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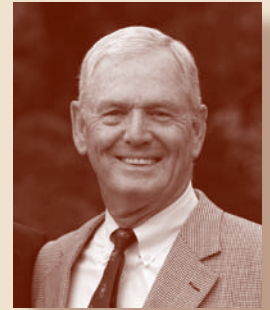
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President's Message

As the leaves begin to turn here in Massachusetts, I look forward to returning to Naples for a new season of activities about world affairs.



Those of you attending our first lecture on October 31 are in for a big surprise. In Kiney Hall at St. John's, where we hold our main lectures, we have installed four large drop-down screens. This investment should greatly improve visibility of both the speaker and any supporting material being presented. It will also allow, and encourage, speakers to employ a range of media, including video clips and live internet feeds.

Earlier in the summer we heard from a number of members that feel the need for hearing assistance. Starting with the first lecture, we will make available a number of assisted listening devices. These will be available at the table to the right of the entrance door, on a first-come first-served basis. There will be no charge, at least initially, for this service.

The main lecture series this season is entitled "Change and Turmoil in the 21st Century". The word "turmoil" suggests that some of the world's changes seem impossible to absorb and manage. The debt crisis and potential monetary upset in the developed world is just one example. Our lecture series is intended to provide you with useful information on some of these difficult issues.

Preparation is well underway for the other activities of your Council. Great Decisions groups are filling up. Plans are being made for special events, including a day with faculty from the National War College in early March. You will continue to receive newsletters throughout the year, and the website will continue to improve as a source of information about events as well as a medium for communication.

Outreach programs to schools in our community are an important part of our mission. These include Model UN, Academic Worldquest competitions, summer travel and learning experiences for specially selected students. The Board of Directors intends to fund these activities largely through voluntary contributions from members who share our belief in their value and importance. I am extremely pleased to report that this year fully one-third of our members have made tax-deductible contributions, and the amount has increased by 15% over last year.

Wally Stimpson, *President*

Outreach Committee

With the return of the seven Experiment in International Living (EIL) scholars, our 2010-2011 programs ended in late July. Their essays of living for a month or more in a different culture were heartwarming and several indicated their experience was life changing. They lived as houseguests with families in Botswana, Thailand, Ghana, Morocco, China, Italy and Spain. You will hear more about these remarkable students soon. They will be sharing their experiences at assemblies in their respective high schools.



The five students who were awarded scholarships to Georgetown University – two for International Relations and three for National Security – had high praise for the weeklong program. Two of them plan to apply to Georgetown as a result of the program and their interest in International Relations and National Security careers.

I have received letters of gratitude to the NCWA from all of the scholars and several parents, expressing their appreciation for the Council's generosity in providing an experience of a lifetime.

Next month the Outreach Committee will begin work for next season's programs, including a new program called "International Career Development". The program Manager will be past NCWA President and current Director Daniel Bumstead. He is recruiting people who have lived and worked internationally. Their goal is to use their experiences to guide students on a path to international careers. They will work in concert with the Collier County Public and Private High Schools which are very enthused about the program. If you have lived and worked abroad and are interested in volunteering, please email Dan at danielbum@comcast.net.

The Middle School Academic World Quest competition is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Community School of Naples.

The High School Academic World Quest competition is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012, also at Community School of Naples from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Categories and study guides have already been made available to the high school teachers.

My sincere thanks to all Outreach Committee members, the Board of the NCWA and most importantly, to you our members, who make our good works possible.

Chuck Stuart, *Chair*

Radio interviews with our upcoming Speakers

may be heard on

"Sound Off with Sasha"

aired locally by WGPU Public Media on Fridays at noon.

Experiment in International Living

Summer, 2011

(NCWA scholarship awardees)



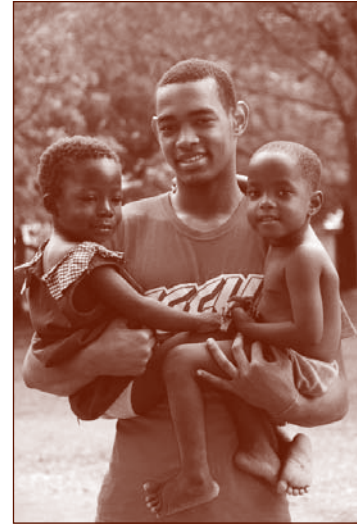
Maria Juliana Casado on her first gondola ride in Venice, Italy. Gondolier Alberto taught them all about the history of Venice.



