



# DACOR Membership

*Home to the Foreign Affairs Community*





# *Thank you for your interest in DACOR!*

**W**e are an organization of foreign affairs professionals whose careers are defined by international impact. Our members are united in their belief that diplomatic relationships based on deep political, economic, and cultural understanding can solve international problems and change the course of history.

Our work takes place in the DACOR Bacon House, one of the Capital's most long-standing havens for discussion about the challenges and opportunities our nation faces and the policies our government pursues in the national interest.

The DACOR community is proud to stand for the enduring principles of democracy and equality, of justice and dignity, of peace and prosperity for nations and individuals alike. We invite those who are also committed to the practice and principles of diplomacy to join us.



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**Benefits!**

# BENEFITS of Membership

## House Privileges

*DACOR members have access to the DACOR Bacon House, which is reserved exclusively for members and their guests.*



*\* An asterick denotes a benefit of special interest to DACOR non-resident members.*

### Use of the House

The DACOR Bacon House provides members with a unique – and impressive – full-service venue for any number of events. Members have House privileges to host private social events such as birthday parties, swearing-in celebrations, weddings, lunches and dinners. The House is also a perfect location for private business events such as working lunches, meetings and receptions. Members may sponsor other organizations or individuals who wish to use the House's catering and event services. Our in-house chef and event staff provide members personalized service to make their events as memorable as the setting.

### \*Guest Rooms

DACOR members and their guests can enjoy their stay in Washington surrounded by history in the Ringgold, Marshall, and Fuller Rooms of the DACOR Bacon House. Located only blocks from the State Department, the National Mall, and the White House, DACOR Bacon House is the ideal place for both the business and leisure traveler. Each room offers antique furnishings and private baths at below per diem rates for Washington, D.C.

### Library

Members have access to DACOR's lending library. Known as the Battle-Torbert Library, members may borrow from the 1,500 volumes dealing with U.S. foreign policy, diplomatic history, and the Foreign Service.

### \*Reciprocal Clubs

The hospitality of the DACOR Bacon House extends beyond our walls for our members. We have relationships with a score of other clubs in the U.S. and overseas that provide reciprocal benefits for DACOR members. Whether living or traveling abroad, members can enjoy the privileges of other clubs with which DACOR has formal relationships.



## Service

DACOR celebrates the commitment to service of our members and their families through significant long-standing programs that are at the core of our mission.

### Milestone Celebrations

Each year, DACOR hosts receptions in honor of newly commissioned Foreign Service officers and new Deputy Chiefs of Mission and Principal Officers. The Director General of the State Department, or his/her representative, attends each of these events, reinforcing DACOR's role and image as the 'home away from home' for those serving the U.S. overseas.

### \*Volunteer Opportunities

The link between volunteering and happiness is well-known: volunteers feel connected, use and learn skills, and feel good about their contributions to others. DACOR provides an array of opportunities for residents and non-residents alike who wish to continue to use their professional skills or to pursue new avocations. Member volunteers read financial reports and strategic plans, tend the historic gardens, give museum tours, interview students for education scholarships, and much more. With our history and mission, DACOR is a great place for members to devote their talents.

### \*The DACOR Memorial Section of Rock Creek Cemetery

Designed as a complement to Arlington Cemetery, the DACOR Memorial Section at Rock Creek Cemetery was founded in 1964 as the burial ground for those who served their country through the Foreign Service. The section offers a well-defined, exclusive space with grave sites and a columbarium. A monument and a reflection area add dignity and serenity befitting the values embodied by the DACOR community.



### \*Financial Support for Emerging Generations

For nearly 50 years, DACOR has supported rising generations of foreign affairs leaders through generous scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students. With scholarship endowments of more than \$8 million, we annually award \$250,000 in direct support for students studying various aspects of foreign affairs. DACOR members are a part of this important community commitment to the future of diplomacy and international understanding.

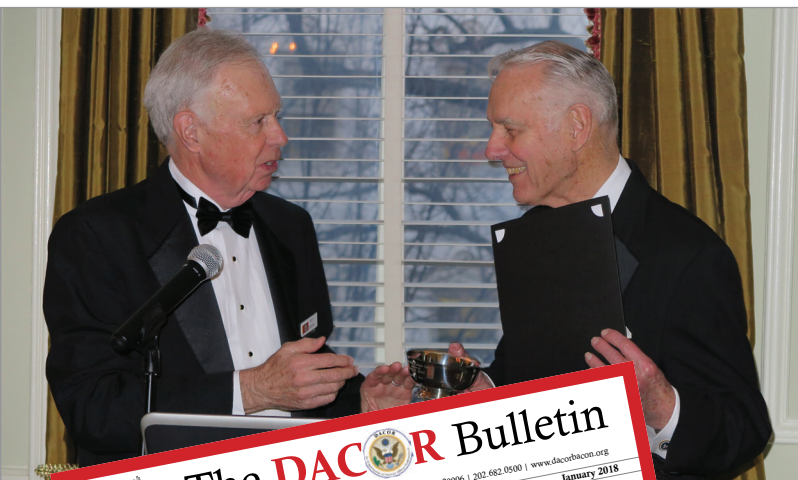
### Advancing Public Understanding of Diplomacy

