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Save the Date: WACA National Conference

Thanks to the work of our Program Committee volunteers, WACSC members do not have to travel far to hear leading thinkers on a wide range of issues. However, for those of you looking for a reason to escape the rain and chill of Sonoma County in late November for the...rainier and chillier...clime of our nation's capital in late November, the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) national office has just announced one: the National Conference, which will be held at the Capital Hilton from November 15-17.

(For those members not already familiar, our Sonoma County council is one of more than 90 councils across the country, joined together by WACA.)

The keynote speakers for this year's National Conference have not yet been announced, but presenters at the Conference are drawn from the upper echelons of political and academic leadership. Local members who have attended in the past speak highly of the National Conference. If you are interested in learning more about this event, you can find more details at www.worldaffairscouncils.org.

Become a WACSC Patron!

Members are now invited to help underwrite upcoming programs of the World Affairs Council of Sonoma County. This initiative will help our volunteers continue to bring you stimulating speakers on a wide range of timely world issues, broaden our geographic reach, and offer these fine speakers the hospitality they deserve. It's also a wonderful way for you to honor a friend or show support for a particular area of interest.

WACSC speakers appear without honorarium, but the Council pays for their travel, food, and lodging. Typically, a speaker's appearance costs about \$500.

A \$500 donation qualifies you as a "Patron" donor and, in grateful recognition, WAC will attach your name to a speaker program of your choice. Your gift, and any honoree you name, will be publicized through the WACSC *Perspectives* newsletter and our website, as well as with frequent mentions from the speaker podium at the event.

In addition, as always, voluntary contributions of any amount are gratefully accepted, and are reported in the newsletter and at presentations. All contributions to WACSC, even your dues, are tax deductible.

A donation form is printed in this issue. Council leaders will be glad to answer any questions or requests for details. For information about upcoming

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President's Message

We have been in the middle of a rainy season the likes of which we haven't seen in many years. By the time you read this, I hope blue sky and sunshine are the order of the day.



Here's to a pleasant Spring! In the last issue I noted that big changes were occurring on the national and international stages as a result of our nation's November election, and we have to wait and see how things play out. Now those words seem to be an understatement. Our national and international worlds seem to be spinning so fast, and while possibly disconcerting to many, the current world we find ourselves in is actually fertile ground and a great opportunity for our World Affairs Council. In January our Annual Dinner speaker, Anja Manuel, talked extensively on how she saw events unfolding in this new national/international situation; it's a fascinating topic, both to our speakers and our membership. A new level of curiosity and concern has grabbed people's attention, and we will encourage our future speakers to address this ongoing drama.

While holding our collective breath in that regard, your Council has been working on new ideas. One idea to help get more far-ranging speakers and diverse topics is to create for our members a "Patron" class of donors. For a \$500 donation, which is the average cost of a speaker, one can be the Patron for a particular scheduled speaker or a future speaker or topic. Judy Burness, Council Secretary, explains the plan in a separate article in this *Perspectives* issue. Judy will head a committee of Board members to explore this and other new ideas to keep our Council's approach fresh and stimulating. Please read Judy's article, and if you are so inclined to become a Patron, please contact me (mbmorrison17@yahoo.com), or Program Chair and Vice President Kathleen Riley (kathleenriley600@hotmail.com), and we will get you established as a Patron.

Mike Morrison
President

MEMBER PROFILE

Joe and Dianne Clendenin

Joe and Dianne Clendenin met at Indiana University. After their graduation, they moved to Moffett Field in

California, courtesy of the U.S. Navy. In 1972 they moved to Santa Rosa, which has been their home base ever since. Joe, a Family Physi-

cian, retired in 2002, and Dianne is a retired Medical Technologist, but neither has slowed down.

Joe volunteers in disaster relief, locally and nationally, for the American Red Cross where he is on call for eight or nine days per month. Local disasters are usually fires, whereas national disasters normally involve hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or major fires. Dianne, an accomplished figure skater, continues to judge tests and skating competitions. They both enjoy skiing, hiking, and biking with their three children and seven grandchildren. The Clendenins volunteer weekly in the St. Luke's church breakfast program for students. They are active members of the WACSC and Joe serves on the Program Committee.

