



AFIO NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

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FEBRUARY MEETING -- WED FEB 10, 2016

"The Egg & I" Restaurant -- 6909 Menaul Blvd (East of Louisiana)

1100: Sign-In and Order Lunch

1130: Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

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GIVE A THOUGHT TO:

Joe and Jean Yardumian. Joe is recovering well from a very serious operation, but misses being present for the give and take at our meetings. It is difficult for him to get out, these days, and he would be very pleased to have some visitors. For anyone who can find the opportunity, the Yardumians' phone number is (505) 797-1851. It would be a good idea to call ahead, and try to go in mid-afternoon. Their address is:

7801 R.C. Gorman Avenue
Albuquerque 87122-2748

Joe and Jean would love to see you, and any visit would be a tonic for both Joe and Jean. Jean, by the way, is most appreciative of the Nambe tray presented to her by the Chapter, and we are most appreciative of the fact that she is willing to continue to serve as the Chapter Treasurer for a while longer.

JANUARY WRAP...

Bob Hull gave a superb talk on his experiences as a UN expert on Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and about the extraordinary, convoluted measures the Iraqis took to circumvent the sanctions. I cannot possibly do justice to the substance of Bob's presentation, and perhaps he would allow us to post his graphics on the members-only portion of the Chapter website. I thought I had been exposed to clever methods of concealment by narcotics traffickers, but the Iraqi measures Bob exposed are orders of magnitude beyond that. The use of "freeports," for instance, to mask the transfers, repackaging, manufacturing and disguising of weapons components and other embargoed goods is mind-boggling. Thanks, Bob, for a thoroughly professional and info-rich presentation.

AND NOW, DOWN TO BUSINESS

It is, as noted previously, time for Chapter elections. Mike Ford and I thank you very much indeed for the trust you placed in us as Co-Presidents, in Rich Sullivan as Vice President, Jean Yardumian as Treasurer, Sam Shaw as Web Master, and Joe Cantergiani for his service as Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Rich Sullivan has agreed to continue to serve as Vice President, and Jean Yardumian has graciously agreed to continue for a time as Treasurer.

Mike Ford and I believe this is the right time for us to move on from the President(s) position, and that position must be filled at the February meeting.

One of the contradictions we face is that AFIO members are experienced professionals, are active participants in the meetings, and have all contributed significantly to raising our awareness of the depth and breadth of the Intelligence enterprise. We also recognize that, owing to the fact our members are involved in other professional organizations, assuming an additional responsibility for the AFIO New Mexico Chapter might be perceived as difficult. However, we need to point out that this Chapter can only exist through the continuing participation of all the members, there is no shortage of experienced and qualified leaders within our ranks, and the position is not that demanding.

We also note that, as elections are virtually upon us, no one has yet come forward to honor us with his or her willingness to serve a term as President. To remain vibrant, to continue to attract new members, and to encourage budding interactions with other organizations, we must have—and present—a professional image to represent AFIO and to mesh with other groups

THEREFORE, it is imperative that all Chapter members come together on February 10 to nominate, gain concurrence from, and elect a new Chapter President. In addition, the Chapter needs a Secretary to take meeting notes (attendance and topics discussed) and publish a monthly newsletter (essentials would be Date, Place, Time, and Agenda or Program). The current newsletter structure need not be used, though the Secretary would be free to use it. The MS Word template will be provided.

With sincere thanks to all from Pete Bostwick and Mike Ford,

Respectfully Submitted,

B.E. (Pete) Bostwick, Jr. and Lawrence M. (Mike) Ford
Proud (departing) Co-Presidents
AFIO New Mexico Chapter