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October 15, 2012

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Welcome to UN Month, celebrated by UNA Chapters and the Division as well as across the world. To learn about UN Day, its history and review toolkit, click here:
<http://www.unausa.org/membership/una-usa-events/un-day>

We've added an events in Manhattan and further details on ones in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

UNA-USA and the Better World Campaign have just announced results of a **nationwide poll on Americans' attitudes towards importance of foreign policy** in the presidential campaigns. See more below.

For updates on October activities see the article below as well as the
www.unasouthernny.org/Calendar

Please continue to vote on-line for the Haiti cookstove and fuel project in Haiti. Information below.

With warm regards,

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Dear UNA-USA, *Three in Four say International Issues impact their vote*

The following text comes from the Better World Campaign's Press Release this morning.

Bipartisan polling data released today by the Better World Campaign reveals that three out of four Americans say international issues influence their vote; they prefer a candidate who emphasizes international cooperation; and that when thinking about international issues, they want to see "America doing its fair share around the world." Yet nearly half of those polled say the presidential candidates are not yet discussing international issues enough as part of their campaigns.

"As presidential candidates prepare to debate international affairs, it's clear that U.S. voters see global issues as having a real impact here at home," said Peter Yeo, Executive Director of the Better World Campaign. "The data shows Americans want a candidate who champions strong international cooperation and who will work collaboratively with international organizations like the United Nations. As we prepare for the next two debates that will address international affairs, now is an apt time for the candidates to address America's role in the world."

The nationwide poll of likely voters, conducted October 4-7 by the bipartisan research team of Public Opinion Strategies and Hart Research Associates, also reveals that, to achieve our foreign policy goals, some eight in 10 say it's best to work with major allies and through international organizations, versus acting mainly on our own. This reinforces earlier 2012 figures showing that voters say it's important for the U.S. to maintain an active role in the United Nations.

For more, see the [full press release](#) and also the [Executive Summary](#) of the polling.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 17

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m

UNA-USA's Leo Nevas Human Rights Task Force and the Council of Organizations present

Human Rights Inside Syria

a discussion featuring

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro

Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry For Syria

Millennium UN Plaza Hotel Ballroom
One United Nations Plaza
(44th Street between First and Second Avenue)
New York, NY
All are welcome, RSVP to coo@unausa.org.

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro is Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry on Syria, and has been named Special Rapporteur on Syria. In his more than 30 years of distinguished work in the UN and Inter-American systems of human rights, he has served as Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Burundi (1994-98) and Myanmar (2000-2008), Chair of the Commission

Wednesday, October 17

**UNA-SNY Young Professionals and Credit Suisse Present:
Fall 2012 Impact Investing Forum & Reception
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Discussion on the field of impact investing, focusing on innovative approaches to sustainable growth and creating employment opportunities in the world's emerging markets. Cases and stories of impact investing, the scale of the market today, and growth opportunities ahead in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Panelists include: Gloria Nelund, Chairman & CEO, TriLinc Global, LLC; Batool Hassan, Head of Business Development, Acumen Fund; Baily Kempner, Director of Growth & Sustainability Initiatives, Endeavor Global
Brian Berkopec, Partner, OpenBox

Credit Suisse
OMA Auditorium
One Madison Avenue
New York, NY

There will be a reception following the panel.
[Click here to RSVP.](#)

Sunday, October 21

UN Day Celebration - The Bryant Library, Roslyn, Long Island

2pm - 4pm

The public is invited to attend this event, which is co-hosted by The Bryant Library and the UN Association of the USA Southern New York State Division.

Speaker: Peter DeBartolo, Director of Administration for the Levermore Global Scholars (LGS) Program of Adelphi University. He teaches in Adelphi's LGS Program, Department of International Studies, and Peace Studies Program.

The Bryant Library, 2 Paper Mill Road, Roslyn, NY 11576

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Sunday, October 21, 2012

Sustainable Energy for All: Solutions for a Prosperous World

4-6 pm

Community Unitarian Church

468 Rosedale Ave.

White Plains, NY 10605

Keynote Presentation by:

Nikhil Seth, Director, UN Division for Sustainable Development

Entertainment by the eco-rock band Solar Punch

- Exhibition of sustainable local solutions
- Sustainability Awards to youth leaders
- Networking

Refreshments will be served. Complimentary tickets available.

