



Mexican - U.S. Relations

Our speaker on October 25 is Alicia Kerber, who heads the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia. She will discuss the current state of diplomatic relations between her country and the United States.

Her appearance comes amid growing tensions between Mexico and the U.S. over trade and border security. President Trump has imposed stiffer trade restrictions and has advocated construction of a wall along the border to keep out illegal immigrants.

Last May, 80 FPA members visited the Mexican Embassy in Washington, DC.

The Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia is responsible for protecting the interests of Mexicans living, working or traveling throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and South Jersey. The office also facilitates economic, educational and cultural exchanges. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Kerber held a similar position in Kansas City.

She has represented Mexico as officer for political affairs at the Mexican Embassy in Colombia; consul of Mexico in San Pedro Sula, Honduras; and deputy representative of Mexico before the Organization of American States in Washington. She also served for two years as deputy head of mission at the Mexican Embassy in Ireland.

Born in Mexico City, Ms. Kerber has worked in the Mexican foreign service since 1991, completing assignments in the areas of environment, natural resources and human rights. She holds a doctorate degree in international law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. She has written several articles and essays for academic journals, both in Mexico and elsewhere, on subjects related to international organizations regional security, and human rights.

Pollster Madonna to Speak

Pennsylvania pollster G. Terry Madonna will speak at Lebanon Valley College on October 11 at an event jointly arranged by the college and the FPA. His topic: "The Role of International Issues in the Midterm Congressional Elections."

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Leedy Theater, located inside the Mund College Center on the LVC campus in Annville.

Madonna is director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster.

October 25 Dinner Arrangements

Place: West Shore Country Club
100 Brentwater Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(Please note the new location.)

Time: 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner
8 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A
(Note the talk will begin at 8, not 7:30.)

Menu: Tomato Bisque
Siracha-Bourbon Roast Chicken Breast
Green Onion Basmati Rice
Buttered Baby Carrots
Pumpkin Mousse with Caramel Sauce

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 is \$30.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is \$35.**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 8 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Reservations by e-mail and telephone must be made by 10 AM Monday, October 22. If you come for dinner without a reservation, the country club may charge a late fee of up to \$10 per person.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation, give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to the weather or for any other reason.

NOTE: We bill no-shows.

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the West Shore Country Club.

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