

**THE FOREIGN SERVICE GROUP**  
**-- Texas --**  
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**Eighth Annual Members-Only Fun Festival Luncheon**

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

**11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

**December Menu:**

Starter: Tomato Basil Soup

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

Choice of:

A – West Coast Reuben: Hand-carved, slow-roasted turkey and thick-cut ham on grilled rye bread with Swiss, shredded cabbage, and Thousand Island dressing. Served with thin-cut Russet fries.

Or

B – Walnut and Bleu Cheese Salad: Walnuts, crumbled bleu cheese, tomatoes, and dried cranberries tossed with mixed greens in balsamic vinaigrette. Topped with fresh strawberries.

Or

C – Grilled Chicken and Frites: Grilled pressed chicken breast, house-made rosemary herbes de Provence butter, thin-cut frites. With a half-pound or more of hand-cut, scratch-made, double-fried Russet potatoes, seasoned with sea salt and herbs in the classic French frites style. Served with house-made butters and fresh herbs.

Or

D – French Dip: Sliced roast beef on a fresh baguette with horseradish cream and a side of au jus. Served with fresh thin-cut Russet fries.

Dessert: Pumpkin cheesecake

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Tuesday, December 6.

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- By e-mail to Joe McLean at [jmclean@computermoms.com](mailto:jmclean@computermoms.com), or
- By phone to Karen Jacks at 512-238-1909

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24. No new reservations after 12 noon on Tuesday, December 6. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch.

Driving directions to Mimi's Café are attached.

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 choice. Please also include 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.

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.

### **2017 Events 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>)

LBJ Library:  
(<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/events/all>)

GlobalAustin:  
(<https://globalaustin.wildapricot.org/Upcoming-Events>)

### **TFSG Information:**

2017 luncheons: February 14, April 11, June 13, October 10, December 12

Our speakers send us suggestions for the bibliographies we prepare to accompany their speech. We post the bibliographies on our website, [www.TFSG.org/luncheons/html](http://www.TFSG.org/luncheons/html), and mail copies to members with U.S. addresses but without access to email. The website contains all past

bibliographies. Several members share our website with family and friends and we encourage all members to do so. The website also lists publications, writings, and speeches by past speakers and present TFSG members. We review the "Links" page on the website several times per year for needed additions or deletions, and suggestions are always welcomed. Send corrections for any page on the website to John at [jsw69intadv@hotmail.com](mailto:jsw69intadv@hotmail.com).

Members are encouraged to invite guests to any of our first four luncheons of the year. There are always door prizes, such as books, coupons for free meals, lottery tickets, chocolates, and prizes tied to special days such as Valentine's Day.

We have a new membership level for those who live more than 50 miles from Austin or are over 90 years of age: \$20 for a three-year membership for one person and a spouse/partner living at the same address.

If you are a member and have been published or have produced a film, we would like to list your published books, articles, essays, and other works in the Members section of the Publications page on our website. According to the AFSA members-only limited-access community website, our TFSG website was viewed more than 30 times in the last three days.

If you have spoken to one of our meetings, we would like to list your published works in the Speakers section of our website.

If you have had a change in your street or mailing address, phone number, or your outside-your-home emergency contact, please email this information to Doris Scott at [dscott007@austin.rr.com](mailto:dscott007@austin.rr.com). (Note: We do not share, loan, rent, or sell this information to anyone.)

Our membership fees are modest and our membership numbers are important. Please talk to your friends who have spent time outside of the USA and invite them to one of our luncheons – and then to join TFSG.

Most of our luncheons cost about \$200 more than the luncheon fees bring in. We do not solicit donations, but neither do we refuse them.

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