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## THE TOM SMITH NEW MEXICO CHAPTER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2008

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### **Update: Chapter President Dick Callaghan**

Good news – Dick's health continues to improve, and he is able to eat normally once again. He has finally "escaped" from the rehabilitation center into an apartment in Rosemont, an assisted living facility in Santa Fe.

### **Upcoming Chapter Meeting -- Wednesday 12 November 2008**

Time: 1130 hours. Place: Calico Café's "back room" (aka Vernon's Steak House) on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, about ¼ mile north of Osuna, next to the historic El Camino Motel.

### **Rep. Heather Wilson Possible Guest Speaker**

As this newsletter goes to press, Bob Clark tells us that Heather Wilson is tentatively scheduled to speak at our meeting next week, but we await final confirmation from her office.

### **REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING, 8 OCTOBER 2008**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Clark opened the meeting, and Vice President for Public Relations Jerry Monahan led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Chaplain Dolph Saenz offered an opening prayer, asking our political leadership to focus more on national issues and less on ideology.

Treasurer Jean Yardumian reported our current bank balance and noted that "only a handful" of members have not yet paid their annual Chapter dues. Those few have been contacted by mail, with the usual warning that we will be forced to drop them from the rolls (as of 31 October) if they don't remain current.

Bob Clark took the rostrum again to suggest we consider a special luncheon meeting in December to formulate some direction for the Chapter in the new year. He, Dick Callaghan and Dolph Saenz, among others, believe our Chapter should be an informational and educational resource—a clearing house, if you will—for national security issues that have been glossed over by the political leadership. Our Chapter membership represents a unique aggregation of knowledge and experience not available elsewhere in the State of New Mexico, and might therefore be in a position to influence decision makers' thinking on key issues.

Border security, for instance, remains a "hot potato" issue, and includes

not only the U.S.-Mexican border, but recent instances of power projection by Russian military into this hemisphere. Examples are Russian Air Force flights to Cuba, Russian military hardware sales to Venezuela, and commercial deals with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Additionally, we are seeing persistent, albeit anecdotal, reports of training camps being established in Venezuela to train guerrillas from Middle Eastern countries. Others express concern that Islamic radical operatives are mingling with Mexican illegal immigrants to cross our southern border, and there are other accounts of people entering the country illegally across the sparsely patrolled and often remote parts of our 4,000 mile border with Canada. You get the idea....

Our Chapter leadership believes that, if we're willing to put the effort into it, we can obtain media cooperation to get our views either published or heard. There have been preliminary discussions about how to accomplish this, and Bob Clark will address this further at the November meeting.

The final business issue was to ask Ruby Ellen Smith and Dolph Saenz if they would explore the possibility of a holiday get-together for the group sometime in December.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

#### **SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE STEVE PEARCE (R)**

We were honored by the presence of Congressman Pearce, his wife, and an Aide at this meeting. We are pleased to provide the following synopsis of his extensive and well-articulated remarks.

Rep. Pearce opened his talk by describing the recent Congressional debate on the economic meltdown. Though he was under intense pressure by his colleagues to approve the proposed "bailout," he resisted and voted "No," believing that such government assistance should be limited, or at least provided first, to the middle class homeowners and small business owners whom he considers to be the "backbone" of this country.

He views the energy shortfalls as requiring us to drill for as much domestic oil and natural gas as we can extract—right now. Rep. Pearce sees us working our way out of dependence on foreign energy supplies in 10-20 years by making major investments in nuclear, solar, and wind power.

With respect to foreign affairs, he described his meetings with leaders in Egypt and Jordan who told him their regional security would be threatened if the U.S. cut all ties to the region. Because of the worldwide reach of terrorism, Rep. Pearce sees the need for a U.S. presence there for decades...if not in Iraq, then in some other Middle East venue.

We sincerely appreciate Rep. Pearce's presentation, his openness to questions and answers, and the time he devoted freely to our group at the height of an arduous political campaign. We were also delighted to have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Pearce. Thank you, Congressman!



## IN MEMORIAM

### DARLENE MOGEN

It is with regret that we report the passing of Darlene Mogen, beloved wife of long-time Chapter member and former Chapter President, Phil Mogen. The Chapter extends deepest sympathies to Phil and to their family. The following obituary was published in the Albuquerque Journal on 30 October:

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MOGEN—Darlene Mogen, 81, a resident of Albuquerque since 1977, died Tuesday, October 28, 2008. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Philip Mogen; son, Mark Mogen and wife, Karen of Aberdeen, SD; daughter, Karen Mogen of Albuquerque; son, Thomas Mogen and wife, Florence of Radford, VA; sister, Lois Yost of Eldridge, IA; 11 grandchildren; Corey, Melissa, Elizabeth, Matthew, Allison, Rebecca, Philip, Charles, Will, Walker, and Sam. Darlene was raised on a farm in Hand County, South Dakota during the depression and was educated as a Pharmacist at South Dakota State University. She worked throughout her life as a pharmacist in South Dakota, New Jersey, Illinois, Virginia, and in New Mexico. Darlene was active in her bridge club, book club, needlepointing, and bowling league with her friends. She was an avid reader and loved to collect antiques and especially loved playing board and card games with her grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust NE. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to the First Presbyterian Church or All Faiths Receiving Home 1709 Moon St. NE, 87112-3973.

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