United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Friends of UNA-GP,

Traditionally, the official start of summer with the June 21st solstice signals the kick-off to a season of escape and a slower pace. The past week of the astonishing "strawberry" full moon felt like Mother Nature's invitation to the easy-going summer break we all need. Does not seem to be the case this year! There is so much happening and, sadly, many of these happenings are horrifying, such as the shooting in Orlando, or troubling, such as the British vote to leave the European Union. However, there is one country where it can be said that peace triumphed this week. One of the world's longest conflicts came to an end at noon on Wednesday, the 22nd of June. This is the civil war in Colombia between the national government and the guerrilla army of the FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia), a war that began in 1964 and has left a toll of a quarter million killed, over five million internally displaced, millions more living in political or economic exile, and one of highest concentrations of land mines anywhere.

Three years of negotiations in Havana under the auspices of the Cuban and Norwegian government finally resulted in a vote of confidence in peace cast by Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, as he closed the "End of Conflict and Cessation of Hostilities" ceremonies in Havana. "This is a peace for everyone, without exception," he said. "This is the peace we have been dreaming about." He then shook hands with "Timochenko," the FARC's guerrilla commander, Rodrigo Londono, who said powerfully, "May this be the last day of war." Immediately the message "el ultimo dia de la guerra" became the hashtag of the day. As President Santos noted in his moving speech, the majority of Colombians have never lived a day without war and peace is
President's Letter

as the city gears up for a Democratic invasion. Our membership meeting on June 23rd (described elsewhere in this newsletter) focused on the essential issue of nuclear disarmament, one of many crucial issues given short shrift in our campaign season. Our next pre-convention event, our Global Garden Party on July 17th, will focus on another such issue, the human rights and personal histories of refugees. We will have three guest speakers at the Garden Party who will share their experiences of seeking refuge in the US from Syria, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Peace is possible!

Mary Day

addition to the support of the Cuban and Norwegian governments, the UN and the OAS have been backing the negotiations and the UN will be responsible for the disarmament process of the 7,000 FARC soldiers who will gather in about 20 locations to surrender their weapons. Finally it is worth noting how Cuba's President Raúl Castro framed the achievement in regional and global terms. He said, "Peace will be a victory for Colombia, as well as for all America... In a world disrupted by war and violence, the achievement of peace in Colombia represents a hope for millions of people on the planet whose main preoccupation is survival."

Britain may have exited, but peace is in the house, at least in Colombia, for everyone, without exception.

We in UNA-GP will continue our own peacebuilding efforts this summer, even

President Raul Castro of Cuba
Source: The Famous People

Mary Day Kent, UNA-GP President
While we were listening, during our June membership meeting, to John Feffer’s talk about the global nuclear arms situation and Obama’s Nuclear Policy Paradox, the Brits, or perhaps I should say the English, Scots, Welsh and Irish, were counting the Brexit referendum results. Waking up the next day, a “nuclear” economic drama had started. Late Friday evening it became clear that the Brexit results are going to be felt everywhere, and laid bare a very important principle in democratic politics. One votes on the basis of knowledge, facts, emotions, cultural biases and ideologies. Considering reports that many Brits were Googling things like, "What is the EU?" after the vote was complete, we have to wonder if the voters had the information they needed to make this critical decision. Now, many are crying for a revote. The journalists’ roles in democracies are crucial, as are those of educators, artists, bartenders, barbers, and librarians. Distorted dialogues, whether by lies (fact-checking the advertisements of the exit camp revealed plain untruths), unequal funding of politicians’ coffers by wealthy stake holders, corruption, “editorial discretion” or journalistic laziness, will distort elections and election outcomes. Such is the cry of those with “buyers’ remorse” in the Brexit saga.

So, those of us who have a pension plan, or some investments in the market, lost substantially on Friday. Worldwide, 2 trillion dollars were lost, due to the stock traders’ panic, following the decision by some 17 million Brits. The economic and financial adjustments are going to be deep and profound. I am afraid that not all of those 17 million Britons are going to feel the long term pain of these adjustments. That is a pain for the next generation. A generation feeling betrayed, if I can believe the UK newspapers.

