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Former Commander in Chief of United States Central Command

HOSTED BY ANNE AND STEVE DELI



Dinner One

Date Thursday, October 8

Hosts Sandi and Tom Kully

Special Guest **Roger Cohen**

Theme Iran's Quest for Regional Dominance

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place Gold Coast Residence

Number Of Guests 16

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN IRAN FOCUSED THE WORLD'S attention on how to manage relations with the Islamic Republic thirty years since its pivotal 1979 revolution. How will the results of Iran's recent elections impact President Obama's plans to engage Iran, and how might this affect the balance of power in the Middle East? Roger Cohen, columnist for *The New York Times*, was on the ground in Iran during the elections and will discuss his experiences during that time.

Mr. Cohen joined *The New York Times* in 1990. He was a foreign correspondent for more than a decade before becoming acting foreign editor on September 11, 2001. In 2009, he was named a columnist of *The New York Times*. He has authored *Hearts Grown Brutal: Sagas of Sarajevo* and *Soldiers and Slaves: American POWs Trapped by the Nazis' Final Gamble*.

Dinner host Tom Kully is the president of Rail-Splitter Capital Management. Both he and Sandi are members of the Directors' Circle of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Dinner Two

Date Wednesday, October 14

Hosts Lydia Marti and Richard Porter

Special Guest **Ambassador John R. Bolton**

Theme New Challenges from the Old Axis

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Sunset Ridge Country Club - Northfield, IL

Number Of Guests 12

THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PERSISTS. NORTH KOREA has plutonium reserves for its small arsenal, and Iran has opened its first nuclear fuel production plant. President Obama and his aides are now designing two very different strategies for these countries that are based on fundamentally disparate assessments of their motivations. Ambassador John R. Bolton will offer his perspective on the United States' current relationship with and policy toward North Korea and Iran.

A career diplomat and lawyer, Ambassador Bolton has spent many years in public service. From 2005 to 2006, he served as the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations. From 2001 to 2005, he was under secretary of state for arms control and international security. He is currently a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and of counsel to the law firm Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Dinner host Richard Porter, a Chicago Council Board member, is a corporate partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. He is active in a variety of organizations, including the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Association for Corporate Growth. Lydia is a managing director at Major, Lindsey & Africa in Chicago.

Dinner Three

Date Tuesday, October 20

Hosts Kristen Hertel and Muneer Satter

Special Guest **Dambisa Moyo**

Theme A Better Way for Africa

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Winnetka Residence

Number Of Guests 15

DAMBISA MOYO IS AN ECONOMIST AND THE AUTHOR OF *Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa*. Her latest book offers proposals for developing countries to finance development instead of relying on foreign aid. She argues that foreign aid helps perpetuate the cycle of poverty in Africa, and suggests that cutting off all foreign government aid to Africa within five years is the key to lifting African nations from poverty.

Born and raised in Zambia, Ms. Moyo worked at Goldman Sachs for eight years in the debt capital market, hedge fund coverage, and global macroeconomics teams. Previously, she worked at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. In May 2009, *TIME Magazine* named Ms. Moyo as one of the world's 100 most influential people.

Dinner hosts Muneer Satter and Kristen Hertel are members of the Council's Chairman's Circle. Muneer is a managing director at Goldman Sachs in the Principal Investment Area, which manages the firm's private equity investments. He serves on the boards of CCC Information Systems, Inc. and Grupo Clarin, S.A., and the Nature Conservancy. Kristen, a former commercial banker, enjoys staying home with the couple's five young girls.

Seats for this dinner are \$500 each.

Dinner Four

Date Wednesday, October 21

Hosts Elaine and Marvin Gottlieb

Special Guest **Lester Crown**

Theme The Future Path of the Persian Gulf

Time 6:30 p.m.

Place Glencoe Residence

Number Of Guests 10

*T*HIS PAST FEBRUARY, TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO Council's Board of Directors and Chairman's Circle traveled to Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Saudi Arabia. Led by Council Chairman Lester Crown, the delegation met with senior political, business, and civic leaders throughout the region. Highlights included private meetings with the Emir of the State of Qatar and with His Royal Highness the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Delegates also participated in a business roundtable with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, who was in the UAE to explore trade development opportunities.

The evening's discussion will center on the meetings with key government, business, and thought leaders, covering topics such as economic diversification, social transformation, and the region's challenging geopolitical environment.

