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February 2015 Luncheon Meeting

Carrabba's Italian Grill
11590 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759
11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Speaker: Professor Joshua David Eisenman, UT Austin

"China-Africa Trade Patterns and African Perceptions of Chinese Business"

February Menu:

Salad OR soup

Seasonal flat bread with Italian herb and olive oil dipping sauce

Iced tea, coffee, soft drinks

Choice of:

A- Chicken Parmesan (coated with Italian breadcrumbs, sautéed and topped with pomodoro and mozzarella)

or

B- Sirloin Marsala (wood-grilled steak with mushrooms, prosciutto, and Lombardo Marsala wine sauce)

or

C- Tag Pic Pac (vegetables in a light Picchi Pacchiu sauce with garlic, olive oil, and basil on a small base of tagliarini pasta)

Dessert: Chef's surprise

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Monday, February 2

- 1 By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- 2 By e-mail to jmclean@computermoms.com, 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 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. Members \$24. No new reservations after 12 noon on Monday, February 2. No-shows or cancellations after this date 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.

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

About the Speaker:

Dr. Joshua Eisenman is assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin's LBJ School of Public Affairs and senior fellow for China studies at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, DC. Between 2003-2005, he served as a professional policy analyst on the Congressionally-mandated U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. He has also worked as fellow at the New America Foundation and assistant director of China studies at the Center for the National Interest (formerly The Nixon Center).

Dr. Eisenman holds a PhD in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), an MA in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a BA in East Asian Studies from The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

Upcoming Luncheons:

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months, skipping August. Suggestions for restaurants are always welcome.

Announcements:

At the December luncheon, four members received lottery tickets in their Christmas packages. Did anyone win anything? Two members received tee shirts with funny messages on them. Did anyone get photos with their tee shirts? Every member received two coupons for a free small Frosty at Wendy's and two members got EIGHT. Remember, the coupons have to be used before February 01. Two members got \$20 gift cards for Ten Thousand Villages. The store is moving from South Congress to 4803 North Burnet Road on February 01.

Jane Dunham, our Webmaster, receives suggestions all year long for humorous TV ads for our December video. Please send her outrageously funny or emotionally wonderful TV spots whenever you find one.

A big thanks to members who donated items for our gift bags and our door prizes. Members from Waco to San Antonio and from Elgin to Leander had bags delivered to their homes.

TFSG Information:

One or more door prizes are awarded 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, and the speakers' biographies. It is 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 mentioned in our announcements, except one, are usually open to your friends when you accompany them, so we hope you will invite them to join you. The one event that is "members only" is our December luncheon.

The publication section of our website is where we list the books, articles, videos etc. produced by our speakers and members. Please check our website and help us keep it up to date.

We welcome suggestions for speakers. When you nominate 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. Then call and invite them as your guest to our next luncheon.

Directions to Carrabba's Italian Grill:

Note: Research Blvd. is the eastbound Hwy 183 access road. If you approach the restaurant from Jollyville Road, you enter the parking lot from the rear. Or, if you miss that turn, drive straight to Duval, turn right onto Duval and right again onto the Hwy 183 access road, and enter the parking lot from the front. There is plenty of free parking close to the restaurant.

From the Northwest

Drive east on Hwy 183. Exit at Duval, cross Duval, turn right into the large parking lot at Outback Steakhouse. Carrabba's is on the left, Outback Steakhouse on the right.

From the North

Drive south on Mopac. Exit at Braker Lane and turn right onto Braker. Drive underneath Hwy 183 and turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the South

Drive north on Mopac or Loop 360, then west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the East

Drive west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

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