



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of Greater Philadelphia

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President's Letter

Dear members and friends of the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia,

We are assembling this newsletter on April 15th, a date that tends to resonate with all of us who pay taxes to the US government. It is a satisfaction to note that these taxes also enable us to pay our dues to the United Nations, including the peace-keeping forces and all the specialized agencies that we always count on and rarely thank. In the past few weeks Congress has been going back and forth over budgeting and many of us have been called on for "rapid-response" to proposals for cutting the UN funding and even the entire portion of the Federal budget designated for "international affairs". This portion of the budget, approximately 1.5%, is vastly smaller than most of the public estimates it to be yet provides some of the most vital services and the most value for the relatively small amount of funding (roughly 52 billion dollars) which includes all our diplomacy, our UN dues, our foreign assistance for hunger, development, world health, and education. This global diplomacy and aid budget is less than half of a year's budget for the US presence in Afghanistan. Fortunately the budget most likely to pass, with all the

remaining debates over cuts and taxes, seems set to pass without risk to the UN funding. The advocacy efforts by UNA members contributed to this outcome!

There is a fascinating special exhibit related to the United Nations currently showing at the Woodmere Art Museum in Chestnut Hill. "The Promise of Peace: Violet Oakley's United Nations Portraits" presents portraits of delegates to the opening UN session, in London, January 1946. In addition to the interest of the portraits (all men, but coming from very different backgrounds) the exhibit conveys a sense of the hope and suspense centered on the creation of the United Nations as the world reorganized after the traumas of war.

The exhibit is on view until the end of June. For more information and details on visiting, see www.woodmereartmuseum.org

Another link to the early days of the UN will be featured at our annual members meeting in June. Dr. Charlene Mires will speak to us about her new book, *Capital of the World: the Race to Host the United Nations* which describes the competition to offer a site

to the UN headquarters and the close run made by Philadelphia to be the host city. It is a glimpse into the moment when public enthusiasm for the United Nations and the hopes for peace it offered was much more widespread than we find it today. The book will be available for purchase at the membership meeting. **HOLD THE DATE:** Annual membership meeting of the UNA-GP, June 20th, The Carriage House at the University of Pennsylvania (39th and Spruce), 5-8 pm. In addition to Dr. Mires's talk, there will be presentation of the annual finance report, the budget for fy 14, and the slate of officers and board members for the year ahead. All will be accompanied by refreshments and time to catch up with fellow members. Please mark JUNE 20 on your calendar!

Please note the many other events and opportunities coming up in the next weeks throughout this newsletter- we are all rising into action like the locusts with the springtime warmth!

Mary Day Kent
President, UNA-GP

A few words from the Executive Director

From Christiaan's Desk

Our chapter got word that the advocacy work in DC regarding support for the budgetary obligations to the United Nations has paid off; weird to have to discuss that every year. Even weirder is it to hear from chapters elsewhere which have to tackle their senators who seriously opined that the USA should disconnect from the UN altogether, or where in state houses representatives seriously wasted time discussing proposals to disconnect from the UN and UN Systems activities in their states. I cannot get my intellect sufficiently developed to understand these folks; there simply is not enough science in the world that can explain such peculiar parochial obsession with exceptionalism.

We have a busy period behind us, where new coop students came onboard, we started the marketing for our Model UN conference for next year, and now we are undertaking a serious evaluation about how to improve our preparations for that conference. Our target is now set at 12 high schools. We also have embarked on preparing lesson

plans for a summer camp on understanding the global labor market. We are writing these plans for rising sophomores and rising juniors in high school. We seek funding for this effort, since we want to provide the camp for free. Marketing for the project will start at the end of April. We seek to organize a camp for a maximum of 20 high school students. In the May issue of the newsletter please expect much more detail.

