



## **Annual Report for 2010**

January 24, 2011

## **Mission**

The Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA) is a non-profit organization that has served the Dayton region for over 60 years. Our mission is to “promote informed opinion and decision-making concerning international issues. We engage people on diverse world issues, points of view, and culture to link individuals and organizations with common interests.”

After many years at the University of Dayton, DCOWA is now at Wright State University. DCOWA is one of 85 councils in the United States which belong to the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) headquartered in Washington, D.C. Each of these councils has the same interest in international affairs and often share speakers and programming.

### **2010 Board of Directors**

#### **Carolyn Rice- President**

Montgomery County Treasurer; former Director of Executive Education at Wright State University's Raj Sooin College of Business

#### **Mark J. Meister- Treasurer**

President and CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History which operates the Boonshoft Museum of Discover, SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park, and Fort Ancient

#### **Steve Axtell- Secretary**

Attorney and Partner in Thompson Hine, LLC's Environmental practice group; defends governmental enforcement actions and private actions, environmental permitting, regulatory compliance counseling, environmental audits, and business sales and acquisitions

#### **Amy Anderson**

Director of the University of Dayton's Center for International Programs; The Center for International Programs provides leadership, coordination, strategic planning and administrative support for the internationalization of UD's campus.

**Jacob Dorn**

Professor of United States history at Wright State University with publications on religion and social reform in modern America.

**Linda Harrison**

Retired librarian and educator and active community volunteer

**Madeline J. Iseli**

Chief of Staff for Sinclair Community College; former District Director for Congressman Tony P. Hall; former Executive Director for non-profit that worked to pass legislation creating Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park

**Margaret P. Karns**

Professor of Political Science at the University of Dayton; specializes in international politics, foreign policy analysis, and international organizations

**Ponnie Kendell**

Community volunteer whose commitments include Sinclair Community College Board of Trustees, Clothes That Work Board, Dayton A Peace Process, and YWCA; recipient of the Woman of Influence Award

**Joan Knoll**

Community volunteer; most recent community success was in her five years of leadership in the funding and subsequent building of the South Jewish Community Center for the Jewish Federation; currently serves on two Jewish foundations and an investment committee and serves on the board of the Montgomery County Community Investment Corporation (CIC).

**Thomas J. Lasley, II**

Executive Director, EDvention at The Dayton Foundation and Professor, School of Education and Allied Professions at the University of Dayton; former Dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions.

**Ileana Marin**

Senior Program Associate at the Kettering Foundation; coordinates the International Fellowship Program

**Mary Mathews**

Chair of the Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc.- the managing entity for the National Aviation Heritage Area in Ohio; formerly served as executive director of the Carillon Historical Park for 16 years

**Katherine Mitakides**

Doctoral student at Miami University in political science with a focus on international relations and comparative politics; currently active with the Junior League of Dayton, the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, and the Board of Directors of the Opera Guild of Dayton

**Donna M. Schlagheck**

Professor and Chair of Political Science at Wright State University; expert on American foreign policy and international terrorism; consults regularly at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and is a frequent guest/expert featured on area television and radio programs

**Hans Tschudin**

Retired NCR executive who worked in 63 countries with marketing, manufacturing, and finance/administration responsibilities; community volunteer

**Dona Vella**

Deputy Director for Development and External Affairs at the Dayton Art Institute; formerly served as Development Director for Cox Arboretum & Garden MetroPark and Executive Director for Kids Voting

**Special Directors for 2010:**

**David L. Neer**- Community Leader & Financial Services Professional

**Thomas Pearson**- Community Leader & Retired NCR Executive

**Ex-Officio: Stephen P. Foster**

University Librarian and Associate Vice President for International Affairs, Wright State University

**Director Emeritus:** William Wild

## **DCOWA Staff**

### **Michelle Streeter-Ferrari- Program Administrator**

Michelle currently serves as the Director of the University Center for International Education (UCIE) at Wright State University. She manages the day-to-day operations of UCIE which includes international student recruitment, international graduate and undergraduate admissions, international student and scholar services, and education abroad programs. Michelle is directly responsible for institutional partnerships faculty exchange, grant and curriculum development, and international programming. In her role as DCOWA Program Administrator, she oversees the administration of DCOWA's adult programs and the day-to-day operations of DCOWA.

### **Bridget Federspiel- Youth Program Director**

Bridget teaches World History, AP US History, and AP European History at Stivers School for the Arts and she is a lecturer at Sinclair Community College. Her awards and honors include Fulbright-Hayes, Time Warner National Teacher Award, James Madison Fellowship, and OCSS High School Teacher of the Year Award.

### **Joy Ndiangui- DCOWA Program Coordinator**

Joy Ndiangui manages the membership renewal process, updates DCOWA's website, and handles all of the many administrative tasks required for DCOWA to successfully conduct the adult and youth programs it offers. Joy has experience in international programming, fundraising and community relations. She holds both a Masters degree in Public Administration (PA) and a Masters in International and Comparative Politics from Wright State University. She has earned nonprofit certification from the American Humanics Institute.

