



# North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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## The Prez Sez

by Bob Felt

We are trying to broaden our horizons to include descriptions of what the downtown SDWAC group is doing that might interest you. Here are three events—

- A. On October 11 several of our members had dinner at Tom Ham's Lighthouse with David Krieger who founded Nuclear Age Peace Foundation which initiated many innovative projects for abolishing nuclear weapons and promoting world peace. The venue allowed for intimate discussion of David's current thinking. Unfortunately, there were no major answers to the potential Iranian problem which has us all very much concerned.
- B. The October 14 Executive Committee meeting was followed by a talk at the SDWAC board room by Professor Mikhail Alexseev on Russia and the Ukraine. He is currently teaching at SDSU.
- C. A luncheon meeting featuring Dr. Trita Parsi as speaker on the topic "*Treacherous Alliance -The Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran and the U. S.*" will be held at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley from 11:30-2pm on October 29.

Do let us know if you need more details or information.

Meanwhile our Chapter meetings continue with wonderful October presentations by Dr. Bill Jordan talking about Vietnam 21 years later and David Edick presenting a wonderful analysis of Energy Resources of Central Asia complete with excellent visuals and statistics. The politics of the area are complex, and it looks like the Middle East by comparison has much more resources, lower costs to extract, and much better access to world markets. We look forward to the exciting programs planned for the balance of October.

We also want to recommend two special programs planned on October 23. Dr. Aboubakr Jamaï describes "*Moroccan Politics and Middle East Democracy*" at 1:30 at the Remington II sponsored by CEC - Members \$5, Non members \$7. Later that night at Oaks North Community Center auditorium Jim Goldsborough will review his new book "*The Misfortunes of Wealth: A Family Memoir*" from 7:00 to 9:30pm. We are cosponsoring this talk with several other organizations, and the talk is free. Jim has talked to us before and has always been incisive and entertaining. You may recall his having a column in the San Diego Union Tribune for many years. Remember, these programs are in addition to our 10am programs planned for each Thursday .

### North County Chapter, Membership Application

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# Chapter's News

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- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on [www.sdwac.com](http://www.sdwac.com). SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



## North County Chapter

### November, 2008 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.**

**Nov. 6: Dr. Miles Kahler**, Rohr Professor of Pacific International Relations at IR/PS and Professor of Political Science at UCSD, will present **“The War on Terrorism and the New Administration”** based on a recently completed paper on Al Qaeda and terrorist networks. From 2001 to 2005, Dr. Kahler served as interim Director and Founding Director of the Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS) at UCSD. He was a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York from 1994 to 1996.

**Nov. 13: Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky**, member, will discuss **“Kosovo: A Challenge to International Order.”** Dr. Bonkowsky recently retired from a 21-year career with the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer. During her service, she worked extensively in European affairs, with a focus on the Balkans. She was posted to Belgrade 1994-96 as a political officer and to the U.S. Mission to OSCE in Vienna, 1996-2000, where her portfolio included human rights and the OSCE missions to Kosovo and Albania. She returned to Belgrade after the NATO bombing as a member of the team which re-opened the American Embassy.

**Nov. 20: Mr. Abe Gruber**, member, will speak on **“Comparative Education: World and American Trends.”** Mr. Gruber's presentation will focus on world rankings in education, with special emphasis on secondary education regarding science, mathematics and reading. The history and reasons for U.S. slippage will be discussed, compared with rising educational standards elsewhere. The status of higher education in America versus other countries will conclude the analysis.

**Nov. 27: THANKSGIVING - No Program**

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

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