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President's Message

It's that time of year, again. And it comes upon us so fast, doesn't it? It seems like we just arrived for that welcome season in the sun and those favorite pastimes which, however defined and enjoyed, constitute our Naples normal. Before we knew it, the winter holidays arrived, were briefly but warmly embraced, and we turned again to our Naples pastimes. Finally, we could settle in. Yet, then, and all too soon, we are aware that Naples friends are planning and preparing to depart for summers to the North and West, the other places they also call home. And so are we.

For the most active members and volunteers on the committees and programs of NCWA, the time seems to slip by faster still. And, as I shared with you in January, in the months of February and March, the NCWA calendar of adult-focused events is in full swing with our bi-weekly lectures and weekly Great Decisions discussion groups engaging us on the most interesting changes in international relationships and critical global issues. Our student-focused Academic World Quest competitions and summer learning experiences of our Student Outreach Committee have also been vying with our two-day Model United Nations competition for your attention and appreciation.

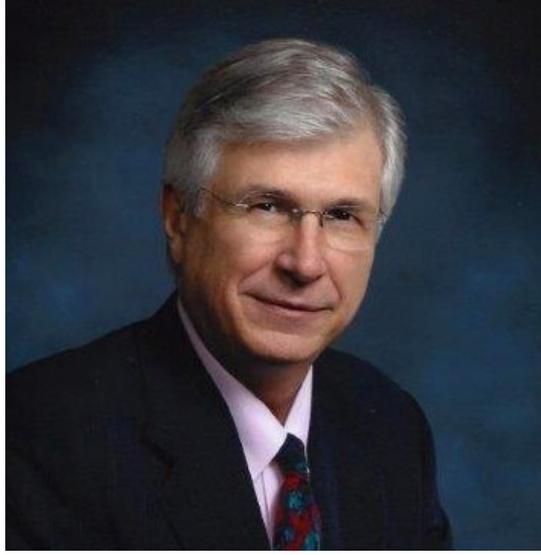
If you participated in or attended any of these events or programs this year, you most likely came away feeling challenged and rewarded by the experience, and are considering how best to attend more, participate more, volunteer more next season. If you have attended any of the student-focused events and competitions, you've probably come away more confident that the future rests in able hands. And you probably have a better understanding of why it is that we have over 2800 members, including 600 associate members waiting for an open seat for next season's lecture program.

But now March is fading and April is almost upon us. Every organization in Naples is preparing for their season-ending dinner or event. That time now calls to us, as well. It is the time of the last lecture, last Great Decisions meeting (followed by a luncheon or dinner together), the last board meeting, the Annual Meeting, and the annual NCWA dinner. It is time to head north or travel, or settle into the calmer, more relaxed and accessible Naples of summer. But it won't be long before your thoughts will again turn to Naples—trust me—and you may begin to ponder what interesting programs and events NCWA will offer next season to compete for those busy places on your calendar. We won't disappoint!

A note on next season's lecture venue: We are all still waiting for St. John the Baptist Church to complete its substantial Irma-related reconstruction and repairs and invite us back to our regular lecture venue at their Kiney Hall—which they have assured us they will do. We just don't know when. They are not yet close enough to completion to provide us that assurance for the beginning of the 2019-2020 season. We nonetheless remain hopeful.

We also wish to express our gratitude to Moorings Presbyterian Church for welcoming and hosting us for the 2018-2019 season. And if St. John's should remain unavailable, we hope we might return again to the Moorings church. Yes, there have been difficult issues with the acoustics; but recent efforts have improved the situation notably. And should we return, we will engage professionals to further improve the acoustics.

Gregory E. Hudson
President



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Remembering a Friend: Daniel Downs Bumstead



A kind, sincere and intellectually precise man, Daniel Downs Bumstead left us

March 11, 2019 in Naples, Florida. He was an avid fly fisherman and tennis player, a private and proud man whose political astuteness led him to the top ranks of the Central Intelligence Agency. Post-retirement, he moved with his wife of 38 years, Barrett Edwards, to Naples, FL, where he soon became active in the Naples Council on World Affairs. One of his accomplishments there was creating the Committee on Special Affairs, which brought in additional speakers throughout the Season and which he led for many years. Dan's service on the Board for two 6-year terms, and as President of the Council from 2008-2010, was outdone only by his more than 20-year leadership of his Great Decisions Group. In 2003, Dan joined in the creation of the successful School Outreach Committee. From that, the Council's high school and middle school Academic World Quests blossomed and continue to this day. Daniel led the Committee as Chair 2014/15 and established the alumni group of students who have received scholarships from the School Outreach Committee.