UNA-GP and PeaceDayPhilly2013 are working with soccer enthusiasts to create a soccer tournament for September 21, International Day of Peace. One of our new members and great volunteer James Parsons will work with groups like Congreso, Seamaac, among others, and be the coordinator of the ad-hoc collaboration Philadelphia Plays for Peace "The P3 Tournament". We hope that we can built on the lessons learned from last year and keep an upward momentum.

I am quite excited about the event that Maya Khezam is putting together about the health care crises in Syria. We decided that the 65th anniversary of the Red Cross Red Crescent Day, May 8,

would be a proper moment. The College of Physicians will provide the venue for the event and is one of the sponsors for this fund and awareness raising event. I myself will be in Europe on that date and am sorry to miss this. Please make an effort to attend. It's one of those moments, where you learn that the Security Council may fail the Syrians, but many other entities of the United Nations do great work.

There are many other events coming up. UNA-GP will participate in the PSR's Legs against Arms on St Joe's campus on the 28th. I myself will speak to high school students on how to understand the Security Council on May the 3rd. Moreover, I will speak at the University of the Sciences this week on how to globalize the caring we expect from health professionals. Much ado about much stuff.

Enjoy Spring, get energized, build global empathy, and work/study hard. Peace is possible, peace is the path. Lean on science and embrace a future of exciting challenges.

Christiaan, Executive Director

What Our Model UN is All About

By: Arushi Kohli

The Jerome Shestak Model United Nations on the Rule of Law aims to bring together today's youth in order to facilitate intellectual discussions on current cultural and social issues. This conference lays special emphasis on learning at a global level and application at a local level.

Conventional Model UNs emphasize procedural detail and role-play. Since mastering UN protocol takes a considerable amount of training, only students who come from schools with resources to train them can take part in these conferences. In addition, conventional Model UNs cost a student an average of \$165 to attend. This cost includes food, transportation and registration fees. We at UNA-GP aim to bridge the socio-economic gap between students and therefore offer

this experience at no cost to the participants. In order to level the playing field between participants from schools that can afford to train their students and participants from schools that can't, our Model UN has adopted a simpler format. We have limited the length of our conference to one day and follow a simplified procedural format in which students represent NGOs instead of countries. Students are urged to apply the concepts and resolutions they develop during the conference to improve the application of the Rule of Law in their local communities and high schools. Representing NGOs instead of countries helps the students gain a grassroots level knowledge of current issues. This format also gives them an opportunity to make a real difference with regards to a particular issue if they choose to volunteer for the NGO they represented during the conference.

As a sponsor of the second annual Jerome Shestak Model UN, you will not only be making a positive impact on the lives of individual student participants but also on the communities that these students will help improve. In addition, you would get increased visibility among our vast network of partner organizations as a company that is willing to invest in today's youth.

Invitation to participate in the Jerome Shestack Model United Nations on the Rule of Law Conference 2014

Dear Reader,

On March 2, the UNA-GP, as a member of the Philadelphia Global Initiative on the Rule of Law, convened its first, alternative Model UN conference at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In our Model UN, high school students from five schools participated as delegates from NGOs that have standing with the United Nations. The conference was organized and staffed by volunteers and students from Drexel University, Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. Our experience with this Model UN format, which involves a strong preparatory phase at the participating schools, was very positive and inspiring. One teacher wrote: "The GFS [Germantown Friends School] students had a tremendous time. I think they learned a great deal about the topics and about how Model UN works in general. Also, it was wonderful to be together with the students from the other schools. We look forward to participating again next year, if you are holding one; and getting involved at an earlier stage!" Another teacher asked "Please expand your lessons to include role play about procedures: It is not enough to know the substance, they also need to know how and when to speak and present!!" All five schools have signed up for next year. This is an invitation to your school to join as well.

We believe that peace, whether in our neighborhood or city, or among nations, is best served with a strong presence of justice. Peace without a broadly held sense of justice is nothing but an interlude between conflicts. Structuring justice at home, nationally, and abroad is one of the most relevant functions of the United Nations. The American Bar Association recently decided to support that function with a strong educational plan to teach about the International Criminal Court, the role of justice in the other international courts in The Hague, the World Trade Association and the IMF, among others. Teaching about justice and learning to work with justice are important additions to the work done by the State Department and others, which focuses on building structures for justice (political, procedural, enforcement transparency, etc.)

