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

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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

"Now more than ever, Americans' security and wellbeing are inextricably linked to those of people everywhere. Now more than ever, we need common responses to global problems. And that is why the U. S. is so much better off-so much stronger, so much safer and more secure-in a world with the United Nations than we would be in a world without it." Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the UN.

## Featured Article

"YOU can join The Energy Project."

"Reach 100 million homes with clean cookstoves by 2020."

\*Learn more at [The Energy Project](#)"

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After our exciting June 11-14 Annual Meeting we have a great deal of news to share. Patrick Madden, UNA-USA's new Executive Director, capably led the proceedings. Speakers included Tim Wirth, President of the UN Foundation, who introduced Ambassador Rice. [Rice's remarks](#) focused on the great importance the United Nations has for the U.S. and U.S. foreign policy.

UN Foundation COO Kathy Bushkin Calvin welcomed participants and also introduced Nafis Sadik, former head of the UN Population Fund and a member of the Foundation Board. Full funding for the UN Population Fund, as supported by the President but denied by the House of Representatives, is needed to help provide reproductive health services to women, in accord with Millennium Development Goals for the health of mothers and children as well as gender issues.

Now YOU can help convey the importance of full funding to your friends and neighbors, and in letters to your editors and your congressional representatives. Contact us with your questions, comments and ideas!

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We can send sample letters or help you find useful information. A [2011 briefing book](#) on important and policies issues before the Administration and Congress in relation to global issues and the United Nations is available online.

The United Nations needs our strong support!

Jeanne Betsock Stillman  
Division President

## The Energy Project

The Energy Project is getting underway, with new information posted frequently. Read our blog, and consider contributing material to it. <http://unaenergy.wordpress.com> Read about the impact of woodburning cookstoves on health and the environment, and learn what you can do to support use of clean cookstoves



Upcoming material will deal with international energy issues, how they pertain to Americans, and what we can all do - as UNA Chapters, Student Alliances, Young Professionals, or individuals.

## Historic Signatures

On June 12, Chapter and Division Leaders from across the country signed the historic UNA-USA Charter, which make official their chapter or division's affiliation with UNA-USA as a program of the UN Foundation.



I.r. Aaron Etra (NY-Manhattan); Donna Rosa (Northern NJ); Marcia Brewster (Westchester); Gabriel Levitt (Brooklyn); Jeffrey Laurenti (Princeton/Trenton); Margaret Shannon (Queens); and Jeanne Betsock Stillman (Southern NY State Division)

## UNA-USA Student Alliance Program

Do you attend a school? Do you know someone who does? The exciting UNA-USA Student Alliance Program works with groups at colleges, universities, high schools and middle schools around the country. An individual student may also join.

The program is designed to meet the needs of today's globally minded students, and to help is all achieve the goals of the [United Nations Charter](#)."

UNA-USA's Student Alliance members join a nationwide network of motivated individuals, student advocacy groups, international affairs clubs, and Model UN teams. Through Student Alliance students can sound their voices and make their opinions heard amongst their peers, in their communities, across the nation and around the world!

The three areas of focus currently are: "Human Rights and International Justice," "Building a Consensus on Climate Change," "Strengthening the United Nations," plus, a UNA-USA Student Alliance group can identify a priority interest of their own. Setting up a group is easy - dues are \$10 per student plus a small annual fee for the group.

Student leaders can participate in leadership training through with UNA-USA leaders and others.

Students can work with our chapters in Brooklyn, Queens, NY (Manhattan) and Westchester. Student groups in The Bronx, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, and Ulster can work directly with the Southern New York State Division.

For information, go to: <http://www.unausa.org/studentalliance> or email: [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

You can also get in touch with one of the chapters or the Division, depending on where you live -- see the websites to the left.

## Meet UNA-USA Young Professionals

UNA-USA Young Professionals is the new name for the Young Professionals for International Cooperation.

UNA-YP seeks to promote the missions and endeavors of the United Nations through various programs. Additionally, it serves as a forum for young professionals to explore issues surrounding international affairs and to become acquainted with the programs of UNA-USA.

Through discussions, partnerships, and action-oriented initiatives, UNA-YP offers its members a platform for education, advocacy, professional development, and international service. The group consists of diverse individuals from the fields of business, law, public service, healthcare, and the media. To learn more, go to the [UNA-YP WEBSITE](#).

## Join Here

Remember to renew your membership and be sure to invite others to join. Your voice needed to help promote solid US-UN relations.

Go to: [UNA-USA JOIN](#) - **On the secure website, for Chapter Selection, go to NY and choose #462 - S. NYState Division. If you're a young professional, be sure to check that box.** If you prefer sending a check to joining online, please print, complete and mail this [.pdf UNA-USA application](#).

Then help start a new chapter in an area that lacks one, or come to an event, or write a letter to an editor and to your congressional representative and Senators!

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