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October 2014 Luncheon Meeting

Carrabba's Italian Grill
11590 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759
11:20 a.m.; Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Dr. Sussan Siavoshi
Una Chapman Cox Distinguished Professor of
International Relations
Trinity University, San Antonio

"Nuclear Policy and the New Iranian Government"

October Menu:

House salad or cup of soup
Fresh bread with an Italian dipping sauce
Iced tea, coffee, soft drinks

Choice of

A – Sirloin Marsala (Steak topped with mushrooms, prosciutto, and Lombardo Marsala wine sauce)

or

B - Chicken Bryan (Wood grilled chicken with goat cheese, sun dried tomatoes, and a basil lemon butter sauce), mashed potatoes

or

C – Tag Pic Pac (Fresh vegetables and tagliarini in Picchi Pacchiu sauce with crushed tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, and basil)

Dessert: Chef's choice

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Wednesday, October 8

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or

- By e-mail to jmclean@computermoms.com, or

- By phone to Danny Root at 830-980-7776

Mailing a check made out to TFSG is our preferred method. In all cases, please include a phone number so we can confirm your reservation. All RSVPs will be confirmed by email and phone, so please let us have both. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24. Guests of members \$30. No new reservations after 12 noon on Wednesday, October 8. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch. Checks may be made out to TFSG and mailed to P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246. Checks mailed in advance are greatly appreciated.

If you know any Trinity alumni, please invite them in October. They can join us at this luncheon at our TFSG member price, a 20% savings from our regular guest pricing.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per year.

NOTE: Anonymously-donated door prizes for our 09 December lunch will be collected at the October luncheon.

About the Una Chapman Cox Foundation:

The Una Chapman Cox Foundation is a Texas foundation that for over 29 years has supported a variety of projects promoting a strong U.S. Foreign Service and educating a broad constituency to better understand, appreciate, and support our Foreign Service. The Chair is Harvie Branscomb Jr., of Corpus Christi, and the Executive Director is retired United States Ambassador Lino Gutierrez of Washington D.C.

Our Speaker:

Sussan Siavoshi is the Una Chapman Cox Distinguished Professor of International Affairs, Political Science at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Professor Siavoshi has a B.A. in Economics from Pahlavi University in Shiraz, Iran, and an M.A. and Ph.D., both in Political Science, from Ohio State University. Professor Siavoshi has held academic positions at Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, UCLA, and Trinity University. Currently Professor Siavoshi is a member of the University Senate at Trinity University. She has been a member of a number of Trinity University committees and stays engaged with academic and non academic groups in and outside of Trinity University, such as the World Affairs Council. She has spoken to a number of these groups. She has received significant grants for her research work outside Trinity by both Trinity University and the Ford Foundation. Her books and articles have been published by Oxford, Cambridge, the University of Texas Press, and by other universities and think tanks. She has given over thirty presentations in more than five nations on her areas of expertise.

Upcoming Luncheons:

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months, skipping August. Suggestions for restaurants are always welcome.

- December 9, 2014: Sixth Annual Fun Festival Luncheon
(for TFSG members only)

Announcements:

1. A conversation with Ambassador Jack Matlock, Jr.

Tuesday, 23 September; 12:15 to 1:30 in The LBJ Brown Room, 10th floor, LBJ Library. Sponsored by the Strauss Center.

Ambassador Matlock has had a distinguished 35-year career in State including four tours in Moscow, his last as Ambassador. He is also a noted academic and author. Seating in the main room may be limited.

2. Annual Austin UN Dinner

Friday, 24 October (tentative date)

For TFSG this is a PR event. We put copies of our bibliography list on the "handout" table at this dinner and they soon disappear. (Check out the student Mock UN members' table; every student at that table may have taken two copies!) We also distribute our travel card to each attendee. Last year's speech, by a TFSG member, was later published in both the Alcalde and the FS Journal. Needed: (1) good and large TFSG signs, and (2) two TFSG members to buy themselves tickets to the dinner so they can distribute the handouts and post the signage.

