

SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, INC.

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**MISSION STATEMENT
OF
SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, INC.**

Established in 1999, as The Southeast Connecticut Committee on Foreign Relations, Inc., now the Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council, Inc. (the “Council”), is a regional membership organization, which aims to foster an understanding of issues of foreign policy and international affairs through study, debate, and educational programming. Its principal activity is to provide a forum for nonpartisan, non-advocacy dialogue between its members and U.S. policy makers and other experts on foreign relations. The Council is an affiliate of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), headquartered in Washington, D.C. The national office assists the Council in indentifying first-quality foreign affairs speakers for lectures and panel discussions throughout the year. Members who enroll in the Council are also members of the WACA and may attend their Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

Council members include a diverse group of regional residents who are current and former leaders of business, academia, media, humanitarian and civic organizations; government officials; and active-duty and retired military officers. Committee members are encouraged to nominate for membership friends and colleagues who share an interest in discussing and educating themselves and others on world affairs.

The Council is committed to hosting the widest possible range of views and advocating none. By maintaining a reputation for impartiality, the Council facilitates serious and civil debates and discussion on issues that bear directly on America’s vital global interests.

Letter from the Chairman

We have just completed our first season as members of the World Affairs Council of America and are very pleased with our new relationship. We were able to put together eight informative speaker programs with attendance that once again averaged over 100 members per program. Our membership remained about the same as last year with 191 members.

While scheduling speakers and their transportation now became our burden we estimated we could cut our costs substantially over our previous affiliation therefore we provided a dues reduction in our members' dues for the 2012-2013 season. Actually we finished the year with a slight surplus which will enable us to offer another more modest membership dues reduction for the coming season.

All of this was possible through the efforts of our Executive Director William Chatman who scheduled the speakers, Secretary Martha Gibson who scheduled the events, Treasurer Thomas Boyd who managed the budget, and the many board committees that helped make the year a success.

Looking ahead to our upcoming season there will be some changes on the Board of Directors. Four Board members have reached their limit of years served (two three year terms) and are retiring. They are: George Atkeson, Thomas Boyd, Jonathan Jewett and Emily Wharton. We will miss their presence on the Board. Replacing them will be Henry Clifford, Sandra Rueb, William Scharfenstein and Milton Walters. A short bio of these new members is included later in this report. In addition, Chester Kitchings Jr., and Christopher Roosevelt will be elected for their second three year term.

There will also be two changes in the Officers. Executive Director Bill Chatman will take over retiring Tom Boyd's position as Treasurer and Paul Nugent will replace Bill as Executive Director. Paul has already contacted and planned for ten exciting speakers for the 2013-2014 season starting in early September.

We continue to be a fiscally sound and strong World Affairs Council and welcome your active participation that can make us an ever better organization in the coming year. We always appreciate your comments and suggestions so feel free to call either me or any of our Board members with anything you want to discuss.

Sincerely,

Rowland Ballek
Chairman of the Board

Letter from the Executive Director

In this, our first year of affiliation with the World Affairs Council, we had the following presentations:

- Pamela Constable, speaking on Pakistan at Essex Meadows, Sunday 9 September, 2012
- Douglas Johnston, speaking on the role of Religion in Diplomacy, Friday 19 October, First Congregational Church (FCC), Old Lyme
- Ken Furst, speaking on Afghanistan, Wednesday 14 November, Connecticut College
- Thomas Graham, speaking on Russia, Tuesday 12 February 2013, FCC Old Lyme
- Victoria Huddleston speaking on al Queda in Africa, Tuesday 19 March, FCC Old Lyme
- David Denoon, speaking on China, Tuesday 16 April, Connecticut College
- James Acton, speaking on Nuclear Dangers after the Cold War, Thursday 9 May, FCC Old Lyme
- Scott Bates, speaking about American Leadership, Monday 3 June, Old Lyme Country Club

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Chatman

**SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
FY 13 Full Year Budget Compared Actual**

REVENUES

	<u>BUDGET FY 2013</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY 2013</u>
187 Full Year Members at \$85 (Budget was 177)	15,045.00	15,895.00
4 Mid-Year members @ \$45 (Budget was 23)	1,035.00	180.00
Donations		750.00
191 TOTAL Members (Budget was 200)	16,080.00	16,825.00

EXPENSES

Dues	2,000.00	700.00
Hall Rental and Reception	2,600.00	2,280.00
Speaker Meals	360.00	594.45
Speaker Accommodations	1,150.00	958.41
Speaker Travel	5,100.00	1,520.59
Administration (PBS)	2,000.00	1,615.12
Administration (other)	1,500.00	446.92
Web Site	250.00	-
Brochure and Annual Report	600.00	680.00
CT Secretary of State	50.00	50.00
Total Expenses	15,610.00	8,845.49
Profit (loss)	470.00	7,979.51
6 Prepaid FY14 Members @\$85		510.00
Cash At End of Period	13,115.58	21,605.09

OFFICERS

Chairman

Rowland Ballek

Executive Director

Paul Nugent

Secretary

Martha I. Gibson

Treasurer

William C. Chatman

DIRECTORS

Terms ending 2014

Rowland Ballek

Chairman Emeritus, Essex Savings Bank

Martha L. Gibson, Ph.D

Political economist and financial advisor at
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

Brian Carey

President, Carlin Contracting Co. Inc.

