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Dear members and friends of the UNA-GP,

I hope all of us are finding at least some beauty and restoration of body and spirit this summer, in spite of the many grim and desperate situations on several continents that are surely on our minds every day. I clipped a quotation many years ago from the New York Times about a gravestone marked for a man "whose singular praise it was to have done the best of things in the worst of times, and hoped them in the most calamitous". My clipping which I carried in my wallet for several years was lost when my wallet was lifted from my bag (on Market Street across from City Hall) but the words stayed with me. With the magic of the internet, I found the quotation and can identify it as the memorial of Sir Robert Shirley who built a church in the year 1653 under the Puritan rule of Cromwell's Protectorate when churches had been destroyed all around during the English Civil War. The church he built still stands in Leicestershire, England. I don't know what Sir Robert Shirley would have thought of the United Nations, but I believe that we at UNA share his spirit of stubborn optimism and determination to continue to support work for peace and overcoming the many conditions that prevent people from living full and fair lives. It is a privilege to share this organization with so many who join in this hope in the most calamitous times.

In this newsletter you will find many exciting and positive events coming up in September clustered around the International Day of Peace: many chances to build a peace constituency in Philadelphia through witnesses, rallies, seminars, conferences, soccer games and music!

Sincerely,

Mary Day Kent,  
President, UNA-GP
August is the month when those in academia can experience another “happy new year” with good wishes, hopes, and stark realities. Students are returning and my mailbox is already full with applicants and intern requests. Clearly a month in which I should not be traveling, but I do. So be it.

The garden party has provided us with an opportunity and a moral obligation to try to get the Artworks for Freedom exhibit to Philadelphia. I have now a few volunteers who will be helping with this project. Stay tuned.

A major effort will be made in early September to recruit college students to take part in a case-competition to address the managerial headaches of the World Health Organization. If we can secure participation by seven teams, we will go forward. Stay tuned or join in.

Ron Bednar is preparing a proposal for the board to create a program around Philadelphia and UN Habitat III, see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, our plans for World Food Day are kind of stuck and I hope we can find a breakthrough next week. Ideas are centered around hunger banquets/raffles on campuses, distribution of leaflets and posters at those food places where the audience may be taking note, from certain supermarkets to student eating halls, to coops and what not. I myself am excited about the major shift that the World Food Programme is undertaking towards procurement of food for the starving. Step forward with your ideas.

The P3 Tournament planning is now reaching its stage of Implementing what was planned and the nervousness that comes with that. In five weeks we have our kick-off. All hands are on deck to make the family and festival part a success. Telemundo and NBC10 will come to report on our activities so please show up and make this a superb spectacle. We need your input.

Harmony for Peace is going to have a great concert on September 20. Very diverse talent will be singing and playing. UNA-GP is sponsoring and we are trying to sell tickets and collect donations to send children to this imposing evening. So get out your wallet, check your calendar and make UNA-GP proud.

Over and out.
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
mpatel@una-gp.org

The next UNA-GP board meeting is going to be held on Thursday, August 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Location: American Friends Service Center, 1501 Cherry St, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

All members are welcome to attend!

Please use this meeting as an opportunity for you to express your ideas, as we prepare for 2015. What kind of things would you like to see us work on in the coming year?

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If you have a topic that you would like to address during the meeting, please send an e-mail to: christiaanmo@yahoo.com
Garden Party Follow Up

Our annual Garden Party fundraiser this past July, we were joined by guest speaker Kay Chernush, photographer and Founder/Director of Artworks for Freedom, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to use the power of art in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking.

How can we bring Artworks for Freedom to Philadelphia?

We ask all readers to think hard and seek collaborators to come forward and work with us on this project. There is no deadline, there is just a deep desire for us to get Artworks for Freedom here in Philadelphia.

- If you have any ideas on how to bring Artworks for Freedom to Philadelphia, please reach out to us here at the UNA-GP.
- For more information about Artworks for Freedom please visit their website at: [www.artworksforfreedom.org](http://www.artworksforfreedom.org) or send an e-mail to: [info@artworksforfreedom.org](mailto:info@artworksforfreedom.org)

“We seek to transform public attitudes, inspire anti-trafficking action and give voice to survivors.”