Dinner hosts Elaine and Marvin Gottlieb are members of the Council's Chairman's Circle. The couple participated in the Leadership Study Mission to the Persian Gulf. Marvin is vice chairman of the Advisory Board of ASPO (Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas). He is president of Howland International, a UK based organization actively involved in energy issues and oil and gas reserves. He is a member of the advisory board at the Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Dinner Five

Date Monday, October 26

Hosts Adele and John Simmons

Special Guest **Dr. Jennifer E. Sims**

Theme 9/11 Intelligence Reform:
An Opportunity Lost?

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Lincoln Park Residence

Number Of Guests 12

FOLLOWING THE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY THE 9/11 COMMISSION, policymakers debated how to best restructure U.S. intelligence agencies and security procedures to avoid the kinds of failures that took place before the attacks on September 11, 2001. Based on these enacted reforms, are we a more secure nation? Or was this a missed opportunity? Dr. Jennifer E. Sims will discuss the current state of U.S. Intelligence gathering and the challenges that remain.

Dr. Sims is currently director of intelligence studies and a visiting professor in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. She is also a consultant on intelligence and homeland security for private corporations and the U.S. government. Prior to this, Dr. Sims served as a deputy assistant secretary of state for intelligence. Dr. Sims recently moved to Chicago with her husband, Bob Gallucci, former dean of Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, who is now serving as the fourth president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Dinner host Adele Simmons serves as vice chair and senior executive of Chicago Metropolis 2020. Adele is a member of the Board of Directors of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and was a founder of its Global Chicago initiative. John is the president of Strategic Learning Associates, an organization working in twenty-five Chicago public schools.

Dinner Six

Date Wednesday, October 28

Host Paul A. Laudicina

Special Guest **Martin Walker**

Theme Global Demographic Trends and the Impact on U.S. Economic Policy

Time 6:30 p.m.

Place The Metropolitan Club

Number Of Guests 20

GLOBAL DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS ARE UNDERGOING MONUMENTAL SHIFTS that have major implications for the global economy and U.S. economic policy. Slowing population growth rates in Asia and increased growth rates in the United States and Western Europe have the potential to reverse the prevailing wisdom that 21st Century economic growth will be driven by emerging markets in Asia. Will these demographic trends continue to play out? What is the potential impact on U.S. business? How will U.S. economic policy respond to these changes?

Martin Walker, a journalist, novelist, and historian, will explore these topics over dinner. Mr. Walker is currently senior director of the A.T. Kearney Global Business Policy Council, a private think tank for CEOs of major corporations. He is also editor emeritus of United Press International. He serves on the editorial and advisory boards of the *Wilson Quarterly* in Washington, D.C., *World Policy Journal* in New York, and *Demokratizatsiya* in Moscow. In twenty-five years as a journalist with *The Guardian*, he served as bureau chief in Moscow and the United States, and as European editor. Mr. Walker is also a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

Dinner host Paul Laudicina, a Chicago Council Board member, has been chairman of the board and managing officer of the global consulting firm A.T. Kearney since 2006. Paul is author of the book, *World Out of Balance*, an analysis of the major drivers transforming the global business environment.

Dinner Seven

Date Monday, November 2

Host Samuel Vinson

Special Guest **Archie Brown**

Theme The Rise and Fall of Communism

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place The Chicago Club

Number Of Guests 10

*T*HIS YEAR MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE Berlin Wall and the collapse of Communism in Europe. This anniversary gives us cause to reflect on how and why Communists have come into power. How were they able, in a variety of countries on different continents, to hold on to power for so long? Archie Brown, emeritus professor of politics at Oxford University, will discuss the spread of communism in Europe after the Russian Revolution and the dramatic unexpected collapse of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s.

Mr. Brown is an emeritus professor of politics at Oxford University. For his latest book, *The Rise and Fall of Communism*, he draws on more than forty years of research to explore how and why Communists came to power. His book, *The Gorbachev Factor*, won the W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom for best political science book of the year and the Alex Nove Prize of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies.

