



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Bob Felt

With the October 2008 newsletter I had the pleasure of introducing myself to you as President of our North County Chapter. It seems amazing to think a year has gone by. And it seems like such a good year for us because of the teamwork that has made these weekly events come together so well. Twenty five minutes before 10AM each Thursday I usually walk into an empty room, worry about whether we'll indeed have an audience, whether the speaker will show, whether the power point components will behave as advertised, and whether the audio equipment will appear and function. As if by magic it all seems to happen with intelligent and stimulating questions raised right up until our 12 PM bye time. And I've been pleased at seeing our lectures so well attended. Dorothy Schankler wisely mentioned that people who leave before the Q&A miss out on so much of the meat of the topic. Irving Berlin sure got it right with his song, "There's No Business like Show Business."

We are planning our next quarterly board meeting. Neil has indicated he now has almost a full schedule of programs for the balance of the year which is a welcome development. I'll bring the updated lists Bill Jordan has been keeping for us as a resource and again solicit your input through the Program Committee about what you'd like to see for future programs. We've targeted membership as a priority and will review what has been tried here. The feedback I've gotten indicates members attending liked the Annual Meeting, but perhaps it's time to consider what we'd like to do in 2010. Please let me know other issues you'd like to see discussed; my email is BOBNMFELT@SBCGLOBAL.NET

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Chapter's News

- ◆ Please keep Leon Bloom (leonbloom@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Young (mmyoung11@cox.net) informed of address changes.
- ◆ 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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November, 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.

Nov. 05: Mr. Jeffrey J. Iverson: "Strange Bedfellows". In 2005 Mr. Iverson became the FBI's Legal Attaché in Moscow, Russia, where he was responsible for coordinating terrorism and criminal investigations with his FSB (former KGB) counterparts. He will speak about the paradoxical nature of this professional relationship, their common goals, and the challenges of working in a culture in which the KGB still strives to develop the next Robert Hanssen. He will discuss the level of mutual trust that has been developed over the past 15 years, some of the cases they worked together, and personal adjustments he made to "Soviet" life.

Nov. 12: Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, President of our downtown World Affairs Council, will discuss "**America's Ally - Jordan, A brief tour of the country's history from Biblical times to the present.**" The small Kingdom of Jordan, this arid and ancient land (of biblical fame) has witnessed centuries of conquests and invading armies. It occupies a strategic location in the Middle East. It is caught in the middle of the Iraq and Palestinian-Israeli Conflicts, yet the country is stable and economically growing. The country's Politic, Economy and history will be presented.

Nov. 19: Mr. Jean-Jacques Surbeck will discuss "**The Gaza War.**" The Gaza War left many people wondering if Israel did the right thing in defending itself the way it did. Did it have any other choice? Could it have stopped the Hamas rockets any other way? Was it too high a price to pay in Palestinian lives? And did Israel really violate International Humanitarian Law, as Hamas and their friends insist it did? A dual American and Swiss citizen, in 2008 J.J. became Executive Director of T.E.A.M. (Training and Education About the Middle East), a San Diego-based non-profit organization which he co-founded that strives to present a balanced view of the Middle East conflict to the San Diego population. T.E.A.M.'s web site can be found at www.sandiegoteam.org.

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No Program

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