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# NAPLES COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

Fall 2017

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## President's Message



**Gregory J. Hudson**

*President*

September is already upon us, and next month our first lecture of the new season will be presented. By then, many of you will have returned to join those who live in Naples year-round to attend that opening lecture of this year's program. It will be worth it Mimi Gregory and her Program Committee have again put together a strong and distinguished group of speakers. Later in this newsletter, Mimi presents a chronological listing of this year's speakers and topics for our program entitled, "New Bedfellows: The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend." Moreover, this year she was asked to chair the Program Committee of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) in organizing the program and speakers for this year's National Conference, "The Future of American Leadership," November 15-17 in Washington, DC. A past president of NCWA, Mimi has also served as Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee of WACA.

Donna Suddeth, our most recent past president of NCWA, was also recognized by WACA for her service and leadership this year. Donna has been elected Vice Chair of the WACA board and a member of the Executive Committee. (WACA is the national umbrella organization to which NCWA and most world affairs councils in the US belong. Attendance at the annual WACA national conference is open to all members of our NCWA. Those interested can find more information about registration fees and hotel accommodations on the WACA website ([www.worldaffairscouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org)).

Mimi and Donna, like others, have enjoyed many years of fulfilling work in our volunteer programs and board service. Now might be the right time for you to consider the many opportunities and rewards of participation in planning and carrying out these programs. Organized to educate, inspire, and engage our membership and our community, they include the Lecture Program Committee; Committee on Special Activities; Model UN; School Outreach programs; and the Village Assistance Program. And do consider our ever-popular program of Great Decisions discussion groups. These are uplifting volunteer experiences that deepen member understanding of our programs, and broaden the development of potential program and board leaders. More information about these volunteer programs can be found on the pages of our NCWA website and in the site archive of prior newsletters ([www.ncwa-fl.org](http://www.ncwa-fl.org)).

Your NCWA board of directors and I thank you all so much for the many ways you continue to support the work of our programs.

**OUR MISSION:** *To Educate, inspire and engage our community in international affairs and critical global issues.*

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## Program Committee



**Mimi C. Gregory**  
Vice President for Program

The Program Committee has put together a very strong series of lectures for our 2017-2018 Season, with the addition of a bonus 11<sup>th</sup> lecture. Entitled: **“New Bedfellows: The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend”**, you will see that we are questioning some old relationships and opening some new possibilities for the future.

We will open the season on October 30<sup>th</sup>, with a partnership program with the United States Institute for Peace. Their core conviction is that peace is practical, possible, and essential for U.S. and international security. Executive Vice-President, Bill Taylor, will address the Council. We have been asked to invite media, local State and US Representatives and Senators and to plan a broad presentation to our schools in Collier County. It has been a long while since peace has felt quite so elusive.

Listed, for your calendars, are the lectures from October to April. On February 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> the lectures are on Tuesdays. Also, please add a note in your calendars for February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the all-day National War College Seminar, and April 11<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Dinner. We look forward to seeing you on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

October 30<sup>th</sup>

**“Peacebuilding for National Security”**

Bill Taylor, EVP of the United States Institute for Peace.

November 13<sup>th</sup>

**“Global Migration”**

Professor Karen Jacobsen, Director of the Refugees and Forced Migration Program at the Fletcher School.

November 27<sup>th</sup>

**“How Should We Respond to North Korea’s Nuclear Challenge?”**

Evans J.R. Revere, Senior Director, Albright Stonebridge Group.

December 11<sup>th</sup>

**“The Eagle and the Trident, the U.S. and Ukraine”**

Ambassador Steven Pifer, Brookings Institution.

January 8<sup>th</sup>

**“The Longest Wars: Iraq and Afghanistan”**

Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, Diplomat in Residence at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**“U.S.-Arab Relations”**

Professor Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Center for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland.

February 5<sup>th</sup>

**“Google’s Global Relations”**

Ross LaJeunesse, Global Head of International Relations at Google.