Dan was a voracious reader of an eclectic selection of political books, articles and journals, most especially those involving Intelligence, Castro, and Terrorism. He once spent much of a cross-country road trip with Barrett explaining, as she drove, what he had learned from his readings of the Quran. He was a frequent and popular lecturer around Naples and at the Renaissance Academy on subjects such as the Intelligence War on Terrorism, Islam, and Cuba. Daniel was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, where he retained the status of Bucyrus basketball high scorer for over 50 years. From there he went to Kenyon College, where he was an athlete, scholar and President of the Student Council. He was edged out of Phi Beta Kappa by his older brother, Richard A. Bumstead, and in 2011 was inducted into Kenyon's Hall of Fame for his basketball career. While still in college he was signed to the Cincinnati Reds minor league, where he was a pitcher for three years, before joining the Air Force as a reconnaissance coordinator upon graduation. After a year in the Air Force, Daniel was recruited into the Central Intelligence Agency, beginning a 34-year career that took him to Morocco, Iran, France, Belgium, Portugal, Cuba, and Central America. During his many years living in Paris, first in the 1970s and then in the 1980s, he developed fluent French, and a love of wine, good food, and Catherine Deneuve. There he became friends with a number of well-known French writers and intellectuals, with whom he enjoyed nothing more than an in-depth exchange of views on European and global politics, particularly if accompanied by a large snifter of Armagnac. 1974 found him in Lisbon at the time of the Carnation Revolution. He was deeply involved in

Iranian affairs, particularly during the fall of the Shah, escaping Tehran shortly before the taking of the American hostages in 1979.

In retirement as throughout his life, he pursued his love of tennis and fly-fishing, setting and achieving a goal of fishing in his beloved Colorado for 77 straight days one summer. Though that is fishing fact, his buddies on the river still want to verify the tape measure Dan used. Daniel was unquestionably proudest, however, of his two daughters, Alden Prescott Bumstead, and Leslie Phelps Bumstead (Douglas Farah) and his grandchildren, Kaia Heimer-Bumstead, Arlo HeimerBumstead, Jonas Farah-Bumstead and Gillian Farah-Bumstead. After years of persistent spousal persuasion, he also became the besotted “daddy” of a 4-legged addition to the family, an Australian Labradoodle named Casey, after a certain fellow at the CIA.

He will be remembered for many things, not least his ability to hold a dinner party in thrall to funny stories and tall tales, most of which grew taller and funnier with each recounting. He will be deeply missed by many, but perhaps most by wife Barrett, for whom he was soulmate, rock-steady supporter, fishing and tennis partner, art critic and faithful confidante.

From the Program Committee

As you read this, our lecture season will most likely have drawn to a close. Delivering the program has not been without its challenges this season, and I thank all of you who have faithfully attended lectures which sometimes also challenged our ears.

We began the season with an assessment of U.S. Defense in a changing world by Dr. Kathleen Hicks, followed by Ambassador Christopher Hill on Korea, and then Ambassador Bill Taylor on Peacebuilding. A trio of challenges that we:

1. Can meet with our national defense,
2. Cannot [yet] meet with our summit efforts and
3. Hope to do so with the efforts of the United States Institute of Peace.

Mike O’Hanlon and Eugene Rumer both reminded us that heaping sanctions everywhere does not always achieve results and they both cited Russia as the recipient and agitator of that formula.

Jeremy Haft tells us that calculated correctly, we are at least 50 trillion dollars ahead of our chief rival China.

Katherine Zimmerman reminds us that ISIS is on the move; leaving Syria was never dependent on their territorial success, and is just a momentary gap in their presence elsewhere in the world.

