

**THE FOREIGN SERVICE GROUP**  
**-- Texas --**  
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**April 2018 Luncheon Meeting**  
Mimi's Café  
10515 N. Mopac Expy Northbound, #O, Austin, TX 78758  
**11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Dr. Mark Pomar**  
**Independent Consultant**

**"Resurgent Russian Nationalism:  
Implications for U.S. Policy"**

**April Menu**

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

Starter:

Hand-breaded zucchini with ranch and Pomodoro dipping sauce

Entrée: Choice of

(A) Nicoise Salad (Mixed greens, tomatoes, red onions, green beans, roasted potatoes, hard-boiled egg, and tuna tossed in red wine vinaigrette)

Or

(B) Pork Loin (Sliced pork loin, grilled with a savory barbecue sauce, served with mashed potatoes and spinach)

Or

(C) Meatloaf (Mimi's homemade meatloaf topped in a red shallot sauce, served with broccoli and mashed potatoes)

Or

(D) Chicken Crepes (French crepes filled with slow-roasted chicken, sautéed spinach, mushrooms, and tomatoes topped with a chardonnay sauce, served with a house salad)

Dessert: French silk slab pie (smooth chocolate, coffee, and cream in a deep dish, flaky, handmade graham cracker crust, topped with chocolate drizzle)

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by noon on Tuesday, April 3.

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

- By e-mail to Joe McLean at [TFSG.Texas@gmail.com](mailto: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 3. 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.

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 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.

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**

Mark Pomar is an independent consultant with expertise in international media, broadcasting, strategic planning and execution, entrepreneurship training, and program development and evaluation.

From 2008-2017 he served as President/CEO of the US Russia Foundation for Economic Advancement and the Rule-of-Law (USRF), based in Moscow. He was President/CEO of the global development organization International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, DC, from 200-2008. He has also been a lecturer at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and on the staff of the Russia Service of Voice of America and Radio Free Europe.

Dr. Pomar holds a Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Columbia University. He is a member of the National Advisory Council, Harriman Institute, Columbia University. He grew up in Burlington, VT.

### **Information of Interest**

Few Americans know that when an American gets in trouble outside the USA, he/she should call the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate. TFSG has cards to distribute with phone numbers for when in trouble overseas and the S-O-S symbol for use everywhere.

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 Presidential Library events

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

GlobalAustin events

[www.globalaustin.org/events](http://www.globalaustin.org/events)

### **TFSG Information**

Luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months except August.

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.

Our group depends on great volunteers. Please talk to Doris, Joe, Jerry, or John if you have ideas for our group and/or would like to volunteer.

TFSG has a 90" diagonal screen for use at our luncheons, and it is also available for rental by other nonprofits for \$40 with a refundable deposit of \$300.

Our speakers send us suggestions for the bibliographies we prepare to accompany their speech. We post the bibliographies on our website, <http://www.tfsg.org/Bibliographies.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).

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 is often viewed more than 10 times a day.

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

Doris Scott appreciates receiving autobiographies, photos, member updates, and notices of members' deaths. Updates for our memorial book are also appreciated. We maintain an obituary book on members who wish us to have one. It is VERY impressive and saves a lot of time when the member is not here to answer questions. Please limit your entry to six pages of 14-point type, with wide margins.

If you have had a change in your street or mailing address, internet address, phone number, or outside-your-home emergency contact, please mail 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.

### **TFSG Officers**

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