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- Supports a membership and meetings program on a par with that of New York.
- Holds over 100 meetings a year, including general meetings, targeted-audience discussions, and Middle East Forum sessions.
- Conducts Campaign 2000, Eyewitness to History, Conversations with the Former Secretaries of State, Author Spotlight, Capitol Commentary, and Western Hemisphere: Challenges and Opportunities series.
- Features heads of state and foreign officials from all over the world, and congressional leaders from both sides of the aisle.
- Sponsors conferences on topics such as the Baltics, Belarus, China/WTO, and Panama.

Some of the most popular programs this year featured revealing insights into the thinking of former secretaries of state, directors of central intelligence (DCIs), and assistant secretaries of state for inter-American affairs. Former Secretaries James A. Baker III, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, and Henry A. Kissinger were interviewed separately in a conversational format with CNN’s Frank Sesno. These exchanges covered current events as well as various historical retrospectives. Former DCIs Richard Helms, James R. Schlesinger, William H. Webster, R. James Woolsey, and John Deutch came together in a first-ever meeting to reflect on the role of intelligence in the development and execution of American foreign policy. This meeting was made possible by Council member Kenneth A. Moskow, a former CIA employee. And in another first, former assistant secretaries of state for inter-American affairs, from Ambassador Lincoln Gordon (1966–67) to Bernard W. Aronson (1989–93), and also including incumbent Peter F. Romero, discussed the evolution of U.S. policies toward Latin America and economic and political trends in the region.

Another highlight this year was the Campaign 2000 series—informed debates and serious discussions on key foreign policy issues in the U.S. presidential campaign. Meetings in the series considered such topics as “What’s Worth Fighting and Dying For?” “Foreign Policy and Public Opinion,” and “A View from Abroad.”

Members acclaimed the mock National Security Council (NSC) meeting on China-Taiwan Cross-Strait Relations, a session in which Council President Leslie H. Gelb played the role of secretary of state, Winston Lord was national security adviser, and Richard Armitage was secretary of defense. This realistic meeting, involving participants with extensive government experience, gave members a rare window into the NSC decision-making process.

Other subjects covered in this year’s program included U.S.-China relations, the World Trade Organization, and Russia’s presidential elections. The two “Daughters and Sons Events” featured current DCI George J. Tenet speaking about post-Cold War challenges for the intelligence community and Reverend Jesse L. Jackson Sr. offering his views on the 2000 presidential campaign.
The intimate embassy lunches continued to be welcomed by members as a unique opportunity to engage foreign ambassadors in discussions on important foreign policy and trade issues in a relaxed and informal setting. Participating embassies this year included Argentina, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, and Venezuela.

All in all, it was a vibrant and dynamic year, filled with exciting substantive discussions about pivotal foreign policy issues for the new century.

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Speaker Yasir Arafat, Chairman, Palestinian National Authority, Judith Kipper, and Presider Lee H. Hamilton at the January 20, 2000, Middle East Forum, “Palestinian Perspective on Peace.”
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