



# North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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## **The Prez Sez**

by Bob Felt

Our quarterly board meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 11:30AM following the Q&A of our regular meeting. I welcome suggestions for the agenda from our general membership and board members. I will be away in Colorado March 3-8.

I remind our membership this is renewal time and our new treasurer, Len Williams, is collecting annual dues. We have tried to keep them at the same affordable levels as last year, and I'm sure you would agree the programs over the past year justified them.

Our annual meeting will be at Bernardo Heights Country Club on June 11; it will be a luncheon meeting similar to what we enjoyed last year. Dr. Sandy Lakoff will be the speaker. We ask you to save the date.

I hope you enjoyed our outstanding February schedule of speakers including our Feb 12 panel discussing foreign policy issues facing our new Administration and the new approaches we see President Obama bringing to the table emphasizing realities, our living in a world where the United States has less influence than it once had, and the recent Iraqi elections emphasizing desires for security and stability and a desire for a strong central government along with the phased withdrawal of foreign troops. The challenges to greater involvement in Afghanistan including resentment of the populations of Afghanistan and Pakistan raised so many caveats as did the assessment of what we participated in with our actions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

We thank our panelists Vojin, Don, and Farouk for a very stimulating and timely discussion. We also thank Pat Frost for his talk on Shanghai Cooperation Organization and look forward to the David Felsen and Gerry Burstain talks. I feel the quality and number of the Q&A give testimony to the high quality of our speakers and subjects.

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# Chapter's News

- ◆ Joe Botka, a long-time member of our Chapter, passed away January 6th.
- ◆ This North County Chapterline will be sent by e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address; 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 and when you do not receive your newsletter.
- ◆ 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 March, 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.

- March 5:** **Dr. Jonathan Graubart**, Associate Professor of Political Science at SDSU, will talk on "**Still Victor's Justice After All These Years: The False Hope of International Criminal Tribunals**", in which he will argue that a common trait of all international tribunals, dating back to the Nuremberg Tribunal, has been an accommodation of global legal justice with power politics and victor's justice which has profoundly damaged the cause for genuine justice and requires a reevaluation of international tribunals.
- March 12:** Panel Discussion, "**Nuclear Iran and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**" led by two nuclear engineers: **Dr. James Larrimore** (guest, SDWAC Member) and **Dr. Vojin Joksimovich** (member). Dr. Larrimore, who spent 16 years of his distinguished career with the IAEA and has continued as a consultant on international safeguards for the past decade, will describe the course of Iran - IAEA nonproliferation and safeguards interactions. Dr. Joksimovich will pose questions and provide an overview of Iranian activities.
- March 19:** **Dr. Don Gragg**, member, will present "**Antarctica: The Peaceful Continent**". He will discuss the history of Antarctica and the Antarctic Treaty, which is the current governing authority of the continent, as well as presenting pictures of his experiences there last month. Dr. Gragg is a past president of our San Diego World Affairs Council chapter and past president of Rancho Bernardo's CEC.
- March 26:** **Christie J. Edwards Esq.**, Adjunct Professor and Pro Bono Fellow at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law will talk on "**Sex Trafficking and Gender Imbalance in China**", in which she will discuss China's involvement in sex trafficking and the problems resulting from their one child policy and whether this will include employing their males through military and commercial ventures.

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