And then there is Brexit...and Thomas Wright, who also reminded us that it is time to stop pretending that our relations with our traditional allies are still “chummy”.

Now I can't predict what we will learn about the “weaponization of social media” which Peter Singer will have taught us on March 25th; nor what Robin Wright will tell us about Iran 40 years after their revolution, but what I can tell you is that we covered the world, and our timing was, often, gratifying.

Mimi Gregory
Chair, Program Committee

Naples Council Elects New Board Members

Congratulations to five new members elected to the NCWA board of directors at the March 25 Annual Meeting. All bring careers and lives to distinction to their new Council roles, and the board salutes Bob McGinn, chair of the Nominations Committee, for leading the recruitment and selection of such a talented group. They include Joyce B. Fletcher, Bob Erbstein, James Fleck, William Korstad, and Mark Walchak. Bob Erbstein and Jim Fleck are returning to the board after a hiatus. We welcome them back.

Great Decisions Review and Update 2019/2020

Our 2019 program ended on March 14th with over 800 participants having met in 28 different groups at sites from Marco Island to Estero. The season concluded with a meeting of all group leaders and Karen Rohan, editor of the Foreign Policy Association briefing book *Great Decisions*. Ms. Rohan flew in from New York to engage in a lively discussion about the program. The dialogue focused on group leader evaluations of the eight topics presented, the authors of the articles and the discussion questions at the end of each article.

An essential component of the discussion focused on group leader suggestions for next season as well as a proposal to change the framework and structure of the readings. This change would include presenting opposing views of each topic. This would necessitate participants taking a position and making decisions predicated upon its merits, as they perceive them. It is anticipated that such dialectic exchange would engender more intensive and dynamic conversation.

Additionally, each year all 28 groups were asked to suggest conversation topics for Ms. Rohan's consideration for next year. The challenge, of course, is to maintain relevance, given the fact that by early 2020 the world may have moved on beyond proposed topics in the Spring/Summer of 2019. We were fortunate that the articles this season were highly relevant to current international issues, as has been the case in previous years.

As of this writing, 2020 preregistration for participants to continue in their same groups has begun. On April 24th open registration begins for groups that have remaining seats. Because of the heightened interest in participating in Great Decisions, a new group will be added for 2020. It will be held at the Norris Center on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 with room for 30 registrants. Interested new participants should check the Naples Council on World Affairs website for registration information beginning on April 24th. Our 2020 eight-week season will begin on January 13th and end on March 6th.

Gerry Melnick
Chair, Great Decisions

Model UN 2019 Excels Once Again

We always say our most recent Model UN (MUN) was the best yet. And it was! Thanks to Chair Ed Leland's inspiring leadership and a multitude of NCWA members donating their time and money, we continue to be, according to the school coaches, one of the best competitions they attend. We were told this year that ours is better organized than any other competition, including those at the Ivies. We know that is because we have the devoted Beth Foss showing us the way every year.



We also have Jim Schmotter and his team of readers plowing through nearly 200 position papers to whittle them down to the top six. Then we have Greg Hudson providing the 1st prize of \$1000, and Janet Markel providing the 2nd prize of \$500 in her daughter Barbara's memory followed by some very generous cash awards provided by NCWA. The work the readers do takes a great deal of time, and we are most grateful for their dedication, year after year.

Nancy Wallace is in charge of recruiting and training all the wonderful folks that pitch in as registrars and greeters to the annual MUN conference. We send a big thank you to Nancy and all of her assistants, many of whom return to help us serve lunch each day.

We are in debt to so many of our members provide scholarships to the top students.

