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Here we are, almost at the end of another NCWA “season”. Our goal is to provide you with programs that include speakers and discussion groups that engage you and educate you on critical global issues. Our School Outreach and Model United Nations programs give you the opportunity to volunteer and become a more active member of our community. Many of you have told me that we have been successful, that you value your membership and look forward to each new year.



The lectures are the backbone of our Council programs. Videos of recent lectures are on the website, but are available only to our members after signing in to the website. If the speaker included slides, there will be instructions at the beginning of the lecture.

Your membership renewal letters will be in the mail at the end of the month. Please respond as soon as you can. Each year we have members who have not received their cards or directories. Be sure to check your contact information to be sure that you receive your membership cards and any other “snail mail” at the proper location.

Your dues support the administrative functions of the council, including speaker fees, program facility rental, bookkeeping, announcements, etc. The Great Decisions program is self-sustaining. We are entirely a volunteer Board, as are the leaders and committees that work on the School Outreach, Model United Nations and Great Decisions programs. It is through your additional donations that we support the many student programs described in this newsletter. President Club members annually contribute \$250 or more and are invited to small luncheons with our speakers on lecture days.

This is my last newsletter. I have come to the end of my term as President and a member of the Board. It is impossible for me to tell you how much I have enjoyed being your President, and prior to that chairing the Model UN program. You have seen me having fun doing the announcements at the lectures, but even more, I’ve enjoyed working with my colleagues to bring you these great lectures and program participation opportunities. This has been one of the best experiences of my life, for which I thank each of you.”

Judith Lipnick, President

In Memoriam

Maas van den Top (1934-2015)

The Board of Directors of the Naples Council on World Affairs is saddened by the passing of Maas on February 2, 2015. He was an extraordinary colleague on the board. Maas led the Great Decisions and Village Assistance Programs, and was a committee chair in the Model UN program. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Program Committee

Dealing With Our Global Dilemmas

I cannot think of a time when the Program Committee has been more on target in their choice of speakers for the season. Certainly our last three speakers—**Angela Stent**, **Ian Brzezinski**, and **Admiral James Stavridis**—have echoed the concerns expressed both in the news and in many articles penned by scholars about the critical nature of US-Russian relations, and the dramatic effects our Western Allies face with Mr. Putin, as well.

Ambassador Nicholas Burns, our March 9th speaker, will address the global picture and, in addition to analyzing the threats we face, he will explain why there are many reasons we can also be hopeful about the global future.

Barbara Slavin and Robin Wright, two dynamos on the Middle East, will speak to us on March 23rd. With the Iranian talks on the schedule for the same time we should be privy to some excellent insight.

Michael Green of CSIS will end our season on April 6th with an overview of China's aggression towards Korea, Japan and the Philippines. As Senior V.P. for Asia and Japan, he is sure to be the "best man for the job".

Mimi Gregory, *Vice President—Programs*



Angela Stent



Ian Brzezinski



Admiral James Stavridis



*Ambassador
Nicholas Burns*

Committee for Special Activities

Our last CSA presentation for the season took place on February 10th when **Dr. Julie Fischer** addressed the **Global Health Agenda** to a very fortunate audience. Little did we know what havoc the mighty fruit bat can deliver to a nation, but while it was a limited segment of her fascinating presentation, the audience clearly came away with utter respect for that “havoc”.

Faced with huge challenges, our global health agenda is so reliant on philanthropy, scientific breakthrough, pharmaceutical controls and [of course] the outstanding support of agencies such as Medecins Sans Frontieres, the United Nations, and the myriad volunteer agencies that carry much of the weight all over our globe.

We were so fortunate to hear Dr. Fischer’s presentation and to absorb and respect the demands of refugee nations that further challenge our abilities to provide health care worldwide.

April 14th’s **Annual Dinner at the Port Royal Club**, chaired by Stan and C’Allen Chauvin, will welcome cocktails and music by the John Davis Trio starting at 6 pm. Our dinner speaker will be investigative **Journalist David Rohde** of Thomson-Reuters. A Pulitzer Prize winner, he will speak to the issues of kidnapping and the U.S. policy regarding ransom payment. Come join us!

