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October 24, 2012

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Happy UN Day! Congratulations to all Chapters and the YP Committees that have already celebrated UN Month with events, including our Division's event led by Peter DeBartolo and Farideh Siahpoosh in Nassau County, and the excellent Westchester Chapter event on the 2012 Year of Sustainable Energy for All.

Every October 24th, we celebrate United Nations Day. This year, the UN Headquarters in New York is hosting a special concert with Stevie Wonder, Sting and many other artists. You can watch the concert LIVE today, at 7 o'clock e.t. at <http://webtv.un.org/>

Here is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for 2012. Also, look below this message for today's and upcoming UN Month celebrations.

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Secretary-General's Message for 2012

"We are living through a period of profound turmoil, transition and transformation. Insecurity, inequality and intolerance are spreading. Global and national institutions are being put to the test. With so much at stake, the United Nations must keep pace across the spectrum of its activities - peace, development, human rights, the rule of law, the empowerment of the world's women and youth.

There has been important progress on many fronts. Extreme poverty has been cut in half since the year 2000. Democratic transitions are under way in many countries. There are encouraging signs of economic growth across the developing world.

Now is the time to raise our collective ambitions. With the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals fast approaching, we must intensify our efforts to reach all of these lifesaving targets. We must prepare a bold and practical post-2015 development agenda. And we must continue to combat intolerance, save people caught in conflicts and establish lasting peace.

The United Nations is not just a meeting place for diplomats. The United Nations is a peacekeeper disarming fighters, a health worker distributing medicine, a relief team aiding

refugees, a human rights expert helping deliver justice.

In carrying out this global mission we rely on countless friends and supporters. Non-governmental organizations, scientists, scholars, philanthropists, religious leaders, business executives and concerned citizens are critical to our success. No single leader, country or institution can do everything. But each of us, in our own way, can do something.

On this UN Day, let us reaffirm our individual commitment and our collective resolve to live up to the ideals of the United Nations Charter and build a better world for all."

Ban Ki-moon

With warm regards,

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TODAY'S AND UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

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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