

The United Nations Association of the USA, Southern California Division

# **4th Annual West Coast Global Forum**

## **“California Women – Making a Difference”**

*Honoring Women and organizations committed to making a difference in the health, education and human rights of women and children locally and/or globally*

### **Program**

Barry Simon, Vice President, the UNA-USA, Southern California Division  
**Welcome, Introduction of Special Guests**

**Cantor Estherleon Schwartz - Invocation**

### **Buffet Lunch**

Barry Simon  
**“TGFW”**

Melbourne (Mel) Boynton, President, the UNA-USA, Southern California Division  
**Introduction of Enrique Ruis Molero, Consul General of Spain**

**The Honorable Enrique Ruiz Molero, Consul General of Spain**  
**Q & A**

**Tamara Kreinin, M.H. S. A., Executive Director**  
**Women and Population, the United Nations Foundation**  
**Q & A**

### **Open Audience Conversation**

**Presentation of the 2011 Global Citizen Awards**  
*Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)*  
*The Foundation for Women*  
*The WNBA Los Angeles Sparks*

Barry Simon, Acknowledge the Planning Committee and Closing Comments  
*Thank you for your support of the United Nations Association of the USA*



## Comments from Barry Siimon Vice President, Resource Development

Welcome to the 4th Annual West Coast Global Forum “California Women –Making a Difference” bringing business leaders, community leaders and representatives from numerous consulates together. I would like to thank all of you for coming. It is a great honor for me to welcome you today. There are literally hundreds of organizations here in Southern California dedicated to improving the lives of women and children locally and/or globally. Today we selected just a few to specifically honor yet we acknowledge all the women

and organizations throughout the area who are working tirelessly to make the world a better, safer place for all.

I would also like to thank the UN Foundation for its support of this program; Mel Boynton, President of the UNA-USA Southern California Division for his continued support; and the planning committee members for their partnership. I also wish to thank one of the finest women I’ve known, my Mom, for giving me life and a great sense of humor!

*And finally, thank you to all of you here today for your commitment to making the world a better place.*

Barry Simon, Vice President, Resource Development  
The United Nations Association of the USA, Southern California Division



## Comments from Mel Boynton President, UNA-USA Southern California Division

As President of the Southern California Division of the United Nations Association-USA, it’s my pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Annual West Coast Global Forum focusing on ‘California Women Making a Difference.’ We thank Vice President Barry Simon for again leading the division team for today’s event.

In 2010, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon appointed Michelle Bachelet is the first Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women.

And the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are a centerpiece to the UN effort in 2000 to alleviate extreme poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease around the world by 2015, paying particular attention to the plight of women and girls. Despite progress, we have a long way to go.

Your participation in today’s Global Forum is helping to advance the cause of human rights as we support women and girls everywhere. Your knowledge and action can make the difference in many lives. Thank you for being with us today.

Mel Boynton  
Division President

## Tamara Kreinin M.H.S.A.

### Executive Director of Women and Population, United Nations Foundation

Tamara Kreinin is the Executive Director of Women and Population at the United Nations Foundation. Her experience in health and human services spans over 25 years. She speaks nationally and internationally on numerous topics related to social justice, including sexual and reproductive health and rights; adolescent pregnancy, STD, HIV/AIDS, and sexual abuse prevention; sexuality education; children in poverty; and advocacy.

Prior to joining the UN Foundation, Kreinin spent two years serving as a consultant for non-profit and philanthropic organizations including a year as Interim Executive Director of The New York Regional Association of Grantmakers, whose members grant four billion dollars per year, and significant work re-building New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Ms. Kreinin has extensive experience in the sexual and reproductive health and rights arena, including past positions of President/CEO of SIECUS, The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, and Director of State and Local Affairs at the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in Washington DC. While at SEICUS, Ms. Kreinin significantly broadened its scope of programs, increased its budget, and increased its visibility. Under her leadership, it significantly expanded its international reach, developed partnerships with media, and Kreinin built a strong policy office in Washington DC. She has worked on numerous local, state and federal political campaigns and has advised governors, legislators, state and local public health officials and advocates on public health policy.



Ms. Kreinin is currently on the Boards of The Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health & Rights, The Center for Gender and Health Equality (CHANGE) and Inwood House. She is co-author of *Girls' Night Out*, a book about women's groups across America, published in August 2002 by Crown, Random House. Ms. Kreinin holds a Masters in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan.



## SPECIAL GUEST

### Consul General of Spain, The Honorable Enrique Ruiz Molero

Enrique Ruiz Molero was born in 1954 in Tetuan, Morocco, son of a Spanish Diplomat, he lived during his childhood in different countries like the United States and Italy.

