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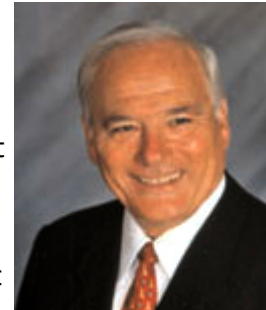
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Dr. David Roe Is Elected As New President of Board of Directors

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am privileged to lead the Center as its new President and want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to visit our [website](#). This first important initiative of the Center directly relates to our mission. Anyone of any age can learn about a wide range of opportunities to get involved in international relations. Enjoy it, get involved and let us know how the site is or is not helpful to you.



In 2008, the Center is engaged in many other new programs and initiatives and we will keep you informed. At the recent National Awards ceremony, we honored six outstanding Americans with national recognition for their significant contributions as citizen diplomats throughout the world. As I listened to their amazing stories, I recalled a wonderful quote from James Leach, former U.S. Congressman, Center Advisor, and current Director of the Center for American politics at Harvard University:

"As society becomes more complicated and the world more intertwined, the United States has a profound national interest in facilitating citizens outside of government to interact and

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communicate on a people to people basis with individuals of all walks of life around the globe."

David Roe
President
Board of Directors

U.S. Center Sponsors Major Citizen Diplomacy Event In Washington D.C.



On Feb. 12, 2008, the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy sponsored the first-ever National Awards for Citizen Diplomacy in conjunction with the second National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy in cooperation with the Washington based Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy. Attended by over 200 people, the ceremony was held at the Smithsonian Kogod Courtyard and featured music and performances honoring six citizen diplomats. The goal of the ceremony was to "expand the face" of Americans by refining America's perception of a citizen diplomat as well as to recognize, honor, and benchmark exemplary work in the field.

Click [here](#) to view pictures taken at the Award ceremony.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the six honorees.

Board Approves International Advisory Council

During its meeting in Washington DC early this month, the Board of Directors of the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy approved the creation of an International Advisory Council. The president of Central African States Development Bank, [Anicet Doloquele](#), has become the first member. [Read more...](#)



Resources For Citizen Diplomats

Put Your Best Hand Forward



You have been asked to host a delegation of German dignitaries whose friendship may be valuable to your community. As a citizen diplomat, you want to make a great impression. At the airport, you watch the delegation walk toward you. You reach out to shake their hands without taking your left hand out of your pocket. Unfortunately, shaking hands while leaving your other hand in your pocket is considered extremely rude in Germany. [Continue reading...](#)



U.S. Center Announces New Member And Board Officers

[Amb. Charles Manatt](#) has become the newest member to join the Board. He is the founder of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, a national law firm headquartered in Los Angeles and Washington DC. Manatt served as U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic during the Clinton administration and recently completed six years as chairman of the Board of Trustees of The George Washington University.

Other existing members have been elected to new positions:

- [Dr. David Roe](#) -- President
- [Ambassador Mark Johnson](#) (ret.) -- Vice President
- [Laurie Heintz](#) -- Secretary

Former President of the Board [Amb. John Menzies](#) was elected honorary chairman.

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