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Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci to Speak at PDM Lecture-

Was Chief US Negotiator During 1994 North Korean Nuclear Crisis

Manhattan, KS– Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci, the Chief US Negotiator during the 1994 North Korean Nuclear Crisis, will be the featured speaker at the next PDM Lecture Program Host Dr. Art DeGroat announced on New Year's Day.

"We are honored to have Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci come to Manhattan to share his unique insight on the escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula." DeGroat said. "His exclusive knowledge and broad experience will provide the Flint Hills community with a deeper understanding of the delicate situation."

Gallucci brings a storied wealth of diplomatic knowledge stemming from his more than four decades in government service and academia where he worked in the State Department, United Nations and multiple prestigious institutes of higher learning. His speech will center on deterrence in the twenty-first century with an emphasis on the North Korean situation.

The upcoming PDM Lecture will be held on Thursday February 1, 2018 at the Manhattan Country Club. Doors will open at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00. The ambassador will begin his remarks promptly at 8pm. Tickets for the lecture are $25.00 and may be acquired by contacting the PDM Lecture Series directly (details on back page).

Ambassador-at-Large Gallucci lives in the Washington DC area where he is a Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy

Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci

at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service where he served as that school's dean from 1996 to 2009.

"To have an ambassador-at-large speak to our PDM audience is a profound honor and we are tremendously pleased to have him visit our community." DeGroat stated. "It should not be missed."

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PDM Lecture Series Offers New Invitation Format

Manhattan, KS– The Kansas State University Political, Diplomatic and Military Lecture Series announced a new format for guest communications which will take effect immediately.

"We felt there was a need to alter our longstanding invitation format due to the excessive waste in postal expense and a gap in our guest relations." PDM Lecture Series Program Administrator Jed Dunham remarked. "In the past when our guests were unable to attend due to various reasons they missed out on the information our distinguished speakers offered and with the publication of the PDM newsletter we feel our guests will stay informed about the topics we present."

PDM Lecture Series

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PDM Lecture Fund #F34210

In addition to the newsletter PDM guests will have more avenues to respond to event announcements beyond the traditional post office RSVP.

"We will continue to offer our existing **(cont pg 3)**

You are cordially invited to attend the PDM Lecture Series event

With Guest Speaker:

Ambassador-at-Large

Robert Gallucci

RSVP via email, phone or regular mail

When: Thursday Feb 1 at 6:30pm

Where: Manhattan Country Club

1531 North 10th St

Manhattan, KS

Cost: $25/person

PDM Lecture Series Launches Newsletter

"The PDM Newsletter is called 'The Pouch' in tribute to the diplomatic mailbag where private and restricted intelligence is shared between national embassies without facing the filter of international customs officers. We feel the information presented at PDM Lectures is exclusive in nature and valuable to such a degree it is not often shared with the public."

The Editorial Staff

Manhattan, KS– The PDM Lecture Series launched its signature newsletter, *The Pouch*, in early January with the intention of providing guests with an expanded product and more efficient method for communication.

"We felt there was an opportunity to lower our invitation costs while providing our guests with a valuable and informative method of communication." PDM Lecture Series Program Host Dr. Art DeGroat said at the launch.

The Pouch will offer interviews with past PDM speakers, news on upcoming events and a forum for the PDM audience to provide feedback on the series.

"The primary purpose of *The Pouch* is to communicate with our audience." PDM Lecture Series Program Administrator Jed Dunham explained. "Additionally it gives those audience members who are unable to attend the events a chance to share the knowledge presented."

The Pouch replaces the traditional method of guest invitations with news and discussion while keeping the option of responding via mail for those guests who choose to do so.

"The PDM Lecture Series was spending a large amount of money on printing and postage and we wanted to explore alternatives." Dunham said. "With *The Pouch* we not only eliminate the excess postage costs but we allow our guests to learn from lectures they may have missed or recall the message our speakers delivered."