Mimi C. Gregory, *Vice President—Programs*



Membership Report

Lecture “walk-in” program ended: We started the year with a “walk-in” program which allowed Members or Associate Members to try and bring guests to lectures which were advertised as full. Unfortunately this hasn’t worked as intended so we are ending the program. It was complicated by lack of an area for people to line-up and wait until all ticket members were seated. This resulted in persons blindsiding our volunteer greeters and entering prematurely.

This program will not be available in the future.

Associate Members: Efforts have been made to communicate more regularly with Associate Members. Associate Members aren’t afforded the opportunity of regular lecture attendance, so they miss the announcements provided to attendees. Also a focus is to encourage the use of videos of lectures since they were primarily developed as a substitute for persons unable to attend lectures.

If there are any issues related to membership which you believe would improve our program please send me an Email (erbssteinb@embarqmail.com) or give me a call (239) 289-6234.

Bob Erbsstein, *Chair*



Outreach Committee

The Middle School Academic World Quest took place on February 21. Seven schools fielded a total of 21 teams made up of 88 students including alternates. Kamela Patton opened the event with a warm welcome. The winning team was Pine Ridge Middle School, Team A. Oakridge Middle School, Team A, took second place. And third place was shared by North Naples Middle School, Team A, and Community School of Naples, Team D.



The High School Academic World Quest (HSAWQ) is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, starting at 9 am and going to about 1130. The winning team is sent to D.C. at the NCWA's expense to compete in the national showdown World Quest. A Naples team (Community School) placed 2nd in this national competition two years ago.

Jan Guben just put together a Saturday morning get-together for this year's Georgetown scholarship students.

Terry Trimble is organizing a similar gathering or gatherings of Experiment in International Living (9), Student Diplomatic Corps (3), and Governor's Institute of Vermont (5) students. These gatherings usually involve the presence of a representative from EIL and SDC, given that both involve logistical questions and long stays abroad over which many parents tend to be somewhat nervous and need to be assured that their children will be well taken care of, which of course, they are.

Daniel Bumstead, *Chair*



Georgetown 2015 Summer Scholars



MSAWQ First Place Winners: Pine Ridge, Team A, with Donna Suddeth, MSAWQ organizer.



MSAWQ Second Place: Oakridge Middle School, Team A

Thanks to our photographer Debbie Doyle!

SWFL Model United Nations Program

This report will summarize some of the changes that have been made for Model UN '15. Some represent improvements while others are simply trying new methods to achieve the various goals.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: For the first time during my chairmanship, the advisory committee has played an important role in planning, making recommendations and implementing the new ideas. Their role has been immensely helpful. The Committee members are: Mo Winograd, Vice-Chairman; Bob McGinn, Chairman of the Judging Committee; Gerry Melnick, Chairman of the Position Paper Committee, Mary Udell, Past Model UN Chairman and now an advisor; and Nancy Wallace, advisor. Of course, our Event Planner and Coordinator, Beth Foss, also attends, as does Rick Coughlin representing FGCU.



REGISTRATION: When students/delegates arrive on Thursday for registration, they will see poster-sized pictures of last year's Model UN—action shots. These pictures will help to set the tone for the session.

OPENING SESSION: We try to keep this session brief so that the delegates will have maximum time for their committee deliberations. For the first time, Mr. Edward Loo, representing the US State Department will be introduced and he will be available at lunch for delegates to learn about careers with the State Department, internships, etc.

JUDGES: We have many repeat judges from last year and many others who have volunteered for this year, based on the enthusiastic “word of mouth” reviews received from past participants. The FGCU Model UN Club has recommended a change in how the judging is done for the Security Council, and we have agreed to try the change on a one-year trial basis. If successful, we may continue with it, but if there are problems we will return to the traditional procedure of judging for the Security Council. This trial change does not affect any of the other committees.