Our Jerome Shestack Model United Nations Rule of Law Conference for 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, March 1. This free conference is an all-day event, and will be attended by representatives of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the World Justice Project. We hope to have about 150 student participants. We are reaching out to a mix of schools, some charter, some from outside the school district, and some parochial schools. We are recruiting individual students, groups that are enrolled in after school programs and, if a teacher is so inclined, a whole class. The Model UN is free of charge, and we expect participation not so much on the basis of academic excellence but on the basis of interest, global curiosity, strong convictions and a willingness to expand horizons. Do realize that the UNA-GP will provide training for students (nine sessions) and we will offer one Saturday morning seminar for participating teachers in October 2013, and for which Continuing Education Credits are available.

I am seeking your participation and in the coming weeks and months we can visit your school and explain the project with any group of teachers and students that may want to learn more. I also encourage you to reach out to us if you are interested or have any questions to christiaanmo@yahoo.com, or the student coordinators of the last conference, Minsoo and Daniel at minsooh@sas.upenn.edu or danieldb@sas.upenn.edu.

The UNA-GP also offers other related globally focused educational projects, such as our Blue Shelf Program, as well as our Youth Building Roots project. We can discuss these projects as well during our visit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,

Christiaan Morssink, MPH, PhD
Executive Director.

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International News Picks

UN report highlights foreign direct investment into and out of emerging economies

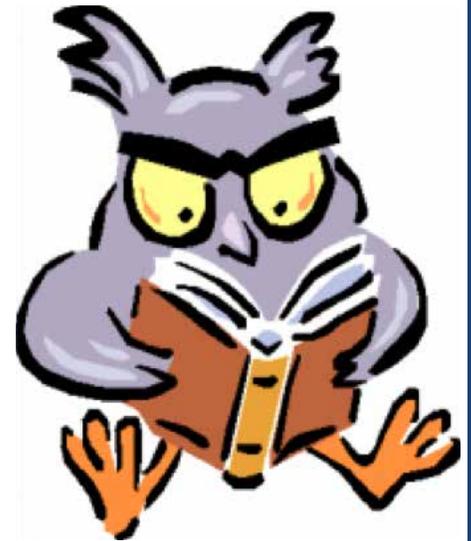
The association of emerging economies known as BRICS' involvement in international business by foreign direct investment is gradually aiding lesser developed countries, namely across Africa. Last year BRICS provided 25% of inflows throughout Africa, most of these funds were allocated in manufacturing and service industries. The blossoming relationship between BRICS and Africa has helped to promote development in the region.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44485&Cr=emerging#.UWYN45POmok>

No panic in North Korea despite talk of missile test

North Korea has no shame in flaunting its military power, their ballistic missile named "Musudan" has the ability and is designated to reach the US territory of Guam. South Korean foreign minister Yun Byung explained that the North Korean "missile test" is no joke and could be initiated at any moment.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/No-panic-in-North-Korea-despite-talk-of-missile-test/articleshow/19479026.cms>



Thatcher's life and death divide Britain

Margaret Thatcher leaves behind a mixed legacy: she is both criticized and praised equally. Many British people have taken to the streets celebrating her death; Some of her major actions include revolutionizing the financial sector and her relations with the coal miners union. The funeral will be held on Wednesday April 17th.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/thatchers-life-and-death-divide-britain/2013/04/10/0d043ba4-a1fc-11e2-bd52-614156372695_story.html

Great Lakes Garbage Patch Presents Major Threat To Region's Marine Life, Scientists Say