He holds a Law degree from the “Universidad Complutense” of Madrid and in 1979 he began his diplomatic career serving in posts like the Embassies of Spain in Panama, The Netherlands and Brazil. In September 2000 he was appointed Ambassador of Spain in Mauritania, in 2005 he was approved Consul General of Spain in Perpignan, France and this summer he began his post as Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he has worked in the Department of Economy, Personnel and in the Diplomatic School.

According to UN Women, Spain has led the world in bringing gender equality to its government with a very high percentage of women serving in elected and other leadership positions as well as being an active partner with the UN in forwarding the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals in developing countries.

### Eleanor Roosevelt Celebrates

As many of you know, Eleanor Roosevelt was the head of the UN Committee that drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Creating it was an amazing task that required determination and relational skills that few people possess. Eleanor Roosevelt’s niece, aptly named Eleanor Roosevelt II, recalled:

*“On the day in December when the commission finally finished its work and voted the declaration ready to be brought before the General Assembly, Aunt Eleanor gave a small reception for her colleagues at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. She wrote me that after all the guests had left and she was walking through the empty halls with her advisors, she came up with a better way to celebrate than a glass of champagne at a party. The marble floors were polished to the shine of black ice. My Aunt’s feet were long and narrow, and her low-heeled shoes had leather soles. She ran, gathering momentum, and then slid down the hall, her arms outstretched in triumph. It was so much fun that she did it again.”*

*from “With Love, Aunt Eleanor” by Eleanor Roosevelt II*

# Great Accomplishments of Great Women:

**Ellen Snortland** – Author of “Beauty Bites Beast” - translated into Spanish and Portuguese

**Sherry Simpson Dean** – Award winning Producer of the movie “Amandla!” about the peaceful transition of power in South Africa

**Dr. Riane Eisler** – Sociologist and Author, of several books including the bestseller “The Chalice and the Blade” and is on the top ten peace-makers list with Nelson Mandela

**Jane Roberts** – Activist and Author of the book “34 Million Friends of the Women of the World”

**Eleanor Roosevelt** – Created the UNA and the Declaration of Human Rights

**Margaret Sanger** – Created Planned Parenthood

**Alice Paul** – One of the main activists that got women the vote in the US

**Maya Angelou** – Poet, author of several books of poetry

**Pauline Field** – Activist who created the Glendale Women’s Commission, started 50/50 Leadership for women’s equal leadership

**Anne Hoiberg** – Pioneer in the effort to gain adoption of CEDAW, representing UNA-USA in Washington and New York.

## Firsts:

**Michele Bachelet** – The first Director of UN Women and Former President of Chile

First women’s-rights convention meets in Seneca Falls, New York, 1848

Wyoming Territory is first to grant women the vote, 1869

Californian **Julia Morgan** is first woman admitted to the Ecole de Beaux-Arts in Paris, 1898

**Jeannette Rankin** – The first woman elected to Congress - 1916 (as immortalized in the play performed by Nadine Robinson of UNA-PacificLA)

**Margaret Sanger** opens first birth-control clinic in the United States, 1916

**Edith Wharton** is the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize, 1921

Activist **Alice Paul** proposes the Equal Rights Amendment for the first time, 1923

**Amelia Earhart** is the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane, 1928

**Frances Perkins** becomes the first female member of a Presidential cabinet, 1933

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League becomes the first professional baseball league for female players, 1943

The FDA announces its approval of “The Pill,” the first birth-control drug, 1960

**Shirley Chisholm** – The first black woman elected to Congress, 1968

**Janet Guthrie** is the first woman to drive in the Indy 500, 1977,

**Sandra Day O’Connor** nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be the first woman on the Supreme Court, 1981

**Joan Benoit** wins the first women’s Olympic Marathon, 1984

**Manon Rheaume** is the first woman to play in an NHL game, 1992

**Madeleine Albright** becomes the first female Secretary of State, 1997

**Kathryn Bigelow** becomes the first woman to win an Oscar for Best Director, 2010

## **GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

### **The Foundation for Women**

*Deborah Lindholm, Founder, Murugi Kenyatta, Vice President Community Development*

Since the Foundation for Women was established in 1997, our organization has supplied women living in poverty with microcredit loans, as well as motivational programs. These programs educate all participants about financial and business management by which the participants come together to learn and support each other in their ventures. By giving women loans that help them put their dreams into action, the microcredit programs not only inspire the women but instill a sense of pride in their work and communities. Loans are funded through individual contributions, memberships, grants and corporate donations. Whether women use their loans to sell handcrafted merchandise or to buy and resell goods, each loan puts them one step closer to success and gives them a tremendous sense of accomplishment. The Foundation for Women is committed to helping women accomplish their dreams and fulfill their potential.

