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ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Members and Friends of the
World Affairs Council:



We should call for a round of applause from all of us for the staff, the speakers and panelists, the Board and its Executive Committee and to all of our membership for stepping up to bat and participating in the immense growth of our World Affairs Council of Connecticut (WACCT) in the past several years.

With the immense energy and imagination of Felicity Harley, the meticulous work of Megan Torrey and the hard work of our staff, our programs have grown in the nature of the gravitas of our many speakers, the substance and knowledge they bring to our members and friends, and the impact of our own views as thoughts are exchanged.

WACCT has made its mark with larger audiences, fiscal stability and more community representative membership.

Bravo!

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Peter G. Kelly
Chairman

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear World Affairs Council Members and Friends,

Another successful year at the World Affairs Council of Connecticut (WACCT) has drawn to a close. We've increased membership as well as delivered some outstanding programs with speakers of note such as Nancy Pelosi, General David Petraeus and Ted Turner.

The economic downturn has given us pause to consider the fragility of the global economy, how interrelated the United States is with the rest of the world and how important our work is at this time.

The Council strives to be the preeminent grassroots network of citizens who are informed about, inspired by, and engaged in foreign and business affairs, to achieve a more secure, profitable, peaceful, and sustainable world. In short, WACCT empowers citizens to participate in the national debate on world and business affairs.

Our success in achieving this will of course ultimately rest on our ability to connect our bottom-up grassroots citizen network with the highest levels of public and trade policy through our own work at the statewide level and through the work of our national organization, the World Affairs Councils of America, located in Washington, D.C.

Our objectives remain as follows:

- Build citizen support for American engagement in the world
- Stimulate communities to interact effectively in the global economy
- Help people relate their local concerns to global issues
- Improve international education locally, nationally, and internationally
- Foster international interests among America's young people
- Build alliances with counterpart organizations locally, nationally, and internationally

Our educational program continued along a vigorous path that included a Roundtable in February on the importance of international education to Connecticut and outreach throughout the year to state legislators, letting them know about the growing importance of international education to Connecticut's businesses and economy.

My thanks to the outstanding Board and staff and to our funders. It is my hope that our members and our community will continue to enjoy and participate in our programs and that we will continue the tradition of high-level programming throughout the 2009-2010 season.

Warm wishes,

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Felicity Harley
Executive Director

PROGRAMS 2008-2009

The 2008-2009 World Affairs Council of Connecticut program year was one of the best yet. The Council was able to bring its members and the community a wide array of high-quality, relevant and informative programming. Just a few of the highlights of the past year: General David H. Petraeus, Ted Turner, and Nancy Pelosi.

By far our most popular event this past year was on March 13, 2009, when we hosted General Petraeus. WACCT was the first Council in the World Affairs Council system (over 90 World Affairs Councils) to host General Petraeus after he took his position as Commander of U.S. Central Command. We presented this program at Goodwin College in East Hartford to a sold-out crowd of over 800 people. We made international headlines when the AP story written about his appearance at WACCT was picked up by news outlets in China, Brazil, and Pakistan, for example, as well as all over the United States.

The Council introduced the Global Women's Issues Forum (GWIF) during its 2008-2009 season. We created this program/membership category to focus attention on the critical issues facing women around the world. GWIF was received with great acclaim, drawing nearly 100 members in its first year. The series was inaugurated by the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, on September 12, 2008. We made the Annual Marilyn Albert Memorial lecture part of the GWIF. Annually this lecture presents an inspiring woman who is working on the ground to improve the lives of others. This past year it was our honor to host Amal Elsana Alh'jooj, a woman who works in the Negev desert in Israel empowering women and teaching sustainable job skills. The third program was a joint program with the World Affairs Council Executive Forum featuring the new head of IKEA global human resources, Pernille Spiers-Lopez. The GWIF also hosted author Anna Rubino speaking about her recent book *Queen of the Oil Club*, which tells the story of a pioneering woman in the oil industry.