Dinner host Sam Vinson is a Russian aficionado and a President's Circle member of The Chicago Council. Currently a partner at Ungaretti & Harris LLP, he has served as an advisor to four governors of Illinois and is the former assistant Republican leader of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Dinner Eight

Date Wednesday, November 4

Hosts Patricia Blunt Koldyke and Martin Koldyke

Special Guest **Peter Osnos**

Theme World News: Covering the Globe
in the Digital Age

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Downtown Residence

Number Of Guests 17

*J*OURNALISM IS UNDERGOING PROFOUND CHANGE BECAUSE OF technology and the economic recession. The Internet and other modern media outlets are changing how we receive our news. What does this mean for people who need to know and understand what is happening with wars, international economics, human rights, and the rise of China as a superpower? Peter Osnos, founder and editor-at-large of PublicAffairs Books and the vice chair of the Columbia Journalism Review, will discuss covering global affairs in the digital age.

Mr. Osnos founded PublicAffairs, an independent publishing company specializing in books of journalism, history, biography, and social criticism. Authors he has worked with include President Barack Obama, former President Bill Clinton, former President Jimmy Carter, Nancy Reagan, Sam Donaldson, and Muhammad Yunus. Mr. Osnos spent eighteen years at *The Washington Post*, and has also been a commentator and host for National Public Radio and a contributor to publications including *Foreign Affairs*, *The Atlantic*, and *The New Republic*.

Dinner host Pat Koldyke, an honorary life director of The Chicago Council's Board, has spent years furthering awareness and understanding of international affairs in Chicago. With her husband, Mike Koldyke, chairman of Frontenac Company, the family established The Chicago Council's annual Patricia Blunt Koldyke Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship. The fellowship recognizes emerging leaders who are transforming society through innovative solutions to pressing global challenges.

Dinner Nine

<i>Date</i>	Thursday, November 5
<i>Host</i>	Trudy Cassin
<i>Special Guest</i>	The Right Honorable Malcolm Sinclair, 20th Earl of Caithness, Scotland
<i>Theme</i>	A Highland View of Westminster
<i>Time</i>	6:30 p.m.
<i>Place</i>	Downtown Residence
<i>Number Of Guests</i>	11

*W*ITH EXPENSE SCANDALS AND SOARING GOVERNMENT DEBT PLAGUING the present government, leaders of Britain's main opposition party have described the political system as "paralyzed" and urged Prime Minister Gordon Brown to call a general election. The current recession and debt crisis has hit the United Kingdom hard, contributing to steep declines in Prime Minister Brown's popularity. Lord Caithness, a member of the Conservative Party, will discuss the present state of affairs in the United Kingdom and how these ripple across the Atlantic.

The Right Honorable Malcolm Ian Sinclair, 20th Earl of Caithness, Scotland, is member of the House of Lords and one of the main hereditary peers. Prior to resigning from government in 1994, Lord Caithness served in several ministerial positions within the administrations of Margaret Thatcher and John Major. Lord Caithness also served as a House of Lords government whip under Margaret Thatcher from 1984 to 1985.

Dinner host Trudy Cassin is a Chicago Council President's Circle member. She is an active supporter of numerous cultural institutions and charitable causes in Chicago, including the International Women's Associates, the Parkways Foundation, and the Chicago Historical Guild.

Dinner Ten

Date Monday, November 9

Hosts Vicki and Bruce Heyman

Special Guest **Zachary Karabell**

Theme Is the Recession Over?

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place Lincoln Park Residence

Number Of Guests 7

*R*ECENT ECONOMIC DATA HAS SHOWN THAT THE PACE OF CONTRACTION in the U.S. economy is slowing, but can the recession really be behind us? With some economic observers coming forward to declare that the recession is over, great uncertainty remains: what about the still increasing unemployment rate? And the dreary retail climate? Zachary Karabell examines the evidence and discusses the future of economic recovery.

Mr. Karabell is president of River Twice Research, where he analyzes economic and political trends. He is also a senior advisor of Business for Social Responsibility. He is a regular commentator on national news programs, such as CNBC, CNN, and Fox News, and a contributor to such publications as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *Foreign Affairs*.

Dinner host Bruce Heyman, managing director at Goldman Sachs & Co, is a Corporate Associate member of The Chicago Council. Vicki is a member of the Children's Memorial Hospital foundation board and Vanderbilt University Center for Jewish Life.

Dinner Eleven

Date Tuesday, November 10

Hosts Marilyn and Terry Diamond

Special Guest **Raja M. Kamal, Ph.D.**

Theme The Inevitability of Islamic Regimes
in the Arab World

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Downtown Residence

Number Of Guests 16

*L*ONG DOMINATED BY AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES, THE ARAB WORLD is currently dealing with a variety of issues that pose challenges to change. Dr. Raja M. Kamal will discuss the significant impact of demographic shifts on politics in the Middle East and how these changes are creating new pressures impacting the future sustainability of regional regimes.

