

SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, INC.

Annual Report 2015 – 2016

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MISSION STATEMENT
OF
SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, INC.

The Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council, Inc. (the “SECWC”), dates back to 1999. It is a regional membership organization, which aims to foster an understanding of issues of foreign policy and international affairs impacting the United States of America.

We are an affiliate of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), headquartered in Washington, D.C. The national office assists us in identifying first-quality foreign affairs speakers for lectures and panel discussions for our scheduled meetings. Members of SECWAC are also members of WACA and may attend WACA’s November Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

SECWAC’s principal activity is to sponsor a Speakers Series of 8 to 10 meetings annually. We provide a forum for nonpartisan, non-advocacy dialogue between our members and U.S. policy makers and other experts on foreign relations.

We are committed to hosting the widest possible range of views, while advocating none. By maintaining a reputation for impartiality, we facilitate serious and civil debates and discussion on issues that bear directly on the United States of America’s vital global interests.

SECWAC members include a diverse group of regional residents who are current and former leaders of business, academia, media, humanitarian and civic organizations; government officials; active-duty and retired military officers; high school and college students. Membership can be obtained by application. We endeavor to keep the annual membership fee as low as feasible while meeting our annual operating expenses.

Our members are also encouraged to introduce for membership friends and colleagues who share an interest in discussing and educating themselves and others on world affairs.



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914 Hartford Turnpike – Suite 206
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August 30, 2016

Subject: Our 2015 – 2016 Season in Review

Dear Members,

We began the year with three objectives. The objectives were building our membership to help overcome the natural attrition caused by aging and migration out of Connecticut, becoming better known in our region and developing a deeper understanding of the services the World Affairs Councils of America can provide to SECWAC and you.

We had many bright spots in the year. Foremost is the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut which has become a backbone of services for us. They've provided a dedicated phone line and email address, a mailing address and meeting space. Billings and list maintenance is in real time and Courtney handles incoming calls and email, and she is our face at the check-in for our meetings. She also now handles the reservations for our post event dinners working with the ever present Director, Sandra Rueb. These check-in processes are critical to maintaining consistency and a credit card payment alternative, and for facilitating of our guest program. Tony Sheridan, the President and CEO of the Chamber, attends many of our Board Meetings and has provided valuable insights.

Are we increasing the number of younger members? That's hard to say, but it continues to be a goal. Henry Clifford, head our Nominations Committee, is focused on adding Board members that fill specific needs.

Blair McBeth, joined the Board to replace a retiring director. Blair now heads the Membership Committee. He's spear heading our guest program and developing initiatives to expand our membership. I'm pleased to report new membership increased 25% above last year's renewing members. The increase was primarily through guests invited by you and by the Board. Word of mouth still works. Proving once again we're social beings. Please continue to extend those invitations.

We conducted another Member Survey in June. Although our audio issues seem behind us when Andrew Gibson found Mark Ciccone, who now provides expert handling of our audio equipment, some complaints still exist. We're working to resolve the issue. We also have had complaints on the length of presentations. All speakers this year will be asked to keep their presentations to 40 minutes.

We received a number of great ideas for future topics through the survey and will try to work some of them into the spring schedule. Why not sooner? Paul and his Committee of Rowland Ballek, Bill Chatman, Henry Clifford, Andy Mink and Maryann Elahi have done a yeoman's job, and have already booked speakers for the fall, and are pursuing leads for early 2017. Your referral of speakers this past year helped in filling our calendar, so please keep those speaker ideas coming.

Our communications efforts were commenced under Chris Roosevelt's leadership in our previous season. Press releases announcing our speaker events are now issued two to three weeks in advance of each meeting. The process now works in a coordinated fashion. Press or reporter coverage of what we do and articles on our events has been spotty. We're hoping to improve that coverage this year.

Chris Roosevelt, a voice of reason and head of Communications, and Bill Chatman, a vital contributor to SECWAC's events and treasury functions, will be leaving the Board in September because of term limits. We thank Chris and Bill for their dedicated service and will miss them.

