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WACSC Donor Appreciation

We would like to express our great appreciation to the many members who made philanthropic contributions to the WACSC this year. We highlight our Sustaining and Corporate-level members in each issue of *Perspectives* and would like to emphasize again how much their gifts impact the success of our organization. In addition to these members, we want to recognize 10 donors who made additional contributions to the WACSC over the past 12 months. All told, the generosity of our donors resulted in more than \$4,000 in additional funds that we are using to support our mission to promote study and public education in world affairs and to contribute to improved international understanding and relations.

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We would like to thank especially those members who made contributions in honor of Bill Anderson. These gifts are a fitting tribute to Bill's tireless community spirit. If any members are interested in making gifts in honor of family or friends, please let us know either in person or via the donation card printed in this issue. We will continue to recognize honorary gifts in future issues of *Perspectives*.

Thank You, Patron Sponsors!

In the last issue of *Perspectives* (2017 Q2) we announced the opportunity for members to underwrite specific WACSC programs. We were delighted by the immediate response we received and are pleased to announce that donors have stepped forward to pledge support for two future programs. We want to thank Kathleen and Chuck Rogers as well as an anonymous donor for their gifts, and to congratulate them on becoming the first two Patron-level donors. We will announce which programs they are underwriting in a future *Perspectives* issue, as well as at other WACSC events. If you are interested in becoming a program Patron, please fill out the donation form printed in this issue or contact WACSC President Mike Morrison (707-833-6365; mbmorrison17@yahoo.com) or Vice President Kathleen Riley (707-314-4662; kathleenriley600@hotmail.com).

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President's Message

FAKE NEWS: Can your WAC be an antidote?

We hear about "fake news" a lot lately.



Whatever it is, it seems as if it might be around for a while, so I thought it important to bring it up. By all accounts, fake news, in whatever form, is a threat; it is hard to detect and can

negatively affect how we see and understand the world and the events around us.

What does your World Affairs Council have to do with fake news? Luckily, nothing in a direct way, which is good. In fact, our WAC does make and continues to make a contribution in thwarting the influence of fake news.

I believe the role your WAC can play is to continue with its longstanding commitment to selecting speakers who are experts in their fields, who have a recognized depth of knowledge and experience, and who are able to communicate that expertise to us in a credible way. Our WAC can push back against — or be an antidote to — fake news by continuing to do what it has always done: by having excellent speakers.

Our speakers are listened to intently by our members, are thoroughly questioned, and can be considered purveyors of "genuine news." While there may be fake news swirling around out in the world, at the World Affairs Council it is always our speakers that let you walk away with a better understanding of the subject, and, more importantly, with confidence in the credibility of what you just heard.

I hope that by the existence of groups like World Affairs Council, such "fake news" can be relegated to the lowest level.

*Mike Morrison
President*

MEMBER PROFILE

Roger and Lyn Phelps

Our website describes WACSC as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes study and

public education in world affairs and contributes to improved international understanding and relations. Lyn and Roger Phelps can add one

more role to this list: a place to meet, fall in love, and marry!

Lyn was born in San Leandro, California, to an American mother and a New Zealander father. When she was three years old, Lyn and her parents moved to New Zealand to be near her father's family. Lyn was adventurous: at age 18, she and a girlfriend took a cargo ship from New Zealand to England via the Panama Canal - there's a story you should ask her to share!

Roger was born and raised by American parents living in India, but returned to the USA for college. He majored in history at a small college in North Carolina, entered the military, and then

completed a Master's in Social Work at Boston University. His career took him to Pittsburgh, Ukiah, and then to Santa Rosa

where he practiced social work at Community Hospital (now Sutter Hospital) for 23 years, retiring in 1994.



Roger & Lyn Phelps

Lyn

returned to California, married, raised two children, and worked and modeled for Macy's. She is also an artist and pianist. Lyn became involved in the San Francisco WAC and was on their Program Committee. After moving to Santa Rosa, she joined WACSC and was Chair of the Program Committee for several years.

Lyn and Roger met at a WACSC meeting, have been married for 15 years, and have five children between them. They enjoy traveling by car, Winnebago, and plane — but both agree that ship travel is the best. They are a lovely couple; say hello to them when you see them.

Heather McLintock

Call for Volunteers

We request that all eager volunteers for the Program Committee and for general Council help call Pat Givens at 707-541-0511 or email her at pgivens@sonic.net. Pat, who is one of our most experienced management volunteers, will be interviewing volunteer applicants for all positions.

MEAL RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

When we announce a forthcoming WAC luncheon program, we request that you mail your reservation form and check to arrive no later than one week before the event. Most venues require this amount of time in order to be properly staffed and for the chef to order the right quantity of food for our event. Also note that we will take reservations through that week-prior date, or *until we reach capacity*. It is always a good idea to send your reservation as soon as you can so as not to be disappointed.

