



United Nations Association of the United States of America

2008 Division Newsletter for Southern California

Official Notice of November 8th Division UNA-USA Annual Meeting in Pasadena - Please RSVP

Southern California Division UNA-USA 2008 Annual Meeting in Pasadena

Celebrating 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. *Saturday, November 8, 2008 between 11 AM – 3 PM* at the Pasadena Chapter Offices in the Western Justice Center Campus, 75 S. Grand Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105. Cost: \$25 includes lunch, \$15 for students and limited income. All members and friends are invited. **Reservations thru Division VP for Programs, Diane Gonzales, Phone (949) 290-1738 or (949) 733-3439. Email: dianescduna@yahoo.com**

Part of our Annual Business Meeting will include electing board members and voting on the proposed underlined By-Law changes:

Sec. 5. Representation at National.

In accordance with the Council of Chapters and Divisions Election Procedure Policy, the Southern California Region will conduct direct elections for one National Board of Directors and CCD Steering Committee member and two CCD steering committee members for the Southern California Region. The method will be, of those offered by the CCD, voting by one chapter/Division, one vote, cast by the President, and by meeting.

Nominations are being accepted for the positions of Vice President of Programs and two Chapter Representatives. All three of these positions have a vote at Division Board Meetings and also serve on the Executive Committee. There is one nominee thus far:

*Vice President of Programs - Judith Harris
Chapter Representative - open
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Please contact Judith Harris, Nomination Committee Chair, judithanharris@yahoo.com, with any nominations for these three positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Our distinguished luncheon speaker and discussion will focus on the *60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.*

Division President's Message from Carl Mariz



As I write this, I am reminded of my responsibilities of Division President. One of these is membership. We see a continuing slow loss of membership, not only in our Division but also nationwide.

Recently our excellent Global Health Initiative Conference in Los Angeles was an outstanding effort but we did not draw a large attendance. As a result Rene Wilson sent a message stressing that one of our "UNA-USA goals is public education."

One way of educating the public is public outreach. I am very enthusiastic about a project proposed by Amjad Khan of the Pacific LA chapter that does this. Amjad has offered to video tape our presentations starting with our August 12th program. Jim Stanbery's excellent presentation at a recent board meeting on "US Engagement in Iraq" should also be recorded and made available to all our UNA members nationwide.

It is very important to get our presentations into schools, especially those like "US Engagement in Iraq". I think it represents the "outside of the box" thinking that we must promote if we want to promote the noble goals and aspirations of the United Nations as expressed in the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This can only boost our membership.

Diane Gonzales, Division VP for Programs, Announces 2008 Annual Meeting Tribute Book

The 2008 Annual Meeting Tribute Book will be distributed at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Pasadena on November 8. A ceremony to honor each tribute recipient will be held during the morning meeting. The tribute book is a way to show your support for programs like this and insure a continuation of substantive, engaging program topics in the future.

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Southern California Well Represented at National Meeting

The heat did little to slow down the sharing of best practices and lobbying of local members of congress by over one dozen of your chapter representatives (shown in photo) attending the June meeting of the UNA-USA. See details on www.una-socal.org

In Memory of Val Hafner

It is with great sadness that we tell you of the passing on August 17 of Orange County 2005-06 president, Valorie Hafner. Her steady good humor and thoughtful dedication helped guide her chapter through the emotionally difficult year of closing the Chapter's UNICEF Shop. She was an inspiration to us all and will be deeply missed.



Successful Global Health Initiative Conference Held in August

Dr. Margaret Soderberg, Division Global Health Chair, reported "We held our Global Health Initiative Conference 'The Global Burden of Disease—Not Just In Developing Countries' on August 16th. Topics were directly aligned with the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Those who attended heard "The Plight of the Children of the World Orphaned by AIDS" from Dr Ruth Hayward. Michael Gottlieb, MD who reported the first cases of AIDS in the United States, presented the statistics of the

Global Health Initiative Conference Cont'd

exponential growth of this deadly pandemic.

Stephen Waterman, MD of the CDC spoke about malaria and other vector borne diseases.

Dr. Jan Singh of the TB Control Project of the LA County Public Health Department said Los Angeles could rank as a 5th state in the incidence of TB.

Dr. David Diaz-Sanchez of the EPA shared the fact that particulates of air pollution in Beijing were at levels 5 times that of what he is allowed to expose volunteers.

