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Special Evening with Council Director

Diane DeMell Jacobsen, Ph.D.
Specialist in Foreign Policy and Peace Negotiations

"Iran: Axis of Evil or Friend?"

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Seventy million Iranians live in an Islamic theocracy under the firm hand of their Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-Khamenei. Since the 1979 revolution, when American embassy employees at the Tehran Embassy were taken hostage, not to be released for 444 days, the Iranian religious government has tightened its Islamic grip on their educated but helpless population and blamed western society for all its problems. The former Bush administration called it the "Axis of Evil." The current administration is reaching out the hand of friendship. Is Iran friend or foe? Are nuclear enrichment facilities for peaceful or military purposes? Do sanctions work or enrich the pockets of the Revolutionary Guard? What are the likely consequences in the region if Iran continues to develop nuclear weapons? Which US foreign policy alternative will help this land located in the rough neighborhood between Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan?

These and other questions will be addressed by Diane Jacobsen, World Affairs Council board member. Dr. Jacobsen holds a Ph.D. in International Affairs from Washington University in St. Louis and is a Middle East scholar specializing in conflict resolution. She recently made an extended visit to Iran.

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Dr. Jacobsen has been asked by the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville and WJCT to deliver this timely discussion exclusively for Council Sponsors, Ambassador's Circle and Benefactor Members. Join us for this special presentation as it is filmed for broadcast on WJCT public television. Studio attendance will be limited for this very special offering.

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Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m.
Presentation at 7:30 p.m.
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