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Lunch! Ravenna! Perfect! The limoncello course!

On behalf of Mary Day Kent, who is enjoying herself in Italy, many greetings to all!
From Christiaan’s Desk

and the P³ Soccer Tournament. See elsewhere for reports on that. And September is the month where we re-start most of our educational plans. We met to tackle Model UN conferences; we went to recruit at the Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice; we invited 40 Colleges and Universities to consider participating in a case-competition on the W.H.O. and we dusted off the plans for our Youth Building Roots program.

Meanwhile, the planning for the kickoff of the UNA-GP Committee for Habitat III is in full swing, the plans for the Human Rights day event are coming together and are very promising, and the breakfast meeting scheduled for UN Day with leaders of the faith congregations in Philadelphia is almost set. We are still struggling with plans for this year’s World Food Day, but we hope that we can organize an event on UPenn campus. Our student group at Villanova is asking to launch formally at the end of October while other contacts on campuses around the city are seeking to hold UN related events as well.

Planning activities are in the works re collaborating with the local chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, focusing on the global classroom program of UNA-USA. For more background, see http://www.unausa.org/about-us/aka-partnership.

I hope several of our members participated in the global warming demonstration last Sunday in NY. There is much going on in the world to worry about, from the hawks having the upper hand in our engagement with ISIS, to the consequences of having systematically underfunded the WHO as we witness the Ebola outbreak spinning out of control. Yet, that’s why we work towards more global engagement of our denizens in the affairs of politics, economics and social wherewithal. Let’s stay calm and move on. No need to be “excited”.

You must have noticed how late the newsletter is this month. This delay is symptomatic of the organizational stresses in the UNA-GP operation. September is the month when we say goodbye to the Summer Coop team (Reed, Eve and Jason, thank you), interview and recruit new work-study students and interns and await the start of the next coop student workers. You will find more in this newsletter.

September is also the month that asks the most of our energy regarding the events we organized for the International Day of Peace. Much energy was spent on the Harmony for Peace Concert
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.

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Harmony for Peace Concert

At this year’s second annual Harmony for Peace concert, over 1000 volunteers, advocates, and guests celebrated International Day of Peace 2014 with a night of musical talent at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. The evening’s emcee, NBC 10’s Doug Shimell, introduced the audience to performances by artists and groups such as the Metropolitan Ballet Academy, Philadelphia Boys Choir and Girls Choir, as well as many other ensemble performances. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered, who made this year’s concert an evening to remember!
Peace Day Philly 2014

The United Nations Association would like to recognize Lisa Parker of Peace Day Philly, along with Heidi West and other friends of ours, for organizing a full week full of peace related activities. The poetry readings, exhibits at the University of Pennsylvania Museum for Archaeology, proclamations by the mayor, and a moment of silence at noon on the 21st of September were events to remember. It is great to be in a city where peace activists are numerous and willing to put effort into a multitude of events celebrating peace.

NCC Liberty Medal 2014

On October 21st, 2014 at 7:00 pm, the National Constitution Center will be holding its 26th annual Liberty Medal ceremony, taking place at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall, Philadelphia.

Malala Yousafzai will be receiving the prestigious award. Malala is famous for her work during her adolescent life under the Taliban while living in Pakistan. As an advocate for women’s rights, she has been outspoken on matters such as girls’ education, thus receiving honors such as the Pakistan’s National Youth Peace Prize in 2011, as well as being the youngest person nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”
– Malala Yousafzai

The event will be broadcast on WPVI-TV/6abc. Tickets are limited, and will be made available on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014.

For more information about purchasing a ticket and the event please visit: http://constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/recipient_2014.html
“Sport as a universal language can be a powerful tool to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries, cultures and religions. Its intrinsic values such as teamwork, fairness, discipline, respect for the opponent and the rules of the game are understood all over the world and can be harnessed in the advancement of solidarity, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence”
(http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sport/home/sport/peace)

The United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia, in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs, the Philadelphia Union, and other organizations in the city of Philadelphia, hosted the second annual P3 Soccer Tournament and Festival. In commemorating the United Nations International Day of Peace, co-ed soccer teams representing global regions or cultures came together to use the international language of soccer as a platform for peace, competition, and community engagement.