We also held another successful Executive Forum series. Each year the Council presents a high-level series of four events, each of which features a speaker in an intimate setting followed by a reception. This year we featured CEO of ING Americas Thomas McInerney, who shared his view on the economic crisis. We hosted world-renowned pollster John Zogby, who shared his vision of where the American public will be in the future. We also had the extraordinary opportunity to host Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Al-Qasimi, United Arab Emirates Minister of Foreign Trade. For the final program, we held the joint session with the Global Women's Issues Forum featuring Pernille Spiers-Lopez.

In addition, the Council held several luncheons and evening programs that focused on timely global topics. The Ed Guay luncheon presenting a global economic outlook was its usual success. One of the funniest as well as loudest programs was the well-attended and lively Young Professionals *WorldQuest* international trivia game, hosted by WNPR's John Dankosky. The Council also hosted a forum on Russia, a luncheon talk on India and Pakistan and a program on Brazil. This year one of the highlight luncheons featured Ted Turner.

The Council also continued to sponsor the "It's Your World" radio program, which airs every Saturday. Radio audiences were in the thousands, as were viewers on fora.tv.com. Audiences on fora.tv.com ranged from 700 to 7,000 for each of the 22 programs posted to the webpage.

We look forward to another great year in 2009-2010.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2008-2009

The World Affairs Council's education programming continued its growth, played a leadership role in Hartford Public Schools' development of internationally themed academies, and further expanded its policy efforts to advance international education in Connecticut. In addition to emerging as a state resource for students and teachers in international education, the Council has also been invited to participate in national discussions to consider how best to prepare students and teachers for success in our globalizing economy and society. It is also developing a framework for a statewide international workforce development initiative.

Roundtable on Connecticut's International Readiness

Convened in February 2009, the Council's Roundtable brought business, education and policy leaders together to consider how the state is preparing students for our globalizing economy. Results:

CT-N broadcast portions to 1.2+ million homes (aired four times)

The Hartford Courant published an editorial, "Go Global, Connecticut," advocating support for international education and foreign languages. The editorial was among the five most-emailed stories on February 21, 2009.

Legislative/State Testimony: The Roundtable provided context and a source of quotes and reference for WACCT and other expert testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly Education Committee and the State Board of Education supporting a world language requirement.

Hartford Public Schools: School Design

Hartford Public Schools has invited the World Affairs Council to serve as a Major Partner in the development and design of two new schools:

Burns Academy for Latino Studies (opened September 2008)

Asian Studies Academy (opening fall 2010). The World Affairs Council serves as Co-Chair of the Asian Studies Academy Design Team.

Model United Nations

Over 700 students from 32 schools participated in the Council's Model United Nations. Students representing 70 countries also participated in the annual trip to the United Nations, where they met with diplomats from the countries they were representing and attended special policy briefings. The Council's Model UN is the third oldest Model UN in the United States.

Professional Development Seminar: Teaching Geography

In partnership with the Connecticut Geographic Alliance, the World Affairs Council developed a four-day professional development program for teachers in Grades 5–12 on Exploring Our Hemisphere: Teaching About Latin America (2008). Seventeen teachers attended the program. In 2009, the Connecticut Geographic Alliance asked the Council to develop a program on Teaching the Geography of the New Europe (2009). Both programs were funded, in part, by the National Geographic Society Educational Foundation.

