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11:20 a.m.; Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Green Pastures Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, Austin, TX 78704

John Ritchie
Senior Foreign Service Officer (Retired)

“U.S. – Mexico Relations in an Election Year”

June Menu:

House salad; coffee, iced tea; cotillion rolls and butter

Entrée: Chicken crepes (golden crepes filled with chicken, mushrooms, onions, white wine, toasted almonds)

Vegetarian option is available; please let us know if you want this option

Dessert: Chef's choice

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Wednesday, June 6

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

- By phone to John at 512.797.0538 or

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

Via mail with a check is our preferred method. In all cases, please include a phone number so we can confirm receipt of your reservation. All RSVPs will be confirmed. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$20. Guests of members \$25. No shows or cancellations after 12 noon on Wednesday, June 6, 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.

Need a ride to lunch? Please call Florita Sheppard at 512.331.7808 or John at 512.797.0538.

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About the Speaker:

A former academic specializing in American Foreign Policy and Latin American Politics, Dr. Ritchie (B.S. and M.S., University of Wisconsin; and Ph.D., Southern Illinois University) served more than 30 years as a career diplomat, rising to the level of Senior Foreign Service Officer. Twenty-two of those years were spent at posts abroad (Peru, Poland, Brazil, Spain,

Uruguay, and Mexico). In Washington, he served as a Policy Planning Officer for the Western Hemisphere and in the Office of Cuban Affairs. For the past 12 years, he has focused on U.S.-Mexico relations, first as Counselor of Embassy for Labor Affairs, then as Consul General in Monterrey, and later as Coordinator for U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs. Dr. Ritchie was a guest speaker at the White House, National War College, Foreign Service Institute, CIA, other federal agencies, and a number of U.S. and foreign universities. He received special awards from the U.S. Departments of State, Labor, and Commerce. Since 2007, he has been a Liaison Officer for the Department of State to the U.S. Congress and then to the State of Texas (immigration and travel issues). He has spoken to more than a dozen foreign relations committees throughout the United States, last month in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Directions to Green Pastures:

From Mopac

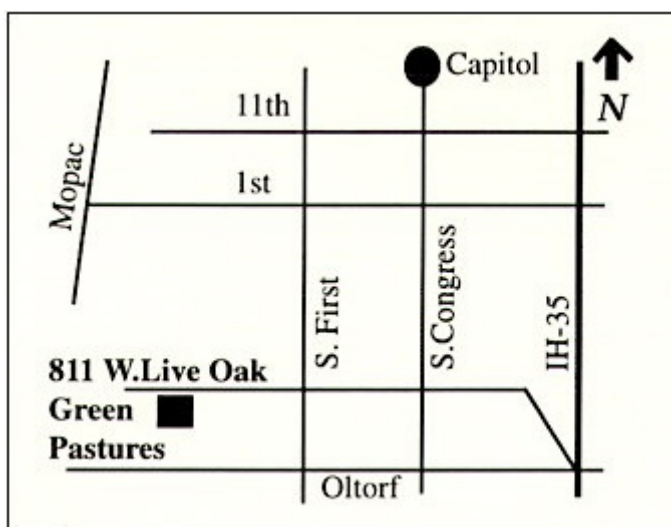
Exit Caesar Chavez (First Street), head east
Turn right (south) onto Guadalupe Bridge across Lady Bird Lake
Cross the bridge and the street becomes South First Street
Take South First 1.5 miles past the bridge to Live Oak
Turn right (west) onto Live Oak
Head west 3 blocks. Green Pastures is on the left.

From I35

Exit Oltorf and head west
Take Oltorf to South First Street
Turn right (north) on South First
Turn left (west) at the next light (Live Oak)
Take Live Oak 3 blocks west. Green Pastures is on the left.

From 290/71

Exit South First Street and head north
Take South First Street to Live Oak (about a mile and a half)
Turn left (west) onto Live Oak
Take Live Oak 3 blocks west. Green Pastures is on the left.



Other Upcoming Luncheons:

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months.

- August 14, 2012 (Professor Jeremi Suri; Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; and joint appointment in the Department of History at UT Austin)
- October 9, 2012 (Glenn Frankel, Director, The School of Journalism, UT Austin; and former press correspondent in Southern Africa, the Middle East and Europe, covering both Gulf Wars and the political and economic transformation of Europe)
- December 11, 2012 (fourth annual Fun Festival Luncheon)

If you know of someone interested in joining the Foreign Service, please invite him or her as your guest to one of our luncheons. If you know of someone who is eligible to be a member and is not, please send her/his name to us.

Announcements:

Doris Scott has volunteered to be Care Coordinator for our group. She will send cards and make occasional calls to members.

We welcome suggestions for speakers. When you nominate someone, please add biographical information and suggestions on how best to approach him or her.

If you know of potential members, please email them our website address, 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 EISs (Enhanced Information Sheets) up to date. As new speakers and their subjects are listed, please send your suggestions for EIS information to rmae10@aol.com.

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