POSITION PAPER REVIEWERS AND PROCESS: Dieter Haussmann stepped down as chair of this committee at the end of last year. Gerry Melnick, who has been a position paper reviewer in past years, is the new chairperson. A new procedure is being instituted to do the initial review of the approximately 140 papers that are submitted, with the result that the best 15 to 20 papers are selected for final review and rating by the larger committee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPEAKER: For the first time we are hosting a guest speaker from the National War College in Washington, DC, Ambassador William Wood. He has served as ambassador to Colombia and Afghanistan as well as accepting a variety of special Presidential assignments at the United Nations. He will speak about the peacekeeping role of the UN and also more generally about the considerations that determine when a diplomatic solution to a problem is preferable to military options—or, how the two strategies can be used together.

SCHOLARSHIPS: At the last meeting the Board of Directors approved the expansion of the number of scholarships offered along with an increase in the dollar amount for some. In recognition of the outstanding service provided to the Model UN by Maas and Connie van den Top, one of the scholarships will be given in their name.

SWFL Model United Nations Program *Continued*

EVALUATION: Immediately following the Model UN session, an evaluation form will be sent to the Model UN coaches asking them to indicate what was most helpful or beneficial in the session and what they would change to make Model UN'16 even better. They will be asked to consult with their Model UN Club participants in completing the evaluation. We're considering asking other participants in the session for evaluations as well.

BROCHURE: We will continue the process initiated last year of printing a brochure with pictures of the scholarship winners.

PLANNING FOR MODEL UN'16: This activity will begin in the latter part of March. Model UN'15 had only 14 schools registered; our target is 18 to 20 schools. A top priority for next year will be the recruiting of more high schools.

Earl Anderson, *Chair*

Great Decisions Program

The 2015 Great Decisions program will end the week of March 9th. This year we had the largest number of participants (694), the most groups (26) meeting at the most locations (8) in the history of the program. The group leaders will meet for their end-of-season review on March 19th at 10:00 am in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center of St. John the Evangelist Church. Karen Rohan, Editor-in-Chief of the Foreign Policy Association will join us again this year to discuss the 2015 Program and plans for the 2016 Program.



2016 pre-registration for 2015 participants will start in early March. If you wish to remain with your current group next year, or seek to move to another specific group, please take advantage of the pre-registration opportunity to reserve your place. Three general registration periods will follow beginning in the summer. We look forward to seeing you back in this wonderful program in 2016.

Bob McGinn, *Chair*

2015 Annual NCWA Dinner

The 34th Annual NCWA Dinner will be held Tuesday, April 14th at the Port Royal Club in Naples. There will be a wine reception at 6:00 pm with music by the John Davis Trio. Dinner will be served at 6:45. The price of the dinner is \$90 per person, which includes valet parking. Dress for gentlemen is jacket and tie. Entry this year will be by the side door.

As noted in the Program Committee report, our guest speaker will be David Rohde, a journalist with Thomson-Reuters, and a Pulitzer Prize winner. His topic will be the issue of kidnapping and U.S. policy regarding ransom payments.

Seating is limited to 222 members and guests on a first come, first served basis. And as we prepare to go to press, the tables are filling up quickly. For reservations or inquiries, please call us at (239) 649-3942 or email us at [HYPERLINK "mailto:admin@ncwa-fl.org" admin@ncwa-fl.org](mailto:admin@ncwa-fl.org).

Stan and C'Allen Chauvin, *Annual Dinner Chairs*

Hospitality Committee

I am happy to report that we have had eight small, informal luncheons with our Lecture Program speakers so far this year. Members of the President's Club (those who contribute at least \$250.00 above their membership dues) are eligible to attend. These additional monies help fund all the scholarships we give to students to expand their global knowledge through programs like the Model United Nations, the Experiment in International Living, the international relations and national security programs at Georgetown University, and the Governor's Institute in Vermont. You have heard the excited and grateful reports back that many of these students have shared at some of our Monday night lectures.



As you are renewing your memberships now, please consider joining these other committed members of the President's Club. Just call the NCWA office at 239-649-3942.

Judy Rubinstein, *Chair*



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Gregory E. Hudson, *Newsletter Editor*