The Pouch will be issued quarterly and will replace the previous invitations.

Book Review: *Going Critical-The First North Korean Nuclear Crisis*

Manhattan, KS- The next PDM Lecture Series guest will be Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci who cemented his distinguished diplomatic career with one of the most challenging accomplishments of the 1990's when he led the US effort to reach a deal with North Korea to avoid a nuclear crisis.

Gallucci's book, *Going Critical–The First North Korean Nuclear Crisis*, details the excruciatingly challenging task of negotiating a difficult and fragile peace under the shadow of Cold War hostilities and conflicting cultures. Written in partnership with Joel Wit and Daniel Poneman, who also played key roles in the crisis, *Going Critical* provides an exceptionally insightful look into the diplomats who speak for nations under the diplomatic banner.

The story opens with North Korea's announcement in March 1993 of their intention to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, an announcement that sent shockwaves across the planet and threatened to disrupt the fragile peace on the Korean Peninsula.

At the time North Korea was led by its founder, Kim Il Sung, a leader who had done little to assure western governments of peaceful intentions. When the crisis broke communication between the United States and North Korea was stressed and political channels had to be created to open discussions. President Bill Clinton assigned Robert Gallucci to lead the diplomatic effort but despite his illustrious career in the Foreign Service Gallucci was relatively unknown when the talks began.

"Who is this Gallucci?" The North Koreans asked. They would soon have their answer.

Gallucci was highly qualified for the duty having spent decades building an impressive resume and the book invites the reader into the negotiations by offering keen anecdotes about how diplomacy works such as the tense moment during a long session in Geneva with neither side gaining concessions. The tension was broken by the arrival of the wife of one of the North Korean negotiators who brought a large bag of Big Macs from the local McDonald's. The threat of nuclear armament was briefly shelved in favor of a shared meal.

Going Critical tells the history of the North Korean nuclear threat from their first reactors built to create energy to their efforts to build nuclear weapons. It traces the difficulties of negotiations compounded by former US president Jimmy Carter playing the role of middleman and the geographic location of South Korea's capitol city.

Seoul lies only thirty miles from the DMZ and was constantly under threat if negotiations collapsed. Mass evacuation was impossible and the Non-Combat Evacuation Order was viewed as the signal of imminent war. The local rumor focused attention not on General Gary Luck, Commander of US Forces in South Korea at the time, but on his Labrador dog, Bud. As long as Bud was present the threat was manageable but if Bud disappeared that was the signal the evacuation order was coming because Luck was rarely without his trusted pet.

Going Critical is not a light read despite its keen insights. It describes a very difficult history which seems to be repeating itself. It is valuable today.

The Guest Speaks- An Interview with Ambassador Young (ret)

Kansas State University– The PDM Lecture Series official newsletter, *The Pouch*, was able to sit with Ambassador Stephen Young (ret) during his recent visit to Manhattan to discuss his thoughts on American diplomacy in the Russo-Asian theater. His insights are recorded below.

The Pouch: "Thank you, Ambassador Young for taking the time to speak with us and welcome to Manhattan, Kansas."

Ambassador Young: "My pleasure, thank you for allowing me to visit. Although I lived in Kansas during my youth it has been a long time since I've been back and this is, I believe, the first time I've been to Manhattan."

The Pouch: "It's a special place. Could you begin by discussing your early interests in diplomacy and how you began your career in the Foreign Service?"

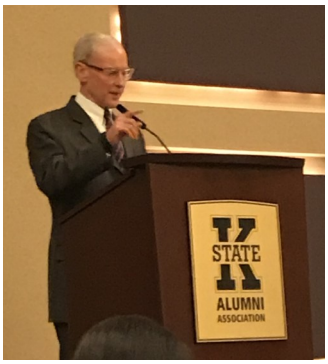
Amb. Young: "I come from a military family and service was something which felt natural growing up. My grandfather, father and older brother all attended the US Military Academy at West Point and despite having the opportunity to do so as well I felt second sons had other choices and I chose a different path.

