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Southern New York State Division

## United Nations Association of the USA Southern New York State Division News

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UNA-USA is a Program of the UN Foundation.

**October 16, 2015**

Dear UNA Friends and Colleagues,

OCTOBER - UNA will celebrate the 70th Birthday of the United Nations, with events throughout our Division, throughout the month and into November..

This is an exciting time for all of us who are interested in important global and local issues and in making a difference in the global community. Please contact me with any questions about UNA, to join and to become involved. **And please be sure to "like" our Facebook pages.**

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All the best,

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# The 70th Anniversary of the United Nations and Related Events

**Thursday, October 22**

**The UN at 70: Working together to make a difference**

**UN Department of Information & NGO Executive Committee**

## **Morning Session**

When: 11am-1pm

Where: **UN Headquarters, New York, NY 10017**

This briefing will analyze and reflect upon the relationship between UN and NGOs/Civil Society over the past 70 years. There will be a celebration of past accomplishments, and a vision will be crafted for the future.

### FIRST PANEL

- Robert Libid- International Representative from Lions Clubs International
- Suraj Bhatia - Former District Governor, Associate Representative to the United Nations for Rotary International
- Rosalee Keech - Main Representative to the United Nations for League of Womens Voters

### SECOND/YOUTH PANEL

- Viktoriia Brezheniuk - Representative for World Federation for Ukrainian Women's Organization(Ukraine- Eastern European Perspective)
- Mohammad Bakhriebea- Representative from Call of Culture and International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (Saudi Arabia - Middle East)
- Sharmishta Sivaramakrishnan - Representative for Caring for Cambodia, former intern at World Bank (Asia)

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## **Afternoon Session: An NGO Celebration of the UN**

Time: 2.15pm-4.30pm.

Where: **The Family School, 323 East 47th Street (between 2nd and 1st Avenues)**- lower ground floor meeting hall

Partners:

NGO Executive Committee; The Family School; Junior United Nations of Calligraphy; UNA-USA (Council of Organizations, Southern NY State Division); World Council of Peoples for the UN; Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional ; Institute for Life Sciences Collaboration.

Objective: Providing opportunities through music and art to express a vision for the

future and the challenges facing the UN and civil society working together going forward. Young musicians and artists will perform and present. They will be joined by an established artist. Attendees will be able to create original calligraphy on themes of the UN at 70 and beyond under the tutelage of an eminent calligrapher and the students.

## Program:

Greetings to the NGO community from the UN, the Family School and the NGO Community

- The Lumine String Quartet : :Lydia Yu-Lin Wang (Violin), Chi-Yin Chen (Violin), Kuanhua Huang (Viola), Yi-Wen Amber Ho (Cello)
  - "Jupiter, The Bringer of Jollity" by Gustav Holst
  - "What a Wonderful World" by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
  - "Because We Care" by Lydia Yu-Lin Wang- World Premiere
  - "We are the World" by Michael Jackson
- A selection of musical pieces by students of The Family School (program to be announced)
- Junior United Nations of Calligraphy (students from the UN International School)
  - Calligraphy and Music- a presentation led by Prof. Zhou Bin (music:"Imagine"- a UNICEF initiative)
  - Calligraphy and Peace- a/v presentation by UNIS students (calligraphy artwork presented to the UN on the International Day of Peace)
  - Calligraphy and Creativity- a Workshop and Competition for attendees to create T-shirts and Lanterns on UN at 70 and beyond themes
- Contemporary Artist and NGO leader: Ademola Olugebefola (works on display)

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## **UNA Brooklyn Chapter-UN Day 2015**

When: 4pm - 9pm

Where: **Brooklyn Borough Hall**, 209 Joralemon St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

### Description:

A fantastic program with UN experts, live music, refreshments & networking to celebrate the UN's 70th Anniversary - hear about new Sustainable Development Goals - and what YOU can do!

Partnering with Delta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the United Nations Association Young Professionals - Southern New York Division.

Speakers include:

- United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations Political Affairs Officer for West Africa Kristen Petillon
- International Planned Parenthood Foundation-WHR Director of Advocacy María Antonieta Alcalde
- UN diplomat, International Climate Change Negotiator, attorney, filmmaker Robert F. Van Lierop

Reception features:

French Algerian singer songwriter Ourida & DJ Daniel Jumpertz!

RSVP to [unabrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:unabrooklyn@gmail.com)

**Thursday, October 22**

**UNA New York (Manhattan) - Humanitarian Awards Dinner  
2015 and Beyond: Education and Equality for All**

When: 8pm - 11pm

Where: **JW Marriott Essex House New York**, 160 Central Park S, New York, NY 10019, United States

Description: Honorees include Marco Bizzarri, Pres. and CEO, Gucci; Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF; and Mme. Ban Soon-Taek.

