

# World Affairs Councils and ICWA

## Our History

At the end of World War I there was a concern that the US would choose an isolationist foreign policy over engagement. In 1918, two organizations, the Foreign Policy Association and the World Affairs Councils, worked together to nurture grass roots citizen involvement in international affairs.

By 1947 these two organizations operated as a national organization composed of a network of independent community councils.

In 1986 these two organizations merged into The World Affairs Councils of America (WACA). The Indiana Council on World Affairs was founded in Indianapolis in 1955 and stands as one of ninety-eight official member councils across the U.S.

For 60 years, the Indiana chapter has brought to Indianapolis meaningful programming to help enlighten and engage its citizenry.

For more information:

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## Leadership

The ICWA seeks to provide opportunities for citizen leaders to shape the policy agenda for the 21st century. As part of that effort, we invite you to attend our lecture series, to become a member of the ICWA, and to participate with our leadership in the development of the new programs and ideas.

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## About the Council

The Indiana Council on World Affairs is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1955.

The mission of the Indiana Council on World Affairs is to foster public understanding of world conditions and U.S. foreign policy through forums, lectures, conferences and publications.

More than ever, for the 2016-2017 program year, our monthly meetings will help us understand the dynamics that shape our world.

Whether it's changes related to our own Presidential transition, our inter-relationships with other countries, or the numerous unpredictable events of the world, having a forum to thoughtfully consider and discuss such ever-fascinating topics with other like-minded individuals paves the way to being informed.

The Council is administered by an all-volunteer Board of Directors who adhere to the Council's Mission Statement, Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. There are standing committees, minutes are maintained and a Treasurer's Report is presented, in writing, at each Board meeting.

## Membership

**Membership** is open to all (including students) who have an interest in world affairs.

**Membership year:** July 2016-June 2017

**Membership benefits** include:

- Mailings of program announcements.
- Reduced price for dinner and/or presentations.
- Exchanging views with speakers and members.

## Programs

ICWA sponsors five scheduled activities:

- Distinguished Speakers Series*
- Great Decisions ICWA Program*
- Great Decisions State Coordinator*
- Adventures in International Dining*
- Academic World Quest*

## Distinguished Speakers Series

Well informed speakers discuss current international issues and entertain questions at monthly dinner meetings. Presenters include statesmen, diplomats, business executives and scholars from the U.S. & abroad.

## Great Decisions ICWA Program

**Great Decisions** is a nationwide foreign affairs program developed by the private, non-partisan Foreign Policy Association. ICWA conducts a Great Decisions series in Indianapolis. Programs focusing on current international issues are explored through discussions led by informed speakers at eight weekly sessions in February and March.

## Great Decisions State Coordinator

Serving as the Great Decisions State Coordinator, ICWA offers program assistance and distributes Great Decisions briefing books to groups throughout Indiana.

## Adventures in International Dining

Several times a year, ICWA reserves ethnic restaurants for members and guests to enjoy a culinary experience along with a brief presentation relating to the food.

## Academic World Quest

ICWA sponsors a local competition for high school students with the winning team of four competing in the Academic World Quest Games held in the spring in Washington, D.C.

## Distinguished Speakers Series Meetings

Distinguished Speakers dinner programs are held on the third Thursday of the month, September-May, unless otherwise announced.

### The Willows (formerly Riverwalk)

6729 Westfield Blvd, Indianapolis IN 46220  
(about ½ mile north of downtown Broadripple on the east side of the street). 317-251-2628.

**Social Hour** 5:30pm - **Dinner** 6:15pm  
**Program** 7:00pm-8:45pm

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Year: July 2016-June 2017

Please check appropriate line:

- Individual \$35
- Family \$48
- Full-Time Student \$10
- Senior Citizen (65+) \$25
- Senior Family (65+) \$38

Tax-free Donation for Program Enhancement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: INDIANA COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS, Inc (ICWA).

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to: ICWA, PO Box 90421, Indianapolis IN 46290

Name & address of others who might be interested in ICWA:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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