For further information visit: [www.foundationforwomen.org](http://www.foundationforwomen.org)

### **Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (C.A.S.T.)**

*Kay Buck, Executive Director of CAST*

The mission of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) is to assist persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and slavery-like practices and to work toward ending all instances of such human rights violations. Our activities are interconnected by a client-centered approach that seeks to empower survivors of trafficking to fully realize their individual potential while advancing the human rights of all trafficked survivors. CAST is providing the momentum for these survivors to plant the “seeds of renewal” that will give them the freedom to grow in the direction of their potential and dreams.

The City of Los Angeles issued a proclamation declaring CAST an expert in anti-trafficking advocacy on January 11, 2008, Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Nearly one year later, the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) was signed into law at the end of 2008 after lengthy debates. CAST played an integral role in ensuring the passage of the TVPRA, which includes significant increased protections for survivors of trafficking in the areas of immigration relief, immigrant workers, immigrant children, prosecution and prevention.

For further information visit: [www.castla.org](http://www.castla.org).

# The LA SPARKS

The LA Sparks is honored to be recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA, Southern California Division. As a team committed to excellence, we are proud to support or partner with many community organizations that enhance the lives of the entire cross-section of Angelenos. Our commitment to women and children is exemplified in our work with:

***The Ovarian Cancer Circle***, a non-profit organization founded to honor the memory of Robin Babbini, raise funds for an early detection test and educate others about this most deadly disease. Building a strong coalition of doctors, researchers, counselors, families and volunteers will forge a powerful community, creating strength and hope and empowerment.

***Safe Passage***, a non-profit organization, whose vision is transforming abused women and their children to a new and better life. Our mission is to provide all abused people in the downtown Los Angeles area with the right resources and services to become self-sufficient, including restorative services such as safe shelter and counseling, corrective dental plastic surgery, job placement, etc.

***The Childrens Trust Fund***, providing a wide range of services and self-development opportunities for children residing in Los Angeles County who currently have open cases within the foster care system. When government funding is not available, the Trust Fund provides such items as: clothing, replacement glasses, educational field trips, special medical and dental services, etc.

***The Not One More Child Safety Education Initiative***, a call to action for communities to commit to providing abuse and abduction prevention education.

***G.E.M.S. (Getting Every Mother Situated) & AGC (Amazing Grace Conservatory)*** team up to bring awareness and raise funds to help battered, homeless, and low-income moms with emergency needs, providing professional training in the performing arts to create confident, intelligent and disciplined young people.

On behalf of the staff and the entire SPARKS team, we thank you,

***Mike Levy, President  
The Los Angeles Sparks***

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## In Remembrance: Rev. Richard Harris, UNA Leader Extraordinaire



Our friend Richard Harris brought passion, energy, and creativity to the UNA-USA for 30 years before his death last month at the age of 86. His memorial service will be held on Saturday October 15th at 3:30 PM at Decker Hall in Pilgrim Place, Claremont. All of his UNA-USA friends are invited.

Born in Massachusetts, Richard served in the U.S. Navy, WWII, 1943-1946, Atlantic & Pacific theatres; Normandy, France D-Day beach landing, June 6, 1944. Richard had a college and three graduate degrees and was an ordained minister. He leaves his wife Carole, seven children, and nine grandchildren.

Richard began his involvement with UNA-USA here in Southern California (SoCal) and was Santa Barbara United Nations Association (SBUNA) President 1981-1984, Executive Director 1984-1988, including Producer of a weekly Cable TV show on the UN for 7 years and on SoCal Division Board of Directors. He served the Hawaii UNA between 1988-1994 before returning to help lead the Pomona Valley chapter and the SoCal Division. Richard was UNA-USA SoCal Division Secretary 1994-1995; President 1996-99 (16 chapters); and Vice President 2000-11. He attended UN 40th Anniversary New York 1985; UN 50th Anniversary San Francisco 1995; and UNA-USA Annual Meeting or Convention every year and received the Arnold Goodman Award as outstanding lifetime volunteer in 2010. Richard met UN Secretaries-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Kofi Annan, and Ban Ki Moon.