Joe and Dianne are strong believers in the importance of physical activity and its effects on the body and mind. In 2012

they created "iDo26.2," a walk/run program that encourages children from kindergarten through grade 6 to become active as part of a healthy



Dianne & Joe Clendenin

lifestyle. Grades 2-6 students must complete 26.2 miles within a school year; younger students complete 13.1 miles. The program began in a few Santa Rosa schools and now, five-- years later, serves 13,500 students in 74 schools throughout Sonoma County. Over 400 teachers and coordinators volunteer their time for this successful program, and it is now part of the NorCal Center for Well-Being and Sonoma County Upstream Investments. While there is no cost to the schools or participants for this program, the rewards are great. Children are healthier physically, more alert mentally, and learn how to set and achieve goals and develop self-confidence.

— Heather McClintock

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ing programs you might wish to underwrite, please contact WACSC President Mike Morrison (707-833-6365; mbmorrison17@yahoo.com) or Vice President Kathleen Riley (707-314-4662; kathleenriley600@hotmail.com).

Judy Burness, Chair
Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee

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Most of our membership receives the full six-page color edition of *Perspectives* by email while a smaller proportion get, by stated preference, the two-page, one-color, tri-fold printed and mailed Program Mailer. The e-edition usually arrives several days before the mailed one.

Anyone wanting to upgrade to the e-edition is encouraged to do so and may do it by contacting our Administrative Manager, Brantly Richardson, at 527-0143, nrchrdsn@sonic.net or by calling the hotline at 573-6014 and leaving your name, phone number and email address, together with your request to join the e-edition distribution list.

One day we may have to eliminate all mailings to keep our dues low and fair. Help the Council now by switching from mail to email for your quarterly copies of *Perspectives*. Thank you.

Keep in Touch

Please let WACSC know if your mailing and email addresses change. Notify Administrative Manager, Brantly Richardson (nrchrdsn@sonic.net), call 573-6014, or notify any Board member.

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Please return your name badge after events!

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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.

4/7/17-TRUMP, TAIWAN, & U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS (Crystal Chang)

Noon, Flamingo Hotel, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa

Members: \$31; Non-members: \$36 (Reservations due 3/31)

_____ Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian Pad Thai (includes peanut sauce)

Please advise if you have a peanut allergy.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

5/12/17-NAFTA & TPP-POTENTIAL IMPACT & EFFECTIVENESS (Harley Shaiken)

Noon, Quail Inn, Oakmont, 7035 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa

Members: \$31 Non-members: \$36 (Reservations due 5/5)

_____ Cross Rib of Beef _____ Vegetable Wellington

Name _____ Phone No. _____

6/9/17-MUSLIM & JEWISH RELATIONS, THEN AND NOW (Emily Gottreich)

Noon, Fountaingrove Inn, Camelot Room, 101 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

Members: \$32; Non-members: \$37 (Reservations due 6/2)

_____ Grilled Chicken Breast _____ Mushroom Ravioli

Name _____ Phone No. _____

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

TRUMP, TAIWAN, AND THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Noon, Flamingo Hotel
2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa
Members: \$31; Non-members: \$36
Reservations due 3/31

Dr. Crystal Chang, *Lecturer, Department of Political Science, and the International and Area Studies Academic Program, UC Berkeley.*

Soon after the November 2016 election, President-elect Donald Trump received a phone call from President



Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan. On the surface there should be nothing unusual about Mr. Trump speaking with the leader of a close American ally, yet no

American president has spoken directly to a Taiwanese leader since 1979 when Jimmy Carter ended diplomatic relations with the Republic of China's (R.O.C.) government in Taiwan. Dr. Chang will explain the significance of Trump's call, as well as shed light on the history of U.S. relationships with the P.R.C. and R.O.C.