February 20<sup>th</sup> \*

**“Future of NATO and Department of State”**

Ambassador Nicholas Burns, Harvard Kennedy School.

March 5<sup>th</sup>

**“Russia After the Cold War”**

William Pomeranz, Deputy Director, Kennan Institute at the Wilson Center.

March 19<sup>th</sup>

**“China’s Internal Affairs”**

Jamie Horsley, Esquire, Senior Fellow of the Paul Tsai Center at Yale Law School.

April 03<sup>rd</sup> \*

**“The Paris Climate Agreement”**

Dr. Joshua Busby, Professor, Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin.

**\* Note: These lectures are on Tuesday.**

## NCWA's Model UN Program



**Mo Winograd**  
Chair

In 2017, 15 high schools from Collier, Lee and Port Charlotte counties participated in the March Model UN Conference. This involved many students. As students can accumulate points from year to year, the more competitions they enter, the greater the odds of winning a scholarship. Numerous scholarships are awarded. The NCWA awards the top scholarship of \$3000, the \$2250 scholarship named in honor of Mimi Gregory, the Gold Award of \$1000, Bronze Awards of \$450, \$400 and \$350. Many other scholarships are funded directly by our NCWA members. They include the \$2250 George Gotschall Memorial Scholarship, two \$1500 scholarships from the Frank Steere family, two \$1500 scholarships donated by Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani, a \$1500 scholarship donated by Maureen O'Gorman that is given in memory of her husband Thomas J. O. Gorman, \$1500 donated by David and Beverly Worthington and \$1500 donated by Robert A. King. James Coogan (Port Charlotte High School), Bailee Peralto (Oasis High School) and Courtney Dougherty (Cape Coral High School) won platinum awards.



**Nancy Wallace** and **Earl Anderson**

Each year, the NCWA sponsors, as part of its Model UN program, a position paper contest. If any student wants to become eligible for a monetary award, they must submit a position paper for each competition. MUN delegates are encouraged to prepare position papers for their countries. The preparation of these papers will assist delegates in assembling their research in an organized manner. The first place winner was Christopher Bine, from Bishop Verot High School, representing the United Kingdom. Courtney Dougherty from Cape Coral High School won second place, representing Russia.

For the past two years, we have had assistance from two prior SWFLMUN club members who have participated and received scholarship awards from NCWA. They are John Seese and Greyson DeArmond. John is away at Stetson Law School where he is entering his 3rd year, and Greyson has finished college.

We would have had a more than difficult time developing the substantive side of Model UN without these two superstars. They chose the topics for our Model UN Advisory Committee to review and wrote the detailed background guides the students used to prepare themselves to represent a country. If you are curious, take a look at their work, all done on a pro bono basis: <https://www.swflmun.org/committees--topics--and-guides>.

It is a yeoman's task and we want them both to know how valuable they have been. They have encouraged us to step up the level of the competition by increasing the hours of competing and encouraged us to take on new topics that are more challenging for the students.



**Jonathan Seese**



In addition to the work these two gentlemen do to assist us, they recruit other Model UN college competitors to come in from all over the State of Florida to act as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each Committee for our two day conference. NCWA offers each student a nominal stipend to help defray expenses. This recruitment is a critical component to our final product. The individuals who helped us as Chairs and Vice-Chairs in March 2017 include:

Greyson DeArmond	T.J. Price	Shelleka Darby	Patrick Massey
John Seese	Betzaira Moyorga	Matthew Toor	Ayesha Anklesaria
Maryssa Pallis	Alex Ganan	Rhiannon Gomes	Jacob Barret
Taylor Lalor	Cody Kindrick	Kayleigh Thomas	Steven Mann
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Sean Tordecillas	Maria Paredes	Sophia Pandey	

