



# North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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## **The Prez Sez**

by Cy Chadley

The January 3 program gave us a great start to the year, with our own Don Gragg, Vojin Joksimovich, Cal Watson and, of course, our audience, providing a high level of information and discussion under, "Formulating U.S. Foreign Policy: Pakistan". Bob Felt has prepared a report of the meeting for the media and anyone wishing to request a copy should e-mail him at [bobnmfelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobnmfelt@sbcglobal.net).

We are fortunate to have Dr. John Rielly revisit us February 7, to discuss relations between the U.S. and France. The inauguration of Nicolas Sarkozy as the new President of France appears to have brought the transatlantic slanging match of the past seven years to an end. Sarkozy not only admires the U.S. but supports parallel policies on Iran, Russia, terrorism and Israel. Nevertheless the question has to be asked: Will France once again be a close long term ally of the US or will Sarkozy return to a Gaullist policy of independence?

A relatively new member, Dennis Bussey, will give his maiden lecture to our forum by discussing global warming - the alarmists who believe that it is man-made, its effects are dire and mankind can correct it; and the skeptics who believe that global warming is a natural phenomenon and there is nothing realistic that mankind can do to significantly change the global temperature. They both can't be correct; the stakes are high for all of us, and the planet, in getting this right. Dennis will argue that man-made global warming has become perceived as common knowledge, and he will present another point of view.

At the end of February, members Gerry Burstain and Len Williams will debate the chances of our seeing a resolution to the 60 year old Israel/Palestine conflict in the next 20 - 30 years. Let's see if our members can come up with some suggestions to add to the ongoing discussions.

We have received an invitation from SDSU to attend their Hansen/Hostler Lecture Series, that promises to be a high level, comprehensive review of its subject, "In the Name of God: Religion in Ethnic Conflict, Genocide and Terrorism". The series is being presented by Ron Bee, Director of the Charles A. Hostler Institute on World Affairs, who has lectured to our chapter in past years, and Dipak Gupta, who visited our forum last November to describe the complex situation in Pakistan.

Finally, I urge members who have not renewed their membership for 2008 to kindly do so soon; a renewal application is available below. I also urge you to spread the word to your family, neighbors and friends, who are not yet members, and invite them to our meetings: We are in constant need of new members and there is no better forum in San Diego County than ours for the discussion of foreign affairs.

### North County Chapter, Membership Application

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## Chapter's News

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- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on [www.sdwac.com](http://www.sdwac.com). SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.
- ◆ *Foreign Affairs* articles can be read on [www.foreignaffairs.org](http://www.foreignaffairs.org) .



## North County Chapter February, 2008 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.

February 7 **Dr. John E. Rielly**: “**The U.S. and France: A New Beginning**”. Dr. Rielly has a lifetime’s background in foreign affairs: He has taught at Harvard, worked at the Ford Foundation, served in the State Department and as Executive Director and President of the Chicago Council on Foreign Affairs.

February 14 Member **Dennis Bussey** will discuss how man-made global warming has become perceived as common knowledge. He will review the science and demonstrate that the case, as to whether humans can do anything significant to change global temperature, is by no means closed, in “**Global Warming, Alarmist or Skeptic**”.

February 21 **Ms. Kathi Anderson**, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Survivors of Torture International in San Diego, has had a career in occupational and rehabilitation counseling, she has worked as a refugee resettlement worker for the International Rescue Committee and will talk on “**Surviving Torture in the Post 9/11 Era**”.

February 28 Members **Gerry Burstain and Len Williams** will provide a panel discussion of the provocative question, “**Will there be a resolution of the Israel/Palestine situation in the next 20 to 30 years?**” Audience participation will be welcomed, Member Murray Kuritsky will be the moderator.

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