On the continent there are many who actually feel relief following the Brexit. Many bemoaned the

The EU, just like the UN, was built on the ashes, cemeteries and memories of WWII. Among those who remember, the current nationalist drumbeat of many governments and politicians rekindles nightmares.
fact that the UK never was a full partner in the EU, always demanding exceptions, “discounts” and, more importantly, feeding the EU with a neoliberal poison during the whole of its reluctant partnering. In the Dutch Volkskrant I read: “Now we can get rid of the tight grip of the City (London’s banking hub), which blocks each social and fiscal measure of Brussels with a constant infusion of neoliberal brainwashing; now (by undoing the zeal of mindless austerity) the EU can offer opportunities to win back the support of the populations of Europe.

Brexit, Frexit, or Phexit (Philadelphia leaving the Commonwealth); it is all part and parcel of the continuous movements of peoples to engage and disengage. If that can be done without military force or conflict, so be it. Engagement and disengagement are crucial issues for the United Nations as well. Should the peoples of Taiwan, Somaliland, Kosovo, Palestine, Western Papua, and/or Western Sahara have direct representation and membership in the United Nations? Who blocks that? On the other hand, when the US “leaves” the UNESCO, and Saudi Arabia threatens to “leave” the UN, because both didn’t like the outcomes of some policy debates or statements, should we start worrying about a disintegration of the UN? The globalization of our economies and financial systems is ongoing, fast and relentless; yet the political, cultural and environmental forces in the conglomerate of nations are lagging. Brexit is a case in point. We are not yet, by a long shot, a world of well integrated, cosmopolitan citizens and economic actors, who ‘celebrate’ their roots, their ethnicity, their specialness. The UN leadership and the UN supporters should indeed take note of Brexit and re-read the charter.
Spotlight on Human Rights

UNA-GP’s Membership Committee has been meeting regularly in preparation for next year’s Model UN conferences and could use your help! Membership support helps in bringing programming for the local community, its schools and university students. Members are more connected to world issues through their participation in Chapter events and their involvement in UNA-USA/UN program. They grow local support for United Nations ideals and its work in Philadelphia’s community.

Manisha Patel, UNA-GP Volunteer Coordinator

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Human Rights Campaign

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), with more than 1.5 million members and supporters, is the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization in the United States. HRC envisions a world where LGBTQ people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. In partnership with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, HRC is a resource in key areas of concern such as hate crimes, communities of color, federal/state/local advocacy, coming out, health and aging, workplace equality and many others. HRC is also a source for ongoing information on relevant global issues and in each state around the US. Those interested can link to their ongoing blog and sign up for their newsletter.
June Membership Meeting Results

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Board members continuing in their 2015-17 terms:
Ed Gracely, Enid Adler, Megan Doherty, Gillian Gilhool, Carol Jenkins, Prachi Potdar, Tomoko Torii

Board members renewing for the 2016-18 term:
Mary Day Kent, Christiaan Morssink, Nick Sanders, Ron Bednar, Bob Groves, Cynthia Hyler, Manisha Patel, Anastasia Shown

Board members resigning or concluding in the 2015-16 year:
Marietta Tanner, Jessica Lee, Cara Bonnington, Karima Bouchenafa

New members:
Lucille Pilling (appointed by Board as of January 2016)
Louis Bolling, Barbara Nolan, Carol J. Parkinson-Hall, Ashley Session (nominated at the June 23rd membership meeting)

Bylaws
To be consistent with UNA-USA we changed our bylaws to state that our fiscal year will be January 1 through Dec 31. This change was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

It was also moved from the floor that we add an official vice president position to the list of officers and the executive committee. UNA-USA routinely asks us for the name of a VP. The primary duty would be replacing the president in his or her absence. Other duties could be assigned (or volunteered). Unanimously approved.

