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

June, in addition to all of the yearly academic and personal events (graduations, weddings, reunions, vacations...), is the official month for the United Nations Association when we hold our general meeting with members, elect our continuing and new Board, and grapple with the budget that makes all our activities possible. However, every four years June is also the kick-off for the greatest communal global event which provides a continuous daily distraction for people all over the world and increasingly even here in the US: the soccer World Cup! During the 1980’s civil war in Lebanon, the militias stopped fighting to watch world cup matches, a dramatic example of the unifying power that sport can have.

Our Global Philadelphia Association brought together an international “festival month” in 2013 with lots of events and enthusiastic co-sponsorship, but the World Cup is a pure gift to us to celebrate and enjoy starting June 12 and concluding July 13 (the day of our “Global Garden Party”). All is not sweetness and light with the Cup—it highlights many of the imperfections of international organizations (see John Oliver on HBO for a brilliant history of FIFA, the world soccer authority) and the dilemmas of nationalism and development.

Brazil, a soccer powerhouse, is still deeply divided over the public expense of hosting the Cup in spectacular new stadiums while millions of Brazilians lack jobs and basic services. The teams of the 32 starting countries demonstrate the complex histories of politics and immigration, with some teams like Switzerland composed of a majority of immigrants and refugees. The support of the crowd often shows “Bolivarian solidarity” of Latin American nations when they play teams from other continents, but lots of internal differences when Latin American countries play each other: in other words a field day for internationally minded followers of history and culture! I am personally delighted to see that the US is becoming a stronger participant in this global event and watching the games is MUCH easier than it was 20 years ago when only Spanish language cable covered the matches and those of us without cable were left to knock on the doors of our subscriber neighbors and beg to watch for a couple of hours.

This has been another hard-working year for our Association with many accomplishments and projects and many challenges of US policy to confront. I look forward to working with all of you in the next 12 months. In the meantime, viva la copa mundial!

Mary Day
Mary Day Kent, President, UNA-GP
A few words from our Executive Director

From Christiaan’s Desk *(Please note; this newsletter is very much delayed, for which I apologize)*

I am starting this write up during a coffee break at the UNA-USA membership meeting in DC. The UNA-USA has grown quite a bit in numbers, mostly students, and many of the attendees don’t have grey hair yet. This involvement of young people is exciting and there is a renewed sense of urgency in the conference. By the same token, they are much more ambulant and move a lot, plus they are not a great source of income for the UNA-USA or the chapters. I will report separately elsewhere.

Our membership meeting took place on the 19th of June. Mary Day looked back and reported on the year that was, and I spoke on a few points about our plans for the coming year. Meanwhile, we have completed our first grant application for funding our Model UN Conference. It was a big hump; what to write, how to follow the instructions, how to get convincing facts that represent our mission and efforts. It is also important to learn how to utilize the current sources of money; the large majority of foundations in the USA do have guidelines or missions that do not fit immediately with our overall mission. I want to thank David Sherwin for doing the major lifting on this.

Fundraising is going to be crucial for our chapter. We need more Davids so to speak to explore the opportunities and be aggressive in our pursuits. But fundraising is highly dependent on good quality communications. Our Facebook pages, our twitter accounts, our website, they all need to be up-to-date, well written, engaging and dynamic. I hope to find enough volunteers who can play an active support role with this.

Our friends at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center have kept their good spirits after the FWWIC flooded, and repairs are reaching the point where we can expect soon to visit them again at the “museum below the surface”. If you are in the neighborhood, just drop in and tell the staff how we UNA members appreciate their work.

About our Model UN on the Rule of Law. We did send out our invitations for the next school year to teachers and principals. Again we are confronted with a very negative climate in the education world, where chronic underfunding is creating fatigue, desperation, and labor dissatisfaction. Yet, as before, we will prevail in getting our message to the students wherever we can find an open ear.

Please join us in promoting our educational work.

I want to thank our members for staying on our roster, paying their dues and thus providing the foundation for our activities. We are working on expanding tangible benefits of membership and I can now report that the credit union of the UN, the UNFCU, is offering membership to the members of UNA-USA and thus UNA-GP. Especially if you travel abroad occasionally, this UNFCU can provide value and save you on banking fees.

I hope that this newsletter gets out soon enough that this last sentence is still timely:

See you at the UNA-GP garden party at 4PM this Sunday, July 13th. For the soccer fans, come at 3PM.

Cheers.