Among his many contributions to UNA-USA, Richard arranged for speakers from the UN agencies, e.g., UNHCR, UNIC, UNDP, UNICEF, et al. He coordinated the book of Children's Peace Poetry for UN International Year for the Culture of Peace 2000. Richard served as Host/Producer for weekly TV show on Claremont Public Access Television (CPAT). He provided networking & advocacy for the UN & UNA-USA. Promoting Peace vs. War – talking vs. shooting/bombing.

Those of us who were mentored, inspired, and loved by Richard Harris for the last 30 years will carry his passion and zeal forward for the UN, UNA-USA, peace, and human rights.

*Tribute by Mel Boynton*

*Memorial Service for Richard Harris*  
Will be held on Saturday October 15th at 3:30 PM  
at Decker Hall in Pilgrim Place, Claremont.  
All of his UNA-USA friends are invited.

# Tribute to Dorothy Kurth Boberg

Recent resurgence of Boberg's innovative scientific theories has stimulated this deserved tribute. Boberg's new interpretation of Darwin's "survival of the fittest" preceded rapid cultural change in the status of women. Boberg's philosophy of the complementarity of the competitive and cooperative processes is ground breaking, and gives a new gender-equity view of Darwin's "survival of the fittest." Her book *"Evolution and Reason: Beyond Darwin,"* published 18 years ago, introduced her theories. She is a long standing honoree in Marquis *Who's Who in the World*.

Boberg recently received accolades from science philosophy author David Theodoropoulos for her innovative perceptions in her book: He said he had read it 10 years ago but was recently reminded of it when he read an article in the *"New Scientist"* that confirmed her original ideas about lateral gene transfer between organisms, sometimes by means of viruses. In *"The Nation,"* November 22, 2010, Boberg elaborated on Miriam Markowitz' concepts altruism in evolution, explaining that altruism and cooperative processes are complementary to the competitive processes.

In a 2010 anniversary celebration of the Southern California Physicians for Social Responsibility Dorothy was acknowledged as the original California nuclear researcher. Her 1975 study, "Nuclear Facilities and Radiation Monitoring in California," was a pioneering document that warned of the hazards to environment, health and safety---since---globally experienced. She discovered recorded facts about the partial meltdown of the Santa Susanna nuclear reactor, and the plutonium in the soil outside the nuclear fuel fabrication building.

Boberg's fascination with interdisciplinary science began in the curriculum she was allowed to design for her studies that led her to Phi Beta Kappa graduation from the University of Nebraska in three and a half years. Boberg's concerns with social, economic governance evoked a lifetime of advocacy for humanitarian and sustainable community environments. Her first service was as official librarian for the Nebraska Legislative Council. Vocations of teacher, county social worker, wife, quickly took Boberg into community organizations. As president, she conducted the 700 member San Fernando Valley Branch of American Association of University Women, 1966-1967, was president of Northridge Civic Association and of the United Nations Association of the San Fernando Valley, then served as the Executive Vice President of the Southern California United Nations Association's 15 Chapters.

Responding to birth of solar photovoltaics, Boberg produced for UNA, the world's first *International Sun Day*, in the Los Angeles Trade Center. Diplomats from many countries, and sun energy technology industrialists presented their achievements and Dorothy publicized the United Nations Environment Program. She directed the Great Decisions Program of the Foreign Policy Association through UNA for several years (5000 participants).

Through these achievements Boberg was in demand as speaker on her broad areas of expertise. In support of the UN, she talked in schools and organization meetings, promoting democratic government in a secure peaceful world through international cooperation and respect for international law. A long-standing member of Alliance for Democracy, Boberg participated in campaign finance reform, was named to the national Alliance Board in 2004, and has promoted clean money campaign and election voting reform initiatives. Boberg's manuscript on community planning is yet unpublished, but her visionary perceptions about evolution are making history in science philosophy.

*Tribute by Lynn Harris Hicks*



**The UNA-USA  
San Fernando Valley Chapter  
Congratulates the 2011 Recipients  
of the Global Citizen Award**

for their dedication to improving the lives of women and children both locally and around the world. Recognizing that basic human rights must be afforded to all, regardless of gender, we applaud the efforts these recipients have made toward accomplishing this goal.

**Congratulations to the  
Southern California Division  
on the  
4th Annual  
West Coast Global Forum**

Thank you for your support!

**Barry Simon  
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**Congratulations to the  
Southern California Division of the UNA-USA  
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Fourth Annual West Coast Global Forum**

These yearly forums help keep the United Nations Association name in front of the public and provide a positive image for both our organization and the United Nations.

*The United Nations, more important now than ever!*

With best wishes,

**The UNA-USA Orange County Chapter**



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promoting equity for women and girls  
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AND THE UNA**

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