Transition:
Ed presented the proposed 6 month schedule transition. Attendees wanted to elect all new members to the board today, rather than wait for the fall meeting. Going forward, board elections will be in the fall and the officers and directors will serve for 2 years between their election and a fall annual meeting two years later. Since new board members take office upon election, they have the opportunity to review plans for the upcoming fiscal year before it begins.

At this time all officers and directors whose terms were due to expire at this meeting have their terms extended to the fall meeting.

Budget
At this meeting Treasurer Nick Sanders presented a transitional 6 month budget. At the fall meeting a full calendar year budget will be presented for discussion and approval -- the latter will be the regular practice going forward.

For the 6 month period, major income sources include the Garden Party and other events, membership dues (we get half of dues paid to UNA-USA), and contributions. Major expenses include office costs (mainly rent for this period), membership in Global Philadelphia, and events (most of which bring in at least part of what they cost).

The budget was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.
On Nukes and Global Politics

By Ed Gracely

On June 23, our plenary speaker John Feffer, Director of Foreign Policy in Focus (fpif.org), and author of "Splinterlands" addressed the topic, "Should we still worry about nukes?"

The main thrust of his talk was to argue that we are still at high risk of nuclear weapons use, and while the Obama administration has taken several steps in the right direction, those steps are mostly partial and inadequate ones. Some specifics:

• Obama is the first US president to commit the US to disarmament (2009). But the President does not express any urgency, and anticipates that the process could last until our grandchildren’s time for retirement is near.

• He engaged in and completed the New START talks. We are also no longer planning and insisting on a shield of missiles, which was a barrier towards discourse with Russia before. Unfortunately, to get this treaty through Congress, Obama had to agree to “modernize” our own missile arsenal. This includes new weapons, notably more accurate, lower yield (tactical) weapons that are more likely to actually be used.

• Iran deal. The risk of war was high and scary if this had not gone through. But Iran expected more than it got, for a variety of reasons including existing sanctions which have not all been removed. While Europe and Asia are engaging, Iranians still need more concrete evidence of benefits from the USA, which may not be as forthcoming.

• North Korea’s nuclear program is still a high level risk that has not been addressed.

• The presidential visit to Hiroshima is a valuable step, but there was no formal apology, not even a nuanced or watered down one. Of course it would have given the President political headaches locally had he apologized, but in the context of the cultural weight of apologizing in the Asian setting, such an uttering might also have helped start a cascade of other much needed apologies from others in the region.

• Another ongoing concern is nuclear waste. Nuclear materials from reactors here are mostly stored in pools; a cheap method, prone to risks, that could create a
On Nukes and Global Politics

major disaster on the scale of Chernobyl if there was a mishap. Europe uses the much safer method of hardened casing in concrete. Our costs to adopt that method would be $7 B.

In sheer numbers, Obama has reduced fewer weapons than any post-cold war president.

The Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists is at 3 minutes to midnight, the closest it has been since 1984, even after the Iran deal. It was at 5 minutes when Obama took office.

Only complete disarmament can prevent rogue states, or now also non-state actors, from getting the bomb, or the materials for a bomb. Concern for rogue states is perhaps even more significant than the concern that our major rivals would launch an attack; in short even having the bomb at all is a jeopardy to our security.

Feffer noted that although the UN non-proliferation treaty asks every member to reduce nuclear weapons, this reduction is not happening. Meanwhile, the very effective Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty needs 8 more countries to ratify it, including most of the major nuclear powers notably – India, China, Pakistan. Our US Presidents have supported the CTBT, but Congress doesn’t.

Finally, he discussed the presidential candidates. Donald Trump is on record as saying that there is no reason our allies shouldn’t have nuclear weapons. Trump seems to support the idea of "dispersed deterrence" and he has refused to rule out use anywhere in the world, including Europe. He says he would rip up the Iran agreement as soon as elected.

Hillary Clinton's approach is likely to be similar to President Obama's, or a tad better, but she is unlikely to push a drastically stronger anti-nuclear weapons agenda.