Service to International Education: Locally/Nationally

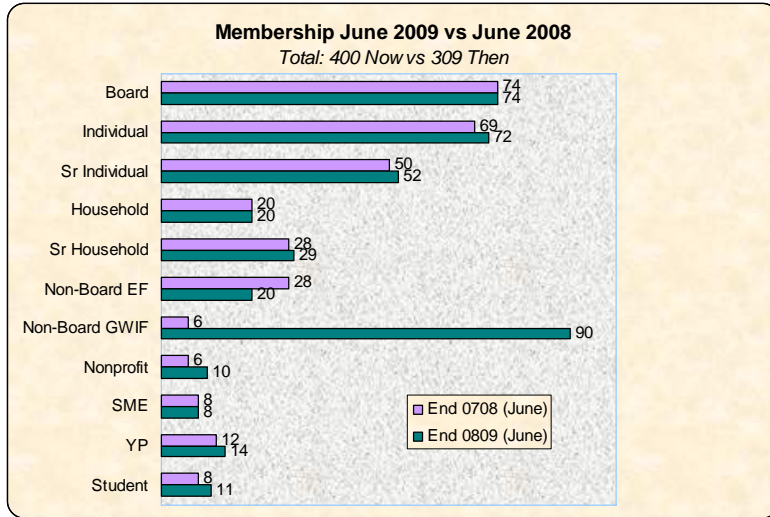
The Council serves on the Connecticut Association of Public Schools International Education Committee. At the national level, the World Affairs Council is represented on the Asia Society States Network on International Education, a network convening over 20 states committed to sharing best practices related to international education.

Workforce Development: Preparing for a Global Economy

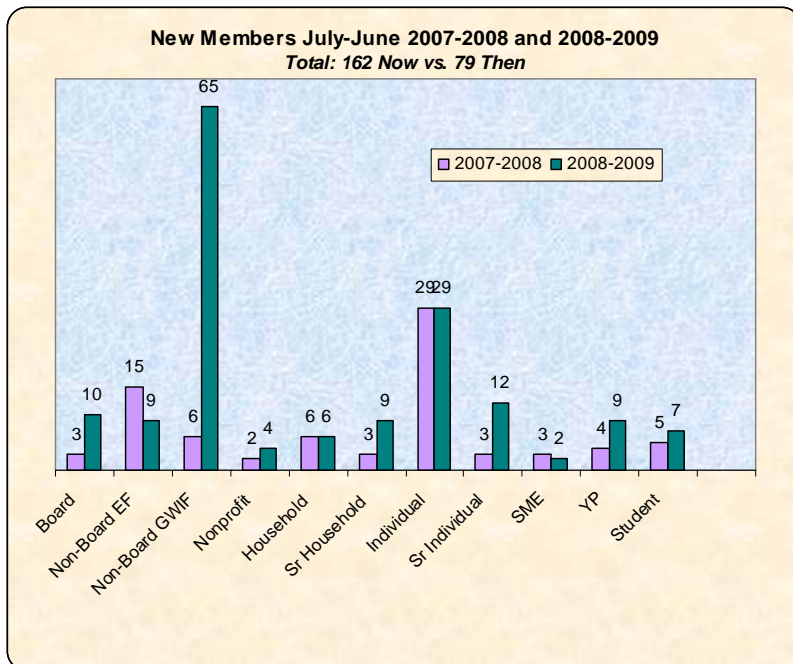
Seeking to expand its education work into workforce development, the World Affairs Council has developed outreach strategies to workforce investment boards statewide. Council staff has met with representatives from the offices of U.S. representatives John Larson and Joe Courtney regarding investments in developing Connecticut's globally oriented workforce. The Council also supported John Meyers's participation in the Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC) Human Resources Development Working Group, to which he had been named a delegate representing the United States.

MEMBERSHIP 2008-2009

Despite stepped up database housecleaning to remove “inactive” names, the total number of memberships reached **400** — *up from 309 at the end of the 2007-2008 season*. Counting households as two members each means the number of *people* we serve is more like 450. And of course many more attend our events — our top source of new members. The number of *new* memberships in 2008-2009 was **163**, compared with **81** in 2007-2008, largely from the advent of the Global Women’s Issues Forum and in response to some knockout programming, such as the evening with General Petraeus. The chart below shows new memberships by category for both years.