Christiaan Morssink
A few words from our Volunteer Coordinator

Manisha Patel

UNA-GP’s newly formed Membership Committee has been meeting regularly with a mission of mobilizing the community in becoming more involved in the local chapter. Membership support helps in bringing programming for the local community, its schools and university students. Some of the other objectives of the committee are to keep its members more connected to world issues through participation in Chapter events as well as get them involved in UNA-USA/UN programs and grow local support for the ideals and work of the UN in Philadelphia’s community.

Manisha Patel
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Congratulations Enid Adler!

Enid Adler, UNA-GP board member, received the humanitarian award from the Marian Anderson Historical Society during a special luncheon on May 31, at the African American Museum of Philadelphia.

The UNA-GP would like to congratulate you on this well deserved honor!
The Water Works Needs You Now!

In case you haven't heard, The Water Works suffered damage and loss of materials from the recent flooding, and they need your help. They are working around the clock to clean up, so that they can re-open to the public as soon as possible.

Onsite environmental educators are now traveling from classroom to classroom visiting all of the schools that had scheduled field trips to the WW! And they are still conducting their WW tours, but they are completely outdoors until the renovations are complete.

They are determined to keep their commitments to the children and adults in our community through this difficult time, but they need our support to do so. Won't you please make a gift of $35, $50 or even $75 today?

Your immediate support will replace vital resources for their summer programs, such as SWEP, their two-week program for girls focused on environmental careers, and Project FLOW, a five-week summer program that allows rising 8th and 9th graders to explore water as artists, scientists, historians and social activists.

Their goal is to raise $25,000 to replace materials and equipment essential to these programs by May 31st. It is so important that their summer programs can go on as scheduled. Won't you help them meet that goal?

We're counting on you - and we're grateful for your support. To donate, please follow this link.

Thank you!

Karen Young
Director
The Water Works
On June 19th, the UNA-GP celebrated its annual UNA Membership Day at the Carriage House in the LBGT Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Guest speaker Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA Leo Navas Human Rights Fellow, joined us from capitol hill.

Kaminski expanded on a few of his many honors and experiences, as a research associate on the Council on Foreign Relations’ International Institutions and Global Governance program, and as a recipient of the Jal Paivry Award for research in international peace and understanding from Colombia University.

He started off by giving us a brief history of the UNA-USA which grew out of the League of Nations Association in 1943. With First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt assisting in the preparations of the UN’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it was clear that the citizens of the United States supported the goals of the United Nations, and sought to play a more active role. Today in the United States, says Kaminski, “88% of Americans understand that we [as a nation] should have a more active role in the UN.”

He spoke briefly about human rights violations abroad and how they are now being addressed by the international community. Kaminski has published human rights themed articles in the Washington Times, Huffington Post, Reuters and beyond.

He concluded with an update on the post 2015 development goals, emphasizing that the voice of everyday citizens and grassroots organizations is detrimental to the post 2015 process.

Our financial committee reported, and attendees successfully voted in the budget for the upcoming year. Our nominating committee welcomed in two new members to the board, Bob Groves and Ron Bedner. We would like to thank you both for your commitment to our organization, and we wish you the best of luck in the coming year! Thank you to all of the members who attended, and we hope to see you all at next years Membership Day Event!

Zabeth Teelucksingh, Executive Director, Global Philadelphia Association, speaking on the importance of having Philadelphia become a UNESCO World Heritage City. To learn more, please visit: http://globalphiladelphia.org/
Second Annual

P3: Philadelphia Plays for Peace
Tournament & Festival
September 14th and 21st, 2014

About Us:
Our project began in the winter of 2013. Christiaan Morssink, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of Philadelphia and James Parsons, UNAGP member and area soccer coach, discussed the possibility of organizing an event involving soccer, peace-making, and community engagement. After reaching out to NGOs, academic institutions, and government entities, a core group of partners was created, prepared to create a citywide soccer tournament. Our inaugural peace tournament was held on September 22, 2013, at Penn Park, on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. The event commemorated the United Nations International Day of Peace. Check out the highlight video here: https://vimeo.com/87223843

Our Mission:
Soccer is widely recognized as a truly global game, adored by millions. Philadelphia is a vibrant city with a diverse mix of people captivated by “the beautiful game.” By highlighting the beauty of soccer and promoting the concepts of communication, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the UNA-GP brings you an event that serves to nurture the seeds of peace through healthy athletic competition. Six teams representing regions of the world will participate in a mini “World Cup” with concurrent family-friendly activities. Cross-cultural dialogue, community building, peace making, and fun are the goals, as we work toward a more harmonious coexistence that embodies Philadelphia’s famous moniker, “City of Brotherly Love.”
P3 Update

P3: Philadelphia Plays for Peace Tournament & Festival

Our Partners:
Over the year, P3 has been fortunate to partner with an array of organizations dedicated to advancing the soccer and contributing to the health and well being of our communities. Their support is greatly appreciated.

