by April 6**

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Chairman's Message



Jonathan Howe

The critically important Middle East has captured the attention of the world. As both long-time American friends and adversaries experience a wave of political upheaval, the US is faced with difficult choices. Across North Africa and the Middle East, it is attempting to balance complex and sometimes conflicting strategic interests and security concerns with its desire to encourage freedom and human rights.

In February, our GIE speaker, **David Sanger** of the *New York Times*, wove his assessment of American handling of the crisis in Egypt into the larger context of his prepared remarks about a more dangerous nuclear age. **Dr. Carole**

Barnett subsequently gave us a penetrating look into the fragility of the United Arab Emirates during the special reception for sponsors and Ambassador's Circle members hosted by **Dori and Bill Walton**. During the dialogue that ensued, many of those present shared insights on the unfolding Middle East crisis as well as personal experiences in a number of these vulnerable countries.

We will be looking for other ways, including new media, to continue the conversation on this dramatic period of change in the Middle East. On March 8, **Ambassador Steven Pifer** will discuss how Russia views the current turmoil in the Middle East as he presents his broader assessment of “The United States and Russia: Two Years After Reset.” We will also be providing links to his recent report on the aftermath of the new START Treaty and his speech at the Center for Eastern Studies in Warsaw which explores Ukraine's relationship with Russia and the West.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



WorldQuest 2011...Shaken Up and Served With a Twist

Inspired by the role social media played in the recent protests and ultimate overthrow of Egypt's president, a 20-something year-old Egyptian felt a need to express his thanks, and did so by naming his newborn girl what?

- a. Twitter
- b. Facebook
- c. LinkedIn
- d. Blog

What do you think? If you chose “Facebook” you are correct, and you will want to share your international trivia skills at this spirited, fast-paced contest. Played with teams of eight, proceeds benefit the Council's educational outreach. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the eclectic **Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park** and will feature a world-class dinner prepared by students from **The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Jacksonville**, featuring:

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EDUCATION

Great Decisions in Action



Meeting David Sanger

For **Jack Patterson, Michael Mills, Corey Williams and Vincent Snell, Great Decisions** participants from **Jean Ribault High School**, February 8 was quite an exciting night. Together with their program leaders **Betsey O'Donnell** and

Alfred J. Aviles, they came out to UNF to meet **David Sanger**, Author and Chief Washington Correspondent at the *New York Times*, and hear an insightful talk on current developments in the Middle East, his opinion on the global impact of WikiLeaks and overall challenges of the "Second Nuclear Age." These students are now looking forward to participating in the Council's spring **International Crisis Management Exercise**, the culminating activity of the 2010-2011 Great Decisions season. With **Ambassador Nancy Soderberg** and **Admiral Jonathan Howe, USN (Ret.)** acting as U.S. Presidents, these Ribault students will join with the other Great Decisions high school participants and take on the role of the National Security Council, working together to overcome an international crisis as it unfolds in real time.

Uli Decker

WINTER & SPRING CALENDAR

March 8, 7:00 p.m. Steven Pifer UNF, University Center	April 12, noon Jon Meacham The River Club
March 15, 6:00 p.m. Sponsor & Member Event Diane DeMell Jacobsen, Ph.D. Museum of Contemporary Art	April 12, 7:00 p.m. Jon Meacham UNF, University Center
April 5, 6:00 p.m. International Trivia & Fun WorldQuest Aloft Hotel	May 20, 6:30 p.m. JSO British Fusion Times-Union Center
April 8, 6:30 p.m. JSO Nordic Fusion Times-Union Center	June 7, noon Panel Discussion The Future of Korea River Club

DEVELOPMENT

Tax Time IRA Reminder

If you are required to take distributions from IRA's this year, please consider that these distributions are tax free in 2011 if given directly to a "qualified charity" such as the World Affairs Council. Please remember the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, as you plan your charitable gift giving.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

We have received positive feedback from many of you who attended the discussion at the River Club in late January featuring **Greg Ip** of the *Economist*. Members enjoyed their dinner conversations with new friends from the Council about the issues raised. We currently are considering a River Club dinner for members in late April or early May. It will focus on Iran, one of our highest security concerns and another important player in the unfolding Middle East crisis. We will let you know as plans develop.

I was also pleased to hear about a dinner hosted by **Bob and Sandy Cook** at Medure Restaurant following the presentation by **David Sanger**. The group had a very enjoyable and illuminating discussion. Please consider inviting your friends for dinner at a restaurant following our upcoming evenings with **Ambassador Pifer** on March 8 and Pulitzer Prize winning author **Jon Meacham** on April 12. You will savor the experience!

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

MEMBERSHIP "TIP OF THE MONTH"

Deal of the Year!



Spirited Dialogue at Greg Ip Dinner

Get 13 for 12. If you introduce someone to the Council and they join at a Premier level - you will receive 13 months of membership for the price of 12!!

Join your Council friends and bring guests to one or all of our fantastic final events for this season and encourage their membership. We have many more exciting programs still to come for this year including a reception and presentation at **MOCA** featuring **Diane**

Jacobsen on March 15, a Global Business Lunch and Global Issues Evening with Pulitzer Prize winner, **Jon Meacham** on April 12th, our very first (and hopefully not the last) **"Member Celebration and Champagne Toast"** immediately following the Jon Meacham presentation and an opportunity for **"Dinner and Dialogue on Iran"** in late April or early May. Your friends will thank you for including them. And remember, membership "years" are measured from the month you join - not a calendar year. If you encourage a guest to join at a Premier level we will add one month to your membership year - 13 for 12!

Shereth Coble

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Starter: Heart of Palm and Winter Citrus Salad

Choice of entrée: Pan Roasted Grouper, White Bean Cassoulet, Fromage Blanc Beggars Purse, Oxtail Jus or Moroccan Scented Chicken Supreme, Chard and Preserved Lemon Mousseline, Dried Fruit Couscous, Harissa Broth

Dessert: Key Lime Tart

The evening kicks-off with a corporate round titled, "First Coast Connections to the Global Economy" with emcee, **Melissa Ross**, host of **WJCT's** First Coast Connect, providing a unique opportunity for corporate team building. The traditional five round competition then ensues. Categories include...*The Rise of China as a Global Power; Cuisine & Culture; Quotable Quotes; Africa & the Middle East; and The Digital Wave.* Not feeling well versed in one of these categories? Not to worry! Members of the winning Academic WorldQuest team from Stanton serve as "life-lines" for each round via a spirited live auction. Prizes will even be awarded for the best team name. Don't miss out on the fun!

Corporate and Continental Sponsor Tables (eight participants) – \$1,000
Tables of eight (not taking part in the corporate round) – \$500
Individual tickets – \$65
Call Trina at (904) 280-8162 to learn more and register.

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