Peace Day Philly 2014

The United Nations International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is a global day of local opportunity observed on Sept. 21. On behalf of Peace Day Philly, we would like to let you know that there will be many engaging and peace related activities taking place for both individuals and organizations during the week of September 15-21st.

We would like to highlight to major events taking place that week:

- Philadelphia Plays for Peace Tournament & Festival (P3). Page: 7

*Keep an eye out for articles pertaining to both of these events within this newsletter

However, these two events are only a few among many that will be taking place during the week, from poetry reading to children activities. For more information, and the list of events taking place that week, please go to: [http://www.peacedayphilly.org/events/](http://www.peacedayphilly.org/events/)
UN Habitat III

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to take place in 2016. The objective of the Conference is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development, assess accomplishments to date, address poverty and identify and address new and emerging challenges. The conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document.

To that effect, we propose that Philadelphia should be present at the Habitat III United Nations Conference in 2016; actively partaking in this revolutionary discussion, showcasing its accomplishments and goals, as well as learning from and contributing to the outcome document. Philadelphia has sustained a lot of changes, standing the test of time as we can see today; it has a story to tell.

What can Philadelphia bring to the table? How do we proceed?
1. Formation of a sub-committee, as part of the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia (UNA-GP). Bringing together the major actors in the greater Philadelphia area, whom have extensive knowledge and experience of Philadelphia’s urbanized revolution. Reaching out to professionals and agencies within the city, and showing them that this is can be a showpiece going forward.
2. Bringing to life grassroots discussion, and broader discussion at large. Reach out, in the coming year, to the public by holding numerous events, opening up the dialogue to the public.

Our objective is to showcase Philadelphia at the Habitat III, as well as showcase the Habitat III to Philadelphia. At the next UNA-GP Board Meeting on August 21st, 2014, we would like to propose that we begin discussing the topic of bringing Philadelphia to the Habitat III conference in 2016, by creating a preliminary strategic plan that can be set in motion during the upcoming year. UNA-GP Board Member and Senior Advisor for Econsult Solutions, Ron Bednar, is currently leading this initiative. We seek your support, and ask that you bring your individual experiences and knowledge to the table on August 21st. Thank you!
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: http://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 soccer and contributing to the health and well being of our communities. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Office of Mayor Michael Nutter
MOIMA
Philadelphia Union
Palms Solutions
SEAMAAC
Congreso de Latinos
Peace Day Philly
Global Philadelphia Assoc.
Fairmount Soccer Assoc.
KurtisFilms
BG Sports Management
Penn Middle East Center

Tournament & Festival:

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 “UNA-GP” 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 p3soccer4peace@gmail.com.

We are a tax-exempt organization and your donation qualifies as a tax deduction. No goods or services of any value were or will be transferred to you in connection with this donation.
Philadelphia Plays for Peace

Soccer Tournament & Festival

Join us for a community celebration of multiculturalism and soccer!

Commemorating the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21st, the second annual Philadelphia Plays for Peace Tournament and Festival embraces cultural sport, art, music and food, and is fun for the whole family!

For more information visit our Facebook page P3: Philadelphia Plays for Peace, watch our highlights from last year: https://vimeo.com/phillyplays4peace, or contact p3soccer4peace@gmail.com

Additional Information
Edgely Park, Fairmont Park
Randolph Drive, Philadelphia PA.

Festival begins at 1pm; first semi-final kick off is at 1:30pm.

Ample parking is available

Bus Routes 32, 61 and 48 run from Center City to Edgely Field
We are very excited to be collaborating alongside MOIMA (Mayor’s Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs) throughout our P3 tournament and festival, in celebration of the International Day of Peace, Sept. 21st.

Their mission is to promote the well-being of the immigrant community and other constituency groups in Philadelphia by engaging local and national organizations, improving access to city services, promoting civic participation and advancing educational opportunities.

For access to MOIMA’s social media accounts and more information on their upcoming events surrounding the International Day of Peace, please click on the following links:
In the coming academic year, the UNA-GP is looking to invites student to participate in the First Annual Case Competition, focusing on reforming the World Health Organization in the 21st century.

The case competition is a unique opportunity for students coming from a variety of disciplines to consider multi-faceted issues and develop creative and effective solutions. The competition will culminate in team presentations where judges will score the recommendations put forth by each team. The presentations will tentatively take place in late January 2015 in Philadelphia, PA. The featured Key Note Speaker will be a relevant expert in the field of public health.