Dr. Chang has taught at San Francisco State, Mills College, Dominican University, and the College of Marin. She holds degrees from UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, and Stanford University. Previously she worked in venture capital and information technology in Silicon Valley and Shanghai, China. Her research focuses on the role of industrial policy and foreign investment in the Chinese auto industry.

Barbara Fry, Sponsor

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

BRIDGE TO NOWHERE? TURKEY AND THE WEST AFTER THE ATTEMPTED COUP

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

Jessica Catherine Varnum, *Senior Research Associate and Project Manager, Center for Nonproliferation Studies*

Turkey is frequently referred to as a bridge between East and West, a role becoming increasingly critical to the U.S. and NATO vis-à-vis a chaotic Middle East. As Turkey's neighbors are consumed by civil war and terrorism, Turkey is a corridor for extremists and refugees, while facing its own domestic political crises. Differences between Turkey and its Western allies, amid Turkey's rising anti-Americanism, gravely imperil the alliance. Ms. Varnum examines the state of play and outlook for cooperation between Turkey and the West.



Jessica Varnum is an expert on Turkey, regularly lecturing, writing, and contributing to research and dialogue projects on Turkish policies and U.S.-NATO-Turkey relations. She also specializes in nonproliferation challenges and teaches two advanced seminars in the M.A. Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies program. Ms. Varnum earned an M.A. from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a B.A. from Colby College, and is currently working on a doctoral dissertation as a distance student focusing on Turkey with King's College London's Defence Studies Department.

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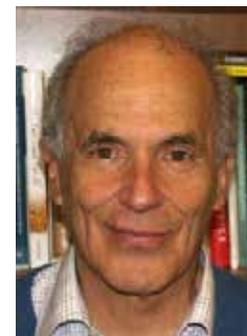
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

LET'S MAKE A TRADE DEAL! NAFTA AND TPP

Noon, Quail Inn, Oakmont
7035 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa
Members: \$31; Non-members: \$36
Reservations due 5/5

Harley Shaiken, *Director, Center for Latin American Studies and Member of the Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley.*

"Trade" between countries is a very hot



topic, and NAFTA and the TPP are two big buzz words that have been frequently mentioned during the recent election. The North American Free Trade

Agreement (NAFTA), a three-country accord negotiated by Canada, Mexico, and the United States has been in effect for 23 years. Its original purpose was to eliminate trade barriers and facilitate the movement of goods and services among the three partners. Has it been effective, or is it, as President Trump calls it, "the worst trade deal ever"?

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was intended to be a trade agreement among 12 countries to promote economic growth, improve living standards and reduce poverty among the signatory countries, and enhance labor and environmental protections. There is disagreement among economists about its potential for success.

Dr. Shaiken is an expert on both of these agreements. He will clarify any misconceptions we may have and offer suggestions on how to make these agreements more effective. At UC Berkeley, Dr. Shaiken specializes on issues of work, technology, and global production.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

MY PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA AS A SECULAR WOMAN

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

Humaira Ghilzai, *Co-Founder of "Afghan Friends Network"*

Each year we read about millions of Muslims who journey to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, Islam's holiest site. Mecca is the birthplace of Muhammad and where the Quran was revealed to him.

Our speaker, Humaira Ghilzai, who resides in San Francisco, made this pilgrimage, one of the five pillars of Islam, as a secular observer in 2015. In this



talk, Ms. Ghilzai will recount the compromises and tradeoffs she had to make, as a feminist, in order to make this journey. She will give details of the rituals,

their significance, and how this experience changed her.

Ms. Ghilzai was born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her family fled Afghanistan right after the Russian invasion, and they made the Bay Area their new home. Humaira Ghilzai is a Social Entrepreneur, focused on projects that bring positive social change for the Afghan people. She has co-founded *Afghan Friends Network* and instituted a Sister City relationship between Hayward, California, and Ghazni, Afghanistan, where she has done extensive work to improve education for girls, boys, and women. You can learn more about Ms. Ghilzai at www.humairaghilzai.com and the *Afghan Friends Network* at www.afghanfriends.net.

