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GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

## "Managing the Transition in Pakistan"



**H. E. Husain Haqqani**  
*Ambassador of the Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan  
to the United States*

Tuesday, Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
University of North Florida,  
University Center

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital  
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a special pre-event reception hosted from  
6:30-7:15 p.m. at the UNF University Center.  
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The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville has been informed that Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow, president of the Institute of the Americas and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, will be unable to visit Jacksonville on April 7. He has been asked by the White House to coordinate the Summit of the Americas in mid-April in Trinidad, which President Obama is attending. Ambassador Davidow hopes to be with us this fall.

The Council is pleased to announce that H.E. Husain Haqqani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, will now be speaking on the evening of April 7. As Lt. General Douglas Lute concluded in his Global Issues Evening presentation, Pakistan is likely to be the most critical international issue that the new administration will have to deal with in the next four years. You are invited to join us for this very timely offering.

## President's Message

Although we have experienced an unusual number of last minute changes in evening speakers this spring, we are very pleased with the results. Ironically, as **General Douglas Lute**, our superb speaker on March 3rd, opined that Pakistan will be the major foreign policy challenge for the new administration, we received confirmation that the Pakistani Ambassador to the US will join us on April 7.

**Ambassador Husain Haqqani** is highly respected in academic and diplomatic circles. Don't miss this special evening which will give us all new insights and perspectives about this critical challenge.

On February 24th, a number of members joined us at WJCT to hear **Ambassador Marilyn MacAfee's** illuminating observations about her recent conversations with political leaders in Iraq. I wish more of you also could have observed the the international crisis management exercise the following Saturday at UNF. It was the culminating experience of this year's Great Decisions program. As the crisis unfolded, two teams of students from six high schools played key NSC roles in two simulated White Houses. Hats off to these promising students and **Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Dr. David Schwam-Baird**, and the other university and high school faculty members who are making this invaluable investment in our future leaders. This program is one of the best learning experiences your membership contributions make possible.



Jonathan Howe

Please join us on April 21st for WorldQuest. It is a different kind of educational opportunity and always great fun. I hope to see you there.

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

## You're Invited to Play WorldQuest 2009

**8th Annual Night of International Trivia, Dinner and Silent Auction!**  
Tuesday, April 21 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
The University of North Florida University Center

Call (904) 280-8162 or visit [www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org)  
to learn more and register.



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— Frank Bunton, Stanton Teacher

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## Join the Final 100 Group and Help Us Win the Race!

Thanks to your generous response, we are 71 steps closer to the "100 steps" needed to reach our one million dollar program endowment goal. If 29 members contribute \$100 we will reach the finish line and win this race.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FINAL 100 GROUP:**

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**COUNCIL 2009 CALENDAR**

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| <b>Mar. 16, Noon</b><br>A. Hugh Greene<br><i>The River Club</i>                                    | <b>Apr. 14, 6:00 p.m.</b><br>Young Professionals<br>International Trivia Night<br><i>North Beach Bistro</i> |
| <b>Mar. 19, 6:00 p.m.</b><br>Young Professionals<br>Global Exchange<br><i>The Haskell Building</i> | <b>Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m.</b><br>World Quest 2009<br><i>UNF, University Center</i>                              |
| <b>Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Amb. Husain Haqqani<br><i>UNF, University Center</i>                   |   |

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**As the Global Issues Evening with Ambassador Haqqani on Tuesday, April 7 will undoubtedly be a sell-out and in order to ensure that our Council members are guaranteed seats, guests will not be accommodated from the Council ticket pool.** Please encourage friends, neighbors and co-workers to join the Council to secure a reservation at this and all upcoming Global Issues Evenings. Members who wish to attend the pre-lecture reception with Ambassador Haqqani are encouraged to upgrade to a premier level. The current value of membership will be applied to this upgrade. All renewals and upgrades will carry over thru the entire 2009-2010 season. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about the Council.

**GLOBAL ISSUES EVENING RECAP**

## Lute: Pakistan No. 1 Challenge

On March 3rd, General Douglas Lute, the Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, told a packed audience at UNF Center that the "biggest international challenge" for President Obama in the next four years will be Pakistan. Assessment of seven key measures has led General Lute to conclude that substantial progress has been made in Iraq. For example, politically, during the recent provincial elections all 14 incumbents lost, with Iranian-supported elements losing in every area and Sunnis winning in several provinces. There is a "strategy for getting there." After the recently announced US troop withdrawals are completed, he envisions a partnership that will last for the next ten years under the Strategic Framework Agreement.

Gen. Lute explained in some detail why Afghanistan is more complex than Iraq and will take a lot longer. He observed, inter alia, that the Afghanis have to be the ones to deliver a solution, that military measures alone are insufficient, and that Afghanistan and Pakistan are intricately linked. The US must help; otherwise Afghanistan would return to being a "custom-made safe haven" for al-Qaeda.

**Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.)**



Winners celebrate victory at the inaugural Young Professionals International Trivia Night on February 3 at the North Beach Bistro in Atlantic Beach.

**GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON AND GLOBAL ISSUES EVENING RECAP**

## Weisman: Economic Crisis

On February 10th, Steven Weisman, who had been chief international economics correspondent, diplomatic correspondent and White House correspondent for more than 30 years at the New York Times, addressed the questions: "Can the U.S Lead the World out of the Worst Economic Crisis in 75 Years?" and "Policy Options for the Obama Administration on the Financial and Economic Crisis." On the same day, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner announced the Obama administration's plans for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Insightful, clear and credible were the terms I kept hearing to describe both discussions. Relating policies in past economic crises to today's problems, he helped us understand the enormous challenges we face. He described the origins of the U.S. economic crisis and its impact on the world. Calling it a "crisis of confidence" in the U.S. that revealed vulnerabilities for the rest of the world, he cited a recent Chinese observation that "the teacher (the US) has now become the pupil." Mr. Weisman explained why this global economic crisis is challenging the U.S. economic leadership role, capitalism and even our system of government and predicted that a different model may emerge in the new global economic competition.

**Jeanie Taras**