In conclusion: the threat of and from nuclear weapons is not on the public’s political agenda as urgent and immediate. The debate is deeply professional, highly technical and has spanned many decades. It has lost its urgency, if not its relevance. We activists in the civic domain need to seek new ways of keeping the Nuke Issue on the politicians’ minds. Our work is not done!!

For more details on all of this, check out John's recent Huffington Post article.
Invitation
The seventh annual FUNDRAISER
JULY 17; 5-8PM
146 Pelham Road, Philadelphia. 19119
Street parking; close to bus 23 and Carpenter Lane station.

All members and friends,
Please join us for a late afternoon and evening of food, cool drinks, hot air, even hotter dialogues and plenty opinions; music from around the globe. Raffle prizes.

Bring your kids we will organize some games. Bring a friend (or two, three), make more friends and promote your cause. Bring business cards, banners, posters.

Create opportunities to talk & network between action groups, and discuss how to globalize the discourse at the Democratic Party Convention. Let’s have a great conversation at each table!

THEME:
Refugees: their dramas, their rights, their political implications.
The refugee phenomenon globally is immense. Fleeing home to escape political violence, economic despair or social repression, refugees are the victimized part of global migration trends. Was and is Philadelphia welcoming of refugees and immigrants? What about the USA? What good does it do to have “human rights” if we forget the dramas we created in the thirties and forties the moment “those foreigners” receive help right in our own backyard.

Speakers: YOUSSEF ABBARA
ADAMA BANGURA
MATILDA SAWIE

Goal: To make Philadelphia a global example of how to engage positively in the global refugee crisis.
Please visit the events page at una-gp.org for more info on the speakers, and the refugees page (“Our issues”) for refugee activities already happening in our city.

Minimum contribution: $15.00
* Buffet-style, homemade food
* Cash Bar
Garden Party 2016: Meet Our Speakers

Matilda Issata Sawie from Liberia. In 1991, her father was killed during the Liberian civil war. In 1992, Matilda, with her mother and siblings, fled to Guinea—walking 5 days with little food. In Guinea, Ms. Sawie and her family lived in Macenta until 1995, and then moved to a UN refugee camp where they lived until 2006. Matilda completed elementary and high school in the camp. After being denied family resettlement by the UN, Matilda came to the US in 2006, when she won the US State Department sponsored Diversity Visa Lottery. In 2013, Matilda graduated from Delaware County Community College and in 2016 received her bachelor’s degree in Public Health from Temple University.

Youssef Abbara from the city of Homs in Syria. He has been in the United States for 22 months. He left Syria to get away from the war and to avoid going into the military. He came here to find safety and a new future. His goals are to make a good impact in America and to reflect a good image of Syria to Americans. He is now working at the Nationalities Services Center and volunteers at Catholic Charities in New Jersey. He is very concerned about the labor and illiteracy problems of Syrian children living as refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey as well as in Syria. He also wants to complete his human service education. He hopes to meet and share interests with people from many backgrounds. Youssef lives in Philadelphia.

Adama Bangura was born in Sierra Leone. In 1999, when she was 13, rebels attacked Freetown where she lived causing massive destruction. In 2001, Adama and her family were forced to flee to Guinea and began living in a UN refugee camp. With the help of her brother who was living in the United States, Adama’s family filed to immigrate to the US as refugees. After constant effort, Adama and her family came to the US in 2004 and experienced peace, joy and freedom they had not known before. Adama graduated from Delaware County Community College in 2014 and is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting at Temple University.
The Peace Train Tour Concert

SHARON KATZ & THE PEACE TRAIN
WORLD CAFE LIVE

Wednesday, July 13 2016
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Tickets: $20 in advance, $25 at the door
Doors open at 6:30PM, concert begins at 7:30PM

Come experience Sharon Katz & The Peace Train at the Philly stop of their "Tour Across America!"

To purchase tickets, click here.

The Peace Train Tour Across America

Just like they did for Nelson Mandela in South Africa, Grammy-nominees Sharon Katz & The Peace Train have put together a 150-voice diverse choir of youth from 10 cities across the USA. Backing them with a hot 10-piece band, they are performing across the country to put the "United" back in the USA. Wear your dancing shoes and come along for the joyride when The Peace Train Tour Across America stops in Philly for 1-night before heading to the Washington Monument.

