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**TUESDAY, November 26, 2002**

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON**

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## **2002 OFF-YEAR FALL-OUT**

**GEORGE PERRY, Professor of Political Science** at Mars Hill College, will give his analysis of the recent election outcomes: what they portend for the immediate future and what they might signify over the long haul. Can the Democratic Party rebound?

**JOHN GILE** will give the invocation.

**MARK MATHEWS** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Chicken \* Salad \* Bread \* Fruit Bowl  
Assorted Desserts \* Beverages

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President RICHARDS** announced that **Rev. MASON WILSON** is home from the hospital and doing well following his surgery. **TUCK GUDGER** reminded members that there are still two weeks left to reserve your table for the **Christmas Party** on December 13.

## **CLUB BOARD MEETING**

The **Club Board of Directors**, in its meeting on November 18, approved a list of priorities for 2002-2003 including a motion to eliminate meetings on the Tuesdays which fall after a national Monday holiday. For 2003 there are four such days: January 21 (following the Martin Luther King holiday); February 18 (following Presidents Day); May 27 (following Memorial Day); September 2 (following Labor Day). This will be a permanent policy.

A major effort to increase membership will be made. We will continue to book speakers who have something important to say and schedule at least one other social activity including spouses. And finally, search for new projects which bring **Civitans** together for fund-raising and/or contributions of service and which provide wide public recognition.

**IRAQ AND U.N. RESOLUTION 1441**

**WALTER ADAMSON** introduced the speaker, **DOT SULOCK, Professor of Mathematics** at UNCA. She began by citing parts of the **Civitan Creed** which, she felt, were particularly appropriate to the present crisis over Iraq: my ears hear the cry of children, my mouth speaks prayers in every tongue, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Having just returned from the International Non-proliferation Conference in Washington, she was aware of the most recent developments and shared them with the members.

Up-to-the-minute information on the situation in Iraq may be obtained from the **Nuclear Threat Initiative's** website ([www.nti.org](http://www.nti.org)). The inspection team will arrive in Iraq on November 25 and will begin its work immediately. By December 8, Iraq must make a declaration of its weapons of mass destruction. The inspectors will then assess the completeness and correctness of the list. A so-called material breach by Iraq will be sent to the Security Council of the United Nations for action. Some of the steps being taken to insure compliance by the Iraqis are: amassing an invasion force with mostly U.S. men and weaponry; attempting to build a consensus among neighboring nations; and having an effective inspection system.

Implementing the inspections in Iraq was thoughtfully addressed in a November 14<sup>th</sup> paper by David Albright and Corey Hinderstein for the **Institute for Science and International Security**. They posit six challenges for the inspection team: 1. An aggressive, creative spirit; 2. Developing intelligence sharing between inspectors and key intelligence agencies; 3. Assessing the declarations; 4. Increasing the number of inspectors; 5. Establishing procedures and facilities for interviewing Iraqis without minders; 6. Establishing procedures for removing key Iraqis and their families from Iraq. As a follow-up, on-going monitoring by video camera surveillance is necessary as well as aerial surveys. Finally, it should be recognized that determining compliance will take time. This paper can be obtained on-line at [www.isis-online.org](http://www.isis-online.org).

The **Director-General** of the **International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed Elbaradei**, and, along with **Hans Blix**, leader of the inspection team in Baghdad, in an address to the **International Non-proliferation Conference** made many of the same points in regard to the inspections: 1. Immediate, unfettered access to all sites; 2. Ready access to all information; 3. Unified, unequivocal support from the Security Council; 4. Active cooperation from Iraq; 5. Preservation of the integrity and impartiality of the inspection process. Apparently, past efforts by national governments to infiltrate the inspection teams, particularly by the U.S., have been counter-productive. The Director-General's remarks, and other material, can be obtained from the **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's** website: [www.ceip.org](http://www.ceip.org).

Asked about North Korea and its nuclear capability, **Professor SULOCK**, feels that it is a somewhat different problem. First of all, it has shown, in spite of its rhetoric, a willingness to negotiate. Secondly, all its neighbors are pressuring it to give up its nuclear weaponry. Thirdly, it has no oil and so is not in the same economic position as Iraq *vis a vis* other nations.

The solutions, the speaker feels, lie in diplomacy and multi-national agreements. In the long term, the United States would be better served by economic assistance to third world countries rather than acting as the world's policeman. Other web sites to check: **The Middle East Research and Information Project**: [www.merip.org](http://www.merip.org) and **Arms Control Association**: [www.armscontrol.org](http://www.armscontrol.org).