Keynote speaker, Marcy Zwelling, MD, defined issues of National Health Insurance. We came away with a financial surplus and thanks to my committee members and many others who made the conference a success."

Malika Kachani Appointed to UN Food & Agriculture Organization

We proudly recognize Malika Kachani, DVM, Board Member of Pomona Valley Chapter, for appointment in February 2008 as a permanent consultant, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Dr. Kachani is the moderator for the FAO-Veterinary Public Health network for francophone North and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Balance Report from Division Treasurer Jim Stanbery

"Our mid year balance in all accounts was \$13,311"

Websites have Vital Links

Webmaster Shirley Williams reminds all members and friends to bookmark our division website www.una-socal.org for the latest news as well as chapter and action links. Check out international news, election issues and renew your UNA-USA membership at the national website www.unausa.org

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President Bart Tendick 310-530-3656.

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President Kristine Kelly 562-434-4645.

Orange County

Co-Presidents Barbara & Ken Tye 714-538-5689 — “We’re proud of our new critical issues series that started in May with Native American sociologist Paul Apodaca speaking on migration/immigration. The June speaker was Daoud Sultanzoy, a member of the Afghan Parliament. In July Lilian Were, a professor of food sciences at Chapman University, spoke on the growing world hunger crisis.”

Pacific LA

Co-Presidents Norma Foster 323-460-7170 and Bill McCarthy 310-450-5592 — The chapter was a strong presence at national in June.

Pasadena/Foothill

Co-Presidents Carol Chenoweth 626-296-1358 and Esther Gillies 323-255-1801 — “This year, we have networked with The City of Pasadena and other groups, who are also stakeholders in building a positive future for our community. We thank Mayor Bogaard and The City of Pasadena, The Pasadena Unified School District, The Armory Center for the Arts, Green Technology Magazine and The Levitt Pavilion for their shared commitment to the quality of life for all citizens.” Of course, Pasadena/Foothill is hosting our annual Division meeting.

Pomona Valley

President Mel Boynton 909-398-1124 — “We enjoyed growth in membership this year with monthly programs @ 5:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at Porter Hall in Pilgrim Place. We had four representatives at national in June. Our UN Day celebration will at noon on October 23rd will be held at International Place at the Claremont Colleges.”

San Diego

President Katharine Kubichan 619-233-3970 — The division’s largest chapter has been active, hosted last year’s

annual meeting, and was well represented at national in Washington DC.

San Fernando Valley

President David Tuckman 818-765-2419 — “The Chapter has held many engaging events. Our most recent event was the September, Global Marshall Plan Luncheon with Keynote Rebecca Tobias, Program Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Ethics. We spearheaded recognition of the CSUN Model-UN Team that placed First in the Nation in New York. After traveling to remote province of Warduk to aid orphans, Dr. Jim Rolfe, Santa Barbara dentist, founded Afghan Dental Relief Project (ADRP) whereby he set up the first modern dental lab in Kabul, Afghanistan in-part through the joint efforts of the Chapter and Rotary International. We are proud of benefitting such worthwhile programs and hosting innovative speakers on salient issues to our members and the public.”

San Luis Obispo

President Phillip Cisneros 805-541-3451.

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President Brian Bise 562-692-8018.



Note from Richard Harris,

Division VP for Member Services

I’ve been “on vacation” this year due to cancer chemotherapy drugs and their affect on the whole body, but hope to be able to attend the SCD Annual Meeting in November. Aloha, Richard

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION REPORT

by David Tuckman, Division YPIC Chair

YPIC So. Calif. Service Day across Southern California at Children’s Hunger Fund Headquarters in Pacoima. Six volunteer orgs/150 volunteers packaged \$100,000 in toys and a quarter-of-a-million dollars in beans and pastas for impoverished worldwide. Pacific-LA’s YPIC and Participant Media screened DARFUR NOW with a Q & A panel. SFV Chap. YPIC held service day preparing meals for citizens with HIV/AIDS. YPIC June National meeting and September retreat included sessions on management, governance, and finance.

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We recommend a full-page for each UNA Chapter honoree, and please include a picture. A full page costs \$100, and may include a picture of the recipient, a logo, or an event or picture of event or group. One-half page is \$50 and a quarter pages is \$25. All tributes must be received by October 24, 2008. This is a major fundraiser for the Southern California Division, and it is hoped that every Southern California UNA-USA Chapter will put forth a member to honor. Diane Lichterman Phone (949) 290-1738 Email: dianescduna@yahoo.com

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