MOIMA
Philadelphia Union
Palms Solutions
SEAMAAC
Congreso de Latinos
Peace Day Philly
Global Philadelphia Assoc.
Fairmount Soccer Assoc.
Bread and Roses
KurtisFilms

Tournament & Festival:
Six teams, representing regions of the world, make up our tournament field. Regions include: North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Players come from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, with the common goal of celebrating soccer and community engagement. This year, we increase the scope of our project by hosting a cultural festival showcasing food, music, art, from all over the world, as well as public health education. In addition, the Philadelphia Union will replicate their PPL Park “fan experience” with inflatables, games, and prize giveaways onsite.

Our project relies on donations from generous organizations and individuals who support our mission of using soccer as a vehicle for improving community relationships, providing children and adults with a healthy competitive sporting outlet, and promoting peace. If you or your business would like to support us you can! Please consider making a monetary donation by check to “UNAGP” memo line: “P3 Tournament.” In-kind gifts are greatly appreciated as well.

For more information, visit our Facebook page, P3: Philadelphia Plays for Peace, or contact: soccer4peace@gmail.com
Dear Eve,

Twelve weeks are almost up and so is my time in Kenya. As I write this letter to you I am reminded of the previous letter I wrote, and what has changed since that time. Now more than ever I marvel in the power of sport; it is truly universal spanning language, culture, gender, age, and ability.

I have for the past couple of weeks been volunteering in a school for developmentally delayed children. There, I take individual classes for physical education sessions, about an hour in length. I cannot stress enough the importance of physical education. Not only is exercise crucial for physical well being, but it is also fundamental for developing important skills such as communication, discipline, and respect. These students spanning the spectrum of ability both physically and mentally, embody the spirit of sportsmanship when playing sports. There is no inclination of disadvantage when discussing skill levels. Each player, no matter his or her disability is treated with respect and given the opportunity to play. It is impossible to be here and not be in awe of the universality of sport.

When I came to Kenya I expected to meet a lot of soccer fans. But I did not expect the level of devotion to the game that I have encountered. Every person has a Premier League team that they support, and with the World Cup just started, countries have been claimed and jovial rivalries have begun. The boys soccer team is a microcosm of what I expect fans the world over are experiencing. Each boy knows the starting lineup of their country and has a prediction for every game.

When I decided to volunteer in Kenya teaching sports I thought I knew what I was signing up for, but I was completely wrong. I expected to coach some soccer and volleyball and explore Kenya. What I ended up doing was learning a new culture and a new way of viewing sports altogether as well as making life long friends I cannot put into words the joy I feel when I watch the boys learn a new trick or score an impressive goal. They have taught me so much more than I could have ever taught them, and for that I will always be grateful. If the last three months have taught me anything, it’s that sport can make a huge difference in someone’s life, we just need to be willing to invest.

Sincerely,

Kate Badana
Garden Party

Join us for the Annual UNA-GP Garden Party!

- Sunday July 13 from 4-9pm
- At a Member’s House in Northwest Philadelphia (Contact us for location)
- $10 admission, food and drinks included
- Guest speaker Kay Chernush
- Rain Day July 20th

Please come and support our annual fundraising event commemorating World International Day of Justice that takes place July 17th!

Model UN

We are excited to announce that this year’s letters have been written and sent out to teachers and high schools informing them of the Rule of Law Model UN 2015. As more funding is still being requested, members with suggestions are encouraged to step forward and share thoughts. We are recruiting volunteers and fellows to help out with the instruction in various high schools. Training for college student volunteers is scheduled in September and October.

Congratulations and best of luck to graduating team member, Minsoo Kim. Daniel Bu will remain in the leadership role for this Model UN.
UN Day Event

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.

The UNA-GP will be organizing a breakfast meeting with the many faces of leadership here in Philadelphia on UN Day, October 24th, 2014.

The event will celebrate 70 years of United Nations, and bring to the attention of our current leaders the importance of having their support moving forward.

May members from all religions and churches come together this day and collectively give the council of the churches and the UN their support.

PGWI Update

As you may know, the UNA-GP continues to work closely with the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI), which includes our active participation in their annual conference as well as assistance in their yearly high school education initiatives.

