

# UN DAY 2016, October 24

## PEACE KEEPING AND DETERRING VIOLENCE

**We invite you all to attend our 2016 UN Day Celebration.**

Date: Oct 24, 2016

Time: 3 - 6 pm

Place: Philadelphia City Hall, Conversation Room

Light refreshments will be served.

Each year the world commemorates United Nations Day on October 24. And each year the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia organizes an event to highlight the work of the UN.

This year we will concentrate on peace keeping and peacemaking. The United Nations was foremost established as an international platform for political dialogue to prevent large scale wars and to ameliorate military conflicts between and within nations. The blue helmets and berets have become symbols of the UN's mandate in



that respect. Soldiers sent on peace keeping missions took pride in their services for the whole of humanity. In recent years however, peace keeping and its bureaucracy has been criticized for many aspects that need redress. We think it worthwhile to take a thoughtful look at the UN peace keeping operation.

As usual, we at UNA-GP discuss all global matters also in a local context. After all, peace happens not only abroad, but also at home and we want to explore interactions and mutual influences. When social conflicts are exacerbated by social anger and deteriorate to violent and deadly actions between persons and between peoples, what are some of excesses we experience here in Philadelphia, how does that compare nationally and internationally and what are some of the solutions we can work on? So we have put together a program of talking points and reflections with a few good speakers. Because of her interest in these topics, City Councilwoman Helen Gym will host us at the City Hall's Conversation Room and give opening remarks. Moreover, we say goodbye to Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and welcome the next S.G. Antonio Guterres.