



Bringing the World Closer

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

“The Outlook for Success in Iraq and Afghanistan”



Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute
Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan

Tues., March 3, 7:30 p.m.

University of North Florida, University Center

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Call (904) 280-8162 by February 24 to reserve your complimentary ticket and special Council seating

Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to a special pre-event reception hosted from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the UNF University Center. RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by February 24.

President's Message

The beginning of an Administration provides a natural opportunity for a new group of American leaders to consider what strategies and capabilities are needed to deal with the challenges of a fast changing and increasingly interconnected and interdependent world. It is a moment for thoughtful reflection about how to shape our future and the potential impact of our combined diplomatic, military and economic power in ensuring a safe and secure world. World Affairs Council presentations over the next few months will focus on the turbulent global economy; strategy toward Afghanistan; Iraq and global terrorism, and the emerging role of Latin America. This emphasis will give us additional insights regarding some of the critical challenges ahead.



Jonathan Howe

We are very pleased about our recent progress in the campaign to raise a sustaining source of funds for other illuminating programs in the years ahead. Thanks to your generous responses to appeals, both matching challenges have been met! All that prevents us from declaring total victory is \$10,000. We need 100 members to make an additional donation of \$100. For this reason, we are establishing a **Final 100 Group** and asking you to help us take the last 100 steps needed to reach the finish line. I hope to be able to list in a future newsletter and on our web page those in the **Final 100 Group** who made it possible for us to win this race. Please join me in mailing (or calling) in a contribution of \$100 or more today. Thank you and may this be an exceptional New Year for us all.

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

EDUCATION

Great Decisions Begins Feb 5

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville's partnership with the Jacksonville Public Library will hold a series of 'Great Decisions' discussion group meetings beginning early in the spring 2009. Great Decisions provides the opportunity for people to meet together in an informal setting to discuss important global issues and their implications for the United States. This will be the second year for a 'Great Decisions' series open to the general public at the Main Library located downtown at 303 North Laura Street. The first meeting will be held on February 5 and will focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan; subsequent meetings will be on February 19 (Human Rights); March 5 (The US and Egypt); March 19 (Global Food Supply); April 2 (Cuba after Castro); April 16 (US and Rising Global Powers); May 14 (Energy & the Global Economy); May 21 (The Arctic.) The topics are all found in a book published by the Foreign Policy Association which will be sold at cost by the Friends of the Library at their Booktique bookstore in the Main Library.

GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

“Implications of Healthcare Reform for Business Providers”



A. Hugh Greene
President & CEO, Baptist Health

Mon., March 16,
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The River Club

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital, The Haskell Company, Jacksonville University, SunTrust Bank, North Florida, The St. Joe Company, The Holmes Organisation Private Client Group and Mayo Clinic
Media Sponsor: The Jacksonville Business Journal

Cost: \$45 (Council Members) \$65 (Non-Members) \$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

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Council's Young Professionals members enjoy social at The Grape on December 10.

MEMBERSHIP

Young Professionals Events

The Social hosted by the Council's Young Professionals (ages 21-40) and held at The Grape on Dec. 10, 2008 was a huge success with over 25 people in attendance! Guests enjoyed discussing global issues while sampling wines from around the world and international cuisine.

- **Feb. 3 & Mar. 3:** YP International Trivia, North Beach Bistro, 6-9pm. *Test your knowledge of international affairs & win a \$25 gift certificate to the Bistro.*
- **Mar. 19:** YP Global Exchange in partnership with the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville. *Small round-table discussions between local YPs and a visiting delegation of European Muslims.*

SAVE THE DATE!

WorldQuest 2009

Our Eighth Annual Night of International Trivia, Dinner and Fun!

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

University of North Florida, University Center

COUNCIL 2009 CALENDAR

Feb. 10, Noon

Steven R. Weisman
The River Club

Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.

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UNF, University Center

Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Lt. General Douglas Lute
UNF, University Center

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A. Hugh Greene
The River Club

Apr. 7, Noon

Amb. Jeffrey Davidow
The River Club

Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.

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GLOBAL ISSUES EVENING RECAP

Waxman: Where Do Ancient Artifacts Belong?

On January 13th, author and former New York Times Culture Correspondent, Sharon Waxman, discussed her book, "Loot: The Battle over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World," at a luncheon at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens and at an evening presentation for nearly 500 people at UNF's University Center. Among those attending the luncheon were Council Sponsors and Ambassador's Circle members and members of the Cummer's Ponce de Leon Society.

Waxman discussed why ancient European and Asian treasures are in Western museums and not in those of their home countries. She said that in the past, many artifacts were illegally removed and smuggled out of their source countries, later being acquired by Western museums. Now, as countries are rediscovering their past and realizing their rights, they want their most famous treasures returned. Do we strip Western museums of their collections? Or is there a compromise?

Waxman says that, while there are competing agendas, people on both sides are realizing the value of cultural exchange and that work towards an era of collaboration between museums and source countries is necessary.

Gail Sterman

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All the programs are free and open to the public. Notices will be sent to people who have expressed interest in the series and the World Affairs Council will alert members to each of the programs.

If you need more information call the Council office (904) 280-8162 or the Jacksonville Public Library at (904) 630-2665 or go to the library website at www.jaxpubliclibrary.net and click on contact us.

Barbara A. B. Gubbin

REMINDER:

Steven R. Weisman, editorial director and public policy fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics and former chief international economics correspondent of the *New York Times*, will be speaking at both the **Global Business Luncheon** and the **Global Issues Evening on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Tickets are available now.**

GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

"Can the U.S. Lead the World Out of the Worst Economic Crisis in 75 Years?"

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENING

"Policy Options for the Obama Administration on the Financial and Economic Crisis"