



THE TOM SMITH NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

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CHAPTER MEETING - APRIL 8, 2009

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

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The April meeting marked a milestone in the history of our Chapter with the awarding of scholarships to four deserving University of New Mexico ROTC students. Some five years ago, it was suggested that we set aside funds for intelligence scholarships. Chapter members agreed, since community outreach has always been a fundamental goal of our national association.

Through the efforts of Chapter members Joe Cantergiani and Pete Bostwick, we have worked out a memo of understanding with the UNM ROTC so that these awards can be given out annually to highly-accomplished UNM students planning to pursue intelligence careers upon graduation.

This year's recipients were:

Officer Candidate Geoffrey S. Biegel, USN
Second Lieutenant Ryan M. Lundbohm, USMC
Cadet Jessica Roman, US Army
Cadet Colonel Joe C. Castillo, USAF

It should be noted that Chapter funds for these scholarship were supplemented by a grant from AFIO National and by generous donations by the following Chapter members: Ruby Ellen Smith, Jim Hoffsis, Jerry Monahan, Dick Callaghan, Bill and Sharon Young, Newton Miler (deceased) and William Frick (deceased)

ELECTIONS

Following the awards ceremony, Bob Clark called on members to vote on a slate of nominees selected to assume new Chapter officer positions at the end of June. A committee composed of Bob Clark, Jean Yardumian, and Joe Cantergiani selected the following individuals:

President: Pete Bostwick
1st Vice President: open
2nd Vice President: Jerry Monahan, incumbent
Secretary: Brendan O'Donovan, incumbent
Treasurer: Judith Mead

Nominations were called for from the floor and Todd Hulsey volunteered to take the position of 1st Vice President.

With a show of hands, members unanimously elected those named above to the five positions.

JUNE NIGHT OUT at the SHRINERS'

We're anticipating a first-rate panel discussion by regional experts on border issues and Mexican drug violence at our planned 26 June Banquet. The venue for the event, the Shrine Center, has easy access and good parking at 6600 Zuni Road SE. Ron Page and Dolph Saenz continue to firm up details of the event with the Shriners. At the April meeting, Dolph passed out copies of the Banquet Menu featuring prime rib or catfish.

We are asking all members planning to attend this banquet to please pay our Treasurer for their dinner ticket(s) at the upcoming May meeting. She will be taking **cash or checks made payable to AFIO-NM Chapter**. The cost is **\$25 per person** for all attendees. (If you cannot make the May 13th meeting, please mail your check to: Jean Yardumian, 7801 R C Gorman Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122-2748.)

Deadline for buying dinner tickets is Saturday, 30 May. The reason for this advance payment is to give the Shrine staff a ballpark attendance figure they can work with to schedule appropriate numbers of staff and most importantly, to order enough food!

The April 8th Chapter meeting saw wide participation by Chapter members in determining how this June event should be handled. Members agreed how it will serve as an educational and community outreach event and possibly a marketing tool for the Chapter. In any event it will serve to educate the public about the importance of the intelligence community, a fundamental goal of AFIO National.

Leading the lengthy give-and-take discussions about the planned 26 June Evening Out were Dolph Saenz and Bob Clark. These discussions covered a wide range of administrative matters from the cost of the meal to who we should invite. Since that meeting, Bob Clark has sent out a special memo to all members via email and regular mail, reviewing all the points and issues that were covered and agreed to at that luncheon.

At our upcoming May meeting, Bob intends to continue these discussions until all the loose ends are taken care of.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009

We will meet at 11:30 hours on Wednesday, 13 May, in the "back room" at the Calico Cantina and Café/Vernon's Steak House right next to the historic old El Camino Motel, about ½ mile north of Osuna on the west side of 4th Street.

Our May speaker is pending.

President – Dick Callaghan
1st Vice President – Ron Cuellar
2nd Vice President/Programs – Bob Clark
2nd Vice President/Public Relations – Jerry Monahan
Secretary – Brendan O'Donovan
Treasurer – Jean Yardumian