



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

December, 2007

The Prez Sez

by Cy Chadley

The San Diego County fires affected most of our members, especially those living in Rancho Bernardo who saw neighbors' homes burned to the ground. The only member's home that was destroyed, that I know of, was that of Irene Lichtenstein, whom we have the pleasure of seeing during the winter when she sojourns here from New York: We send her our commiserations. The downtown office sent us a kind message: "*On behalf of the San Diego World Affairs Council, we would like to take this opportunity to express our concerns for you and your loved ones during these terrible times.*" Unfortunately I had to cancel the lecture by Dr. Patricia Plovovich on October 25; she has agreed to reschedule the talk at the first opportunity, but we may have to wait some time as her SDU teaching program for the next semester requires her to conduct classes on Thursday mornings.

We received an unusually high compliment in respect of the visit of Generals Hoar and Gard October 11; I received the following note from Travis Sharp, Communications Director & Military Policy Analyst, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Council, "*I wanted to extend my gratitude for your hosting the Generals at the World Affairs Council last Thursday. I must say that in my entire involvement with the Center's Outreach Program, the audience at the San Diego World Affairs Council was the best informed, most engaged, and asked some of the best questions.*" This bears out my own often expressed view that our chapter definitely is one of the best informed in the nation.

November 1 saw a revisit by Dr. Dipak Gupta who spoke on "*Pakistan: The Biggest U.S. Foreign Policy Dilemma*", in which he divided the dilemma into three elements – terrorism, democracy and nuclear weapons. He proved to be prescient in forecasting the likelihood of General Musharraf declaring martial law when this was the case a couple of days later.

There was a snafu in the electronic distribution of our November newsletter: Brandon the downtown office manger resigned in order to prepare himself for his doctorate, and the intern used an incomplete e-mail list that I corrected and the newsletter was e-mailed again. I am sorry to see the departure of Brandon who has been of great help to us and I welcome Alexis Romero to the position.

In order to continue to reduce labor, postage expense and delays, the monthly newsletters are being sent by e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address; I ask members to keep Leon Bloom (leonbloom@sbcglobal.net) informed of address changes. Hard copies will be available for collection by all members at the Thursday meeting before the end of the month.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

North County Chapter, Membership Application/Renewal

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Categories

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

(new membership: Jan. 1 to June 1 above rates apply to current year; July 1 to Sep't. 30 half of above rates apply; after Oct.1 above rates apply thru following year)

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Check # _____ Date: _____

Chapter's News

- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC activities can be seen on www.sdwac.com. SDWAC office: (619) 325-8200.
- ◆ The Executive Committee will meet at 12:05pm December 13th and the Full Board will meet at 12:05pm December 20th.
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North County Chapter December, 2007 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.

- December 6** Mrs. Karen J. Longstreth, Registered Nurse, Director SDWAC, past-president UNA-San Diego, will describe “**Life in the West Bank: An Eye Witness Account**”, resulting from time she and her husband, Dr. George F. Longstreth, Professor of Medicine at UCSD School of Medicine, spent this past summer working in hospitals and clinic in the West Bank
- December 13** Dr. Vojin Joksimovich, member, author of two books and over 60 columns on the Balkans, will review Prof. John Schindler's book *Unholy Terror: Bosnia, Al Qaeda, and the Rise of Global Jihad*. Schindler is a professor of Strategy, U.S. Naval War College. He served for a decade with the National Security Agency (NSA) and was the NSA's top Balkans expert. He explains how the Bosnian conflict has been misrepresented by the mainstream media and how Osama bin Laden used Bosnia as a base for terrorist operations worldwide including 9/11.
- December 20** Mr. Richard Anderson, member, will talk on “**The Third World Only 30 Miles Away**”. Richard worked for 50 years in the defense industry, specializing in aircraft instrument design. He believes that when politics affects your life, you should get involved. He is registered to run for congress in the 50th District for the American Independent Party.

December 27 NO MEETING

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Al Myers (760) 721-9072 or e-mail him at almyers123@cox.net.

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

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