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Join UNA friends, colleagues, elected officials, authors, producers, teachers and UN dignitaries at the many UNA events during October, including UN Day celebrations.

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

October is a busy month for UNA-USA and for our Division and chapters. A world premiere of *Decorum*, a gala, a flag-raising, a book presentation by its author, and many more opportunities to learn, network and celebrate the 66th birthday of the UN. I hope you'll take part in one of the many events listed below.

Division Board elections will take place in November or early December (date to be determined). Please see the article below to learn more and let us know if you are interested in being considered for a position or can nominate someone else.

Congressional representatives will be in their home districts during the Columbus Day recess between October 13 and October 30. Strong opposition against the UN is being felt on many fronts and we need a strong showing during this important time to demonstrate American grassroots support for the UN. Please consider visiting them to show your support for funding the United Nations. [Read here about what's happening at the UN.](#)

If you are not already a UNA member, please JOIN. Lend your voice to thousands of others who support the work and goals of the UN. To learn how to reach your representative, go to:

<https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>

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October Events

For more information, see the Division website or go directly to a Chapter website (see sites at left.).

October 5 - World Premiere of Decorum, a documentary on Model UN, with remarks by the producer/director. If you can, bring a Middle School or High School teacher with you! at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan, 4:30-6:00. Free of charge. To register, email Andrew Roush: aroush@unausa.org

October 11 - Brigid O'Farrell, author of *She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker* will discuss the legendary First Lady, particularly her contributions to society after the death of FDR, at 6 p.m. at Sarah Lawrence College in the Donnelley Lecture Hall, Heimbold Visual Arts Center. The talk is free and open to the public. Franklin Delano Roosevelt III, the first lady's grandson, will also speak. Free of charge.

October 13 - UNA-New York 2011 Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner: "Changing the World: Partnerships for Maternal and Child Health." Meet notable awardees and join in this event at The Union Club. For information and costs, see: www.unanyc.org/events Registration deadline : October 3

United Nations Day 2011 has as its theme: "The United Nations: In Everyone's Interest." Here are some ways you can become involved:

October 22 - UN Day Celebration - Dr. George A. Garland will speak about the UN, Energy and Climate Change. Learn what you can do locally and globally! Music and refreshments. Bryant Library, Roslyn, NY. Consider joining our developing Nassau Chapter! This is a Southern NY State Division event. 2 pm - 4pm Open to the public and free of charge..

October 23 - UN Day Event: "Westchester Helps Bridge the Development Gap: Committed Leaders Improve Water, Education, and Health" 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Community Unitarian Church, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. Open to the public and free of charge.

October 24 - UNA Queens Chapter will hold a UN Flag-raising at Queensborough Hall . The Borough President will give a UN Day proclamation. Elementary school children will sing. From 11 am to 12:30 pm. Open to the public and free of charge.

October 24 - Model UN Program Seminar for Brooklyn Teachers - Experts in global education will provide curriculum materials and outline how the student-led program has worked in schools around the country and how to actually start a Model UN program. Refreshments. 5 - 7 pm. Long Island University Brooklyn Campus, 1 University Plaza (Flatbush & DeKalb Avenues) Open to the public and free of charge. See [event Facebook page](#).

We also recommend:

October 8 -Annual Freedom Walk and Rally against Trafficking.

Registration: 10am | Start Time: 11am

Foley Square, 101 Worth St, New York, NY See: www.unaqueens.org

October 13 - UN Day of Rural Women,

View the films - Haiti: The Enemy Within; Rape in Haiti: Justice at a Crossroad; and Po Mitan and meet their producers. Millennium Film Workshop. 66 East 4th Street. Register at info@cd-international.org

Division Board Elections

The Nominations Committee is seeking recommendations for officers and at-large positions for the Southern New York State Division Board for a two-year term beginning in January 2012.. These include:

President

- Vice President (Membership)
- Vice President (New Chapter Development)
- Vice President (Advocacy)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The board includes the presidents of the four chapters, the chair of the Young Professionals Group and five Division past-presidents. The remaining 15 are at-large positions. They include committee chairs for finance and fundraising; website and social media; nominations, and program. Do you have a special expertise? Consider a position on the board or one of our committees.

The Board meets approximately bi-monthly (usually 8 times a year) in Manhattan.

If you are interested personally, or wish to nominate someone,, please write to George A. Garland, Nominating Committee Chair, with information about background and specific interests of the nominee. gagarland@gmail.com Board members must be paid-up members of UNA-USA at time of election. (See the block below on how to Join.)

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. The date and place will be announced soon.

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, take a leadership role or write a letter to an editor and to your congressional representative and Senators! Or you can just support the United Nations through your membership.

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