Hats off to our fellow NCWA members who serve as Model UN judges, many for years. When I attend meetings with coaches from around the State of FL, I hear two things. First, that the schools consider our competition to be the Cadillac of competitions because we offer college scholarships, and secondly, because we provide sophisticated and knowledgeable judges. Because of the latter, the high school students take greater pains to be prepared as they know we are helping them step up their game. The judges who assisted us in 2017 from the Naples Council include:

S. Kenneth Bruce	Jan Guben	Gary McKindree	James Schmotter
C'Allen Chauvin	Sue Guben	Frank Mitchell	Beth Smith
Howard Cohen	Paula Himowitz	Ruthmarie Mitsch	Michael Smith
Rich Cowan	Pat Jackson	Michael Muller	Chuck Theisen
Linda Crescenzi	Jan Johnson	Maureen o'Gorman	Mary Udell
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Diana Dearth	Robert King	Bobbi Polacheck	John Weiser
Thomas DeWitt	Craig Korkoian	Leah Potere	Suzanne Wilcox
Marty Durham	Roger La Fontaine	John Psaras	Richard Zounes
Robert Erbstein	Sherye Leddington	Robert Ravitz	
Judith Gates	Martin Levin	Richard Ryder	
Carole Greene	Michael Long	Rhona Saunders	

## Great Decisions



**Gerry Melnick**  
Chair

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is nationally America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The Naples Council on World Affairs' Great Decisions program currently has 801 registrants enrolled for 2018, an increase from the 742 participants enrolled this past year. There are 27 groups meeting in nine different venues in Naples and Bonita Springs. Registration currently remains open for members of Naples Council to participate subject to space availability.

The 8 -week program begins January 15, 2018 and concludes on March 9, 2018 On January 6th the 27 group leaders will have their organizational meeting after which the Great Decision briefing books will be distributed to participants at their nine meeting sites. The briefing books contain the articles written by scholars which provide the platform for the eight weekly discussions each two hours in duration.

The topics announced by the Foreign Policy Association for 2018 are:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The End of Pax Americana | 4. The Media and Foreign Policy | 7. South Africa  |
| 2. Russia                   | 5. Turkey                       | 8. Global Health |
| 3. China                    | 6. United States Defense Budget |                  |

In early November, participants will receive notification of the starting date, time and location for their group as well as the date and time of the briefing book distribution.



## School Outreach Committee



**Jan Guben**

*Chair*

As the 2017-2018 school year begins, the School Outreach Committee anticipates another blockbuster year. We celebrate first the return of all of the 2017 scholarship winners who ventured on Summer travels including the Experiment in International Living and Student Diplomacy Corps for foreign travel, Governor's Institute in Vermont for international student group programs and Georgetown University Summer Programs in International Relations and National Security. Having personally visited with some of our Georgetown University participants, I know the value of the educational processes in which they participated and how much they appreciate the opportunity to attend the program. Essays from each of the scholarship winners will be on the NCWA website shortly and as usual, representatives from each of the travel groups will speak at the Monday lectures.

The School Outreach Committee will sponsor the same scholarships during the 2017-2018 season and we anticipate that the NCWA applications for all such programs will be on the NCWA website in October. Many of our former scholarship winners will be speaking at their respective high schools to encourage applications from current juniors for the Summer 2018 programs. Applications are due in early January and we will begin the interview process shortly thereafter. We encourage and welcome any gifts from our members who wish to support our scholarship programs.



From left to right: **Jan Guben (NCWA) & Georgetown scholarship winners: Catherine Stogner, Valentina Zuluaga, Harrison Powell, Lily Cuellarsola, & Erline Miclisse.**

In addition, the School Outreach Committee will sponsor the High School Academic World Quest at The Community School of Naples on Saturday February 24, 2018 and the Middle School Academic World Quest, also at The Community School of Naples, on Saturday March 24, 2018. These annual contests pit representatives from local schools in a wonderful competition on a number of Social Studies topics ranging from Geography to forms of Government, international religions, American history and everything in between. The public is always welcome to watch the competition and cheer on the participants.