They include a \$3000 donation from Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani for two scholarships, Maureen O'Gorman \$2500 in memory of her husband Thomas, Deborah and Frank Wyman a \$2500 scholarship, Ron and Marianne Gymer \$2500, Gregor Zore & Edith Hunt \$2500 and Robert King \$2500. David and Beverly Worthington contributed a \$2000 scholarship and, Dick Clemens \$2000 towards the Ralph J. Bunch Scholarship. the George Gotschall Memorial Fund provide a \$1500 scholarship and the Frank Steere Fund a \$1500 one. Art and Sue Bookbinder annually donate \$500 towards the Ralph Bunch scholarship, Mickey & Mo donate \$300 and Jan & Mike Johnson \$200. The combination of

Ralph Bunch donations creates the top prize of a \$3000 scholarship. And we cannot forget the Kapnick Family Foundation that donated \$5000 each year to offset our expenses. A list of all the awards presented can be found at <https://www.swflmun.org/2019>



We had our usual special contest this year and although we only had three schools make a submission, their plans for how to overcome the problem we presented were so outstanding that we had two first-place winners and one second-place winner. Anyone who is interested in the problem and these submissions can email mowinograd973@gmail.com for electronic copies of it all. The prizes for this competition were provided from a fund created by Howard and Nancy Cohen, Mickey and Mo Winograd and Pat Cacho.

We further give a shout out to Shane Broadstone, President of SWFLMUN at FGCU and Hanna Nussair, Vice President. They produced an especially well-trained team of Chairs and Vice Chairs for each committee this year. Hats off to them and their crew.

We also applaud our fabulous crew of judges. (pictured below) It is these experienced and sophisticated individuals that make the NCWA Model UN stand apart. Student delegates tell us they really step up their game because they want to impress our judges.



Nothing catches better the spirit of Model UN than the photo below, as students from Cape Coral High School experience the “thrill of victory!”



Thanks again to everyone who made this the best Model UN ever!

Mo Winograd
Co-Vice Chair, MUN

NCWA Outreach Impact

The recent High School Academic World Quest competition was an opportunity to meet with one of the students who previously won a NCWA competitive summer scholarship. Robert Beatty, an Experiment in International Living alumnus from Gulf Coast High School, spent a few minutes at the event bringing Outreach Committee member Debbie Doyle up-to-date with his career plans. Thanks to the generosity of NCWA member Igbal Mamdami, Robert spent much of the summer of his Junior year visiting Jordan. He told Debbie that he had been interested in international studies before going overseas, but that his trip to Jordan confirmed these plans. He is now enrolled in the Honors Program at the University of Florida, where he is majoring in Middle Eastern Studies. Robert credits several NCWA programs for his interest in international affairs. While at Gulf Coast High School, he and his Academic World Quest team went on to compete at the WACA National Championship competition in Washington. He also enjoyed participating for years in the school's MUN Club and now continues to do this with the UF MUN program.

Fernanda Paez, now a Freshman at the University of Miami, also recently emailed Debbie. She was a junior at Golden Gate High School when she was awarded one of the NCWA scholarships to the Governor's Institute of Vermont Program. The interviewers saw great potential in her and it was confirmed when she returned from two weeks in Vermont where she participated in a Model Congress, a Model UN simulation, and studied with students from Vermont and several international countries. She's credits her Vermont experience as helping her to better understand current world issues and how to interact with others in an increasingly diverse world. Fernanda said her family remains very appreciative of the opportunity extended to her by the NCWA, and they look forward to the day when she can use her medical knowledge and expertise as a health care professional to help others in the diversely populated Miami area.

High School Academic World Quest Challenges Students' International Knowledge

The annual High School Academic World Quest competition demonstrated once again the diligence and knowledge of the region's high school scholars. On March 2, nearly a hundred students on twenty-four teams from Barron

Collier, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast, Naples, Palmetto Ridge and the Community School of Naples battled it out for prizes and bragging rights in answering a set of tough questions supplied by the World Affairs Councils of America. Topics included “How to Deal with North Korea,” “The Global Refugee and Migration Crisis” and focused question rounds on Qatar and Japan.

Students were engaged and, as the photo here shows, clearly enjoyed the experience.



Jim Schmotter, Secretary of the Naples Council and Chair of the event, observed that “every year the county’s students amaze us with their academic dedication and command of difficult international affairs issues.” He thanked the team of more than twenty NCWA Outreach Committee volunteers who welcomed and registered participants, scored answer sheets, compiled cumulative scores, and provided snacks for both students and scorers.