The Thailand Experiment in International Living group standing behind buildings in the Grand Palace of the King of Thailand.



Joanna Fornberg with her host mother, Mma. Moroka, in the village of Mogobane, Botswana.



Revenel Metayer, Experiment in International Living participant, visiting host country Ghana.



Becky Henkind, left, visiting the elementary school at her host village in China.



Katherine Nunner, left, with host sister Marina, enjoying paella in Valencia, Spain.

Program Committee

The Program Committee is pleased to present our slate of speakers for the 2011-2012 season. As you can see, the topics are dominated by the enormous events that have happened in the last 6-8 months, and we are fortunate to have a distinguished group of experts to discuss and suggest what the paths to determination may be. We look forward to welcoming you on October 31st for our first lecture by Dr. Abbas Milani of Stanford University.



Mimi Gregory, *Director of Programs*

All Lectures are held at Kiney Hall, St. John the Evangelist Church

625 111th Avenue, Naples

3:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

(Bring color coded membership card for admittance at time noted on card.)

CSA Committee

Upcoming CSA events.....

Board member Donna Suddeth will present an interesting and informative lecture on her trip to Azerbaijan earlier this year. Her presentation will be held at 10:30 a.m. on **Monday, December 12th, 2011**, at the Claussen Center Seminar Room at St. John's Evangelical Church, 625 111th Avenue, Naples.

On **Friday, March 2nd, 2012**, the Council will once again host The National War College Seminar at the Hilton Hotel in Naples, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mimi Gregory, *Chairman*

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2011-2012 LECTURE SERIES:

CHANGE AND TURMOIL IN THE 21ST CENTURY

October 31st: Dr. Abbas Milani, “Arab Spring, Tehran Winter, Will the Democratic winds sweeping the Middle East change Iran?” Dr. Milani is the co-director of the Iranian Democracy Project at the Hoover Institute and Director of Iranian Studies at Stanford University. His talk will focus on recent developments in the Muslim Middle East and what impact they may have on Iran.

November 14th: Damon Wilson, “Sidestepping NATO’s ‘Dim and Dismal’ Future: Does Atlanticism Have a Future?” Executive Vice President of the Atlantic Council, Mr. Wilson will take his cue from Secretary Gates’ farewell speech and speak to NATO’s combined efforts in Libya and the value of the alliance over all as the US prepares to host the NATO summit next May.

December 5th: Jennifer McCoy, “Understanding Chavez’ Venezuela”. Dr. McCoy is Director of the Carter Center’s Americas Program and a Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University. She will discuss Chavez’s policies and alignments with countries like Cuba and Iran and his nationalization of private enterprise in search of economic security.

January 9th: Neil MacFarquhar, “Longtime Instability in the Arab Nations”. NY Times Bureau Chief at the United Nations, Mr. MacFarquhar, a fluent Arabic speaker and former Cairo Bureau Chief, will take a look at the challenge of forming new governments in the wake of the tumult of 2011 in Middle Eastern countries.

January 23rd: Steven Burg, “Maximizing Power: Russia and her Neighbors in the 21st Century”. Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Brandeis University, Prof. Burg will return to bring us up to date on Russia. At the end of communism, Russia finds herself becoming a “normal” state, seeking to maximize its power relative to other major powers.

February 6th: Farah Pandith, “Muslim Engagement in the 21st Century” Special Representative to Muslim Communities, US Department of State. Ms. Pandith’s office is responsible for executing Secretary Clinton’s vision for engagement with Muslims around the world. She reports directly to Secretary Clinton.

February 20th: Bruce Riedel, “Pakistan, the Most Dangerous Country in the World”. Mr. Riedel is an expert on terrorism and conflict resolution at the Brookings Institution. He will examine the United States’ roller-coaster relationship with this nuclear country, following the capture and death of Bin Laden, and the rupture of earlier collaborations.