## President's Report

During 2010, Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA) celebrated the one year anniversary of our partnership with Wright State University's University Center of International Education. This collaboration has enabled DCOWA to continue to pursue its mission to promote informed opinion and decision-making on international issues and to better prepare our community to thrive in our complex world. Although we continue to seek ways to more effectively work together and align resources, the partnership has proven to be of great benefit to both organizations just as we had hoped it would be.

What an incredible year 2010 turned out to be! Here are just a few examples of the accomplishments achieved:

- The youth programs offered through Junior Council on World Affairs (JCOWA) now reach more than 300 students in 14 high schools across the region. This represents a 19% increase in membership from last year.
- Dynamic adult programs have been offered on a wide variety of diverse topics— global climate change, Afghanistan, China, nuclear security, and the Middle East to name just a few. We held two joint programs with The Dayton Rotary Club affording us the opportunity to reach more than 125 business and community leaders each time.
- DCOWA ended the year in a strong financial position demonstrating that our new operational model with UCIE is working well.

All in all, it was an outstanding year of exciting and timely topics of interest to all ages.

Although DCOWA has transitioned well into its new operating model, DCOWA faces many of the same challenges all non-profits are currently experiencing in these recessionary times. To address these challenges, plans are underway to increase programs, recruit new members, and focus on fundraising. JCOWA is campaigning to get more high schools to establish a JCOWA chapter and an additional regional event, the Geo Bowl, is going to be held this spring. In June 2011 JCOWA will be offering a trip to Washington DC for students across the region. We are offering our traditional Insights and Great Decisions programs through the University of Dayton's Osher Life Long Learning Institute for the first time. We have applied to be a pilot program for the State Department's International Visitor Program which could become a future revenue source. A new fundraising option we are pursuing involves offering DCOWA members the opportunity to travel to Egypt as a group in September 2011. We are seeking funding grants from the The Dayton Foundation to expand our programs in to the middle schools. We will be conducting an Annual Fund Appeal campaign this winter and spring to raise money to support WSU continued funding of the DCOWA program coordinator. The bottom line is that DCOWA is transforming to fulfill our mission in new and different ways.

It has been a real honor to serve as President of DCOWA for the twelve months. My deepest thanks to the DCOWA Board and staff, Wright State, and my fellow DCOWA members for everything you did to make it such a terrific year. I am both excited and confident that 2011 will see DCOWA continue to grow and thrive.

Carolyn Rice  
January 24, 2011

## Adult Program Committee Report 2010

With headquarters at Wright State University, DCOWA has been able to increase visibility of adult programs through regular press releases, a regular email news blast to almost 300 individuals, a new Facebook page, and a current website including a calendar of events and streamed DCOWA events. Below is a list of programs offered in 2010:

- *Chile: the Resilience of Democracy* by Mark Ensalaco, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Dayton and the Rev. Raymond A. Roesch Chair in the Social Sciences as part of the 2010 DCOWA Annual Meeting on January 25;
- *Connecting with China* by James Fallows co-sponsored by the Wright State President's Office and the 2010 Honors Institute on February 16;
- *International Forum on Afghanistan and Pakistan* moderated by Donna Schlagheck, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Wright State University Political Science Department with a panel comprised of Lt. Col. Charles Schretzman, Professor of Military Science with the University of Dayton ROTC Program; Pramod Kantha, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science at Wright State University; and Ben Ohlander, author and retired Major with the U.S. Army Reserve on March 9 and also posted on the DCOWA website and public television stations;
- *The Arctic in a Changing World* by Robert Corell, Ph.D., utilizing Science On a Sphere (SOS)<sup>®</sup> at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery on May 18;
- *Great Decisions: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton* coordinated by Margaret Karns, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Dayton and Donna Schlagheck, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Wright State University with local experts presenting sessions selected from topics chosen by the Foreign Policy Association from September 15-October 27 and also posted on the DCOWA website and public television in the near future;
- *Nuclear Weapons and Global Security: Is America Addressing the Threat Effectively?* by Col. Richard Klass as part of a Secure America sponsored program and in partnership with the Dayton Rotary Club on September 20 (with a visit to Dunbar High School);
- *China Town Hall* with Stephen Orlins, President of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and U.S. Ambassador to China John M. Huntsman during a webcast on October 18;
- *The Changing Nature of U.S. Interests in the Middle East: Implications for U.S. Policies* by John Duke Anthony, Ph.D., Founding President and CEO of the National Council on US-Arab Relations in partnership with the Dayton Rotary Club on October 25 (with visits to classrooms at Wright State, the University of Dayton, and Thurgood Marshall High School during the two-day visit);
- *U.S.-China Relations: A Vision for the Future* by Stephen Orlins, President of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations on November 3; and
- *The Path to Victory is the War on Terror*, lecture and book-signing by U.S. Army Lt. Col. Anthony A. Shaffer on November 17.