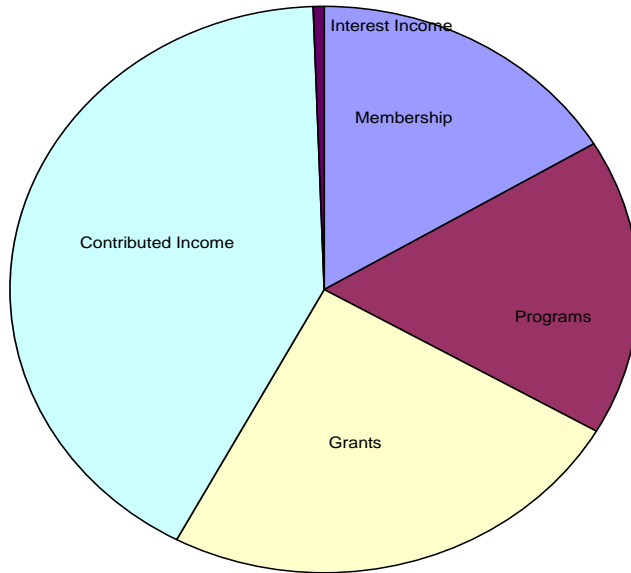


We added **65 non-Board Global Women’s Issues Forum memberships** during the season — for a total of **90**. We also welcomed 20 non-Board Executive Forum members, including several who joined after the program was under way. Here’s how yearend membership breaks down by category:

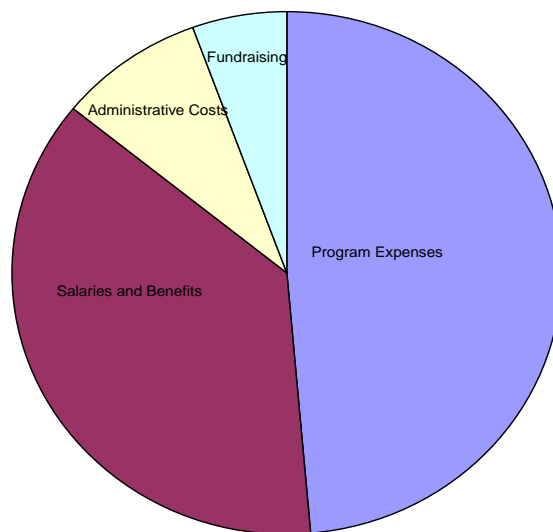


FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income 2008-2009



Expenses 2008-2009



ARCHIVAL PROGRAM

The World Affairs Council of Connecticut began its existence as a local chapter of the larger Foreign Policy Association, whose headquarters were located in New York City. Its establishment coincided with the FPA's formation shortly after World War I.

Materials in the possession of the World Affairs Council indicate that coverage of FPA meetings began with its formation in the 1920s and continues to this day, when the Council is independent of the FPA. The press coverage throughout the years of the Council's existence has reflected the news about international affairs and we maintain news clippings that reflect that fact today. Reading some of the earliest clippings seems almost like reading a history book, and sometimes they give one an opportunity to reflect upon "what might have been?"

For example, the earliest clippings demonstrate U.S. isolationism; then comes the clipping about a speech by a Far East affairs expert concerning the imminence of a Japanese attack on the United States — this clipping dated just a few days before the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

The clippings reflect the times of the Council's existence. The period immediately following World War II describes speeches by experts about various aspects of the postwar era: the partition of Germany, the intransigence of the old Soviet Union, the demonstrations for independence in countries like Poland, the ambitions of countries in South America, the ongoing conflict with Communist Cuba. The World Affairs Council has been able to attract prominent speakers on the important subjects of the times — government officials including Henry Kissinger, Lawrence Eagleburger and former President George H. W. Bush, preeminent journalists including James Reston and Harrison Salisbury.

The postwar years included the establishment of the United Nations and, as part of it, the Council's encouragement and support of the Model United Nations for high school students in Connecticut.

The most recent years in international relations have been focused on monetary issues in that field, and the speakers at WACCT programs have reflected the trend.

Members have written histories of the Council, including a very helpful version by Dr. Charles Jacobson. A copy is filed permanently in the archives.

A new category in the history of the Council is a scrapbook dedicated to biographical articles about people who have been involved with it over the years.

Some of our earliest clippings are so fragile that they are now housed in plastic "envelopes" to preserve them. Newer clippings have been mounted on acid-free paper that will preserve them longer.

The scrapbooks are nearly complete — to this point in time. We welcome any suggestions toward better building and preserving our historical record.

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