For more information, see: www.unawestchester.org

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

U.N. Day in Brooklyn: Global Health Experts Report on Women, Children, HIV/AIDS

7pm - 9 pm

Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University (Pratt 310), Flatbush & DeKalb Aves.

Panel presentations will evaluate progress and challenges for the health of women and children and for curbing HIV/AIDS and other diseases in the developing world. Scheduled panelists are Ann Starrs, founder and president of Family Care International, Ian Pett, chief of health systems and strategic planning in the health section of UNICEF headquarters, and Peter Navario, strategy and policy advisor for UNAIDS. Reception to follow.

Hosts: United Nations Association's Brooklyn Chapter and Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus Honors Program and United Nations Graduate Certificate Program.

RSVP: unabrooklyn@gmail.com or Contact: Gabriel Levitt, president, 917-697-8512

Free and open to the public

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012

UN Day in Queens:

Reading of the UN Charter, singing and flag raising

Queens Borough Hall

11 a.m.

On 24th of October, we will celebrate the 67th anniversary of the United Nations, with a flag raising ceremony in the morning in front of Queens Borough Hall, where the Borough President will present us with a proclamation. Each year we have a large group of students from various schools, with their teachers and parents singing and reading the UN Charter. It is a spectacular event and if you have never experienced it, you should try to make it this year.

Solutions for a Prosperous World: Healthy Children

7 pm

Queensboro Hall, Room 213

A Shot@Life;the UN Foundation vaccination program
presented by Christie Albrecht

One Billion Children UNICEF's latest report
presented by Javed Ahmed

Rotary International's Vaccination Program

presented by Thomas Civitano
and:
Empowering Entertainment" by Joel Landy

Thursday, October 25, 2012

The United Nations Association of New York Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner

**Celebrating the 67th Anniversary of the United Nations
and "Intercultural Dialogue, Peace and Development".**

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

In attendance:

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
His Excellency Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Former Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN

Jumeirah Essex House
160 Central Park South NY

Black Tie or National Dress. To purchase tickets go to: www.unanyc.org

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

UNA-SNY BRONX GROUP presents:

UN Millennium Goals: Status of Women Worldwide

Founding of the United Nations Luncheon

12 noon - 2 pm

Speaker: Ms. Fannie Munlin, National Council of Negro Women Representative at the UN

Hosts: UNA-USA Bronx membership and Wakefield Umoja AARP Chapter #5396

Place: Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Road, at the corner of E. 229th Street, Bronx, NY 10466 Please R.
S.V.P. at Oneater Sinclair 718-798-5251 or Priscilla Crowell 347-499-7501

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

[UNA-SNY will co-sponsor the Women's City Club of New York Eleanor](#)

Roosevelt "Moving History Forward" Award Reception & Lecture

Featuring Dr. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women

Reception at 11:30 am

Lecture starts at 12:30 pm

3 West Club, 3 West 51st Street, Manhattan

WCC and Co-Sponsor Members: \$25; Guests \$40

Please RSVP by October 29th, 2012

Help Raise Funds for Energy Projects in Haiti

The Division's Energy Project invites you to assist cookstove-related energy projects in Haiti. These projects seek to improve the health of women and children exposed to noxious fumes from charcoal, help reduce deforestation caused by use of charcoal and wood for cooking, and create new jobs for sugar cane farmers and distillers who produce ethanol, others involved in using agricultural waste to produce briquettes, and in development of new markets. For more, see the [video on our website](#). (75% of total energy use in Haiti is wood and charcoal for cooking.)

Vote daily between September 19 and October 31

to help win \$50,000 for a cookstove and fuels project. This takes only a minute and costs you nothing! Vote at:

<http://www.cultivatewines.com/cause/32224>

This is a very real opportunity. Partner organizations include CDI (Community Development International, Public-Private Alliance Foundation, KonBit Pou Ayiti, Social Tap, Inc., and the UNA Southern New York State Division.

JOIN NOW to become involved with the United Nations and important global issues!

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

Go to www.unausa.org/join: On the secure website, for Chapter Selection, go to NY and choose #462 - S. NY State 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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