Other stops on the tour include New York City, Baltimore, and Washington DC.

For more about The Peace Train Tour Across America, and how you can support this valuable project, click here.
From Our Friends of the Coalition for Peace Action

*Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) in collaboration with various Peace and Justice organizations PRESENTS:*

Saturday, July 23 there will be Workshops from each endorsing Contingent held at the *Summit for a Clean Energy Revolution* at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA 19102. Come hear great leaders in the Peace and Justice movement at the Peace and Climate Justice Contingent Workshop on Sat., July 23. Speakers and times TBA.

With the eyes of the world on Philadelphia during the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in July, thousands will march on Sunday, July 24, and present these demands directly to our current and future national leaders:

- **BAN FRACKING NOW**
- **KEEP FOSSIL FUELS IN THE GROUND**
- **STOP DIRTY ENERGY**
- **JUSTLY TRANSITION TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY**
- **STOP THE WARMING, STOP CLIMATE WARS!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO GET INVOLVED, AND/OR TO JOIN THE PEACE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE CONTINGENT OF THE MARCH, CONTACT:

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Ed Aguilar, Coalition for Peace Action, Pennsylvania: eaa.pna@gmail.com • (215)-480-7744

TEXT ‘REVOLUTION’ TO 69866 FOR UPDATES!

www.cleanenergymarch.org

For more information or to read the Peace and Climate Justice Contingent Statement, please visit the event website.
UNA-GP is a founding organization of the Global Philadelphia Association (GPA) and we have several of our members involved in the work of GPA. The GPA was highly instrumental in preparing our city's application last year as the first U.S. member of the Organization of World Heritage Cities; the application was successful and we joined the ranks of the OWHC in the Fall of 2015.

The GPA is now working on a strategic plan to capitalize on these developments and to make our citizens cognizant of the importance to work and develop (in) Philadelphia with a clear understanding of the importance of “our spatial heritage”. In the running up to this strategic plan, we in Philadelphia are going to celebrate the anniversary of the OWHC on September 8, 2016. The GPA is organizing a fundraising event on the evening in the Crystal Tea Room of the Wanamaker Building. This will be a major occasion for the city, with MSNBC's Chris Matthews involved as the lead speaker, Senator Casey and Mayor Kenney serving as honorary co-chairs, and the Secretary General of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), Denis Ricard, joining us from Quebec, Canada as the honored guest. The event will be mirrored in other world cities that celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the OWHC on September 8, 1993. The GPA expects 300-400 people to attend. For more information about sponsoring, getting tickets, etc. please write to info@globalphiladelphia.org.

Note that the 3 acronyms on the logo are the name of the organization in French (OVPM), English (OWHC) and Spanish (OCPM).
INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CONCERT 2016

presented by Harmony For Peace

Join us to Promote Peace Worldwide

Saturday September 17, 2016 Door 5 p.m. Curtain 5:30 p.m.

VERIZON HALL, KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Harness the Power of Music to End Conflict and Violence

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Let There be Peace on Earth

Peace Concert: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Guest conductor Yoonhak Baek
featuring William Shimell (baritone), Gohei Nishikawa (piano),
including multi-culturally focused local youth choir groups and orchestras.

Opening – Peace Video

Part I – Choral
• “Dona Nobis Pacem” “Let There be Peace on Earth”, “Imagine” and others
• Announcement and Title Hand Off
• Jr. Peace & Music Ambassador 2015 & 2016, Solo Performance by the new winner

Featured Special Guest Artists
• William Shimell, Baritone (UK)
• Gohei Nishikawa – Piano (Japan)
With Jr. Ambassadors Ensemble & Duet with Special Guest Artists

Intermission (20 minutes) at Lobby
Life-Sized Origami Performance with Music
by Taro Yaguchi

Part II
Yoonhak Baek and Orchestras
• Beethoven [Mvt. IV from Symphony No. 9 Ode to Joy]
  Willian Shimell (baritone) & chorus
• Finale – “Ano-Sora – GANBARE” -- All performers to join in singing together