If your reservation arrives after the deadline date or capacity has been reached, you will receive a notification and your check will be returned. You may request to be added to a wait list for cancellations by leaving a message at the WACSC phone number, 707-573-6014.

We accept cancellations and provide refunds up to 72 hours before the event. For example, if there is a luncheon on Friday, we can accept your cancellation and send you a refund if you have called the above mentioned phone number to cancel before noon on the preceding Tuesday. After that time, we cannot provide a refund, since we are obligated to pay the venue for the reservation, even if you do not come.

Please return your name badge after events!

Reservation Coupons: (Must Receive Coupon & Check By Due Date!)

Mail your check with relevant portion of this form to: WACSC, P.O. BOX 1433, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
More than 72 hours' notice required for potential refunds. For more information, call 573-6014.

7/14/17--THE NEW GREAT GAME IN SOUTHERN ASIA (Feroz Hassan Khan)

Noon, Legends at Bennett Valley Golf Club

Members: \$29; Non-members: \$34 (Reservations due 7/7)

Buffet luncheon includes Roasted Tri-Tips, Caesar Salad,
Penne Pasta Primavera, and Roasted Vegetables.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

7/27/17--ANNUAL PICNIC (no speaker)

5-7 p.m., Quail Inn, Oakmont

Members and Guests: \$30 (Reservations due 7/20)

Buffet: Grilled Tri-Tip, Pesto Cheese Tortellini, Salads, Ice Cream Sundae

Name _____ Phone No. _____

9/8/17--DILEMMAS GALORE: Meaning of Brexit (Dr. Sheldon Rothblatt)

Noon, Camelot Room, Fountaingrove Inn

Members: \$32; Non-members: \$37 (Reservations due 9/1)

_____ Tuscan Chicken _____ Spinach Pasta w/Marinara Sauce

Name _____ Phone No. _____

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

THE NEW GREAT GAME IN SOUTHERN ASIA

Noon, Legends, Bennett Valley Golf Club
3330 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa
Members: \$29; Non-members: \$34
Reservations due 7/7

Feroz Hassan Khan, former Brigadier in the Pakistan Army, lecturer and senior researcher in the Department of National Security Affairs of the U.S. Naval Post-graduate School



Brigadier Khan examines implications of strategic stability in the region linking Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. China, India, and Pakistan

are rivals while forming new alliances/balances in the important cusp of these three nuclear-armed countries. Rivalry involves military modernization as the U.S. pivots to Asia-Pacific region, and spans into Southern Asia where India and Pakistan's security competition is intensifying--and a regional nuclear war is not ruled out. The U.S. plans to reduce its footprint in the Afghanistan-Pakistani region, but is beset with territorial and ideological disputes, overlaid with non-state actors and terrorism.

Brigadier Khan holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies and John Hopkins University. He has held visiting fellowships at Stanford University, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Brookings Institution, and Sandia National Lab in New Mexico. Khan has authored *Eating Grass: The Making of the Pakistani Bomb* and is co-editor of *Nuclear Learning in South Asia: The Next Decade*.

Linda Lambert, Sponsor

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

WAC ANNUAL PICNIC

(no speaker)

5:00-7:00 p.m., Quail Inn, Oakmont
7035 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa
Members and Guests: \$30
Reservations due 7/20

Buffet: Grilled Tri-Tip,
Pesto Cheese Tortellini,
Baked Beans, Various Salads,
Ice Cream Sundae.
No-host full bar.

Be sure to mark July 27 on your calendar for our WAC Annual Picnic. It will again be held at Quail Inn in Oakmont from 5 p.m. to around 7 p.m. There will be a very nice buffet with tri-tip steak, pesto tortellini, various salads, and an ice cream sundae to top it off! There will also be a no-host full bar.

Quail Inn always prepares a great meal for us in a great place with spectacular views of the golf course and the Mayacamas Mountains. Bob Kirk will again test our knowledge of world affairs with his quiz of people, places, and events.

Come and meet your friends, perhaps meet new people, and enjoy a relaxing late afternoon in a beautiful setting on this mid-summer day! All of us on the Board of Directors, the Program Committee, and all of our support people cordially invite you to join us. You can enjoy all of the above for the very reasonable price of \$30! Look for the reservation form printed elsewhere in this issue. We hope to see you at the Quail Inn on July 27th!

Mike Morrison
President

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

DILEMMAS GALORE: The Meaning Of Brexit in a Global Setting

Noon, Camelot Room, Fountaingrove Inn
101 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa
Members: \$32; Non-members: \$37
Reservations due 9/1

Dr. Sheldon Rothblatt, Professor of History Emeritus at U.C. Berkeley

Dr. Rothblatt will address the impact that Brexit (Britain Exit) will have on the United Kingdom (UK), the European Union (EU), and the United States on international trade, immigration, and environmental agreements.



