



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

January, 2010

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by Bob Felt

Your Board of Directors at its 12/03/09 meeting voted to pursue having an Annual Luncheon at Bernardo Height Country Club. They liked the menu, the venue and the speaker and felt it was a suitable wind up for the year.

To accomplish this we need someone to step forward to volunteer to organize and publicize the luncheon. We have dates in late May and in June that are open for the country club, but of course we've got to move to nail down the dates. Please give me a call at 858-592-6087 or e mail me at BOBNMFELT@SBCGLOBAL.NET if you would volunteer.

Next we need to attract a prominent speaker and subject matter for this date. Dr. Sanford Lakoff certainly filled this bill last year with his wonderful talk on Iran, Israel and the United States. We need your suggestions for both the speaker and subject to move ahead. Let us hear from you.

As I'm sure you all realize these things require planning many months ahead so we need your input soon to make our Annual Luncheon happen. Let me hear from you.

IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME!

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North County Chapter, Membership Application

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- \$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 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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Chapter's News

- ◆ Fred Nathan, a long-time member of our Chapter, passed away November 30th.
- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on www.sdwac.org. SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



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January, 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.

Jan. 07: **Dr. Al Myers**, member, will discuss “**Escaping the Resource Curse.**” Many countries that have significant oil deposits end up having worse economic development than countries that do not enjoy access to oil wealth. This counter-intuitive notion is analyzed in the excellent book “Escaping the Resource Curse”, which is edited by Humphreys, Sachs and Stiglitz. Dr. Myers will review the book and discuss the economics and politics of countries that become victims of the “Resource Curse”.

Jan. 14: **Dr. Arkal S. Shenoy**, a forty-year veteran of the U.S. nuclear industry, the Director of Fission Reactor Programs at General Atomics in San Diego responsible for program management of High Temperature Modular Helium Reactor (HTGR), will be speaking on “**the design of modular HTGR, with its unique nuclear safety characteristics—meltdown-proof and passively safe based on the combination of inherent and design safety features**”. In addition to the design, numerous potential applications will be addressed, e.g. electricity production at high thermal efficiency (~48%), production of hydrogen, process heat for chemical industries, desalination during the present worldwide nuclear renaissance

Jan. 21: **Dr. William Wood**, Professor of History at Point Loma Nazarene University, will discuss “**The United States and Central Asia**” focusing on current issues in Central Asia as they relate to the United States. Dr. Wood has conducted research on the former Soviet Union on numerous occasions beginning in 1988. He teaches both Islamic history and Russian history at PLNU.

Jan. 28: **Mr. Jack Bowsher**, new member, will discuss “**Understanding Federal Budget, Deficits, and Debt to Avoid A Financial Meltdown of the U.S. National Government.**” Will the United States be the next great nation to fail due to steep debt, slow growth, and excessive government spending? Mr. Jack Bowsher will provide us with answers to this question with a historical picture of how our political leaders created this financial debacle and how they have one last chance to solve the financial crisis. Jack is a retired IBM executive and a former member of the U.S. Comptroller General's Advisory Board.

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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