Pollution in the Great Lakes is becoming more and more of a problem for marine life in the area. Lorena M. Rios Mendoza, a University of Wisconsin-Superior scientist says that "the massive production of plastic and inadequate disposal has made plastic debris an important and constant pollutant on beaches and in oceans around the world,"; Rios and other scientist are working to measure the extent of pollution in the Great Lakes.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/10/great-lakes-garbage-patch_n_3055042.html

British Historian Simms on German Bogeyman: 'No Doubt Germanophobia Exists'

Brendan Simms is professor in the history of international relations at the University of Cambridge. In a brief interview with SPIEGEL magazine Simms discusses the "Germanophobia" that has ensued as the country become an economic leader in the Eurozone. The fear of Germany's power and austerity measures have resulted in a variety demonstrations by the people, including Nazi depictions of Angela Merkel. Simms interprets Germany's ability to rise in power throughout the years while creating meaningful allies.

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/spiegel/cambridge-scholar-examines-roots-of-anti-german-sentiment-in-europe-a-893439.html>

International News Picks

Uruguayan lawmakers pass gay marriage bill

After receiving approval from the lower house, a bill to legalize same sex marriage in Uruguay now pends approval from President Jose Mujica. Approval of the bill would make Uruguay the 12th country in the world to legalize gay marriage. Countries like France, Britain and the US are also considering changes in their marriage laws.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2013/04/11/Uruguayan-lawmakers-pass-gay-marriage-

Cybersecurity: A View From the Front

In this piece President of Estonia, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, talks about how although his country is poor it is the world leader in e-governance and cybersecurity and this puts them ahead in many aspects. Ilves explains that internet security should be more of a priority for world leaders as it serves as the largest platform for exchange in today's world.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/12/opinion/global/cybersecurity-a-view-from-the-front.html?hpw>

At UN meeting, West African States address threats to human rights

On April 3rd, Civil society members, academics and intergovernmental organizations met in Dakar, Senegal to discuss the issues facing human rights in West Africa. The talk which was deemed "dialogue-tree" and covered issues like lack of legitimacy in state authority and human rights violations.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44555&Cr=west+africa&Cr1=#.UWbA5pPOmok bill/UPI-42191365688597/?spt=hs&or=tn>



International News Picks by:
Carolina Torres

U.N. talks with Syria on chemical arms probe at impasse

Syria has asked the U.N. to investigate a series of attacks in Damascus, Aleppo and Homs that could have potentially used chemical weapons; the first attack took place in Homs back in December and the following two took place in Damascus and Aleppo in March. While many believe that the bombs were a war tactic used by Assad and the Syrian government, the task is not to determine who detonated these bombs but if they were used in the first place. A reported 70,000 lives have been claimed in the Syrian civil war.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/11/us-syria-crisis-chemical-un-idUSBRE93919B20130411>

Female Iranian communists organize topless protest against hijabs in Swedish capital

Influenced by the Ukrainian FEMEN organization, Iranian women in Stockholm organized a topless protest on Sunday the 7th of April. The feminist group FEMEN have started a new kind of protest using their bodies as weapons and the idea has spread throughout the world; Headquarters have now been established in Paris, New York, Montreal and Sao Paulo.

<http://rt.com/news/femen-iranian-topless-protest-stockholm-767/>

Be Involved: Join Us for the 2013 Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day on the Hill

Register now for the 2013 UNA-USA Annual Meeting — the early bird deadline is less than three weeks away!

The Annual Meeting brings together members from across the country for skills trainings, issue briefings, networking opportunities, and capacity-building. Each year, the meeting culminates with Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill; last year, more than 100 meetings took place between UNA-USA members and their members of Congress discussing the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship. This year's Advocacy Day is Tuesday, June 4. Don't miss this opportunity to tell your elected representatives about the important work the United Nations performs every day, and how vital it is that the U.S. continues to fund the UN.

All meetings with congressional offices will be scheduled by the Better World Campaign and UNA-USA. Please indicate on your registration form if you plan to participate in these meetings. We will prepare advocacy packets for you to distribute during your meetings.