Pat Givens, Sponsor

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

MUSLIM AND JEWISH RELATIONS, THEN AND NOW

Noon, Fountaingrove Inn, Camelot Room
101 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa
Members: \$32; Non-members: \$37
Reservations due 6/2

Dr. Emily Gottreich, *Chair, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Associate Adjunct Professor of History and International and Area Studies, UC Berkeley*

The popular image of Jews and Muslims as eternal or natural enemies is not accurate, insofar as it reflects current political, territorial rivalries more than it does the historical record of lived experi-



ence. Dr. Gottreich presents a glimpse into the millennia-long co-existence of Jews and Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa, particularly Morocco. Morocco is historically home to the largest Jewish community in the Arab world, where a richly hybrid Jewish civilization—comprised of Berber, Arab, and Sephardic elements—developed in concert with its Muslim neighbors.

Dr. Gottreich is an explorer of Muslim-Jewish relations in the Arab World, with special focus on Morocco. She is author of *Morocco: A Jewish History from Pre-Islamic to Post-Colonial Times* and *Jewish Culture and Society in North Africa*, in addition to many articles for various publications. Dr. Gottreich has served as President of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies. She received a Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies and an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University, and her B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from UC Berkeley.

Linda Lambert, Sponsor

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

LESSONS FROM KOREA

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

Kathleen Stephens, *former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea; currently the William J. Perry Fellow at Stanford University*

Drawing from her experience in Korea over decades, Professor Stephens will reflect on South Korea's extraordinary economic rise and its demo-



cratic and cultural transformation, as well as describe North Korea's alternate journey. She relates both to the role of the United States and other powers have played—or tried to play—in these two countries. What lessons can we draw from the Korean experience? And what does the future hold?

Ambassador Stephens was the American Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 2008 to 2011. She was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 to 2007, involved in the Six-Party Talks with North Korea. Ambassador Stephens was the first Korean-speaker and first woman to hold the top U.S. job in Seoul, and she was named the State Department's Linguist of the Year in 2010. She is the recipient of numerous awards in Korea. Her Master's Degree is from Harvard University.

Pat Givens, Sponsor



The World Affairs Book Group meets monthly to discuss the book selection for that month. Members choose and read mostly nonfiction books relating somehow to world affairs. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact us for further information.

Our first selection was the Mark Kurlansky book, *Paper: Paging Through History*. The book traced the history of this important innovation, from the method of making paper to its uses and consequences. He believes that it will not be replaced, due to its simplicity of use and its utility. The book was a chance to learn more about a subject we have taken for granted and was an

engrossing read.

We then read *This Brave New World* by the featured speaker at our Annual Dinner, Anja Manuel. Her background, from her university studies to the State Department and subsequent recruiting to the consulting firm founded by Robert Gates and Condoleezza Rice, put her in a unique position of being able to compare and contrast India and China, discuss their problems and strengths, and their relations with each other and the rest of the world.

Anja has been on the ground in both countries through time. Her book traces the histories of these countries and makes suggestions for our relationship with them going forward. She

favors bringing both countries along as partners, rather than alienating them, and feels this would allow us to extend our own leadership role in the world.

Dark Money by Jane Mayer was an exhaustive and eye-opening examination of the rise of the influence of money that disappears into various areas, and in the case of this book, ultraconservative causes. It traces the origins of, particularly, the Koch brothers money and the influence it has had over our political process. The discussion generated by this book was spirited and lively. Everyone felt they had learned so much from the book — definitely a recommended read.

Pat Mai

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He has authored three books, *Work Transformed: Automation and Labor in the Computer Age*, *Automation and Global Production*, and *Mexico in the Global Economy*, as well as numerous articles and reports in both scholarly and popular

journals. Harley is an advisor on trade and labor issues to public and private organizations and leading members of the United States Congress.

Joe Leadem & Heather McLintock, Sponsors

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