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## **October 2015 Luncheon Meeting**

Marie Callender's Private Room  
9503 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759  
11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, October 13, 2015

### **Speaker: The Honorable Christopher Ashby**

International Banker and  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay

### **"The Deficit, the Debt, and the Implications for National Security"**

#### **October Menu:**

Caesar salad, cornbread  
Iced tea, hot tea, coffee, soft drinks

#### ***Choice of:***

- A- Oven Roasted Turkey Dinner  
or
- B- Artichoke Mushroom Chicken  
or
- C- Double Shrimp Pasta  
or
- D- Salad Bar

Dessert: Choice of lemon meringue pie, chocolate cream pie, apple pie, or sugar-free razzleberry pie. Ice cream can be added or substituted.

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Tuesday, October 6

- 1 By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- 2 By e-mail to Joe McLean at [tfsg.texas@gmail.com](mailto:tfsg.texas@gmail.com) or reply to this message, or
- 3 By phone to Karen Jacks at 512.238.1909

Mailing a check made out to TFSG is our preferred method. In all cases, please include a phone number or email address so we can confirm your

reservation. All RSVPs will be confirmed. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Lunch begins at noon. TFSG members \$24. Guests \$30. AFSA and DACOR members may attend any one luncheon except December's at the TFSG member price. No new reservations after 12 noon on Tuesday, October 6. No-shows or cancellations within 5 days of the luncheon will be billed for their lunch. Checks may be made out to TFSG and mailed to P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246. Checks mailed in advance are greatly appreciated and will facilitate your check-in process.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per year.

### **About the Speaker:**

Christopher Ashby is a native of Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and the University of Texas Graduate School of Business. He has attended executive education programs at Harvard Business School and the Sloan School at MIT.

In 1973 he joined Chemical Bank in New York. He was posted for four years in Jakarta, Indonesia, as Country Manager and President of a joint-venture merchant bank with which he also spent ten years in Madrid, Spain, where he was Country Manager of Spain and Portugal.

In 1989, he returned to New York, where he ran the bank's business with the United Nations and the New York diplomatic community. After mergers with Manufacturers Hanover and Chase Manhattan, he managed all the bank's retail branches in Midtown Manhattan. His last assignment was as manager of a start-up retail investment business.

In 1997, Mr. Ashby was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay, stationed in Montevideo. He was directly involved in efforts to create a Free Trade Area of the Americas. When his tour in Uruguay was over in 2001, he became President International of NIC Computer Company, based in Palo Alto, California. In 2004 he joined Smith Barney as a Financial Advisor, and moved to Wells Fargo Advisors in 2007. He became Chief Financial Officer of Spring Branch Hospital in 2012.

He was President of the Houston World Affairs Council and on the national Advisory Board of the Small Business Administration and was on the board of the Houston Community College Foundation.

Mr. Ashby was a captain in the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1973, serving one tour as an infantry platoon commander in Vietnam. He is married to Amy Ashby; they have four children and five grandchildren.

**Upcoming Luncheons:**

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months, skipping August.

December 08: Carrabba's Italian Grill

February 09: Marie Callender's

April 12: Carrabba's Italian Grill

Suggestions for restaurants in 2016 and beyond are welcomed.

**Announcements:**

Please visit [WWW.TFSG.ORG](http://WWW.TFSG.ORG) for announcements, bibliographies, and other items of interest to members and guests.

**TFSG Information:**

Door prizes are won at every TFSG luncheon. One door prize always includes the AFSA book, "Inside a U.S. Embassy," and two TFSG mugs. We also sell the package (book and 2 mugs) for a single \$20 bill. Consider buying two mugs for a coffee mug tree (only \$5) and help promote our website and our group.

Our major tool for inviting widely-recognized subject experts and excellent speakers to address us is our impressive list of past speakers, bibliographies, the speakers' biographies, and the number of people who attend our luncheons. Bibliographies and biographies are available at <http://www.tfsg.org/luncheons.html>. We encourage you to pass it on via the internet or by printing and handing copies to friends and colleagues.

All events, except our December members-only luncheon, are usually open to your friends. Please invite them to join you.

We list the books, articles, videos etc. produced by our speakers and members on the Publications section of our website. Please help us keep it up to date.

We welcome suggestions for speakers. When nominating someone, please add biographical information and suggestions on how best to approach him or her. Suggestions for funding of speakers coming from outside of Austin are always appreciated.

Please give our website address to potential members, [WWW.TFSG.ORG](http://WWW.TFSG.ORG). Then invite them to our next luncheon.

**Directions to Marie Callender's:**

*The stretch of Hwy 183 near Marie Callender's is also known as Research Blvd. Mapquest or GPS directions to the restaurant may vary.*

**From the north:** Go south on Mopac and exit at Braker Lane. Stay in the middle lane on the Mopac access road heading south. Cross Braker Lane and then Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360). Move to the right lane and follow the turn around to the right into the Hwy 183 northbound access road. Turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

**From the south:** Go north on Mopac and exit at Capital of Texas 360/Braker Lane right after going under the Hwy 183 ramp. Turn left onto 360 and immediately turn left onto the southbound Mopac access road. Move to the right lane and follow the access road turn around to the right and onto the Hwy 183 northbound access road. Turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

**From the east:** Go west on Hwy 183. Exit at Capital of Texas/360 (Research Blvd.). Move to the right lane and turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

**From the west:** Go south on Hwy 183 and exit at Capital of Texas/360. Cross 360 and continue south to the North Hwy 183 U turn (on the left). Follow the U turn around, then head north in the right lane of the Hwy 183 access road. Turn right into the Gateway Shopping Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

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