The committee has worked hard to provide a variety of programming with a high caliber of speakers on key issues in current international affairs. Partnerships with community groups and local universities have increased participation and visibility of DCOWA Adult Programs in 2010.

Michelle Streeter-Ferrari

Chair- Adult Programs Committee & DCOWA Program Administrator

## **DCOWA Youth Programs Committee**

Purpose: To support to the JCOWA Program and to award the Pfeife Smith Scholarship

Members: Amy Anderson, Traudel Eslaire, Bridget Federspiel, Linda Harrison (chair), Donna King, and Carolyn Rice

The committee helped Bridget Federspiel with various JCOWA events: Youth Forums (UD & Wright State), Quiz Bowl (UD), and Environment Day at the Boonshoft. The committee supported the Environment Day with the purchase of food so that the students could have a cook-out lunch at the Boonshoft.

Chaminade-Julienne won the 2010 Quiz Bowl Tournament and went to Washington, DC, to compete in the national tournament.

The following districts or schools have JCOWA Chapters:

**Dayton Public Schools**—Belmont, Dunbar, Thurgood Marshall, Meadowdale, David Ponitz, & Stivers

**Chaminade-Julienne**

**DECA**

**Kettering Fairmont**

**Lebanon**

**Northmont**

**Russia**

**Springboro**

**Wilmington**

**Vandalia-Butler**

**Yellow Springs**

Membership in JCOWA continues to grow. During the 2009-2010 school year, 269 students participated. The number of students who joined DCOWA in the fall of 2010 reached 314 representing a 19% increase in youth membership from a year ago.

### **Pfeife Smith Scholarship**

A sub-committee of Youth Programs is the Scholarship Committee whose members are: Annabelle Cummings, Marlea Gaskins, Linda Harrison (chair), Katie Mitakides, and Diane Timmons. The 2010 Pfeife Smith Scholarship was awarded to Gerald Levi Johnson, a student from Belmont High School. He is attending Sinclair Community College and hope to continue his studies at a 4-year university.

Submitted by Linda Harrison  
December 27, 2010

## 2010 Nominating Committee Report

The 2010 Nominating Committee recommends:

### **I. Slate of Officers:**

Carolyn Rice, President  
Stephen Axtell, Secretary  
Mark J. Meister, Treasurer

### **II. Board of Directors**

#### **Class of 2013:**

Madeline Iseli  
Matt McDowell  
Tom Pearson  
Yufeng Wang

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#### **Class of 2012**

Linda Harrison  
Mary Mathews  
Katie Mitakides  
Donna Schlagheck

#### **Class of 2011**

Amy Anderson  
Margaret Karns  
Ponnie Kendell  
Ileana Marin  
Mark Meister  
Carolyn Rice  
Dona Vella

#### **Special Directors**

Stephen Axtell  
Jake Dorn  
David Neer

#### **Ex Officio Director**

Stephen Foster

Respectfully submitted,

David Neer, Chair

Stephen Axtell, Ponnie Kendell, Thomas Lasley- Committee Members

# **DCOWA 2010 Membership Recognition**

## **Attaché**

Amy Anderson

Stephen Axtell

Irv & Tracy Bieser

Harry Bossey

Jacob Dorn

Linda Harrison

Ponnie Kendell

Thomas S. Martin

Mary & David Mathews

Mark Meister & Carla Steiger

David & Nancy Neer

Rajesh S. Raghavan

Carolyn Rice

## **Consul General**

Margaret Karns & Ralph Johnston

Thomas J. Lasley

Tom Pearson

Donna Schlagheck

Hans & Sherry Tschudin

## **Ambassador**

Joan & Charles Knoll

Dayton Council on World Affairs  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2010

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Cash - Huntington Checking	\$	5,384
Cash - Morgan Stanley/SB Money		7,546
Cash - Huntington Savings		9
Cash - Morgan Stanley/SB Inves		2,958
Accounts Receivable		<u>3,400</u>
Total Current Assets		\$19,297
Property and Equipment		
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Total Property and Equipment		0
Other Assets		
Endowments - Andrew Gillan		59,402
Endowments - George Houk Mead		18,593
Endowments - Pfeife Smith W/A		<u>62,471</u>
Total Other Assets		<u>140,466</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>159,763</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL**

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	2,056
Deferred Revenue		<u>3,740</u>
Total Current Liabilities		\$5,796
Long-Term Liabilities		
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities		5,796
Capital		
Equity		135,728
Endowment Donation		1,877
Net Income		<u>16,362</u>
Total Capital		<u>153,967</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>159,763</u></u>

**REVENUE and EXPENSE**

REVENUE		
Memberships	14,889	
The Dayton Foundation Funds	6,510	
Programs	<u>7,193</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>\$28,592</u>
EXPENSE		
Administrative Expenses	9,451	
Program Expenses	9,118	
Scholarships	<u>4,334</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$22,903</u>
Net Income		\$5,689