The EU economic/political partnership, in its present form, took effect on Nov. 1, 1993. Now including 28 countries, the EU acts as a "single market,"

allowing goods, services, and citizens to move freely about as one country, and its common government negotiates common issues. EU's single currency (Euro) is used by 19 members; Britain kept its Pound Sterling.

The UK's June 2016 election, nicknamed Brexit, was to decide whether to remain in the EU or leave it. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain, but Britain and Wales votes took precedence, and the UK is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29, 2020.

Dr. Rothblatt's specialty is Modern British History. He was educated at Berkeley and Cambridge University, and was awarded the "Berkeley Citation" for distinguished achievement and for notable service to the university.

Heather McLintock, Sponsor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

BRIDGING THE GULF: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Arabian Gulf

7:30 p.m., Spring Lake Village Auditorium
5555 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa
Members & SLV free: Visitors \$5

Ambassador Susan Ziadeh, *former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Peninsula Affairs, former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar.*

The Arabian Gulf nations wield significant influence in policy areas as disparate as international finance, military cooperation, counterterrorism implementation, energy production, and complex negotiations involving Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Arab/Israeli Peace Process. These nations — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates — are joined in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), but their actions and policy goals often differ and diverge based on their own national interests. Despite the importance and influence of the GCC countries for U.S. interests, the American public often has only a vague understanding of these nations and their vital importance to the United States.



Ambassador (retired) Susan Ziadeh is a perfect guide to demystifying this region due to her extensive diplomatic expertise in support of the U.S. national interest in the Arabian Gulf.

She was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Peninsula Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador to the State of Qatar from 2011-2014. She also held positions of Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Official Spokesperson at U.S. Embassy Baghdad, and Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Bahrain. Her other overseas postings included Riyadh, Kuwait, Amman, and Jerusalem.

Kathleen Riley, Sponsor

This newsletter arrives just as our World Affairs Book Group begins its annual summer break, the perfect time to reflect on the year's selections. The WAC website contains a wealth of information on the Council and maintains a list of past and current Book Group selections. If you are not a member of the Book Group, it is a great place to find something you might like to read next.

A World in Disarray by Richard Haass distills the wisdom of a man who has been engaged in world affairs for a lifetime. Currently the President of the Council on Foreign Relations, he has worked in various high level roles with the State Department and National Security Council, as well as academia and think tanks. In his book, he surveys the history of international relations in the last few hundred years and attempts to lay out a reasonable approach to relations going forward.

Our next book was *Earning the Rockies: How Geography Shapes America's Role in the World* by Robert Kaplan. Kaplan sets forth on a journey from the East Coast to California. Along the way, he stops in small towns and cities in Middle America and observes the forlorn downtowns and listens to people in coffee shops, bars and restaurants. He sees the slick cities, where talented people migrate, leaving their small towns without fresh leadership. Automation and globalization have hollowed out whole areas of our country, leaving economic ruin in their wake. Meanwhile, those in the slick successful city-states are more connected to the world than the small cities that surround them. As he reaches the West Coast, he sees the Pacific and is reminded that in the future, our role will continue to be as a progressive force in the larger world. Our geography, resources and continental size have determined our place in the world.

Whiplash: How to Survive Our Faster Future by Joi Ito and Jeff Howe is a description of the nine principles that help drive innovation at the Media Lab at MIT and can guide us to surviving the future. These principles include such radical sounding concepts as: Disobedience over Compliance, Risk over Safety and Diversity over Ability. By the time we finished reading the book, these and the other radical sounding concepts began to make perfect sense for our current world. We had also decided that we would all like to actually visit the Media Lab and see it all in action and just soak up that innovative atmosphere.

— Pat Mai

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We can't reach you if you won't let us into your e-mail box. Please help us stay in touch.

Thank you.

NEW LUNCHEON VENUE IN JULY

After almost 10 years, we will be returning to the Legends restaurant at Bennett Valley Golf Club in Santa Rosa for a luncheon on July 14. From the banquet room, there are beautiful views of the golf course and surrounding homes. When you arrive, look for our "sandwich sign" to the west of the main entrance, where we will have our check-in folks to greet you. We will be trying a buffet-style luncheon at Legends. There will be extra people available to help those who may have

balance or mobility issues and would prefer to have someone bring them their food, or if someone needs help in line. Dessert will be brought to the tables just before our speaker program begins. Beer, wine, and sodas will be available for purchase from 11:30 to 12:30 in an area near our entrance. We are excited about our return to this beautiful spot, and we hope that you will enjoy this new venue.

Please Consider a Gift

Your charitable contribution to the World Affairs Council of Sonoma County will help our all-volunteer staff continue to provide outstanding speakers and give them the technical support and Sonoma County hospitality they deserve. Our expert presenters serve without honoraria. Your support will be recognized in the WACSC *Perspectives* newsletter.

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___ \$500 (I would like to be a **Patron** of a WACSC speaker event!)

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