(Gift of Music Workshop for attending student invites – Program 4p.m. to 5:30p.m. “Promoting Peace Through
Music” – A cross-cultural forum & Concert Invitation)

Post-Concert Dinner: 7:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Estia on Walnut Street -- Thank-you Dinner and Meet-the-Artists Reception

$28 – $48; 10% discount for seniors and students available  +1.484.200.7400  info@harmonyforpeace.org

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The Harmony for Peace Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
The Philadelphia we want,
The city we need

We are preparing ourselves in Philadelphia for this conference, an opportunity offered only once every 20 years. Faculty and students on the different campuses are having workshops and seminars, and infusing the materials in class instructions.

At UNA-GP we have formed a working group: PHILLY PREPS FOR HABITAT III. The working group wants to bring the message of Habitat III to the classrooms, to the citizens, to the politicians.

Contact: info@una-gp.org

Any organization interested in presenting can download the Exhibition Guide for detailed information on participation at the Habitat III Exhibition.

HABITAT III

The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

Quito, Ecuador, 17–20 October, 2016

The Future We Want, the City We Need

Habitat III will be one of the first global conferences after the Post 2015 Development Agenda. It is an opportunity to discuss and chart new pathways in response to the challenges of urbanization and the opportunities it offers for the implementation of the sustainable development goals.

The conference brings together diverse urban actors such as governments, local authorities, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions and all relevant interest groups to review urban and housing policies affecting the future of cities within an international governance architecture, with a view to generate a ‘New Urban Agenda’ for the 21st century which recognizes the ever-changing dynamics of human civilization. Habitat III offers Member States an opportunity to discuss a New Urban Agenda that will focus on policies and strategies that can result in effectively harnessing the power and forces behind urbanization. The Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document: the New Urban Agenda. Rethinking the Urban Agenda is embracing urbanization at all levels of human settlements. More appropriate policies can embrace urbanization across physical space, bridging urban, peri-urban and rural areas, and assist governments in addressing challenges through national and local development policy frameworks. And also it is integrating equity as an issue of social justice, ensuring access to the public sphere, extending opportunities and increasing the commons.
## UNA-GP Upcoming Events

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<td>July 17th</td>
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<td>Join us for a late afternoon and evening in northwest Philadelphia. Topic: Refugees, their rights, their political implications&lt;br&gt;Location: 146 Pelham Road, Philadelphia PA 19119</td>
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<td>Summit for a Clean Energy Revolution</td>
<td>July 23rd</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>9:00AM - 6:30PM</td>
<td>The day will have a mix of educational workshops, organizing skills training, and strategy development sessions. Tickets are free, with an option to purchase breakfast and lunch.&lt;br&gt;Location: 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102</td>
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<td>UNA-GP Board Meeting</td>
<td>August 11th</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>5:30PM - 7:30PM</td>
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<td>World Heritage Celebratory Event</td>
<td>September 8th</td>
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<td>Evening</td>
<td>Major occasion for the city celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) with MSNCB’s Chris Matthews as headliner&lt;br&gt;Location: Crystal Tea Room, Wanamaker Building, Philadelphia PA 19107</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 involved in, we are always in need of 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 questions any time at mpatel@una-gp.org.

The UNA-GP is in need of funds for upcoming projects. In order to continue our beneficial and enriching events, such as our Model United Nations conferences, we need your help! Please donate whatever you can to the UNA-GP, and in turn, Philadelphians and beyond!

The UNA-GP June/July 2016 newsletter is a collaborative effort:

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The UNA-GP is a chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of American (UNA-USA). Our website offers information about our mission and upcoming events, and ways to get involved, including volunteering and becoming a member. Please take a look at our social media accounts and monthly newsletters!

Volunteers with all types of skill sets are welcome to work with the UNA-GP, short or long term. If interested, please contact Manisha Patel, Volunteer Coordinator and Board Member, at mpatel@una-gp.org

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