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November 20, 2012

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

We hope you will join us at a special event on **Tuesday, December 11**, in honor of **Human Rights Day**, featuring **Gillian Martin Sorensen**, who will speak on "**Whose Human Rights?**" Ms. Sorensen, a noted speaker, is Senior Adviser and National Advocate at the UN Foundation and formerly was Assistant Secretary-General at the UN. The Division and the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center are co-sponsoring this event at the FDR Museum and Library. See the flyer below for details, and please RSVP. **[Click here to download the flier.](#)**

We will also honor the life of **Margaret K. "Molly" Bruce**, who passed away at the age of 94 on November 22. **[Click here for her obituary](#)**, which gives the remarkable story of her life. Molly began working with the UN in 1945 in London, and assisted Eleanor Roosevelt in the work leading to adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. After her retirement in 1977 as one of the highest-ranked women in the UN Secretariat, she continued to devote her lively intellect and energies to the United Nations, the United Nations Association of the USA and other UN-related work. We are proud and thrilled to have known her as a board member of our division and as a cherished friend..

Come, bring friends and stay for a short meeting for all

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interested in developing a new **UNA Mid-Hudson Chapter**. Learn about our new GenUN program involving students from middle school through university in the work of the UN.

On **December 7**, join us and the Council of Organizations for an event on **2012 Election Results and the United Nations**, featuring Peter Yeo, Vice President, Public Policy & Executive Director, Better World Campaign, United Nations Foundation. See details below.

Also, **Save the Date** for our upcoming Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / Members Day at the UN: "**The U.S. at the UN: Opportunities for Renewal**," **February 4**.

Finally, please see the UNA New York Chapter's website for [upcoming events](#). December 3 - a career event on working with UNHCR; and one on December 12 on "Transforming Women's Leadership in a Hyper-Connected World."

With warm regards,

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Whose Human Rights?

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
11 am — 2 pm

The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at Val-Kill and the United Nations Association Southern New York State Division (UNA-SNY) invite you to meet Gillian Martin Sorensen, Senior Advisor and National Advocate at the United Nations Foundation. Mrs. Sorensen will speak on the topic, "Whose Human Rights?" in honor of Human Rights Day.

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 • 11am – 2pm

Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, Hyde Park, NY

This is a free event.

Box lunch will be available for \$10.00 (order must be placed in advance) or bring your own.

RSVP and order lunch by December 3rd by contacting Maureen Benedict at 845-229-5302 or mbenedict@ervk.org

All are welcome to stay for a brief meeting at 2 pm to discuss establishing a Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter of UNA-USA, or just to learn more about UNA-USA including the Gen-UN program for middle school, high school, college and university students.



Mrs. Sorensen is an expert on matters related to the United Nations and the US-UN relationship. From 1997 to 2003, she served as assistant secretary-general for external relations. She was responsible for outreach to non-governmental organizations and was the contact point for the secretary-general with parliamentarians, the academic world, religious leaders and other groups committed to peace, justice, development and human rights. Mrs. Sorensen is a graduate of Smith College and studied at the Sorbonne. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



We will also commemorate the life of our dear friend and colleague, Margaret K. (Molly) Bruce, who passed away on November 22. Molly joined the United Nations in 1945 in London, and retired in 1977 as one of the highest-ranked women in the UN Secretariat. She assisted Eleanor Roosevelt in her work on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Molly was a long-time activist and member of UNA-USA and a former president and advocacy chair of our Division. We will miss her greatly.

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) is a membership organization dedicated to inform, inspire, and mobilize the American people to support the ideals and vital work of the United Nations. For 70 years UNA-USA has worked to accomplish its mission through its national network of Chapters, youth engagement, advocacy efforts, education programs, and public events. UNA-USA is a program of the United Nations Foundation. UNA-USA and its sister organization the Better World Campaign represent the single largest network of advocates and supporters of the United Nations in the world. Learn more about UNA-USA's programs and initiatives at www.unausa.org and learn more about the Southern NY State division at: www.unasouthernny.org.



Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on December 10. It commemorates the day in 1948 that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which Eleanor Roosevelt considered her greatest achievement. It is also a day to recognize the work of human rights defenders worldwide who act to end discrimination.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center inspires and empowers individuals and organizations to use their time, talent and resources to build a just and sustainable world, close to home and abroad. To learn more, please visit: www.ervk.org.

How will President Obama & the 113th Congress work with international partners?

Join UNA-USA's Council of Organizations,
UNA- USA Southern New York State Division,
& UNA-USA New York Chapter,
with the cooperation of fellow NGOs
for

2012 Election Results & the United Nations

featuring

Peter Yeo

**Vice President, Public Policy & Executive Director, Better World Campaign
United Nations Foundation**

Friday, December 7, 2012

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Museum of Tolerance NY

226 E. 42nd St.

New York, NY 10017

Refreshments and snacks will be provided

Space is limited, RSVP requested

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Peter Yeo joined the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Campaign in February 2009 with over twenty years of legislative, analytical, and management experience, including senior roles on Capitol Hill and in the State Department working on a broad range of foreign policy and foreign aid issues.

SAVE THE DATE!

**The 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / UNA
Members Day at the UN**

"The U.S. at the UN: Opportunities for Renewal"

Monday, February 4, 2013

**Panels on global political issues, Post-Rio Developments in
Sustainable Development including Climate Change, and youth and
education, plus distinguished keynote speakers.**

Details to come.

UNA Members, High School and College Students, and the Public are invited. Registration details soon.

If you have questions, email: unasouthernny@gmail.com

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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