Other highlights of this year's Annual Meeting include:

NEW THIS YEAR: Young Professionals Track. Young Professionals will attend special presentations on the Millennium Development Goals and Human Rights;

NEW THIS YEAR: A pre-conference roundtable session will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, June 1 on Model UN and Global Classrooms; Briefings and panel discussions on Peacekeeping, UN Women, and Human Rights at the U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center; Special trainings and one-on-one sessions on membership retention and recruitment, as well as board development; and A special screening of the popular documentary Girl Rising, including information on how Chapters can use this documentary to educate their local communities.

You must be registered for the Annual Meeting to take part in Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, and all other meeting activities, register online today.

Have questions? Please contact Laura Giroux, UNA-USA Membership Director.

lgiroux@unausa.org



UNA-USA members meet with Congressional staff during Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill last year.

Advocacy Update

President Obama Releases FY 14 Budget

President Obama released his Fiscal Year 2014 budget yesterday. UN-related accounts fared relatively well in the request, though concerns continue about shortfalls accumulated in FY 13 for UN peacekeeping. The budget calls for full funding of the UN regular budget and also requests waiver authority to restore UNESCO funding, and pay back UNESCO arrears accumulated over the past two years. Overall funding levels for global health, as well as energy and environment programs were also positive. The proposal also renews several key commitments to global health priorities, including fully funding the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, as well as the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization.

Unfortunately, funding for the International Organizations and Programs (IO&P) account, which funds voluntary U.S. contributions to the UN system, was lower than previous years. In addition, while the President's budget calls for full funding in FY 14, existing shortfalls due to underpayment in FY 13 — the peacekeeping cap was only partially lifted. This means we are currently paying 27% of dues instead of 28% and could soon go into arrears.

UN General Assembly Overwhelmingly Passes Arms Trade Treaty

The UN General Assembly voted to pass a historic Arms Trade Treaty earlier this month. The U.S. joined 153 other member states in approving the treaty; Iran, North Korea, and Syria were the only countries to vote against it. While the U.S. voted in favor of the treaty in the General Assembly, for the country to be part of it the treaty must be ratified by the U.S. Senate. Ratification faces an uphill battle, and many treaty opponents have spread falsehoods about the treaty. See how you can take action and educate your elected officials and communities about the treaty by visiting www.unausa.org/att.

Members Join in Global MDG Rally with Post-2015 Conference Call

April 5 marked the 1,000-day milestone until the 2015 target date to achieve the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). UNA-USA joined a diverse group of organizations from all parts of the international development community in a rally to raise awareness and inspire action around the MDGs. Members participated in a conference call with United Nations Foundation Public Policy Director Minh-Thu Pham for discussion and Q&A on progress toward the MDGs and the Post-2015 framework. A call summary, recording, and full transcript is available on the UNA-USA website. Join UNA-USA for our Next Conference Call on Peacekeeping in DRC! Members are invited April 17 at 6 p.m. ET to participate in a Nationwide Conference Call, An Inside Perspective: Peacekeeping in Democratic Republic of Congo. Dr. Raffi Gregorian, who recently returned from DRC will speak and take questions. Better World Campaign Executive Director Peter Yeo will moderate. Visit the UNA-USA website for full conference call details.

Advocacy Update

Human Rights Council Wraps Up 22nd Session

The 22nd session of the UN Human Rights Council recently concluded. The Council had an especially busy agenda including addressing human rights situations in Iran, Mali, Myanmar, North Korea, Sri Lanka, and Syria. Read an exclusive interview from Geneva in *The InterDependent*, and a blog from the Fellow on key issues during the session.



