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A BUSY IPCC 2009; YEAR OF CHANGE

Calendar of Events

Fall-Winter 2009

(Please photocopy, fax, or e-mail to your friends and associates)

WEDNESDAYS

Weekly Luncheon Sessions
"Drop-In" Environment
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

IPCC members and guest enjoy the "drop-in" environment. Order from the menu and pay individually.

"THIRD WEDNESDAYS"

"Third Wednesday Sessions"

Each third Wednesday of the month, the IPCC invites a guest presenter to offer timely information, followed by a lively discussion session.

(Recent discussions: Iran, Israel, City News Bureau, High Speed Rail)

SEPTEMBER 16:

Hon. Aman Rashid
Consul General of Pakistan

SPECIAL

SEPTEMBER 23:

"Sentimental Journey"
Elvira Fischer. .

..wife of the late Ritz Fischer, former editor of the historic "Chicago Daily News." She will discuss her new book "Sentimental Journey," which focuses on her life with her late husband and other sentimental highlights of her life. There also will be a book signing.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6:

"China Night"

Gourmet Chinese Dinner
with entertainment
6 P.M.

Limited Seating

House of Fortune

2407 South Wentworth Avenue
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Members: \$20 Non-members: \$30

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Deadline: Oct. 2

Cash bar

OCTOBER 21:

Proposed:

"The Old and New Car Industry"
Former Chrysler Dealer

NOVEMBER 18:

"Neftagaz"

Global Energy Security

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

(Tentative)

Venue: TBA

4 P.M.: Annual General meeting

5 P.M.: Board Meeting

6 P.M.: Annual Holiday Party

Members: \$12 Non-Members: \$15

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FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA

Invitations to welcome former journalists and special events are sent only via e-mail to paid members.

(Time constraints)

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New Officers Take Action to Meet Goals Of New Strategic Plan

By Frank Bennett Rowder



Former City News Bureau Reporter Redd Griffin chats about the historic news organization.

With its new president, Professor Harry C. Lepinske, the new IPCC officers, elected in January, first developed a strategic plan, then launched intensive efforts to meet their goals.

The board has worked hard for the first eight months in office reaching out to old members for retention and to recruit new members --including the ethnic news media, the diplomatic corps, and military's public affairs personnel.

Attending board meetings have been staff members from the "ASEAN Tribune;" Karl Raeder, Caucasus correspondent for the Swiss ISN security watch, who briefed IPCC members about his trips to Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan; Guangyao Hu, new director of the Chicago office for China's official news agency, Xinhua News", and a host of others.

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“The board meetings have become as interesting as the weekly luncheon sessions on Wednesdays,” commented, Lee Salberg, the new vice president.

IPCC and IVCC

Working in cooperation with the International Visitors Center of Chicago, the IPCC welcomed delegations of journalist from Belarus, Azerbaijan, and Russia for serious discussion sessions. The IPCC officers presented honorary IPCC membership cards to the visiting journalists.

“Business Reporting” Seminar

With the focus on researching and writing business news for a free market economy, the IPCC organized and presented a special seminar and field study tour for a delegation of journalists from Baku, Azerbaijan. Following Professor Lepinske’s presentation at the CME facilities (Chicago Board of Trade), they had an opportunity to observe the trading floor, then visit the Federal Reserve Bank.

Midweek Luncheon Sessions

The IPCC welcomes member and guests every Wednesday at the meeting room at Houlihan’s Restaurant, 111 East Wacker Drive. Visitors usually arrive about 11:30 AM and depart at their leisure (not later than 2 PM).

“The ‘drop-in’ environment has attracted many new faces. They enjoy the opportunity to order from the menu and pay their tab individually—at their leisure,” explained Wayne Toberman, the new membership chairman and official photographer.

“Third Wednesday” Sessions

Every “Third Wednesday,” a presenter, with a timely message, is invited. Following the guest presentation, there is a lively discussion session.

Guests have included Redd Griffin, formerly of the Historic City News Bureau; Prof. Roger Hamburg reporting about his news junket to Israel; Suleyman Sozeri, trade consul, Consulate General of Turkey in Chicago; Dennis Hodges, Indiana High Speed Rail Association; and Jobbin Mansourian, an international business, executive, who gave a briefing about Iran and his plans to return to Iran for several months.



Dennis Hodges, of the Indiana High Speed Rail Association, briefs IPCC members and guests.



IPCC members are seen giving him their attention.

“Hall of Fame” Dinner

Because of the poor economy and lack of response, the traditional “Hall of Fame” Dinner, originally scheduled in June, was cancelled.

Tentative plans are being made to present the HOF Awards during the annual meeting and holiday party scheduled early in December, according to Phil Ksycki, Chairman.

Awards will be presented to: Andy Shaw, formerly of ABC-TV; Joel Weisman, WTTW-TV; Marv Dyson, Chicago radio pioneer; Don Debat, real estate columnist; Russ Stewart, Nadig newspapers; and Daway Zhou, China Media Star.

Being honored posthumously will be Tom Morrow, “Chicago Tribune.” The Army Matanky award will be presented to Dr. Jerry Field, IPCC founding member, and the Lifetime Award to Tom Roeser.



Suleyman Sozeri, trade consul, Consulate General of Turkey in Chicago, explains US- Turkey bilateral relations.



Daway Zhou, president and CEO of China Star Media Corporation (center), is seen introducing the first copy of her English edition to her Chinese newspaper. Her firm also produces China television programs.



Karl Raeder, Caucasus correspondent for the Swiss ISN security watch, is seen briefing ICPP members and guests about his reporting assignments in Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.

CHINA NIGHT
 CELEBRATING
CHINESE "MID AUTUMN" FESTIVAL
 GOURMET DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
 CASH BAR
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009
 Reception: 5:30 P.M.
 Dinner: 6 P.M.
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ICPP board members and members of Russian news media, are seen engaged in intensive verbal exchanges.



The IPCC presented honorary membership cards to each of the members of the Russian delegation.



Honorary membership cards also were presented to other visiting members of the foreign news media.

IPCC WELCOMES FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA DELEGATIONS



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