DACOR's members believe that advancing the public's understanding of diplomacy is essential to our mission and values. We offer workshops on diplomatic history to high school social studies teachers, whose influence over the younger generation's understanding of international affairs and policy making is so important. Outreach efforts are also made at the undergraduate and graduate levels through participation in career days, information sessions, and direct partnerships. DACOR members have the opportunity to participate in these programs as advisors, planners, presenters and facilitators.

### \*Historic Preservation & Cultural Heritage

DACOR serves as the steward of the DACOR Bacon House, the historic home that now serves as a center for international dialogue for the foreign affairs community. The House is a beacon for the values that DACOR holds dear: learning and engagement, service, and community on behalf of international understanding and peace. Preserving the DACOR Bacon House is a point of pride for members and a significant contribution to our nation's history.





# Community

*DACOR is committed to maintaining and fostering the unique social bonds that characterize the foreign affairs community. Our members always feel they have a place where 'everyone knows their name.'*

## Membership for Two

We know that being a foreign affairs professional is often a family commitment. That's why our membership is for two: a primary member plus a spouse or partner. The bonds between those who have lived and worked together overseas is unique; DACOR honors the contributions of family members in this work and is committed to fostering these long-term, sustaining relationships among all its members.

## Member Lunches

A highlight of membership is the ability to drop in for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays; no reservations are required. On these days, members can join a communal table to meet new colleagues and share the latest Washington news and views. For those who prefer, reserved tables are also available.

## Seasonal Events

DACOR hosts seasonal receptions in the spring and fall which encourage members to reach out and reconnect with old friends and introduce new friends to the DACOR community. Brunches in November and December offer members an opportunity to bring their extended families and friends to the DACOR Bacon House to celebrate the holiday season in traditional style.

## After Work Activities

During the summer months, members can enjoy cocktails and jazz in our beautiful garden. Throughout the year, members also participate in post reunions, become part of a team for a lively Quiz Night, or join the bridge group. We offer an ever-changing array of opportunities to sit and relax after a hard day's work for active professionals and retirees alike.

## \*DACOR Bulletin

Our members look forward to receiving the *DACOR Bulletin*, with upcoming events, program summaries, welcomes for new members, obituaries, information on foreign affairs and DACOR/DBHF contributions to the foreign affairs community. The *Bulletin* is a key way to stay connected to the broader community.



# Learning & Engagement

*DACOR members have access to our highly regarded programs on topics ranging from international affairs to the arts, music, and culture.*



## \*Speaker Programs

Weekly speaker programs foster engagement and understanding of current and historical events. High-ranking government officials, U.S. and foreign diplomats, authors, journalists, academics and experts affiliated with think-tanks share their knowledge on a weekly basis. Members have exposure to fascinating guest speakers who examine foreign policy, national security, economic development, and other international policy matters in an off-the-record environment with ample opportunity for Q&A and comments. Most of our speaker programs are video recorded and summaries are published in the *Bulletin* for those who were unable to attend, a key benefit for our non-resident members.

## Discussion Groups

Members may join our growing number of discussion groups which are organized and conducted by members. Active discussion groups include the Thursday Discussion Group which meets weekly to discuss current affairs; the Africa Discussion Group which meets monthly for a brief presentation

by an invited guest followed by collegial discussion; and the Salon Series, which meets over dinner to explore philosophical questions that undergird policy such as the strength of the social contract and changing concepts of citizenship.

## Arts & Culture Series

Our Newberry Cultural Series explores the world of arts and culture through elegant luncheon programs. Recent programs have featured noted authors and media critics; fine arts directors from the Washington Opera and the Washington Ballet; museum curators; and special food and beverage events, such as wine tastings and even a Robert Burns' Birthday Supper.

## Musicales

During the spring and fall months, members experience the refinement of the DACOR Bacon House by attending Sunday afternoon Musicales. Held in the intimate setting of the second floor drawing rooms, these chamber music recitals offer vocal and instrumental ensembles, cine-concerts of silent films, solo pianists and operatic ensembles.