Interview: <http://www.theinterdependent.com/human-rights/article/a-leader-on-human-rights-an-interview-with-ambassador-eileen-donahoe>

Report: <http://www.unausa.org/membership/members-only/member-discussion/article/report-from-the-22-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council>

What's Happening at the UN

Read the latest and most important news coming out of the United Nations, so you can tell your member of Congress about the important work of the UN. This month:

- WFP Begins Food Assistance to Refugee Camps in Jordan, Iraq
- Clashes and Refugee Crisis Continue to Plague Progress in Sudan
- UN High Commissioner Decries Nepalese Commission
- OCHA Operations Director Highlights Work to be done in Myanmar, Philippines

The UNA-USA Advocacy Update keeps members up-to-date on the progress of the organization's advocacy priorities. The Update is structured around the UNA-USA Advocacy Agenda, which focuses UNA's work on four core issue areas: securing U.S.-UN funding; advancing human rights through the UN; encouraging U.S. ratification of international treaties; and supporting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Also included in the Update is a recent "round-up" of the month's most important UN news. If you would like additional information on any of the items included, contact the Membership team at membership@unausa.org.

Missed the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative Conference? Here's a Recap!

The 6th Annual PGWI Conference was held on Tuesday, April 9th at the prestigious Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with the wH2O Journal, IGEL and Drexel University College of Public Health. Featuring multiple panels with individuals of enormously diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, this year's conference focused on the connection between issues concerning gender and water. Dr. Shannon Marquez, of the Drexel University School of Public Health and Caroline D'Angelo, co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of wH2O led the conference with welcoming remarks introducing the plethora of issues that arise in developing nations; issues specifically existent because of the connection between gender and water. Three panel discussions followed, led by an array of esteemed speakers, almost all of whom had either had first hand experiences with those potential problems in various different countries or had been there to help when they arose.

The recurrent observation throughout the conference from all of the speakers was the fact that women were, by and large, the most susceptible to the problems that arose with issues with water. However, regardless of this blatant fact, most aren't ever allowed to be involved with leadership positions and decision-making in their respective societies in order to alleviate their struggles. The first panel served to mainly provide a framework of all of the potential water and sanitation crises that could arise globally in relation to women. Oftentimes, in these developing nations, the women are predominantly the ones required to bear the tremendously heavy burden of caring for their families; which often involves acquiring water for them, often from far-away or dangerous rivers locations, increasing their chances of being assaulted, raped or even killed in the process. By bathing, urinating and defecating in the same source where water to drink or cook with is drawn from, often mere feet away, these women become exponentially more susceptible to the myriad of health issues that arise because of a lack of sanitation. Additionally, because of these taxing responsibilities, many young women are forced to stop attending school altogether, thereby raising the illiteracy rate, forcing them to continue their practices without any proper education to change and perpetuating the entire cycle at hand.

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Later, more panels followed; discussing the best practices and leadership for the women facing global changes, in relation to water and sanitation provision, and highlighting specific examples of women's leadership and entrepreneurship that have sprung up in this area in the face of crisis. These intriguing case-studies included accounts of small enterprises led by women, foundation-led competitions held to rethink the design of toilets and the many efforts to support these businesses by various NGOs.

One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote speaker, Mina Das, the director of the women's empowerment organization NISHTHA that was started in a remote village in West Bengal, India. Das's moving anecdotes of specific, very real, women from her village demonstrated that with the combination of improving self-sufficiency in efforts to bring in clean water, gender equity initiatives, education on hygiene and safe-handling, and the promotion of healthy practices, even the very victims of gender discrimination can eventually become their own saviors. Das's speech was immensely passionate, powerful and poignant; with extremely genuine pleas to help these suffering women.

The speakers for the panels, involved with numerous prestigious NGOs such as WASH, CARE, Food For The Hungry, WaterAid America, Global Women's Waterer Initiative and the Gates Foundation as well as universities such as Drexel and Texas A&M, guaranteed a conference that was tremendously educational and intriguing. Ultimately, it was stressed that with the combination of an emphasis on better policies, corporate actions, better aid and an application of the Millennium Developmental Goals, many of these crucial issues can potentially be overcome. Overall, the conference was undoubtedly a success; the collaboration between the speakers, sponsors, partners and volunteers made that quite clear. Oh and the food? Ridiculously delicious.

