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President's Message



Donna L. Suddeth
President, NCWA

By the time this message goes to print, my two-year term as President of the Naples Council will have ended. It has been a rewarding two years, and, it has been a privilege to have served as President with the incredible board members that make up the leadership of this organization.

Also ending terms are three board members who will have completed their second three-year terms. It is they who I want to celebrate as they deserve accolades for the jobs they have done in the last six years on the Board (in addition to previous years).

So, in alphabetical order, first is our Vermonter Earl Anderson. When we hear Earl's name, we think of the Southwest Florida Model United Nations Program (MUN) as Earl has chaired the MUN for five years. He has worked tirelessly to expand and improve the program and increase the number and value of scholarships that can be awarded to students. All his efforts are obvious to anyone attending the MUN. In addition, he has been an active member of the

Program Committee. Beyond his dedication, what impresses me most about Earl is his open-mindedness as he is always willing to listen to new ideas and his compassion. Throw in his quick wit, frequently enhanced with a "flavor of Vermont," and, we easily understand why he is such a valued member of the Board.

Next is our long-time member Daniel Bumstead. Dan is completing his second six years on the Board (that is twelve years!). His list of accomplishments goes on and on, to include having been President, a Great Decisions Leader for 22 years (wow!), Chair of the School Outreach Committee, member of the Program Committee for 12 years, and prior to being President, Chair of the Committee for Special Activities. We all know that Dan was with the CIA and in the clandestine services for 34 years with foreign assignments in France, Iran and North Africa, which leads me to tell a story about Dan. Two years ago, the speaker for the MUN closing ceremony was snowed in in the DC area. So, Dan was asked to fill in for the speaker, and, we were regaled with one of these clandestine adventures. The entire audience was roaring in laughter. Sorry, but if you were not there, we cannot share the story as you know the purported CIA line, "if we tell you, then we have to . . .!"

And, the third Board member completing a term is Judy Rubinstein. Judy and Hospitality go hand-in-hand! Judy's natural warmth and inclination to include has made Judy the perfect Chair of the Hospitality Committee for her entire six years on the Board. Judy also is a "go with the flow" type of person, so, the last minute changes did not faze her in the least. I doubt that there is a single President's Club member that does not know Judy! In addition Judy is a long-time member of the Program Committee.

Change is inevitable, but, I do know that the Naples Council on World Affairs has benefited tremendously because of Earl, Dan and Judy having served as Directors of the Council. We applaud and thank them for their contributions to the Council.

OUR MISSION: *To educate, inspire and engage our community in international affairs and critical global issues.*

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Program Committee

Winding up an extraordinary year in World [and Domestic] Affairs, we are reaching the end of “season.” There have been a few frantic moments with emergency illness, unexpected cancellations, and the attendant anxieties that arrive simultaneously; still the response to our speakers has been, overall, very positive.

For the past two years we have endeavored to march in tandem with Great Decisions: this is not through any definitive planning, but rather that we have both focused on the obvious current events that have framed our world affairs challenges.

By the time you read this, we will have heard about Mr. Putin in detail from Ambassador Stephen Sestanovich, we will be expecting our last lecture of the season from Joseph Cirincione of the Ploughshares Fund speaking about the provocation of nuclear warfare from North Korea, and ending with our Annual Dinner on April 7th.

The Program Committee will soon begin planning for next season; we won't be short of topics to pursue!

David Rohde Spoke at the February 20th Lecture.



David Rohde, our February 20th speaker on Saudi Arabia (2nd from right) with NCWA board members, Dan Bumstead, Mim Gregory & Donna Suddeth

Dr. Cynthia Watson Spoke at the March 6th Lecture



Dr. Cynthia Watson, speaker on Latin America (center) with Donna Suddeth (left), NCWA President) and Mimi Gregory (right)



Mimi C. Gregory,
*Vice President for
Programs*

Committee on Special Activities

One outstanding extra program this year featured Stephen Kinzer presenting his newest book: "The True Flag". Speaking to a sold-out crowd on February 27, Stephen revealed a piece of forgotten history, transporting us to the dawn of the twentieth century, when the United States first found itself with the chance to dominate faraway lands.