Please note that the tentative date for the 8th Annual PWGI conference in 2015, will be on Thursday, March 26th; tentative location, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Our friends at PWGI are looking to organize a Model UN on water management. Materials have been directed to PGWI and we are advising the student volunteers at that NGO about how to implement the UN on Water Management.

Please be aware that several people from PGWI will attempt to go to the World Water Forum in Korea!

The World Energy Council (WEC) and World Water Council (WWC) announce that they have joined forces to bring the issue of the water-energy nexus to the fore in the run up to the 7th World Water Forum, to be staged in Daegu, Korea from 12 to 17 April 2015.

UNA-GP will be working closely with PGWI to ensure that Philadelphia has a strong presence at the WEC in 2015.
UNA-USA Member,

Late last year, we answered the UN Secretary-General’s call to action to hold meetings for Americans to discuss the world they want in 2030. The results from the consultations provided intriguing insights into Americans’ priorities for the future — but we still need more input! To date, more than 2 million people around the world have gone to myworld2015.org and have chosen the top priorities they think the world needs to tackle by 2030. However, fewer than 40,000 Americans joined this global conversation.

As Americans who believe in a strong U.S. role within the UN system, we need to make sure our voice is heard in this historic public input process.

Whether your top issue is gender equality or public health, unless citizens around the world tell UN leaders and UN member states what matters most to them, key priorities could be left out of the new development agenda. That’s why we are partnering with WFUNA and United Nations Associations around the world to rally even more support for the post-2015 development agenda during the MY World Global Week of Action!

Help us ensure a strong American response to this global call to action by adding your say and spreading the word:

**Vote for the changes that would make the most difference in your world.**

Once you cast your vote, there is more you can do to get Americans involved. Here are three actions you can take:

1. **Share this toolkit with your Chapters, friends and partners to increase participation on MY World.** The toolkit also has tweets, videos and graphics you can use to share with your community online.
2. **Sign up for the Thunderclap for Facebook and Twitter before May 8.**
3. **Help mobilize support offline by setting up voting booths at any of your events this week.**

We all have a critical role to play in creating sustainable growth, promoting gender equality, and meeting virtually every other development goal. **Make sure your voice is heard.**

Thank you for taking action,

Chris Whatley
Executive Director, UNA-USA
### UNA-GP Activities

(all tentative) for 2014, other events are being planned and will be added case by case

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Carolina’s International News Picks

UN forum spotlights harnessing power of technology to advance development

The UN’s new mission to promote sustainable development was reassessed at the World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva last week. The mission commenced with a call to enable access to broadband worldwide. UN International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Secretary-General Hamadoun Touré explained that access to this information society has become vital for sustainable development.
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In Bolivia, Ban to urge G77 to work together on anti-poverty, climate change

Ecuadorian president, Evo Morales, hosted Ban on June 13, 2014 at the G77 summit, where countries met to discuss ways of reducing poverty and inequality in lesser developed countries.
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Riding ‘The Beast’ Across Mexico to the U.S. Border

As NPR continues to cover the tragic journey of Central Americans into United States they have recently focused on the surge of children traveling alone. The immigration takes place on a series of dangerous and crowded trails, and many people are dying during the voyage. To Read More Click Here

On African Child Day, UN education envoy urges focus on kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls

June 16, 2014 marked UN African Child Day; The United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown stated that the organization will continue to work towards providing free quality education for all African children. Brown asked the world to remember the kidnapped girls from Nigeria and their struggle for education in their country, where as many as 10.5 million children do not attend school.
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Refugee numbers in Ukraine on the rise

Throughout Russia’s annexation of Crimea, Ukraine has received an influx of refugees throughout its cities. Although the exact number is unknown, tens of thousands of people have fled to cities like Slovyansk in fear of confronting pro-Russian separatists.
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Brazil World Cup: Clashes at Sao Paulo and Rio protests

Angry Brazilian protesters took to the streets as the 2014 FIFA world cup began on Thursday June 12th. Large cities like Rio saw hundreds chanting in the streets over their unhappiness with the Brazilian government for its extravagant expenditures for the world cup.
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Obama Rules Out Troops In Iraq But Says U.S. Is Weighing Other Options

As ISIS continues to seize cities in Iraq, President Obama made it clear that he will not be sending troops. Instead the United States will engage sustainable diplomacy between groups that will help preserve stability and ensure safety.
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You can help the United Nations Association!

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 in 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!

The UNA-GP June 2014 newsletter is a collaborative effort:

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• President: Mary Day Kent
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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 and upcoming events, and ways to get involved, including joining and volunteering. In addition, we are on social media sites and send out our monthly newsletters. 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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