

Association For Intelligence Officers

The Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter

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MAY MEETING -- Note Change of Location !!

Wednesday, 12 May 2010

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, Santa Ana Reservation (Bernalillo)
(Map Attached)

11:00 AM: Buffet Lunch Served <<<>>> 11:30 AM: Call To Order

REMINDER: Do the Dues - Y'all recall that annual dues must be paid by July 1st. Since we're probably going to adjourn for June and July, all members must either pay their dues at this (May) meeting, or mail them by the July 1 deadline to our Treasurer, Judith Mead, 1515 Soplo Road SE, Albuquerque 87123. We rely on your continued support, and on our upcoming drive to reconnect with inactive or former members here in New Mexico. So, please continue your valuable support to the Chapter and get those \$20 bills (or checks) to Judith, pronto. Thank you.

President's Corner:

Change is in the air. OK, I know some of us don't like change very much, but we're going to try something new in the culinary department. Responses to the suggestion we try meeting at the Tamaya Resort were overwhelmingly favorable and enthusiastic, so we're going to give it a whirl. The resort is modern and beautifully laid out, and the Director of Catering (Mr. Mark Krumbach) has been very accommodating and welcoming to our group. He has assured me that we can expect an excellent buffet luncheon (a good value, in my opinion, at \$20.00/person, including tax and gratuity). Since the resort is only about 5 miles and 12 minutes from the I-25 Bernalillo exit (#242), I'm hoping to attract AFIO members from Santa Fe and Los Alamos who cannot make it all the way into town for meetings. In any case, I will look forward to your reaction to this venue; if it is favorable, the resort will be happy to have us on a regular basis.

One important caveat: Since the Tamaya caterers will be custom-crafting our buffet, they must be able to plan for the correct number of hungry mouths to feed. Therefore, we will need a commitment from those planning to attend. Therefore – please contact one of the following Officers

Judith Mead at 323-2253, Jerry Monahan at 242-9857, or me at 898-2649

to confirm that you plan to attend not later than 1500 hours (3:00 PM) Wed May 5th. Judith will write a single check to the resort for the meal, so each of us must be prepared to pay Judith by cash or check at the meeting. If you sign up but don't show up, we must still charge you for the meal unless you've let us know—in advance—that you can't make it. Mr. Krumbach has some leeway to adjust for unforeseen events that might cause someone to cancel, so if you find you can't make it is important to let us know as far in advance as possible. I will work with Mr. Krumbach to see if the cancellation has come in time to permit him to adjust our bill.

The March Meeting:

We had considerable discussion about the DNI/CIA Director squabble, as well as an in-depth review of the structure of the Intelligence Community. I am continually amazed by the breadth and depth of the experience and knowledge of our members, and wish that more members would attend on a regular basis, because every one of our professional colleagues can contribute meaningfully to these discussions. Seems to me our next act should be to find a media contact who can help us raise the Intelligence IQ of a mostly unknowing public in our area. This is one area about which I feel confident in saying, “ignorance is NOT bliss.”

Also, the predictably thorny issue of illegal immigration came up during the meeting, and should probably be pursued. While I recognize that there are very strong political overtones to almost all aspects of this debate, there are national security and Intelligence/Law Enforcement issues that we would be well advised to keep abreast of. The recent murder of an innocent rancher near the southwest NM/AZ border, and the volume of illegal traffic across that sector of the border, lends an immediacy and significance to the border problem that cannot be ignored.

Personnel Notes:

Ruby Ellen Smith is comfortably situated back in her own house, and getting around with a walker. She is looking forward to coming to our meetings once again, but no longer has a car. If any member lives near Ruby and is able to give her a ride, she (and we) would be most appreciative.

We are sorry to learn that Phil Mogen is not doing well, and is now living at the Montebello center where Ruby was staying. We wish him all the best.

Ron Cuellar continues to perk along in Texas, and we hope to see him back here one day soon.

Brendan O'Donovan appears to be tolerating his cancer treatment very well, and we look forward to his eventual return.

AFIO Scholarships:

Good news! I have just learned from Joe Cantergiani that the ROTC Cadet/Midshipman scholarship recipients will attend the May meeting, as our guests. They will be a welcome addition to this event, and we can look forward to meeting these young people who presented themselves so well on their applications.

Please do plan to come to the May meeting, and any of you who have contacts with Santa Fe or Lab officials might encourage them to come, as well. We do need to reach out to the other professionals around the state. See you there!

Respectfully yours, Pete

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