P3 2014 is behind us. On September 14 and 21 we had a nice tournament, good amount of players, all very peace loving while still hot on the ball. As soccer goes it was fun and we were glad to contribute to the long list of peace related events in Philadelphia, all organized by Peace Day Philly. However, we had very few members show up for the festival part. Some of the older players brought their families, but overall it was a downer in that regard. We need to learn from this as we plan for next year. Kudos to Fernando Trevino and James Parson (and his wife) for doing volunteer work beyond the call of duty.
WHO Case Competition

In the coming academic year, the UNA-GP is looking to invite students 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.

World Food Day

“The vast majority of hungry people (827 million) live in developing countries, where 14.3 percent of the population is undernourished.”

“The number of hungry people in the world do not have enough to eat. This number has fallen by 17 percent since 1990.”

Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year.

Wood Food Day is just around the corner, taking place on Thursday, October 16th, and we need your support! Although there are no firm plans as of yet, we are having ongoing discussions about partnering with UNICEF Penn for their World Food Day events and festivities.

Statistics from: http://www.wfp.org/hunger/stats
The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Center, Ghana, Africa

For years we read about the UN blue helmets and blue berets. We urged Congress allocate funds, and we lobbied for a greater reliance on the UN peacekeeping mission. Through more than 60 years of peacekeeping the United Nations has kept a mostly ad hoc approach to its work, relying on manpower contributions from many sovereign nations, creating a culture and structure that looks a bit like a badly stitched quilt. Yet, calls for a more institutionalized approach to peacekeeping have rubbed off, often unbeknownst to even the most ardent supporters of the UN. One such "rub off" is the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center in Ghana. A educational facility that trains current and future peacekeepers and even offers courses for bachelor and masters degrees in various subjects related to peacekeeping and international politics. Our new contributor Andro Mathewson penned the following description:

The international peacekeeping training center in Cantonments, Ghana, named after the former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan opened in 2002 but formally began operations in 2004. The center known by is abbreviation KAIPTC has five main objectives. To summarize them into one sentence would be to say that the training center has the objective of training and educating current and future peacekeepers, while simultaneously conducting research in the fields of peacekeeping, international politics and peace operations in general.

In 1998 Ghana’s Ministry of Defense approved plans to establish an international peacekeeping center to strengthen Ghana’s already vital role in African peacekeeping missions and to spread the message of Africa’s troubled peacekeeping situation. By the year 2000, construction had begun with huge international support from Canada, Great Britain, France, Italy and the USA. The first staff had begun to occupy the buildings by later 2002 and the first KAIPTC training session would begin in November 2003. The center was officially opened at a large ceremony by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana, John A. Kufuor, and His Excellency the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Gerhard Schroder. As of 2011 the center has run over 207 various training courses for more than 8547 peacekeepers, aid workers and research enthusiasts. The KAIPTC is now an accredited tertiary institution and runs Post graduate programs in Conflict, Peace and Security and Gender equality studies!

KAIPTC has set a number of core values, which the team find imperative to building a better peacekeeping force in Africa. One of the most important values is the belief that knowledge is an asset of immense strength. The governing board also finds that an integrated approach through collaboration, professionalism and a motivated work force in a secure and sustainable environment is the key to changing the face of peacekeeping in Africa. Finally the center underlines the need for respect for diversity, equality, fairness, democratic government and human rights to prosper.
Re: Invitation for Breakfast Gathering on UN Day, October 24th

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend our breakfast meeting on United Nations Day, October 24th, from 8:30AM to 11:30AM in the Conversation Room at City Hall. This meeting, “People of Faiths and the United Nations” is to be an ecumenical gathering of leaders of religious congregations in the greater Philadelphia region. During the breakfast we hope to engage the leaders in a dialogue about three topics of interest.

The first topic is a consultation regarding the plans for the United Nations regarding the Sustainable Development Goals for the period 2015-2030. The UNA-GP is one of 30 chapters of the UNA-USA that has been asked to organize such consultations with the purpose of informing the U.S. State Department in its work with the United Nations as an important member state. Considering that we are the city of religious tolerance, and that our practice stood as an exemplar for the credo of the UN on religions and human dignity, it seems more than justifiable that we turn to our religious leaders for this consultation exercise. Ahead of the breakfast we will provide you with briefing materials on this topic.