Joining our Board last September were Burr McDermott from Worcester, MA, and Virginia Montgomery from Stonington. Inge Pilgemayer from Mystic stepped in several months later. Each of our new members has filled important functions of all our volunteer Board.

It's been my pleasure to work with our wonderful group of Board members and you.

Next year two Board members will reach their term limits and are not eligible to run for election. If you would like to be considered for our Board, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Milt Walters
Chairman

Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council 2015-2016 Executive Director's Report

Paul Nugent, Executive Director and
Program Committee Chairman
August 11, 2016

On behalf of the Program Committee (Henry Clifford, Rowland Ballek, Andy Mink, Maryann Elahi, Paul Nugent), it is my pleasure to report that we had 11 meetings during the 2015-2106 season, covering a wide range of topics from the contemporary concerns about cybersecurity to events in Turkey and Ireland during World War I.

Our speakers reflected a broad range of expertize and affiliations, including some involved in business, as well as the usual smattering of political science professors, think-tank experts, independent scholars/authors. Two of our speakers presented on their new books, ("*Russian Hajj: Empire and the Pilgrimage to Mecca*" by Eileen Flynn, and "*The Politics of Deception*" by Pulitzer Prize winning Patrick Sloyan). Following their presentations, both graciously signed copies (two each of which were presented to the New London and Old Lyme public libraries – the towns in which we hold the majority of our meetings).

Our meetings took place from Stonington to Old Saybrook; we also "tested" a new event format: a luncheon at the Mystic Marriott Hotel (which was a success in terms of attendance and spreading the word about SECWAC).

**SECWAC SPEAKERS SERIES
2015-2016**

Date	Location	Speaker	Title
9/16/15	Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School	Col Robert Cassidy US Naval War College	The Wages of the American Way of War and Strategy: the Bad, the Ugly, and the Scary. GRAND STRATEGY
10/14/15	Stoneridge Retirement Community, Mystic	James Clad Center for Naval Analyses	“The World Politics of a Changing Energy Landscape” ENERGY
11/3/15	Lunch at Mystic Marriott;	William Barnes Pfizer, Inc. April Lorenzen Zetalytics, Inc. Donald Anderson Fed Res Bank of Boston	A Cyber Attack is on its Way – Are you Prepared? CYBERSECURITY
11/4/15	La Grua Center, Stonington	William Barnes Pfizer, Inc.	Cybersecurity: Creating a More Secure Future CYBERSECURITY
12/7/15	Conn College, New London	Eileen Kane Connecticut College	Europe and Islam: A Brief History of a Long Relationship EUROPE/ISLAM
1/25/16	OLCC	Stephen Flynn Northeastern University	Extreme Weather, Pandemics, and Terrorism: Bolstering Societal Resilience in the Face of 21 st Century Mayhem HOMELAND SECURITY
2/3/16	Saybrook Point Inn	Elizabeth Wood Yale University	Sexual Violence in Conflict; Why Some Armed Groups Engage In it and the Policy Implications WAR/SEXUAL VIOLENCE
3/7/16	Conn College	Ed Moloney	The Irish Peace Process: how it happened and how it will unite the country
4/12/16	Conn College (Blaustein Hall)	Curt Goering Center for Victims of Torture	The Story Behind the Refugee Story – the Need for Rehabilitative Care During Humanitarian Crises REFUGEES/HUMANITARIAN CRISES
5/10/16	Old Lyme Middle School (dinner OLCC)	Jonathan Stevenson US Naval War College	Centenary of Sykes-Picot: Order and Chaos in the Middle East and the US Position MIDDLE EAST
6/21/16	Old Lyme Country Club	Patrick J Sloyan Journalist and Author	The Politics of Deception US POLITICS/DIPLOMATIC HISTORY

**Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council
2015-2016 Full Year Budget Compared to Actual**

	<u>Actual - 2016</u>	<u>Budget - 2016</u>
Beginning Balanch - Cash	\$23,442	\$23,009
Revenues / Cash in		
No of Members	212	215
Dues	\$75 / \$37.50	\$75 / \$37.50
Total Dues	15,180	15,428
Contributions	250	250
Diner revenues	<u>11,836</u>	<u>10,280</u>
TOTAL REVENUES/Cash-In	\$27,266	\$25,958
EXPENSES/Cash-Out		
Dues, National	1,000	500
Hall Rental, Reception	4,155	2,615
Dinner Catering	10,007	10,755
Speaker travel, accommodation	2,557	3,424
Administration, includes annual Report	2,988	2,772
Brochure (Lighthouse printing)	372	462
Administration, other	545	4,492
Member fees to attend WACA conference	-	435
CT Sect of State	100	50
Insurance, D&O and Liability	<u>1,819</u>	<u></u>
TOTAL EXPENSES/Cash-Out	\$23,543	\$25,505
NET REVENUES/Cash-In	\$3,723	\$453
ENDING BALANCE/Cash Balance	\$27,265	\$23,442

* Includes Insurance of \$900 and \$919 for D&O and Liability

** 2018 Fiscal Year 8/1/2015 to 7/31/2016

Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council

Officers at June 30, 2016

<u>Chairman</u> Milton J. Walters	<u>Secretary</u> Virginia P. Montgomery
<u>Executive Director</u> Paul Nugent	<u>Assistant Secretary</u> Sandra Rueb
<u>Treasurer</u> Daniel G. Henderson	

Directors at June 30, 2016

Term ending 2016

William Chatman (2) Retired international business executive	Henry Clifford (1) Retired investment banker and search firm officer
Inge Pilgermayer (-) Pfizer Executive	Christopher Roosevelt (2) Attorney and Conservationist
Sandra Rueb (1) Community volunteer and retired real estate sales in Cleveland	Blair McBeth (-) Financial Consultant
Milton J. Walters (1) Founder & Principal of Tri-River Capital and public company director	

Term ending 2017

Rowland Ballek (2) Chairman Emeritus, Essex Savings Bank	Daniel G. Henderson (-) Founder, Crest Performance Partners
Andrew Gibson (1) CEO & Principal, AeroCision LLC	Andreas Mink (-) Journalist
Jonathan Jewett (1) Retired Partner, Sherman & Sterling LLP	

Term ending 2018

Burr McDermott (1) Sales Executive	Virginia P. Montgomery (1) Retired Educator
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Executive Director, Paul Nugent, Director in Toxicology, Pfizer, Ex-Officio

Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As of June 30, 2016

Rowland Ballek

Rowland is a lifelong resident of Lyme, where he has been active in business and community affairs. He is Chairman Emeritus of Essex Savings Bank having retired as Chairman of the Bank and Essex Financial Services in 2008. He is President of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, President of the Old Lyme Beach Club and Chairman of the Lyme Republican Town Committee. He also served for 17 years as a member and then Chairman of the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission and for 25 years as a member and then Chairman of the State of Connecticut Properties Review Board. He is a graduate with a B.S. Degree from the University of Connecticut.

William C. Chatman

William Chatman received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Drexel University and went on to spend over forty years with Foster Wheeler Corporation, mostly in Europe where he served as Vice President of Foster Wheeler International in France and then became Chairman and Chief Executive of Foster Wheeler Limited in England. The Company designed and constructed oil refining, petrochemical, chemical and pharmaceutical plants in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Canada and South America. He retired in 1996 and with his wife Helen, relocated to Essex, CT. His interests include travel, bridge, and choral singing. He is a former member of the London Philharmonic Choir, the Royal Choral Society and currently sings with the New Haven Chorale.