March 12th: Mike Mochizuki, “Japan’s Uncertain Future: 3-11 and Beyond”. Associate Dean of Academic Studies at George Washington University’s Elliot School of International Affairs, he will examine the political, economic, social and foreign policy implications of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

March 26th: Jamie Horsley, “China’s Rise Amidst Rising Challenges: Implications for U.S.-China Relations”. Deputy Director of Yale University’s China Law Center, Ms. Horsley will address the prospects for political reform as a new leadership comes to power in the midst of a worldwide economic crisis.

April 9th: Anne Korin, Co-Director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, “Turning Oil into Salt Energy Independence through Fuel Choice and Energy Security Challenges for the 21st Century”. As co-author of these two titles, Ms. Korin will discuss what we can do to reduce the strategic importance of oil.

Membership Committee

We are close to our goal of 2200 seats. The remaining 12 openings will be easily filled from the ranks of our associate members.

The associate member program has been successfully launched, with many associate members attending the main lectures, belonging to Great Decisions groups, and signing up for special events. However, one issue has arisen that needs addressing. The intent of the associate member program, like the previous waitlist, is that the associate members will become full members when there is space available in the main lecture hall, which is usually within one year of becoming an associate member. This summer some associate members declined to become full members but wished to continue in Great Decisions groups. The Board of Directors never intended for this to be an option. Since Great Decisions is an important core program of NCWA, those participating should be paying full dues, unless they are new associate members for whom a full membership is not yet available. We apologize for any misunderstanding.

I commend Mike DeMas and his team at Phase V for their processing of renewals and the conversion of associate members to full members in an efficient, friendly manner. Contributions to fund our Outreach activities are approaching \$50,000.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our NCWA lectures this fall.

Jim Fleck, *Chair*



World Affairs Councils of America *2011 National Conference*

“U.S. National Security: Six Top Issues for the 2012 Election”

November 2-4, 2011

Mayflower Hotel

1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington D.C., 20036

NCWA members are welcome and may register at www.worldaffairscouncils.org

SWFL Model United Nations Program

The 2012 Southwest Florida Model United Nations will occur on March 8th and 9th, on the FGCU campus. Over 300 students and their coaches from the five southwest Florida counties are expected to participate along with students from FGCU who moderate the Committees. By the middle of October all the participating schools will have their assignments. Once again, we need to thank Dr. Rick Coughlin at FGCU for providing us with the 2012 list of topics and participating delegate countries.



Without your overwhelming volunteer efforts, we would be unable to bring this opportunity to the area. Last year, over 70 of our members worked on the Conference. However, in addition to the fees that students and schools pay to participate in the MUN, and the generosity of FGCU, the program is dependent on financial support from our NCWA members to pay the ever increasing costs of food, materials and scholarships. You will be receiving a letter asking you to consider sponsoring a \$1500 scholarship or making some other contribution. Please consider becoming a MUN supporter.

If you would like to learn more about the MUN, I urge you to look at our web site, www.ncwa-fl.org and click on the Model United Nations tab. Also for more detailed information, visit www.fgcu.edu/modelun.

Judith Lipnick, *Chair*

Travel the World !

What's so special about traveling with the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia? The Council has been offering tours to its members and to cooperating Councils for more than thirty years. These trips offer all the highlights of touring plus access to political leaders and other local experts for behind-the-scenes views and briefings that make their trips special and unique. Many trips include lecturers drawn from the fields of diplomacy, journalism, or academia. Others offer "meet the people" opportunities for our citizen diplomats.

Upcoming 2012 travel destinations include India, Brazil, Chinese Silk Road, Vietnam, and many other fascinating destinations. In addition, all-first-class, once-in-a-lifetime private jet trips - bypassing busy airports! - and including a team of expert lecturers and deluxe accommodations, make the trips unforgettably rewarding! For information about upcoming 2012 trips, go to www.wacphila.org/travel.



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Thursday nights at 8:00 pm
10 days after our Monday lectures

Thanks to our partnership with WGCU-FM, Public Media

The lectures can be heard on
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WMKO: 91.7 FM, Marco Island

Trixie E. Dorsett, Newsletter Editor