To purchase tickets:

[http://unanyc.org/events/2015/20151022\\_award\\_dinner.html](http://unanyc.org/events/2015/20151022_award_dinner.html)

**Saturday October 24**

**UNA - Queens - UN 70th Anniversary Celebration**

When: 2pm - 4pm (program) 4pm - 5pm (Refreshments and networking)

Where: **Queens Museum**, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows, Corona Park, Perimeter Rd, Queens, NY 11368

Description: Program features:

- UN (OCHA) briefing by the Honorable Martyn Dalhuijsen
- Humanitarian issues in Nepal and Haiti
- Refugee crisis
- Sustainable Development Goals by the Honorable Sarah Shuster, UN Foundation
- Historical facts about Queens Museum and the UN
- Discussion (Q&A)
- Networking

Free Admission to Queens Museum of Art; RSVP email [info@unaqueens.org](mailto:info@unaqueens.org)

**Saturday, October 24**

**UNA-SNY - UN Day event, Bryant Library, Roslyn, NY (Nassau County)**

When: 2pm - 4pm - Refreshments will be served

Where: **The Bryant Library**, 2 Papermill Rd, Roslyn, NY 11576

Description: This annual event is held in conjunction with The Bryant Library and the Bahai's of Roslyn.



Troy Wolfe

Description: Troy Wolfe, Director of Education Programs at UNA-USA will speak about the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**. Musical performances by children and professional musicians of the community.

Free of charge.

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**Sunday, October 25**

**Westchester Chapter - UN Day 2015: "Fostering Global Citizens to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals"**

When: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Where: **YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester**, 515 North St, White Plains, NY 10605

Description: The keynote speaker will be Ambassador Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Participation by youth on their priorities for how to achieve the SDGs. The event will be cosponsored by three chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the YWCA.

Free admission. Refreshments.

Contact: Go to the UNA Westchester homepage: <http://www.unawestchester.org> and click on "register now"

**Friday, October 30**

## **Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations**

(Please RSVP by October 23)

Co-Sponsors: UNA Southern New York State Division and the SUNY Global Engagement Program

**SUNY Global Center**-116 E 55th St, New York, NY 10022

### PROGRAM

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome, introductions, video
- 10:15 Yasmine Sherif, a human rights attorney, discusses her new book; Q & A
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Professor S. Ilgu Ozler will present the topic on Refugee Crises, with open discussion
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **The Case for Humanity: An Extraordinary Session: New Inspiration and Historic Insights for Today's World**



**Yasmine Sherif**

Combining passionate prose and global United Nations and human rights experience, Yasmine Sherif inspires a new agenda for world politics and personal consciousness, and makes the case for humanity in her book.

## Too little, too late? The West Discovers the Refugee Crises



**S. Ilgu Ozler**

Professor S. Ilgu Ozler, Director of the SUNY Global Engagement Program and Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations, SUNY New Paltz, will speak on today's refugee crises.

FREE OF CHARGE-Registration required

**TO REGISTER:** email: [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com) with your Name, Organization, Telephone No., email.

PLEASE REGISTER BY FRIDAY, OCT. 23.

Questions: email [jbs@stratdev.com](mailto:jbs@stratdev.com) or phone 914-478-3450/914-478-3450.

### **Monday, November 9**

#### **Hudson Valley Chapter: UN Day Celebration and Members Day Event**

When: 6pm - 8pm

Where: TBA

Description: Focus will be on Climate Change. November 9 will double as our members day event as well where we will hold a reception for the members with the speaker. The event is open to public and co-sponsored by New Paltz Climate Action Coalition, SUNY New Paltz Environmental Studies Department and Center for International Programs.

Contact: [ozleri@newpaltz.edu](mailto:ozleri@newpaltz.edu)

### **Monday, December 7**

#### **UNA SNY Annual Meeting - Party and Elections**

When: 6:00pm - 8:30 pm

Where: UN Foundation, 801 2nd Ave 9th Floor, Manhattan

Description: Annual meeting, Elections and party. RSVP.

Contact: [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

**Thursday, December 10**

### **UNA Mid-Hudson - Human Rights Day Event**

When: 12pm - 2pm

Where: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, 4079 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Description: TBA

Email [ozleri@newpaltz.edu](mailto:ozleri@newpaltz.edu) for more information.

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### **How to Get Involved with UNA-USA:**

Join (students under 22 are free of charge): [www.unausa.org/join](http://www.unausa.org/join)  
and select the Southern NYS Division or a chapter near where you live or work.  
Young Professionals should join the UNA Southern NYS Division and indicate they are Young Professionals.

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