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Chairman's Circle Events

London, Grand Rapids, Washington, DC

The Chairman's Circle is headed to London in September for meetings on security in London, including a meeting with the head of counter-terrorism operations for metropolitan London, AC Andrew Hayman. CC members are also attending events honoring Sir Eldon Griffiths in Bury St. Edmunds. Sir Eldon is the former chairman of the WACA and the World Affairs Council of Orange County.

The recipients of this year's World Affairs Councils of America's *Chairman's Award for Lifetime Achievement* are the co-chairs of the Iraq Study Group - former Secretary of State James Baker and former Congressman Lee Hamilton. They will receive the awards at two separate events.

In October, the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan invites Chairman's Circle members to their Anniversary Dinner with the Honorable James Baker on October 8, 2007. Special pricing and events, including a private tour of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. For more details, contact the WACA office at waca@worldaffairscouncils.org.

On February 6, 2008 the WACA will honor the Honorable Lee Hamilton at the Chairman's Dinner in Washington, DC. Information about registration and pricing can be found on the World Affairs Councils of America website.

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February 7-8. 2008

Registration will soon be open for our 2008 Conference **US or US and Them: *Foreign Policy and the Next Presidency***. The conference will include plenary and breakout sessions on the future of foreign policy as well as roundtable conversations with Ambassadors and Embassy Receptions.

Confirmed speakers are:

Vicente Fox, *Former President of Mexico*

James Wolfensohn, *Chairman, The Wolfensohn Group; Former President of the World Bank*

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *CSIS Counselor & Trustee; Former National Security Advisor*

John Zogby, *President & CEO, Zogby International*

In addition, there will be a pre-conference workshop for council staff and board members on February 6. We encourage early registration for this free workshop as it is structured around the needs of those attending.

To stay up to date on conference developments, go to the WACA website at <http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/natconference>

Academic WorldQuest

April 5, 2008

The 2008 National Academic WorldQuest topics and study guide have been announced and are listed on the WACA website.

This years competition is sponsored in part by The Maibach Foundation and the American Society of International Law. Michael Maibach, WACA Board Member and President and CEO of the European American Business Council, will again be providing cash awards to the top 5 teams.

More information will be sent out about Academic WorldQuest, if you are your council's contact for AWQ and did not receive the earlier e-mail announcing the topics, please e-mail Melissa at melissa@worldaffairscouncils.org.

Now Showing

The Stanley Foundation offers *Now Showing* event-in-a-box toolkits to community groups. The *Now Showing* toolkits are designed to

encourage discussion about the most urgent global issues today. The toolkits are equipped with DVD clips about the issues, a moderators guide, and other relevant resources. Three toolkits are currently available - [Beyond Fear: Securing a More Peaceful World](#), [Control Room](#), and [Last Best Chance](#). For more information or to sign up for a toolkit, visit [The Stanley Foundation website](#).

Impact the World Without Leaving Home

The U.S. State Department sponsors about 2000 high school exchange students per year from many countries to develop stronger ties. These include the former Soviet Union, Serbia and Montenegro, Afghanistan and others. While the news is mostly about the "negative" news in Afghanistan, Russia and other countries, the government is spending money to establish enduring relationships and build lasting peace.

[American Councils](#), a non-profit educational organization, is working with these programs and looking for host families for these students for the 2007-08 academic year. Here is a chance to share your America with future leaders of their countries. For more information contact inbound@americancouncils.org or call 202-833-7522.

Welcome to Our Fall Interns

Katerina Satanovsky is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, studying international studies with a focus on global security. Originally from Russia, she has traveled extensively throughout Europe and North America. She has experience in both the private and non-profit sectors, particularly seeking out opportunities to work with immigrant populations and social services.

Laura Reidy, a senior at American University in DC, comes to us after a summer internship at WAC-Connecticut. Laura's professional experience includes local and statewide political work, as well as political work in the UK. Laura will receive her B.A. in political science in May 2008.

Noel Isama is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland - College Park with a B.A. in Government & Politics and Philosophy. Noel has lived in Germany as an exchange student with the Congress-Bundestag scholar, and has previously interned for an NGO in New York, which focused on development issues working with the UN.

New Service for WAC Members!

WACA-Stratfor Partnership

WACA is proud to announce an exciting new partnership opportunity with Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (Stratfor), a top international private intelligence company that provides geopolitical analysis and forecasting of global issues. Stratfor's political, economic, military and security analysis helps individuals, businesses, governments and organizations worldwide better understand the drivers behind world events and predict what is ahead in the coming weeks and months.

Through a partnership between WACA and Stratfor, WAC members will be able to purchase Stratfor's premium membership at a discounted rate of \$199/year (regularly \$349). This membership includes full access to Stratfor's range of website services (www.stratfor.com), daily and weekly intelligence reports, situational reports, geopolitical forecasts, security and counter terrorism briefs, multimedia resources, intelligence reports emailed to your inbox and extensive archives of more than 100,000 articles and reports.

Additionally, **all** WAC members can sign up for Stratfor's free weekly email, "Geopolitical Intelligence Brief."

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