



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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The Prez Sez

by Bob Felt

Hello, and I look forward to meeting our wonderful membership and to continuing the terrific work that has been done to make our club such a community asset.

Many of you don't know me and so I thought I would give you a little background. My education includes an undergraduate degree in business administration from Northwestern University and an MBA from De Paul University. I am a CPA (Ill.). Mary Alice and I raised 3 boys; we lived in Chicago, moved to Idaho Falls in 1965 and then in 1969 relocated to Denver for 27 years until my retirement in 1995. My working career has been in Finance and Accounting, principally for manufacturing companies. My retirement volunteer activities have included 11 years of work in Tax Counseling for Elderly program sponsored by AARP, IRS and FTB; I'm currently on boards of RB Senior Services, Oaks North Travel Club, RB Social Club, Luther Towers, and our homeowners association in addition to which I do volunteer work for Poway Center for the Performing Arts and CEC.

Since my election earlier this month I've been busy attending several meetings of the San Diego downtown chapter trying to get a feel of how we can fit in and they can fit into our activities. Farouk has been reinvigorating the organization with emphasis on expanding membership and publicizing who we are and what we do.

I have been very impressed by our board and the committee members including the programming committee efforts to continue to the exceptional quality of programs offered to our members. I am also gratified that Cy, Cal, Farouk and others have offered to help and counsel.

As usual we can use added help and we ask for help from any member willing to take minutes of our board meetings. Call me at 858-592-6087 or e-mail me at BOBNMFELT@sbcglobal.net . We urge you to keep Leon Bloom apprised of address changes (leonbloom@sbcglobal.net) as well as our membership chair, Dorothy Schankler (760-747-3620).

Let me remind you of the Jim Goldsborough lecture we're co sponsoring with CEC and others at Oaks North Community Center, Thursday, October 23 at 7PM. Jim will be reviewing his new book "The Misfortunes of Wealth: A Family Memoir." Jim has always been a very entertaining speaker; his talk traces the subject from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars down through our current society. We've always enjoyed his entertaining and provocative delivery.

North County Chapter, Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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Membership Categories

- \$60 Family
- \$50 Senior Family (+65)
- \$50 Individual
- \$40 Senior individuals (+65)
- \$15 Full time student
- \$100-\$499 Contributing

(new membership: Jan. 1 to June 1 above rates apply to current year; July 1 to Sep't. 30 half of above rates apply; after Oct.1 above rates apply thru following year)

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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) informed of address changes and when you do not receive your newsletter.
- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC events can be seen on www.sdwac.com. SDWAC office phone number is (619) 325-8200.



North County Chapter October, 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.

- Oct 2 Dr. Bill Jordan**, member, past NCC president, and retired economics professor will talk on the subject of “**Vietnam Twenty-One Years After 'Doi Moi'**.” The positive results of relaxing Marxist economic policies in Vietnam are evident throughout that country. A selection of photos taken in early 2008 show how an industrious and educated population has increased wealth and consumption a generation after Vietnam rose from the ashes of war and restrictive policies.
- Oct 9 Mr. David Edick** will present "**The Energy Resources of Central Asia - a Perspective**". Central Asia is a region rich in energy resources. Is it really another "Persian Gulf"? How have the development of the resources progressed? Do state-owned oil companies hinder development? Does it matter? How has the August war in Georgia impacted energy politics and development in the region? David Edick will report on the status of and outlook for energy development in the region and its relevance to the global energy supply.
- Oct 16 Dr. Vojin Joksimovich**, board member, will present "**U.S. Foreign Policy & Kosovossetia**", in which he will discuss how U.S. orchestration of Kosovo independence in violation of international law has led to Russian recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The world has entered into a particularly dangerous period in which major wars, including nuclear, are more likely.
- Oct 23 Ms. Elena McCollim**, Program Officer at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, USD, who visited Guatemala recently, will report on IPJ's Guatemala Project under “**Neither Peace nor War: Challenges of Inclusivity, Governance, and Social Justice in Post-conflict Guatemala**”. Ms. McCollim has lived and worked in Central and South America.
- Oct 30 Mr. Leon Bloom**, member, will discuss "**The high price of oil, the reasons for it and what we should do about it.**" He will present some of the factors that have been responsible for the high price of gas and some of the approaches we should take to reduce what we spend on energy and which approaches are really not relevant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Neil Weinstein (858) 759-3389 or neilwein@yahoo.com or Joksimovich@yahoo.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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