



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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by Bob Felt

Now that we're past the holidays and into the new year I am happy to report the programs for the next few months are taking shape and look exciting.

Again, we ask you to submit your membership renewals and dues for the new year if you have not already done so.

Marty Mathios is anticipating the imminent arrival of the wireless mike equipment which should help the presenters and allow more freedom of movement. .

Len Williams and Vince Garner are well along in the transitioning of the treasurer's responsibilities. Meanwhile do submit your dues to Vince until the transfer is complete.

Marge Postel has agreed to help out with the annual luncheon; however, we welcome others on the committee. We'll soon begin scoping out dates and determining the speaker.

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If you have not yet renewed for 2009

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North County Chapter, Membership Application

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- \$50 Individual
- \$40 Senior individuals (+65)
- \$15 Full time student
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Chapter's News

- ◆ 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) or Jim Young (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. SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



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February, 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.

- Feb. 5:** Mr. Patrick Frost, member, will discuss **the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), what it is, its goals and its effectiveness.** Are China and Russia using the SCO to balance against the United States? If so, how effective have they been and what are their current and future prospects in curbing U.S. interests and influence in Central Asia and beyond? Mr. Frost teaches International Relations at San Diego City College and writes for the Foreign Policy Association's Afghanistan and Central Asia blog.
- Feb. 12:** Members, **Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser, Dr. Don Gragg and Dr. Vojin Joksimovich** will lead a discussion of **"U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities for the New Administration"**, in which each will give his overview of what he considers should be foreign policy priorities, and go into greater detail for one area. Audience participation will be welcomed. Assigned areas: Farouk: Middle East; Don: South Asia (principally India, Pakistan, Afghanistan); Vojin: Central & Eastern Europe and Russia.
- Feb. 19:** **Dr. David Felsen**, member and Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management at Alliant International University in San Diego, will speak on **"The Immigration Issue: Past and Present."** Contentious debates and tensions over immigration are nothing new. The talk will look at some of the salient moments in immigration history in the United States and briefly discuss the current debate. He recently co-authored a documentary and reference text on immigration.
- Feb. 26:** **Dr. I. Gerry Burstain**, member, will review the **"The Future of the Peace Process."** The presentation will focus on the impact of the aftermath of Gaza's war, the newly elected Israeli government and President Obama's proposed Middle East policy on the future of the peace process between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Dr. Burstain is a past president of WAC-NCC. He was born in Israel and frequently visits that country.

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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