Henry Clifford

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Henry enlisted in the Marine Corps and served as an Infantry Platoon Leader in Korea. He then joined the investment banking firm of White, Weld & Co. and held various positions in institutional sales and corporate finance. Twenty-six years later he joined the executive search firm of Boyden Associates and later was involved in small scale venture capital and money management ventures. Henry was Mayor, President of the Morristown Forum, and briefly Vice Chairman of the New Jersey State Republican Finance Committee, and was Chairman of the Planning Board in East Hampton, NY. He is the co-founder and Chairman of the Committee for Peace in Israel and Palestine, and works closely with the Council for the National Interest. Henry resides in Essex.

Andrew Gibson

Andrew Gibson is CEO and Principal of Chester, CT and Bangalore, India - based AeroCision, LLC, which manufactures high-tolerance machined turbine engine parts. For sixteen years prior, Andrew ran his own consultancy turning around troubled businesses as interim CEO for publicly traded and privately held firms. He served as the top financial executive at one of the largest privately held property developers in the USA for nine years raising capital and restructuring the company after a major recession. He was a loan officer with Chase Morgan for five years in NYC. He is on the Board of the Aerospace Components Manufacturers. Andrew studied Business and Economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, graduating in 1982, and, completed Manufacturers Hanover's Credit Training School in 1984. He lives in Lyme with his family.

Daniel G. Henderson

Dan and his wife moved to Lyme from Ridgewood and Avalon, New Jersey about a year ago. Dan grew up in a military family, was born in Texas, and has lived in eighteen states. He attended high school in Fairfax, Virginia, and graduated from Davidson College with a BA cum laude in Economics. He earned his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. His career has included CFO and General Management roles with Allied Signal, Honeywell, EDS and JPMorgan among others. He is now a turnaround, restructuring, and management advisor for mid-market companies looking to grow, improve performance, and build leadership effectiveness. He's been married to 'college sweetheart' Susan for 39 years, and has three grown children. They were frequent visitors to his in laws in Lyme for over 30 years.

Jonathan Jewett

Jonathan Jewett grew up in Lyme, Connecticut. His father was active in state politics and was Lt. Governor of Connecticut from 1954 to 1958. Jon graduated from Kent School (1961), Harvard College (Cum Laude, 1965) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School (1968), where he was on the Law Review. After a one-year clerkship with a U.S. District Judge in Hartford, he joined the New York based internationally known law firm, Shearman & Sterling LLP, becoming a partner in 1976, where he represented clients in a wide range of corporate finance transactions. Jon retired in 2005. For many years he was active in Wave Hill, a New York City garden and cultural institution, where he was a Director and Secretary. He is also Treasurer of the Lyme Republican Town Committee. Jonathan lives in Vero Beach and Lyme.

R. Blair McBeth, Jr.

Blair McBeth, a resident of Old Lyme, has over thirty years of experience in the Equipment lending/leasing industry where he has developed an excellent reputation for business development, customer retention, team building and risk assessment. Blair has held senior leadership positions at both large and small banks and finance companies. Blair began his career

at Manufacturers Hanover Leasing Corporation (now Chase) and was recruited for increasingly responsible positions at GE, CitiBank, US Bank, NewStar and most recently, Webster Capital. Blair earned a Master's degree in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management and Bachelor of Arts degree from Dickinson College.

Burr McDermott

Burr McDermott grew up in Los Angeles, CA and spent his summers at his family's home in Old Lyme, CT. He attended schools in Los Angeles and NY. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1987 and is employed as a Regional Sales Manager for Kayem Foods, Inc. Burr lives in Worcester, MA with his wife and two daughters and serves on the Board and is the Secretary of the Old Lyme Beach Club. Burr is also a member of the Old Lyme Historical Society, and a member of Worcester's Habitat for Humanity Selection Committee.

