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April 2019 Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mimi's Café
10515 N. Mopac Expy Northbound, #O, Austin, TX 78758

Julie Kavanagh
U.S. Department of State Diplomat in Residence for Texas

"Observations from a Practitioner"

April Menu

Iced or hot tea, coffee, soft drinks, juices, hot chocolate, lemonade

Starter:

Caesar salad

Entrée: Choice of

(A) Creamy Mushroom and Chicken Pasta (Grilled chicken, sautéed mushrooms, and linguine pasta in a Dijon mustard cream sauce)

Or

(B) Samuel Adams BBQ Pork Chop (Bone-in pork chop served with mashed potatoes and green beans)

Or

(C) French Pot Roast (Slow-braised beef simmered with carrots, mushrooms, and onions. Served over mashed potatoes)

Or

(D) Berry Spinach Quinoa Salad with Shrimp (2 skewers of grilled shrimp, baby spinach, strawberries, fresh blueberries, red/white quinoa blend tossed in a raspberry vinaigrette)

Or

(E) Berry Spinach Quinoa Salad (vegetarian option: the above salad without the shrimp)

Dessert: Classique Cheesecake

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by noon on Tuesday, April 2.

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- By e-mail to Joe McLean at TFSG.Texas@gmail.com, or
- By phone to 512-345-6878 or 512-797-0538

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24, guests accompanied by members \$30. No new reservations after 12 noon on Tuesday, April 2. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch. AFSA and DACOR members are welcome to attend one luncheon per year, except for the December luncheon, at the member price.

Checks made out to TFSG and mailed in advance is our preferred payment method (P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246). Please include your menu choices, your name, and a phone number or email address so we can confirm your reservation. All reservations are confirmed, so if you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

TFSG memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per person per year. The three-year membership price for those who live more than 50 miles from Austin or are over 90 years of age is \$20 for one person and a spouse/partner living at the same address. Memberships make excellent gifts for people who have spent years overseas and their family members.

About Our Speaker

Julie Kavanagh is the Diplomat in Residence for Texas for the U.S. Department of State. She is responsible for seeking and assisting highly-motivated, talented, and diverse candidates to join the Department of State through student programs, career opportunities, and other employment.

She is a career Foreign Service officer, having joined the Department in 1990. Prior to coming to Texas, Kavanagh was the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) of the U.S. Mission to China from January to June 2017. She was also Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs at the United States Embassy in Beijing, China, from 2015 to 2017, responsible for consular operations and policy matters throughout China. Prior to serving in Beijing, Ms. Kavanagh was the Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs in Moscow, Russia, from 2013 to 2016, where she was responsible for U.S. consular policy matters and consular operations throughout Russia. She also was the U.S. government's senior officer in charge during the Sochi Olympics.

Kavanagh has served in Taiwan, Singapore, Colombia, China, Brazil, and Washington. She speaks Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, and rudimentary Russian, and is the recipient of four Superior Honor Awards, four Meritorious Honor awards, and the 2006 Assistant Secretary's Award for leadership. She graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University and earned an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Chicago. Her husband is a retired Foreign Service Officer and they have three children.

Information of Interest

Austin is home to several groups who bring in experts on various aspects of national and international affairs, and some of their upcoming major speakers/events are listed on their websites. Please share this list with your friends.

Clements Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.clementscenter.org/>

Strauss Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.strausscenter.org/>

Kozmetsky Center events (St. Edward's University)

<https://www.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky-center>

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<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/events/all>

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