Alexander J. Roberson, Jr.

Retired international business executive

Terms ending 2015

Deborah R. Butler

Retired Teacher

Richard D. Dixon

Attorney at Law

Terms ending 2016

William Chatman

Retired international business executive

Henry Clifford

Retired investment banker and executive
search firm officer

Chester Kitchings, Jr.

Retired President, Coca Cola of
Southeastern New England

Christopher Roosevelt

Attorney and Conservationist

Sandra Rueb

Community volunteer and retired real
estate sales in Cleveland

William Scharfenstein

Worldwide Information Technology
consultant

Milton J. Walters

Founder and principal of Tri-Rivers Capital
and Director of several public companies

Executive Director, Paul Nugent, Associate Research Fellow, Pfizer, Ex-Officio

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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, a member of Lyme Library Board of Incorporators, 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 1959 graduate of the University of Connecticut.

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.

Deborah R. Butler

Deborah Butler grew up in Manhattan and graduated from the Brearley School and Barnard College where she majored in history. She received her Master's Degree from Bank Street College of Education. During her career as an educator, she taught at the Brearley School and the Chapin School in New York City. She has summered in Old Black Point in Niantic for her entire life, moving there full time in 2003 so her husband, Jonathan, could start a new architectural practice. Deborah has an avid interest in history and both she and her husband sing in the choir at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme.

Brian J. Carey

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Brian Carey has spent his business life with the Carlin Contracting Co. in Waterford, CT., one the top 200 environmental construction firms in the USA per Engineering News Record. Brian has been President and Owner of Carlin since 1994, having worked his way up through the Company, and has been responsible for a seven-fold increase in revenues during his tenure. He is also President of the Board of Summer Music at Harkness, President of the Board of the Williams School in New London, Chair of the Investment Committee and Board member of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and a Board member at Musical Masterworks. He is married, with two grown children, and lives in Waterford.

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. They 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.

Richard D. Dixon

Attorney Richard Dixon, of Old Mystic, with offices in New London, has practiced law in the New London County region since 1984. He is also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court. He is currently a Director of the Estate and Tax Planning Council of Eastern Connecticut (ETPCEC). He is a former Groton Town Councilor and RTM member and serves on various civic and governmental committees and boards, including Seabird Enterprises, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education, training and employment opportunities to students and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Martha L. Gibson, Ph.D

Dr. Gibson was a founding member of the SECCFR Board of Directors. She is a political economist by training, former tenured professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Connecticut, and Research Director at the UConn Center for Survey Research. She is the author of numerous academic articles on foreign policy and two books: *Weapons of Influence* and *Conflict Amid Consensus in American Foreign Policy*. For the past decade, Martha has applied her expertise in economic analysis to private wealth management, first at AXA Equitable Retirement Benefits Group, and most recently at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

Chester Kitchings, Jr.

Chet Kitchings is the Foundation Manager of the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation and was President of Coca-Cola of Southeastern New England, Inc. for 30 years from 1976 to 2006. He also served two Vietnam tours as a Communications Officer in the United States Navy. Chet received his B.A. from Colgate University and a J.D. from University of Virginia School of Law. He is a current member of the Finance Committee, as well as former Trustee and Treasurer, of the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, and a Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Mystic Seaport. Chet has previously served as a Trustee at Connecticut College and Chairman of the Essex Board of Finance and the Essex Elementary Board of Education.

Paul Nugent

Paul Nugent is an Associate Research Fellow in Toxicology at Pfizer Global Research and Development where he has worked for the past eight years. 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 Secretary/Treasurer of its Northeast Chapter. He is also 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.

Alexander Robertson, Jr.

Alec Robertson is a graduate of Williams College, served with the Army Security Agency in Japan, spent his entire business career in the can manufacturing industry, working for Continental Can, Metal Box in England and in South Africa, and the Ball Corporation in Colorado. He retired after 20 years as President of the Robertson Group, a manufacturer's representative company, representing several can making equipment companies worldwide.

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 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. She is now a volunteer class room assistant at The Drop-In Learning Center in New London and serves on their board.

William P. Scharfenstein

William Scharfenstein is a 14 year resident of Essex, having grown up in Connecticut and living on both west and east coasts along with his wife Doreen. Bill has been an IT professional for 46 years holding key executive positions in the fields of Insurance, Manufacturing Automation, Financial Services, and Consulting in the US, Singapore, Taiwan, India, and Germany. For the past 7 years Bill has served as chairman of the Building & Grounds ministry of St. John's church in Essex. Bill continues to work as a full-time consultant and spends quality time with his daughter and 2 grandchildren. Bill's current passion is traveling the world with wife Doreen, who is a retired Travel Consultant. Bill is a 1970 graduate of the University of 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, was the former President of his Co-op apartment building, and is a Professional Member of the NACVA. He is on the Board of Directors of Frederick's of Hollywood, Sabra Healthcare REIT, Sun Healthcare Group, Petroleum & Finance Capital, and Lyme Land Conservation Trust.