The winner of the UNA-GP World Health Organization Case Competition will be awarded a trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, with the opportunity to present the winning proposal to a representative of the World Health Organization. This platform will allow the winner(s) the chance to positively impact the future of the World Health Organization.

Our hope is that this will become a new, strong initiative of ours in the coming years. We are asking for member input on how to reach out to schools, as we are currently working on a letter that will be sent out to faculty.

Wood Food Day is just around the corner, taking place on Thursday, October 16th, and we need your support! Our ideas are center around distributing informational brochures and tabling around campuses, student eating halls and markets, utilizing promotional material from the World Food Programme. Our intention is to connect with audiences that have food on their minds, allowing us to intervene and raise striking questions and comments that may change their attitude and perception of hunger worldwide.

**WHO Case Competition**

**World Food Day**

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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.

International Peace Day Concert 2014

The Harmony for Peace Foundation will be having their Second Annual International Peace Day Concert on Saturday, September 20th, 2014 in Verizon Hall, at 7:00 pm, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia.

Join us on the International Day of Peace and celebrate the collaboration of young local musicians alongside special guests, in the name of harmony and peace!

For more information please visit: http://harmonyforpeace.org/content/international-peace-day-concert-2014
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 at city hall with the many faces of leadership here in Philadelphia on UN Day, October 24th, 2014.

The event is being held in preparation of 70 years of United Nations which will take place in 2016, 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.

March 26th, Save the date!

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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How can the world move towards lasting peace? At least a dynamic peace that takes into account space for necessary violence, where conflict runs contrary instead of being the norm. Working at the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia in a year punctuated by so much violence, I think the solution lies in an expanded and a changed UN Peacekeeping force. A conversation that quite desperately requires a discussion on both the ideology of war and the gritty reality of the peacekeeping mandates, including the following which I will discuss in the coming weeks.

1. The role of peacekeepers in international affairs other than as occupying forces.
2. What are the implications of female peacekeepers in the culture of military peacekeeping?
3. The paradox of using military personnel in peacekeeping.
4. Cultural disharmony between peacekeepers and citizens.
5. Tradition of barrack mentality
6. The shortcomings of peacekeeping and the need for honest and open conversation.
7. Economics of peacekeeping: why it is cheaper than sending in national forces.
8. Setting up a standing peacekeeping force.

Lastly, a warning and a hope. The warning is that I am grappling with several huge consequential issues and while I will try my best to do the research I might severely be in the wrong here. Therein lies my hope that this discussion continues to grow and evolve, bringing in new voices to the discourse. So please, let us elevate the conversation. Let’s bring about new understanding of the problem and really come to terms with the issues of today.
Carolina’s International News Picks

‘Gaza in critical condition,’ says Ban, calling again for immediate ceasefire
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed today's announcement by Egypt that the Israelis and the Palestinians have accepted another 72 hours' unconditional humanitarian ceasefire and urged all concerned to avoid steps that would lead to a resumption of violence. To Read More Click Here

UN calls for urgent response to help thousands in northern Iraq displaced by militants' advance
As Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorists continue to overrun areas of northern Iraq, the United Nations has begun coordinating humanitarian assistance for displaced vulnerable ethnic and religious minorities, while Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is calling on the international community to support Iraq and help the government alleviate the suffering of all those impacted by the spiraling violence. To Read More Click Here

FEATURE: As climate talks heat up, experts debate if natural gas, fracking will turn ‘brown’ economies ‘green’
The world faces a looming energy problem. There’s not enough of it. It also faces a looming climate change problem. Too much of it. Could natural gas and fracking technology be part of the solution to both challenges? To Read More Click Here

Why India's Modi Defied The WTO
India recently reneged on a World Trade Organization trade deal years in the making. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he broke the deal to protect his country's poor. To Read More Click Here

Russia bans food imports from U.S., E.U.
The ban suggests Russia is willing to risk hardships at home in a bid to strike a blow against the West. To Read More Click Here
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 August 2014 newsletter is a collaborative effort:
• Layout and design editor: Reed Power
• Board liaison: Ed Gracely
• President: Mary Day Kent
• Executive Director: Christiaan Morssink

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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