We also want to invite you to discuss how the religious organizations in greater Philadelphia can be involved in a proper, but very visible, celebration of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations in 2015. Besides the historical connections between Philadelphia and the birth of the United Nations, our city has become a small urban enclave that can easily be labeled “United Nations in Practice.” Moreover, as our city is embarking on a quest to become a UNESCO World Heritage City, it behooves us to highlight the rich history of Philadelphia regarding our places of worship and contemplation. We are excited that the UN seems to survive where the League of Nations failed and we hope to express that excitement in a spectacular way come next year’s October 24.

Lastly, we at the UNA-GP keep a roster of speakers, films, books and texts to highlight the United Nations calendar. During the next year, we want to work with you on integrating some of the United Nations practice into your activities with your congregation. We can provide topical materials, whether for Women’s Day, Earth Day, World Food Day, World Justice Day, etc. We hope to establish, during and via the breakfast meeting, a working relationship with your organization that will grow through the whole of the year.

Please note that this breakfast meeting is sponsored by the UNA-USA and in cooperation with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapters: Omega Omega and Rho Theta Omega, Philadelphia, and Phi Beta Omega of Montgomery County. The Global Philadelphia Association will participate with its CEO Zabeth Teelucksingh, its CEO in attendance.
OCTOBER 6
Annual World Habitat Day

We invite you to...

Film Showing of "Urbanized"
A documentary by independent filmmaker Gary Hustwit
that “explores the diverse range of new city design projects from around the world”

AT 6PM

THEN...

STICK AROUND FOR
A REPORT ON...
1ST PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON HOUSING &
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

...AND FOR
SOME Q&A!

Launch of
"Local Innovations: Transforming the Next Global Urban Agenda"

NETWORKING &
RECEPTION
till 8PM

DETAILS:
- Open to the public
- WHERE: Fairmont Water Works Interpretive Center
  (Behind the art museum at the water's edge)
- ESTIMATED TIME: 5:30PM-8:15PM
- Reception at beginning and end
  (Light refreshments and open bar)
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 date for the 8th Annual PWGI conference in 2015, will be on Thursday, March 26th, as a joint service project in honor of Martin Luther King Day; 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.

Meet Lana Ulrich

The UNA-GP would like to welcome a new member to our ranks. Lana Ulrich, a law student working with us this year!

Dear Readers,

I am a recent graduate of the George Washington University Law school, where I studied international law and human rights law. I also hold a certificate in international human rights law from the University of Oxford. While in law school, I worked in the Office of Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State. Through my work with the UNA-GP, I hope to advocate for both global and local humanitarian issues, as well as to promote the work of the UN and non-profit organizations and affiliates in the Philadelphia region.

Sincerely,
Lana
A new academic year brings us a new group of work-study students, and this year’s team is filled with both old and new faces. They will be hard at work implementing our agenda and helping to make our programs a reality!

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In addition, we are also pleased to have a group of Drexel co-op students, who are able to take six months away from school. We are lucky to have these students working with us!
## UNA-GP Upcoming Events

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

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<td>Oct. 16th</td>
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<td><strong>UNA-GP Board Meeting</strong></td>
<td>Nov. 15th</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
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<td><strong>Celebrating the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt</strong></td>
<td>Dec. 10th</td>
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<td><strong>Human Rights and Press Freedom: Global and Domestic Challenges</strong></td>
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<td>Ethical Society of Philadelphia, 1906 Rittenhouse Square,</td>
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<td><strong>Tentative: Water Model UN</strong></td>
<td>January 19th, MLK Day</td>
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<td>This will be a water module about sanitation in schools from a girl’s perspective</td>
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<td><strong>Model UN Rule of Law</strong></td>
<td>February 28th</td>
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<td>This third MUN RoL will focus on incarceration policies and polities. Tentative venue University of Pennsylvania</td>
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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 August 2014 newsletter is a collaborative effort:
• Layout and design editor: Carolyn Curry
• 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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