

OCTOBER 2011

DIALOGUE



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Bringing the World Closer

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT


“National Security Challenges and the 2012 Election”



Norman J. Ornstein
Co-director of the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
7:00-8:30 p.m.
University of North Florida,
University Center

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital & UNF
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Co-Hosted with: 

Call (904) 280-8162 by November 25 to reserve your complimentary ticket and special Council seating

Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to a special pre-event reception hosted by Dr. Pierre Allaire from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at the UNF University Center. RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by November 25.

Chairman's Message



Jonathan Howe

October brings two compelling speakers you won't want to miss: **Dr. Fouad Ajami**, a leading authority on the Middle East, and our own **JAXPORT CEO Paul Anderson**. **Dr. Ajami** had been Director of Middle East Studies at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies for 31 years, and now is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and co-chair of their working group on Islamism and the International Order. **Mr. Anderson** will have a significant impact on the future of our region's economy as growth of the port helps Jacksonville become a leading global logistics center.

As we begin a new season, I want to encourage more of our members to take advantage of the opportunities provided by being connected to a national organization. One is a first rate travel program that facilitates international travel with friends or members of other councils who share our interest in global issues. There are also periodic online forums with experts and occasional opportunities to represent the Council on delegations visiting selected countries.

Next month's national conference in Washington, DC is another way to explore challenging issues. This year's lineup of stellar speakers, panels and breakout sessions will address six top national security issues for the 2012 national elections that were selected by member councils—US Education: Competing Globally, US Energy Policy, Afghanistan/Pakistan, US Economic Competiveness, the Middle East and China. Please call our office for more information and join us if you can on November 2-4, 2011.

We also want to find ways at home to further the dialogue on these and other international challenges. In October and November, we have two very special opportunities for intimate conversations with our speakers. **Dr. Ajami** will join a small reception on October 24, offering us a chance to ask questions and deepen our insights about the still unfolding “Arab Spring.” **President Farooq Kathwari** of Ethan Allen will talk to high level members about the many challenges of South Asia on the evening of November 7.

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GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“The Future of U.S. Manufacturing”



M. Farooq Kathwari
Chairman, President and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital
Media Sponsors: Jacksonville Business Journal & WJCT
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

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT FOR COUNCIL SPONSORS & AMBASSADOR'S CIRCLE MEMBERS

An Evening of Dialogue with Farooq Kathwari



Jon Howe with authors Fritz Tubach and Bernie Rosner at Sept. Evening of Dialogue

Monday, November 7, 2011
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hosted by Bill & Dori Walton

Join us for this spirited evening of dialogue focusing on Kashmir and the many challenges of South Asia.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Cocktails and Stammtisch!

While enjoying great company, lively conversations and a fantastic view of our city, the Young Professionals (YPs) of the World Affairs Council raised over \$200 in cash tips at **Cocktails for a Cause** on September 9. With more than 65 Young Professionals, Council Directors and members of **The University Club** in attendance, the evening turned out to be a prime example of the YP's **Social Fusion** initiative. A special thanks to **Lenorae Atter** and The University Club's **Young Executive Society** for hosting and facilitating such a great evening!

In September, the YPs kicked-off a new program taking place after each **Global Issues Evening**, the **Stammtisch**.* YP members are now able to sit together at each Global Issues Evening and, following the speaker presentation, continue the dialogue together in an informal setting at SUITE in the St. Johns Town Center. So, mark your calendars now...you don't want to miss the next Stammtisch!

***Stammtisch** - a table reserved for regulars at a restaurant or pub where they gather and talk about a particular interest or hobby.

Uli Decker

2011-2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 11, Noon
A. Paul Anderson
The River Club

Oct. 24, 5:00 PM
A.C. & Sponsor Event
Fouad Ajami
The River Club

Oct. 25, 7:00 PM
Fouad Ajami
UNF University Center

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

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

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

Dec. 9, 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

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

We need your help in expanding what we learn from our regular Global Issues Evenings (GIE) and Global Business Luncheons (GBL). I hope more book clubs, spontaneous discussion groups, dinner gatherings and bloggers will help us prepare for and then critique these presentations. In this way we can deepen our knowledge and understanding. We can prepare by using the new library link on our website which leads to extensive resources about this year's speakers. For example, in advance of their visits we could read and discuss **Michael Mandelbaum's** new book [That Used to Be Us](#) (Tom Friedman is co-author) or **Michael Sandel's** [Justice](#). Please look for other opportunities to promote dialogue, discussion and critical thinking about the challenging issues we are addressing this year. Our Young Professionals are leading the way through social networking and their post lecture "stammtisch."* Let's bring our friends to the presentations and gather in a pub or restaurant afterwards to dialogue about the issues raised!

*See YP article in this newsletter.

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

MEMBERSHIP "TIP OF THE MONTH"

Look Out For the Passport Emissaries!

Do you enjoy attending Council programs and meeting individuals who share an interest in world affairs? Are you interested in opening up a world of information and opportunity to your friends, family and colleagues? If so, bring a guest and seek out a Passport Emissary at the next Council event!

Passport Emissaries will facilitate an international journey of ideas, dialogue and current events through membership in the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville. The Emissaries will be easily identifiable with a passport style nametag, and will be available to answer questions and introduce you and your guest to the evening's speaker as well as other Council members. We look forward to welcoming you at an upcoming program!

Megan Duda

EDUCATION

Help Make Academic WorldQuest 2011 Possible for a Local High School Team...



2010 Academic WorldQuest

The Council needs your support to make our seventh annual Academic WorldQuest competition as successful as previous years! Our 2011 competition will be held Tuesday, November 15 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.

This year's categories include: U.S. Energy Policy, the Middle East, Afghanistan/Pakistan, China, NATO and Current Events. Council members are encouraged to volunteer and/or sponsor a school's table for \$250. Last year we raised more than \$8,500 in table sponsorships and this year our goal is to exceed that. Sponsor a team today and cheer the students on to victory!

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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