A team from Gulf Coast High School coached by Susan Soulard won the competition, scoring 75 of 100 on the difficult question set. Teams from Naples and Barron Collier finished second and third. The Gulf Coast team will continue on to the National Academic World Quest Competition in Washington, DC, on April 27. All team members received certificates of participation, the top three teams were awarded medals, and Gulf Coast, the defending HSAWQ champs, returned the rotating trophy to their school. The winning teams, with their coaches, are pictured below.



First Place Winners - Gulf Coast Team A (Left to Right) HSAWQ Chair Jim Schmotter, Josh Shelton, Michelle Stegawski, Taylor Steiner, Kaitlyn Kugel, Coach Susan Soulard



Second Place - Naples Team A: (Left to Right) Chair Jim Schmotter, Sai Rachumalla, James Biasoni, Hisam Setyawan, Logan Szittai, and Coach Jason Gore.



Third Place - Barron Collier Team A: (Left to Right) Chair Jim Schmotter, Fernando Banegas, Corey Olmstead, Abhyitr Neelainchalil, Henri Arrhiu, Coach John O'Brien

Middle Schoolers Test Their Global Knowledge at Academic World Quest

The Outreach Committee of NCWA just completed the 13th annual Middle School Academic World Quest (MSAWQ). This competition is the younger sibling of the High School Academic World Quest. MSAWQ is written and presented completely by twenty Outreach Committee volunteers. The quiz is comprised of a hundred questions on ten topics ranging from geography, history and current world affairs. For more details see NCWA-fl.org website under School Outreach, Academic World Quest.

The event was hosted by the Community School of Naples on March 23rd. This year nine local middle schools participated with 38 teams totaling 155 students.



Team coaches began preparation for the event early in the school year, and students were engaged and inspired. Many of the teams wore specially designed MSAWQ tee shirts. Can you guess what languages appear on the shirts of Pine Ridge Middle School's teams? (Answer at end of this article.)



The hall buzzed with enthusiasm during the event. The best comment that we receive from many of the coaches is “The kids love it!” All students receive a certificate of participation. The top three teams receive “In Honor of Academic Excellence” medals, and the winning school receives a trophy which they retain for one year for the school trophy case.

The winning team this year retaining the trophy was Pine Ridge Middle School Team A with the outstanding score of 88 out of 100 points. In second place was Oakridge Team A and in third was Pine Ridge Team B. See the winning teams below.



First Place Winners -Pine Ridge Middle School Team A: (Left to right) MSAWQ Chair Robert Prendergrass, Enis Ljikovic, Akshaye Dadlani, Darshan Dadlani, Erik Japson, Coach Lisa Carraher



2nd Place Winner - Oakridge Middle School Team A: (Left to Right) Coach Laura Heard, Justin Wang, David Garfield, Bharath Ram, Cedan Traylor



3rd place Winners - Pine Ridge Middle School: (Left to Right) Chris Garcia, Robbie Hunter,, Melvin Drury, Anya Joshi, Coach Lisa Carraher

You should challenge yourselves by taking the quiz which can be found on the

<https://www.ncwa-fl.org/> website under School Outreach, Academic World

Quest. Good Luck!

The answer to Shirt Question: “Academic World Quest” in Filipino, Finnish and Farsi.

Robert A Pendergrass

Director, NCWA

Chair MSAWQ 2019

Membership Reminder

As of March 15, 2019, the renewal period for current members was complete. All available seats will be made available to Associate Members according to their original sign-up date. If for some reason you failed to renew, please contact us immediately. If seats are still available, we will accommodate you until all seats are filled.

Associate members will be contacted starting on March 25th. The afternoon session will fill sooner than the evening session. Please take advantage of the invitation notice immediately upon receipt as space is available on first come, first served basis. If your first choice is not available, accept the membership and change next season. This is a one-time offer.

Around the first week of September we will mail your upcoming season membership cards by first class mail. Please be sure your profile on <https://www.ncwa-fl.org/> has the correct mailing instructions. If your plans change, please change your profile. The post office does return undeliverable mail for both US and Canada, and we hold it for you. Otherwise, we assume you have received your card.

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The Naples Council on World Affairs thanks the many volunteers whose creativity, diligence and effort make our organization and programs strong and successful. Their tireless commitment to the Council’s mission can be neither duplicated nor purchased. They are:

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