



# North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

July, 2009

## *The Prez Sez*

by Bob Felt

I believe we've had a very successful Annual Meeting held June 11, 2009 at Bernardo Heights Country Club with 64 in attendance including 7 interns invited as our guests who are serving in the downtown chapter office. This might be a good time for you to articulate your thoughts as to the venue, content of the meeting and other arrangements including suggestions for improvements. My email address is

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The meeting and reports allowed us to focus on longer range and strategic considerations that often slip by as we go from month to month. For example, we hold our meetings once per week at Remington II. Yet in the past we have sponsored, in addition, evening talks at Oaks North Community Center along with other organizations. And in perusing the archival materials left me by Cy Chadley, I note the talks that were presented at the RB Swim and Tennis Club on a Tuesday evening on a once per month basis. I remember talking to Vojin about the cancellation of these efforts; he felt we were presenting too much of the same type of thing resulting in overload with the resulting decline of interest and attendance. Consider if this is your current assessment and let the board know. Declining membership over past years has been noted, and Dorothy's report to the Annual Meeting reflected yet another decline; any ideas to address this issue? I should add that other clubs I've been associated with are experiencing similar declines; perhaps people are more conscious of discretionary expenditures during anxious recessionary times. All of these impact on the budget and annual dues so let us know how you think we should react.

**Please note: There will be no meetings in August. Meetings will resume September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### North County Chapter, Membership Application

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Categories

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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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# Chapter's News

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



## North County Chapter

### July, 2009 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.

**July 02:** Three members will lead a discussion, "*Dealing with Islamists.*". **Cy Chadley** will draw attention to our common values through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Muslims' aspirations for social justice, and problems being encountered in Britain; **Al Myers** will focus on American foreign policy issues and objectives in dealing with Muslim nations for the next generation; and **Jim Young** will focus on Islam's internal struggle for power and influence between radical Islamists and moderate Muslim scholars, especially their competing application of "Shari'a reasoning."

**July 09:** **Dr. Georgy Gounev**, will discuss the "*Islamization of Europe and its Impact on U.S.-Russian Relations.*" Prof. Gounev, a native of Bulgaria, obtained his Ph.D. from the *Institute of Foreign Relations, Moscow*. He has published four books in his native country and a remarkable book on the Roosevelt-Stalin relationship *Fighting Evil with the Help of Satan*. He lives in Orange County and is involved in teaching at several colleges, writing and public speaking.

**July 16:** **Mr. Murray Kuritsky**, member, will present: "*Afghanistan - Why Are We There?*" He will briefly describe the current situation in the country and the factors and forces at play.

**July 23:** **Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser**, President of the San Diego World Affairs Council, will present "*Iraq: From 2006 to the present, U.S. policy in the Obama era, and the impact of recent events in Iran.*" The strategic change in Military and Political policy of the U.S. government since June 2006 added a new dimension to the future of Iraq after 2011. What is the Obama administration policy in Iraq? How is it being impacted by events in Afghanistan? What is the impact of recent events in Iran on Iraq, if any? Predictions on the future of Iraq and the region after U.S. troops withdrawal in Dec 2011. What does the future hold for Iraq?

**July 30:** **Dr. Vojin Joksimovich**, Member, will present "*Global Renaissance of Nuclear Power.*" Construction of nuclear power plants peaked in the 1970s. Accidents at Three Mile Island and Chernobyl had a heavy negative impact. Remarkable performance of existing plants and need the for clean and economic electricity have resulted in a surge of orders. There are 45 plants under construction worldwide in 2009. Many more have been ordered or about to be ordered including 30 in the U.S. A number of nuclear novice countries have also announced bids.

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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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