"But service had always attracted me as did history and the opportunity opened to pursue both."

The Pouch: You were fortunate to spend portions of your youth overseas including time in Taiwan during the early 1960's while your father was a military advisor. How did that shape you?

Amb. Young: "I caught the Asian bug early and was fascinated by the region. In college I studied communism and Asia which gave me a place to start. When I entered the Foreign Service I wanted to spend my time in Asia."

The Pouch: "It certainly put you in the right place for history to unfold. Our understanding of Asia is often



Ambassador Stephen Young (ret)

limited in the United States until political situations deteriorate. Could you speak about some of the growing areas of concern which are driving the headlines of today?"

Amb. Young: "Well, the situations in the news are often more complicated than they first appear. For instance North Korea and the rising tensions on the peninsula.

The Pouch: "Yes, please elaborate."

Amb. Young: "My father fought in three wars and he always said Korea was by the far the hardest. It is a challenging region and North Korea is perhaps the most mysterious country on Earth."

The Pouch: "Can you expand?"

Amb. Young: "North Korea seeks to control one's most inner thoughts. It is something which separates them from even the most hardened communist regimes.

The Pouch: "But what drives North Korea to instigate these current political tensions?"

Amb. Young: "North Korea is led by a paranoid regime, that makes diplomacy difficult. The capitol of South Korea, Seoul, is dangerously close to the border of North Korea which complicates things and China fears a united Korean Peninsula so they are not eager to see unification which may place the American military on their border.

"These are only a few of the challenging concerns in the region. Adding Russia into things complicates it even further." **(cont. on pg 4)**

PDM Lecture Offers New Format with *The Pouch*

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RSVP format for those guests who enjoy responding in the traditional manner but we will no longer provide the return envelope and postage due to the costs involved." Dunham explained. "However we will be adding alternative methods of securing reservations by allowing our guests to email or call the office directly to purchase their tickets."

The PDM Lecture Series offers four exclusive events per year held twice each semester and the speakers who travel to Manhattan bring with them a detailed perspective of conditions which headline the topics of the day.

"The PDM Lecture Series is a true jewel for our Flint Hills community." Series Host Dr. Art DeGroat commented. "We would like to keep the cost to our guests at the $25 per guest price point while expanding our offerings to let those who are unable to attend feel included in the knowledge shared."

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Jed Dunham.

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"The Wise Fear No Truth"

The Guest Speaks (continued from page 3)

The Pouch: "Speaking of Russia, what are your thoughts on Vladimir Putin and the recent allegations of interference in the US election?"

Amb. Young: "Putin is a thug and yet he represents a belief held by many in Russia today which romanticizes the old Soviet regime. They are not as mighty as they were during the Cold War and to some that is a painful reality. Putin desires a Russian return to global power and this may explain why he acts the way he does.

The Pouch: "Interesting. In reading some of your own history in the region when you were the American ambassador to Kyrgyzstan it seems you and Putin had a small disagreement during that country's push for a new government in the early 2000's. Care to discuss?

Amb. Young: (Laughing) "Well, Putin doesn't like me very much. But what many like him fear is having their power taken away. He felt the United States was chipping away at his power through the revolutions in the republics of the former Soviet Union and he does not want to be next. That's probably closer to the truth about him than anything.

The Pouch: "Fair enough. Back to North Korea. The growing tensions between North Korea and the United States are confusing. What are the goals of North Korea and why are they so intent on acquiring nuclear weapons which could harm America?

Amb. Young: "Again, those in power wish to stay there. If North Korea possess nuclear weapons with the ability to strike American soil they then feel as though they are on equal footing with the rest of the world and must be treated as such on the global stage. Our problem is dealing with a political reality which is in direct conflict with our own policy.

"The challenge then is obvious."

The Pouch: "It's not an easy place to be."

Amb. Young: "It is not."

Ambassador Stephen Young was the 86th PDM Speaker.