That prospect thrilled some Americans. It horrified others. Their debate gripped the nation..." and so it continues. Many attendees suggested an invitation to Stephen to address one of our lectures next season, so you know he was a definite star!

School Outreach Activities

Academic World Quest (AWQ), a program of the World Affairs Councils of America, engages more than 4,000 high school students across the United States to test their knowledge of global issues and foreign policy. Teams of four high school students put their heads together to answer multiple choice questions on critical global issues. It is a team game that challenges high school students' knowledge of international issues in area like current events, geography, history, culture and other subjects.

On February 25, 2017, the NCWA School Outreach Committee held its annual High School Academic World Quest competition at The Community School. There were 19 teams competing from the following Collier County high schools:

Barron Collier HS
Community School
Golden Gate HS
Gulf Coast HS

Lely HS
Lorenzo Walker HS
Naples HS
Palmetto Ridge HS

The winning team came from Gulf Coast High School, coached by Ms. Sue Soulard, and consisted of Robert Beatty, Jake Fetcher, Dillon Lewis and Will McCann. What is really unique is that this same team won the Middle School Academic World Quest as 8th graders and now, as seniors, they will go to Washington DC to compete in the national AWQ Competition. Congratulations gentlemen!! In second place, also from Gulf Coast HS and Coach Sue Soulard were Connor Bligh, Kailyn Kugel, Michael Mizell and Camille Strackbein. And in third place from Golden Gate HS coached by Ms. Katie Shaw were Lee-Andre Alexandre, Maria Martinez and Adyan Munsuarrieta.

On March 25 2017, the NCWA School Outreach Committee will hold the annual Middle School Academic World Quest and results will follow in the next Newsletter.

Each year the School Outreach Committee, after the review of applications and personal interviews, awards scholarships to Collier County 11th graders allowing them to participate in summer programs including international travel as well as US- based programs in international study. This year the following students won scholarships for each of the named programs:

Summer Cultural Ambassador Program

(Experiment in International Living and Student Diplomacy Corps):

Stephane Galindo
Madeline Grucci
Katie Lee
Emma Jane McHenry
Hana Newberry
Jonathon Nodarse
Aleksandra Parrish
Sydnie Sterk
Jordan Vann
Natalie Zyblut

Golden Gate HS going to India
St. John Newman going to Chile
Barron Collier HS going to China
Gulf Coast HS going to Brazil
Palmetto Ridge HS going to Japan
Palmetto Ridge HS going to Japan
St. John Newman going to South Africa
Barron Collier HS going to Morocco
Lely HS going to Ecuador
Barron Collier HS going to Albania

Governors Institute in Vermont

Chelsea Casablanca
Daniela Castro
Bryan Estrada
Natalie Hughes
Community School
Fernanda Paez
Mason Academy

Marco Island Academy
Golden Gate HS
Golden Gate HS
Jennifer Labs
Golden Gate HS
Jessica Senatus

Georgetown University Summer Program

Alexander Askar
Lily Cuellarsola Barron
Molly Heriveaux
Erline Miclisse
Harrison Powell
Anne Stockham
Catherine Stogner
Nora Vedder
Valentina Zuluaga

Community School
Collier HS
Lely HS
Lely HS
Barron Collier HS
Barron Collier HS
Lely HS
Barron Collier HS
Mason Academy



The School Outreach Committee also wishes to announce the retirement of Dr. Theron (Terry) Trimble, a long-time member of the Committee and a tireless worker devoted to the education and advancement of our Collier County students.

We wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

Jan Guben

Chairman, School Outreach Committee

Gulf Coast H.S. - 1st Place AWQ Winner



Gulf Coast H.S., 1st place winner
(L to R) **Jan Guben** (NCWA), **Will McCann**, **Dillon Lewis**,
Jake Fecher, **Robert Beatty**
& **Donna Suddeth**, NCWA President

Gulf Coast H.S. - 2nd Place AWQ Winner



Gulf Coast H.S., 2nd place winner
(L to R) **Michael Mitzell**, **Kailyn Kugel**,
Camille Strackbein, **Connor Bligh**
& **Donna Suddeth**, NCWA President

2017 Model UN Conference

The annual 2017 Model UN conference was held on March 9th and 10th at Florida Gulf Coast University. About 300 students from high schools in Collier and nearby counties participated. The guest speaker was Ashley Imman, a current U.S. State department employee, who previously participated in the Model UN program while a student at Gulf Coast t High School. A full report on the event will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

Great Decisions



Bob McGinn, *Chair*
Great Decisions

The The 2017 Great Decisions Program has completed its eighth and final week. The season was a success. Enrollment increased to 748 from 690 in 2016. The quality of the Foreign Policy Association's briefing book and videos was highly rated by participants. Once again the timeliness of the topics was remarkable and several of the topics complimented the NCWA Lectures: Europe & the European Union, Latin America, China, The Middle East, and Foreign Policy Challenges of a New Administration.

At the end of the season Karen Rohan, Editor-in-Chief of the Foreign Policy Association met with our Group Leaders to review the 2017 Program and plans for the 2018 Program. We had canvassed our groups for suggested topics for 2018 and presented them to Karen for consideration.

The 2018 Program will begin the week of January 15, 2018 and continue for eight weeks ending the week of March 5, 2018. Again in 2018 we will have 27 groups in eight locations.

Renewals for the 2018 Program for those who participated in 2017 began Monday, March 20, 2017 and end Friday, April 14, 2017. This applies to those wishing to stay in their current group as well as to those wishing to join another group.

Registration for those who did not participate in the 2017 program will start Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Please do remember that you must be a Member or Associate member of NCWA to participate in Great Decisions.

Membership Report

Membership renewals are now over and invitations for Associate Members have started. About 12% of the membership didn't renew, which is fairly typical.

For Associates who didn't join earlier enough to receive an invitation, they will automatically be renewed as Associate Members for the 2017-18 season. We started this about 2 years ago to insure that nobody had to pay twice to be on our waiting list.

There seems to be a question among some Associate Members as to what their membership entitles them to. Aside from not being able to attend lectures and having to wait a week before signing up for the Annual Dinner, they are entitled to all other privileges. This includes viewing lectures on the website, attending CSA (Committee for Special Activities) lectures and participating in Great Decisions.

Until now, there has been no charge for replacement lecture cards. Starting next season, there will be a \$5 service charge for a replacement card. It should be noted that replacing a lost card isn't a requirement since entry is available by having your membership verified at the greeting desk at the entry of the lecture hall.

To reduce the problem encountered this year of members not receiving lecture cards and directories; cards will be mailed first class in August and directories will be handed out at lectures. For this to work, it's important that the address shown in your profile for the August time frame be accurate. Should it need to be changed go on the website www.ncwa-fl.org and under **Membership** select "View Member Profile", then click the button "Edit Profile" and make the change.

Website Report



Handling the website, eblasts, events, database etc., has been quite a challenge this last year. Our service provider for many years sold his business and the new owner decided he wasn't interested in providing the services we used. Finding a new provider and working with them to develop the tools and knowledge needed by our organization has taken a significant effort on the part of your Board and our new supplier. I'm pleased to say we have made it through the better part of the year and it looks like our new service provider, Naples Print Source, has the capability and commitment to be a great long term partner for NCWA.

Bob Erbstein, *Membership Chair & Webmaster*

President's Club

Membership in the President's Club is provided to NCWA members who donate \$250 or more within a calendar year. Membership in the President's Club offers NCWA members the opportunity to attend luncheons hosted for NCWA's featured lecturers. For more information, see www.ncwa-fl.org/presidentsclub.



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Great Decisions

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Lectures on the Website

The NCWA lectures are also recorded and available on our website.

Sign into the web site, click on **“LECTURES”** and then **“FEATURED PRESENTATIONS”** to select the lecture you would like to watch.