3. Texas Book Festival

Friday & Saturday, 25 & 26 October, at the State Capitol, Congress & 11th and several blocks south on Congress, and Colorado north of 11th.

For TFSG this is a PR event. We ask if we can put a stack of copies of our bibliography list on the Barnes & Noble main table, with some signage, and they gradually disappear. We need several TFSG members to stop by the B&N booth each day, preferably at the beginning, the middle, and again at the end of the open hours at the B&N booth, to replenish the stack.

4. TFSG December luncheon

Tuesday 09 December; 11:30-1:30; Carraba's Restaurant

The Annual Fun Festival Party (members only) luncheon. The funniest/craziest TV commercials of 2014 (with a few ringers tossed in), a seasonal gift bag for everyone, AND door prizes for all. If you have 60 of this or that to give away and that we could include in the gift bags, please let us know well in advance.

5. Festival Season sound and light show

Mozart's, 3825 Lake Austin Blvd.

Let's try for Tuesday, December 9 or 16, to watch Austin's top seasonal sound and light show. It starts after dark and repeats every hour til midnight. Gourmet magazine named Mozart's the only Texas coffee house in America's Top 20. Dress warmly as we will be mostly outdoors, enjoying hot chocolate on the banks of Lady Bird Lake.

6. New Year's Day at Book People

Thursday, 01 January 2015; Book People; 6th & Lamar

One of the very few stores open on New Year's Day, and with everything usually 20% off. They also have a coffee shop. Hours on New Year's Day are usually 11 to 11.

Door prizes are won at every TFSG luncheon. One door prize always includes the AFSA book, "Inside a U.S. Embassy" and two TFSG mugs. We also sell the package (book and 2 mugs) for only \$20. Consider buying two mugs for a coffee mug tree (only \$5) and help promote our website and our group.

We welcome suggestions for speakers. When you nominate someone, please add biographical information and suggestions on how best to approach him or her. Suggestions for funding of speakers from outside of Austin are always appreciated.

Please give our website address to potential members, WWW.TFSG.ORG. Then call and invite them as your guest to our next luncheon.

Please browse through the website regularly yourself. Corrections and additions are always welcome. In particular, we want to keep our speaker biographies and bibliographies up to date. As new speakers and their subjects are listed, please send any bibliographic information to suzakna@gmail.com.

Why should you belong to TFSG and encourage others to join? Because (1) our website has a full history of our group and links to over 100 international newspapers, think tanks, and other sites; (2) we publish excellent bibliographies on each speech and provide a hard copy of the listing with free internet access at the annual Texas Book Fair and other events; (3) in addition to our four luncheons with outstanding speakers, we put on a FUN Festival Luncheon in December for members only, showcasing some of the most hilarious, funniest, unique TV ads of the past year and providing door prizes for all; (4) we print thousands of information cards for Americans who are planning to travel overseas or who are interested in joining our Foreign Service; (5) we maintain an impressive Memorial Book of TFSG members who have died.

Doris and Naomi, our Contact Coordinators, hope that you will share with them some of your biographical information and the name of a contact person for you.

Directions to Carrabba's Italian Grill:

Note: Research Blvd. is the eastbound Hwy 183 access road. If you approach the restaurant from Jollyville Road, you enter the parking lot from the rear. Or, if you miss

that turn, drive straight to Duval, turn right onto Duval and right again onto the Hwy 183 access road, and enter the parking lot from the front. There is plenty of free parking close to the restaurant.

From the Northwest

Drive east on Hwy 183. Exit at Duval, cross Duval, turn right into the large parking lot at Outback Steakhouse. Carrabba's is on the left, Outback Steakhouse on the right.

From the North

Drive south on Mopac. Exit at Braker Lane and turn right onto Braker. Drive underneath Hwy 183 and turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the South

Drive north on Mopac or Loop 360, then west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the East

Drive west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

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