



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Bob Felt

As I prepare to write this piece for our June newsletter our annual meeting is approaching and we hope the last minute reservations give us the attendance we want and our distinguished speaker deserves. We will have a new board, executive committee and committee chairs. I believe it is also the time for all of us to reflect on the past year and formulate our thoughts as to how we can improve the organization. Let the board know your thinking.

For my part I stand in awe at the program schedule we've enjoyed over the past year as well as the dazzling array of speakers we've been able to attract week after week after week. We need you to come up with ideas and suggestions so we can continue with exciting programs.

We have been blessed with many new members this year. Last month we held the first of, hopefully, many receptions for new members and visitors. Organizations such as ours are much more appealing when members and repeat visitors walk in and are recognized and welcomed. We hope these receptions enable us old-timers to get acquainted with newer members. Your ideas and evaluations are welcome.

Flora's publicity efforts are ubiquitous and Jim's outstanding newsletters have been so key during the past year. Our monitors who have conducted the meetings with grace and humor through somewhat difficult times have been outstanding. And the support people assisting with the audio visual made the presentations so much more meaningful. And I can't begin to thank all of the other people who contributed their part to the success of the past year. I think the continued high level of attendance is testimony to the success of all these efforts.

If there is an area of interest you'd enjoy participating in please volunteer so that many hands can make light work and make the next year equally successful.

North County Chapter, Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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Membership Categories

- \$60 Family
- \$50 Senior Family (+65)
- \$50 Individual
- \$40 Senior individuals (+65)
- \$15 Full time student
- \$100-\$499 Contributing

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(New Membership: Jan. 1 to June 30: the above rates apply to current year through December; July 1 to Sept. 30: half of above rates apply; after Oct.1: above rates apply through the following year.)

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Chapter's News

- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on www.sdwac.org. SDWAC office phone number is 1-619-325-8200.
- ◆ Please keep Leon Bloom (leonbloom@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Young (mmyoung11@cox.net) informed of address changes.



North County Chapter June, 2010 Programs

10:00 AM, Thursdays at
THE REMINGTON CLUB, 16916 HIERBA DRIVE, Rancho Bernardo*

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings - no charge, no need to reserve.

June 03: Mr. Jean-Jacques Surbeck will present "The Difficult Questions." Whenever someone is involved in a discussion regarding the Middle East conflict, inevitably one or all of the four following questions will surface: the "occupation", the "settlers", "apartheid", and the "right of return". This presentation discusses each in depth to give people all the elements they need to draw their own conclusions. These issues are not as simplistic as the media tend to portray them. Mr. Surbeck is Executive Director of T.E.A.M. (Training and Education About the Middle East), a San Diego-based non-profit organization which he co-founded that strives to present a balanced view of the Middle East conflict to the San Diego population.

June 10: Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, President of the San Diego World Affairs Council, will discuss the question, "Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia: Is it descending into Chaos?". After seven years of failed policy by the Bush Administration in Afghanistan and Pakistan, will President Obama's strategy lead to stabilizing Afghanistan, defeating the Taliban and marginalizing Al-Qa'ida? Is President Hamid Karzai an ally upon whom we can depend or are we stuck with an ineffectual, corrupt and crony-ridden leadership? Can we leave Afghanistan in an acceptable period of time, or will the U.S. be faced with another Vietnam?

June 17: Mr. Cy Chadley, member and past-president, will present "Palestine-Israel: Human Rights and Wrongs" in which he will raise issues that get pushed aside and question whether the human rights of Palestinians were taken into consideration at the time of Israel's creation out of the Palestinian Mandate, suggesting that until these are addressed there will be no solution.

June 24: Mr. Leon Bloom, member, will present "Education: Where the U.S. Stands vs. the Rest of the World and How to Fix Our Broken System" in which he will discuss specific problems with our current system and the remedies that have been proposed and are being proposed by the Obama administration. A different approach will be described together with its potential advantages. Since retiring 16 years ago from a career designing and marketing computers and computer systems, Mr. Bloom has volunteered as a tutor at the Bernardo Heights Middle School.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Neil Weinstein (858) 759-3389 or neilwein@yahoo.com or vjoksimovich@gmail.com

*Remington Club, Phase II, is located behind Von's Market . **(Please do not park in the Club's parking area).**

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