



## The North Korea Challenge: No Good Options?

The national security challenge posed by an increasingly hostile regime in North Korea is the subject of our May monthly meeting.

Frank Plantan, co-director of the International Relations Program at the University of Pennsylvania, will be our speaker.

For 18 years, Dr. Plantan directed the Penn-in-Seoul Study Abroad and Internship Program and served for 10 years as executive secretary of the International Consortium for Higher Education, Civic Responsibility and Democracy, a joint project of the university and the Council of Europe.

Dr. Plantan has taught political science and international relations at Penn. His areas of interest and expertise include Northeast Asia with a special focus on the political, economic and foreign relations of Korea; political risk analysis; counterintelligence, and the role of universities in promoting civic engagement and democratic education.

Dr. Plantan does occasional consulting and is a partner in Gotham Orient Partners, an investment advisory firm. As a member of the New York Hedge Fund Roundtable, he has spoken many times on investing in South Korea and has facilitated investment opportunities and joint ventures there.

Dr. Plantan is an established leader and innovator in international education, program development and cross-cultural exchanges with a proven track record in pioneering new educational, internship and research programs in Europe and Asia, creating and employing professional networks that bridge diverse institutions and organizations.

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## Welcome New Members

A sincere warm welcome to new FPA members Joe M. and Frances Hummer Sr. and Cecilia (Cece) Viti, all of Mechanicsburg. As the 2015-2016 program year draws to a close, our membership total stands at 147, a net increase of 28 (or 23 percent) from a year ago.

## May 19 Dinner Arrangements

**Place:** Radisson Hotel Harrisburg  
Governor B (Hotel)  
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Time:** 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner  
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

**Menu:** Fruit Cup  
Roast Top Sirloin  
Strawberry Cake

*Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).*

**The cost for FPA members: \$24**  
**We welcome non-members to attend dinners.**  
**The non-member cost is: \$27**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

**For Reservations Contact:** Ron Pontius at:  
[ronpon@comcast.net](mailto:ronpon@comcast.net) or (717) 991-0899

You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: [www.fpa-harrisburg.org](http://www.fpa-harrisburg.org)

**Note: Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.**

When making or canceling a dinner reservation be sure to give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a walk-in without a reservation, the hotel may not be able to provide you with the meal listed above.

**NOTE: We bill no-shows.**

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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