Finally, our Alumni Group, nurtured over the last couple of years, has now taken off and functions well based on the leadership of the alumni themselves. We encourage all of our former scholarship winners to join and assist the efforts of the Alumni Group in expanding participants in School Outreach Committee programs and projects.

## Student Intern Thanks NCWA

John G. M. Scalli, then a senior at Seacrest Country Day School and now a student at Fordham University, served as a student intern at NCWA during the past lecture season. In June, he wrote to thank NCWA for his experience which he described as "amazing." Here are excerpts from his thank you letter to NCWA: "...I would say that working with the Naples Council has been an engaging experience that I will never forget...One [experience] is the questions that members have which...offer deep thought-provoking questions which even require the speaker to think carefully on how to respond.

"Another experience is introducing the speaker to my school which is both a privilege as well as a way for me to fine tune my public speaking skills. Third, I would have to say the lectures themselves. The speakers offer a fantastic insight on certain parts of the world... Lastly, I would say the best part of my entire internship is working with the people on the Naples Council, Donna Suddeth, Mimi Gregory, Earl Anderson, and all the members of the Council have been wonderful to get to know and work alongside. ... I want to personally thank everyone at the Naples Council on World Affairs for the wonderful experience that I will never forget."

## Committee on Special Activities

### World Affairs Councils of America The Future of American Leadership

November 15-17 at the Capital Hilton  
Washington, D.C.

For additional information:  
[www.wacaconference2017.org](http://www.wacaconference2017.org)

### Is America Prepared for a Militant and Changing World?

National War College Seminar,  
February 23, 2018

Annual Dinner, Hilton Hotel  
April 11, 2018

## Membership Information



**Judith Lipnick**  
*Vice President*

Once again, we have filled our membership and still have a waiting list. If you know someone who would like to join the NCWA, encourage them to call 239 649-3942 to become an Associate Member. Until they become a full member, they will be able to view lectures on the NCWA web site, be eligible to participate in Great Decisions groups, receive invitations to special lectures, and register for the Annual Dinner following full membership registration.

To avoid the problem some members experienced last year, in August we asked you to verify your address information including applicable dates. Your membership cards were mailed first class for delivery in early September to the address specified in your profile. If your card was undeliverable by the Post Office, it was returned to the NCWA and will be available for you at the first lecture you attend. Lost cards will be replaced for \$5.00.

The 2017-8 Directory will be available for each Family or Individual Membership starting at the second lecture. We will hold out enough directories for members who do not arrive until after the holidays.

The most efficient way for us to communicate with you is through email. It allows us to notify you of any changes as quickly as possible. Please keep your email address up to date and check it regularly for notices of lectures, special events and unexpected changes. In addition, our phone staff is available to help you at 239 649-3942.

**Please note: Membership cards are non-transferable and may be used only for the designated lecture. We are unable to accommodate session change requests, guests, member substitutes, walk-ins or Associate Member at the 11 feature presentations.**

## Donation Information

Members and friends of NCWA are encouraged to make donations to NCWA to help us support and expand our important outreach activities, such as the Model UN, Academic World Quest and School Outreach Programs mentioned in this newsletter. Students receive scholarships made possible by your donations. Donations may be made online at [www.ncwa-fl.org/Donations1](http://www.ncwa-fl.org/Donations1) or checks may be mailed to Naples Council on World Affairs, 2316 Pine Ridge Road, Box 361, Naples, Florida 34109-2006. Membership in the President's Club is given to NCWA members who have donated \$250 or more to NCWA within the current calendar year or provide endowments annually equal to or exceeding \$250.00. Membership in the President's Club provides an opportunity to attend luncheons hosted for featured speakers.



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This year, NCWA sponsored a Model UN contest in which students were asked to draft a UN Resolution addressing Boko Haram's abduction of young girls in Nigeria.



Nigerian Girls, 22" x 30", pastel, 2017.  
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