An Update from the UNA-USA

Dear UNA-USA Member,

The United States Senate was in session into the early morning hours Saturday, when it was able to pass a Fiscal Year 2014 Budget without any new cuts to the UN or UN agencies! Getting to this point was by no means easy with a record 100 amendments, a number of which could have cut U.S. contributions to vital UN initiatives around the world. UNA-USA members across the country came together under the common purpose of making sure UN funding was spared from senseless cuts by emailing and calling their Senators and reminding them of what the UN can and does accomplish when the U.S. is engaged and pays its dues on time and in full.

Important highlights from the debate include:

An amendment by Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) inexplicably cutting off all U.S. funding to the UN because of China's domestic family planning

policies, which the UN has no control, failed by a vote of 38-61.

Senator Rand Paul's (R-KY) amendment to cut the International Affairs Budget by \$15 billion failed by a vote of 26-72, as did his other amendment limiting foreign aid — by a vote of 18-81.

You should all be proud of what you accomplished this past weekend, and ride that momentum into the coming weeks and months as fiscal issues continue to dominate discussions on Capitol Hill. Effective and coordinated grassroots advocacy is the best way to make sure the U.S. stays engaged with the United Nations. Stay tuned to UNA-USA email and social media communications to keep up to date with the latest information coming from Washington, DC. Visit our Advocacy Resources page to see the tools that are at your disposal when engaging your elected officials.

Thank you for your continued dedication to a strong United Nations!

Patrick Madden



Executive Director

United Nations Association of the USA



Red Cross Red Crescent Day
65th Years Of Humanitarian Work

United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia

Save the date

May 8th, 2013
6:00-8:30 PM

College of Physicians-19 S 22nd Street. Philadelphia, PA. 19103

"Reaching The Unreached..."

The Human Tragedy of Homeless Refugees

Syrians' Health in Crisis!

Program

✧ A word of welcome by **Clara Barton** on the historical and current need for a worldwide Red Cross/Red Crescent Organization.

✧ Introduction to the health care situation of Syrian Refugees, within and outside Syria a personal message. **Maya Khezam.**

✧ The reality of the humanitarian aid situation: **Ms. Loyal Assafin.**

✧ Public health emergencies & the results of the health care system collapse: A forum discussion. (Speakers: **Dr. Haitham Dib; & Dr. Marjorie Muecke**).

✧ An appeal for professional and civic empathy; why we raise funds. **Maya Khezam.**

🎵 **Live music by a takht ensemble of Syrian musicians.** 🎵

- This event is sponsored by the Section on Public Health and Preventive Medicine of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.



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The Newest Additions to our Team

Our New Co-Ops Introduce Themselves

Hyojung (Amy) Cha is currently a sophomore majoring in International Areas Studies at Drexel University. Immigrating to United States at age nine, she comes from a background of South Korea. She is concentrating in International Business and want to concentrate in Far East Asian area. She looks forward to working as a Co-op at UNA-GP.



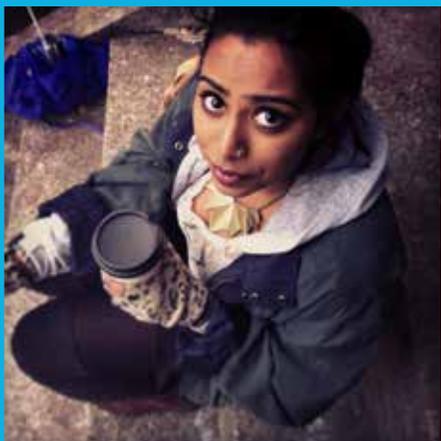
Vesko Kostic is a 3rd year student at Drexel University in International Area Studies, with a concentration in Justice and Human Rights. He is interested in and focuses his studies on the people and cultures of the Eurasian continent. He minors in Russian Language, and Environmental Studies. He enjoys hiking, photography, and traveling abroad.