Andreas Mink

Andreas Mink was born in Waldshut, Southwestern Germany, in 1958. He studied the modern history of the Middle East, German literature and linguistics at Hamburg University while starting to work as a journalist. Mink had a successful career in magazine publishing before moving to Connecticut in 1996 with his New London-born wife Janis and their daughter Louisa. He became a US correspondent for German and Swiss papers, among them "Neue Zürcher Zeitung am Sonntag" and Switzerland's Jewish publishing company, reporting on a wide range of topics and interviewing people such as Elie Wiesel, James Baker and Zbigniew Brzezinski. In 2013, the Czech Institute for International Relations published his "Challenging 'Wiedergutmachung'" a concise history of German compensation policies for Nazi victims. Andy and his wife currently reside in Pawcatuck, CT.

Virginia Patterson Montgomery

Virginia Patterson Montgomery is a graduate of Radcliffe with a Master's Degree from Elmira College. She has lived in Argentina, Brazil, and Australia. She taught learning disabled and dyslexic children for eighteen years, including seven as assistant head of the Winston Preparatory School in New York. Virginia lives in Stonington and had served on SECWAC's predecessor board from 2005 to 2011.

Paul Nugent

Paul Nugent is a Director in Toxicology at Pfizer Global Research and Development where he has worked for the past fourteen years and is Diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology (DABT). He received his BSc and PhD degrees in Zoology/Biochemistry from University College Dublin, Ireland. He is a member of the Society of Toxicology, and the American College of Toxicology, a member of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations and a previous member of the Louisville Chapter of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Inge Pilgermayer

Inge has over 16 years' experience in Procurement in the Pharmaceutical Industry, joining Pfizer in January 2000 as an Assistant Purchasing Agent for Pfizer Animal Health (now Zoetis) and moved to RDM as a Senior Procurement Specialist in 2001 (Groton). In 2007 she was promoted to Information Manager within GP in a global role.

Inge holds a BA in English and an MA in Bi-lingual-Bicultural Studies specializing in Spanish. Her areas of expertise include cross-cultural communication, social and emotional intelligence, and language acquisition. Inge lives in Mystic.

Christopher Roosevelt

Christopher Roosevelt is a practicing attorney and a former Federal prosecutor in New York, and a life-long conservationist. He currently serves as Counsel to the law firm of Banks Shapiro Gettinger and Waldinger, LLP, in Mount Kisco, New York. In 1989, he received (and continues to hold) a Presidential appointment as a Commissioner of the Roosevelt Campobello International Park on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada. He has served, alternately (every two years) with his Canadian counterpart, as the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Park's governing Commission for the past decade. Chris has been or is an officer, director or trustee of a number of scientific, conservation and non-profit organizations, a magazine publisher, a member of the advisory board to the Graduate School of Oceanography of the University of Rhode Island, and was recently elected to the Board of Musical Masterworks.

Sandra Yarrow Rueb

Sandra Rueb grew up in New York City and attended The Chapin School. She earned a B.A. in theology and philosophy from The Catholic University of America and a M.Ed. in Human Resource Development from George Washington University. Her family spent summers and weekends in Lyme starting in 1950. Her father was active in international affairs and was a founder of Radio Free Europe. In 2011, when Sandra's husband, Bill, retired the Ruebs moved to Old Lyme full time. Over the years, Sandra has organized community seminars on various topics both as a professional and as a volunteer. More recently, she sold residential real estate in Cleveland where they lived for 26 years. Sandra also currently volunteers as a tutor in the after-school program at B.P. Learned Mission in New London (which is part of Family & Children Services) and is a Director of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

Milton J. Walters

A graduate of Hamilton College, and a former Trustee, he is the founder and principal of Tri-River Capital with more than forty years of investment banking experience with A G Becker and its successor Warburg Paribas Becker, Smith Barney, and Prudential Securities. Milt is a

member of the Economics Club of New York, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the University Club of New York, and the Old Lyme Beach Club. He was the former President of his Co-op apartment building, and is a Professional Member of the NACVA. He is on the Board of Sabra Healthcare REIT, Petroleum & Finance Capital, and the Lyme Land Conservation Trust. He lives with his wife in Lyme.