Dr. Kamal is associate dean for resource development at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Prior to his current position, he was director of new initiatives and international development at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Kamal is a frequent contributor to newspapers in the United States and abroad on Middle Eastern affairs.

Chicago Council Board member Marilyn Diamond is cochair of the Chicago Casablanca Sister Cities International Program and is a member of the editorial board of the National Strategy Forum and a member of the visiting committee of the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Terry is chairman and a founder of Talon Asset Management and is a consultant to and board member of many private, public, and philanthropic organizations.

Dinner Twelve

Date Wednesday, November 11

Hosts Margot and Tom Pritzker

Special Guest **Michael J. Sandel**

Theme A New Citizenship

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place Lincoln Park Residence

Number Of Guests 11

*M*ICHAEL J. SANDEL IS THE ANNE T. AND ROBERT M. BASS PROFESSOR of Government at Harvard University and author of *Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do?* His latest book challenges readers to think their way through the difficult moral tests we confront as world citizens. He explores the meaning of justice and explains how even the most hotly contested political issues can be illuminated by reasoned moral argument.

Mr. Sandel's legendary Justice course is one of the most popular at Harvard University. Up to a thousand students pack the campus theater to hear him relate the big questions of political philosophy to the most vexing issues of the day. Mr. Sandel shows how a surer grasp of philosophy can help us to make sense of politics, morality, and our own convictions.

Dinner host Margot Pritzker is founder and president of WomenOnCall.org, an online network that matches women who are committed to volunteering their professional expertise with nonprofit organizations. Margot is a member of the Board of Directors of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and an active civic leader with her husband, Tom, who is chairman of Hyatt Hotels Corporation.

Seats for this dinner are \$500 each.

Dinner Thirteen

Date Thursday, November 12

Hosts Anne and Steve Deli

Special Guest **General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC Retired**

Theme The Military's Role in a Changing World

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place East Lakeshore Residence

Number Of Guests 15

UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ HAS COME AT A HEAVY price, with significant American and Iraqi casualties and billions of dollars spent. How and when can the war end, and will a democratic, peaceful Iraq emerge? Join retired four-star general, Anthony C. Zinni, for a discussion on the current realities on the ground in Iraq, and his views on how military leaders can recommend strategically tackling challenges that the United States faces.

General Anthony Zinni is a retired general in the United States Marine Corps and a former commander in chief of United States Central Command. In 2002, he was selected to be a special envoy for the United States to Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Currently, he is the acting president and chief executive officer of BAE Systems, Inc., and an author of two books on his military career and foreign affairs, most recently *Leading the Charge: Leadership Lessons from the Battlefield to the Boardroom*.

Dinner hosts Anne and Steve Deli, Chicago Council President's Circle members, work together as president and chief executive officer, respectively, of American Road Group, which owns Harley-Davidson dealerships and merchandise stores. They each have long histories of involvement with Harley-Davidson, Inc. in corporate finance, global brand marketing, and financial services.

Dinner Fourteen

Date Tuesday, November 17

Hosts Chris and Scott Gordon

Special Guest **Steven D. Levitt**

Theme SuperFreakonomics

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Downtown Residence

Number Of Guests 12

*I*N 2005, STEVEN D. LEVITT COAUTHORED FREAKONOMICS, WHICH spent over two years on *The New York Times* bestseller list. Professor Levitt's latest book, *SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance*, asks not only the tough questions but also the unexpected ones. What's the best way to catch a terrorist? Did television cause a rise in crime? He explores answers to life's questions with the premise that economics is actually the study of incentives.

Professor Levitt is the William B. Ogden Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he directs the Becker Center on Chicago Price Theory. In 2004, he was the recipient of the John Bates Clark Medal, awarded to the most influential economist under the age of 40. In 2006, he was named one of *TIME Magazine's* "100 People Who Shape Our World."

Dinner host Scott Gordon is chairman and chief executive officer of Rosenthal Collins Group, a futures brokerage firm. He previously served as chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Scott is a member of the Board of Directors of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Dinner Fifteen

Date Wednesday, November 18

Hosts Tracy and James Sprayregen

Special Guest **Dr. Dipak C. Jain**

Theme Assessing India's Marketplace

Time 7:00 p.m.