Kellie Widener is from New Jersey. She is a Junior at Drexel University majoring in Graphic Design. She draws her inspiration from her passion for music and her surroundings. She enjoys listening to music and reading. Kellie hopes to graduate Drexel and work at a graphic design firm. She loves learning new things and educating herself. Kellie looks forward to an interesting Co-Op at the UNA-GP.



The Newest Additions to our Team

Our New Co-Ops Introduce Themselves



Arismita Guha Ray is a junior at Drexel University, majoring in International Area Studies with a concentration in Justice and Human Rights and a double minor in Philosophy and World History & Politics. She is currently on a pre-Law track, hoping to eventually devote her career to developmental work at an NGO later on in her life. She's extremely excited to be working at the UNA-GP and taking on the role of the editor of the newsletter. She has been involved in numerous volunteer work projects throughout high school and college, including working at the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Princeton Hospital and mentoring children who have been diagnosed with autism through the Jewish Family Services in her hometown of Princeton, NJ. It is this passion for helping others that drew her to the UNA-GP. She hopes to help the organization progress in every way that she can.

Arushi Kohli is a third year pre-medical student at Drexel University. She is currently earning her bachelors degree in Biology with a concentration in organismal biology and physiology and pursuing a certificate in medical humanities. Arushi has been a research assistant at Drexel University College of Biomedical Engineering and Health Systems since 2011, where she conducts breast cancer research. In addition, she has over 3 years of prior experience working with community based organizations in Philadelphia and New Delhi, India. Arushi's passion for public health drew her to UNA-GP, where she hopes to learn about public health at a global level.



Upcoming Events

April 28th- UN Cafe

Maya Khezam will lead an interactive discussion on the health and humanitarian crisis that has risen from the current conflict in Syria. Join us at Ross Commons at 3:30 pm for what is sure to be an intriguing debate!

April 28th- Legs Against Arms 5k Walk

The Physicians for Social Responsibility present this event in coordination with St. Joseph's University to raise awareness of youth violence prevention. Run in the memory for those you've lost! Registration opens at 7:00 am at St. Joe's (5600 City Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131) and the race starts at 9:00 am!

May 8th- Red Cross Red Crescent Day on Syria

A diverse panel of distinguished speakers join Maya Khezam on assessing the current events in Syria.

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**April 28st
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34th & Powelton**



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June 2nd-4th-UNA Membership Meeting

Get a chance to rub shoulders with the best of Capitol Hill in Washington DC. This is the perfect opportunity to interact with many people associated with UNA.

June 22nd- Member's Day

Join us for the annual UNA-GP meeting at the Carriage House. Get a chance to meet and mingle with your fellow UNA-GP volunteers.

July 21st- Garden Party

The perfect opportunity to have fun and help us fundraise at the annual Garden Party! Taking place at our very own Christiaan Morssink's house, there will be food, drinks, live music and a chance to interact with other members of the UNA-GP. Don't miss it!



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You can help the United Nations Association out!

Despite the success of the past Model UN, the UNA-GP is in desperate need of funds for upcoming projects. In order to continue with extremely beneficial and enriching events, such as the Model UN, we need your help! Please donate whatever you can to the UNA-GP, and in turn, Philadelphians and beyond!

Have any ideas for fundraising events? We're all ears! With the volume of projects the UNA-GP is constantly immersed in, we are always in need of more volunteers, no matter how much or how (seemingly!) little time you have to devote. Email Manisha Patel, (Volunteer Coordinator and Board Member) with your suggestions or any questions at mpatel@una-gp.org.

The UNA-GP is a chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). Our website offers information about our mission, upcoming events, and ways to get involved, including joining and volunteering. In addition, we are on social media sites and send out our monthly newsletter. Take a look around!

Volunteers with all types of skill sets are welcome to work with the UNA-GP, in the short or long term. If interested, please contact:

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