Place Glencoe Residence

Number Of Guests 9

GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THE NEWLY elected government in India will need to give priority to its campaign pledge to boost the economy by opening India's various business sectors to greater foreign investment. Dr. Dipak C. Jain will examine the current state of India's changing marketplace and discuss how companies should restructure themselves to capture maximum benefit.

Dr. Jain is recently retired as the dean, the Sandy and Morton Goldman Professor in Entrepreneurial Studies, and a professor of marketing at the Kellogg School of Management. As a consultant, he advises Microsoft, Novartis, American Express, Sony, Nissan, Motorola, Eli Lilly, Phillips, and Hyatt International. Dr. Jain also serves on the board of directors for Deere & Company, Northern Trust Corporation, and Reliance Industries.

Dinner host James Sprayregen, a Chicago Council Board member, is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. He is recognized as one of the country's outstanding restructuring lawyers, and has led some of the most complex Chapter 11 filings in recent history.

Dinner Sixteen

Date Wednesday, December 2

Hosts Sandra Reese and Michelle R. Seitz

Special Guest **Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin**

Theme Pakistan's Role in Regional and
Global Peace

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place Lakeshore Residence

Number Of Guests 9

*I*N RECENT YEARS, PAKISTAN HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF SEVERAL of the most critical challenges to global and regional peace. Pakistan has faced domestic terrorism, conflict in neighboring Afghanistan, and an unresolved dispute with India over Kashmir. These challenges have given Pakistan an opportunity to play a decisive regional and global role. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, former ambassador to Pakistan, will discuss efforts to resolve these ongoing threats.

Ambassador Chamberlin has been president of the Middle East Institute since March 2007. A twenty-nine-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service, she was U.S. ambassador to Pakistan from 2001 to 2002. During her tenure in Islamabad, she played a key role in Pakistan's cooperation for the U.S.-led campaign against Al Qaeda terrorists following the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Dinner hosts Sandra Reese and Michelle Seitz are members of The Chicago Council's President's Circle. Sandra is a principal at Grant Thornton LLP where she coleads the Corporate Advisory and Restructuring practice. Michelle is a member of William Blair & Company's executive committee and leads the firm's Investment Management business. This dinner is generously supported by Grant Thornton and William Blair.

Dinner Seventeen

Date Wednesday, December 9

Hosts Janet and Craig Duchossois

Special Guest **Dr. Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin**

Theme Making Sense of the Health Care Debate

Time 6:00 p.m.

Place Downtown Residence

Number Of Guests 13

OUR NATION IS ENGAGED IN A GREAT DEBATE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF health care. While President Obama has proposed an ambitious agenda to provide affordable care for all Americans, important questions remain unanswered. Can such reform be achieved? What are the implications of inaction or the failure of effective reform? Dr. Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin will discuss the future of health care from the perspective of a seasoned economist who is familiar with the role policy plays in shaping reform.

Dr. Holtz-Eakin served as the sixth director of the Congressional Budget Office and former chief economic policy adviser to Arizona Senator John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. Previously, he served as the director of the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies and the Paul A. Volcker Chair in International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dinner host Craig Duchossois, a member of The Chicago Council's President's Circle, is chief executive officer of The Duchossois Group, Inc, a diversified company with interests in access control, communications, and entertainment. Craig and Janet are longtime champions of science and medicine at the University of Chicago.

Dinner Eighteen

Date Thursday, January 7

Hosts Lyric Hughes Hale and David Hale

Theme A New Global Currency

Time 6:30 p.m.

Place Winnetka Residence

Number Of Guests 12

ALTHOUGH GLOBAL INVESTORS AND ECONOMISTS CONTINUE TO debate whether the U.S. economy has begun to recover from the financial crisis, there is little debate when it comes to China's economy. China is poised to lead the global economy in the next recovery, while most other major economies have been contracting and suffering through the worst economic crisis in decades. However, China's growth spurt is also presenting a new set of challenges, including questions about the sustainability of its growth, and worries that record bank lending could result in imprudent investment.

Dinner hosts David Hale and Lyric Hughes Hale, Chicago Council President's Circle members, will lead the evening's discussion on China's economy. David, a renowned global economist, is head of David Hale Global Economics. His writing has been featured in numerous leading business and financial publications, and he is a frequent television commentator providing insights on the global economy. Lyric is the founder of China Online, Inc.

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