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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,

[New York](#)

We thank the UN Foundation and UNA-USA national for participating in our **orientation for volunteers and board members**, held on February 29 at the UN Foundation office in NY. Thirty participated, coming from all chapters in the Division, Division board members and Young Professionals. See photos on our [Flickr site](#).

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Congratulations to [Donna Rosa](#), President of the Northern New Jersey Chapter. She was selected by the Mid-Atlantic Representatives as a "Voice of UNA Women" for her work in having developed her Chapter. Read about her: Donna's motto, "A passport is a terrible thing to waste."

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Our division's Energy Project is breaking new ground, with 16 members joining a planning meeting on March 12. We invite you to get involved and come to the March events listed below. Share your ideas. To join the group, write to [unaenergy@unasouthernny.org](mailto:unaenergy@unasouthernny.org).

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With warm regards,

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## 2012 - International Year of Sustainable Energy and the "Rio+20" United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Join our Division's Energy Project to learn about and help promote the UN's [International Year of Sustainable Energy for All \(SEFA\)](#) and preparations for the [Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development](#). The Division will be represented at the conference -- more on this later.

Also, visit our blog:

<http://unaenergy.wordpress.com>

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## 56th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women and Related Events

Many members of the Division, UNA-USA members from around the country, and thousands from the U.S. and countries around the world participated in meetings of the Commission and side events hosted by dozens or organizations. Beginning on February 27, the final meeting took place on March 15. Information is available at: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>

In an unusually frank statement at the end of the Session, **Michelle Batchelet, UN Women Executive Director**, expressed disappointment at the outcome, which fell short of delegates adopting consensus on "agreed conclusions" on the priority theme of rural women and girls. You can read her remarks [here](#).

On March 6 the Division hosted a panel on **Rural Women: Energy, Health and Water**, held at the UN Foundation office in NY. You can view presentations by Dr. George Garland, Director of the Division's Energy Project; Corinne Hart, Program Manager, Gender and Markets, [Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves](#); Dr. David Stillman, Executive Director, [Public-Private Alliance Foundation](#); Mrs. Marcia Brewster, Senior Consultant for the World Water Council on a Water and Green Growth Project; and Dr. Padmini Murthy, NGO Co-Representative to the UN of the Medical Women International Association. See: <http://youtube.com/unasouthernny>

Photos are available at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/>

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Corinne Hart (right, front), and some of the participants



Tanisha Dyall, Ambassador Chowhury, Dr. Padmini Murthy

On March 7, UNA-USA launched UN Women, a new interest group. To learn more and to join, go to: <http://www.unausa.org/women> The group held its inaugural meeting with a discussion on Security Council Resolution 1325, with Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury as keynote speaker.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

**Monday, March 19: A Rotary Club of New York early evening event followed by a reception with a selection of wines and cheese. 5:30 registration, program 6 to 8:30. In Cooperation with the Public-Private Alliance Foundation and the UNA Southern New York State Division Energy Project**

**"2012 - The Year of Energy: Technologies in the US and Abroad"** chaired by Dr. David Stillman, Executive Director, Public-Private Alliance Foundation and member of the UNA Southern NYS Division Board. Dr. George Garland, Director of Division's Energy Project, will speak about the project and on **"2012 - the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All"**. Mr. Marty Barruso of Medesco will speak on **"The Future Belongs to the Efficient"** - including his company's trigeneration of heating, cooling and electricity. Stillman will speak on **"Clean Cookstoves and Clean Energy for Haiti."** Two types of stoves will be displayed.

**Special Guest: Charles Forbin, Consul General of Haiti in New York.** Cmdr. Giorgio Balestrieri, President of the Rotary Club of New York is a member of the UNA-USA Southern New York State Division.

- Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm (registration opens at 5:30pm)
- Location: General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen, 20 W 44th St., Manhattan
- Admission: General Admission: \$50; Young Professionals: \$30
- RSVP to [ny.rotary@verizon.net](mailto:ny.rotary@verizon.net)

**Saturday, March 24, 12 noon (registration and light refreshments); 1:00pm - 3pm program.**

The **Queens Chapter** will present **Earth Day** celebrations at the beautiful Queens Museum of Art. "Creating Awareness for a Health Environment: Saving our planet earth for our future generations." The program includes a keynote speech, music and dance performances, demonstration of an ethanol cookstove, and a group photo at the Unisphere. The program will honor Dr. Aline Euer, Director of Education, Alley Pond Environmental Center. RSVP is required at [info@unaqueens.org](mailto:info@unaqueens.org)

**Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:00 pm (reception) and 6:30 pm program**

**The Westchester Chapter** in a joint event with the **Westchester Board of Legislators** will present a Women's History Month event, which will honor the following women:

**Margaret (Molly) Bruce** - Original member of the United Nations Division for Human Rights, helped draft the Universal Declaration on Human Rights with Eleanor Roosevelt.

**Gillian Sorensen** - Senior Advisor/National Advocate at the United Nations Foundation, former UN Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations & New York City Commissioner for the United Nations.

**Karen Cheeks-Lomax, Esq.** - Executive Director, My Sister's Place, leading advocate for legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and co-founder, Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

**Lois Bronz** - The first woman and first person of color to chair the Westchester Board of Legislators. An unwavering advocate for social justice and equality.

**Place:** Legislative Chambers, 800 Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601  
Please RSVP by Friday, March 23, 2012 at (914) 995-4122 or [RSVP@westchesterlegislators.com](mailto:RSVP@westchesterlegislators.com)

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**The Division's Young Professionals European Affairs Committee and the Energy Project** are hosting a panel discussion on **Energy Policy and Renewable Technologies in Europe and the U.S.** Academics, business people and members of the diplomatic community will speak, including.

- Carolyn Kissane, New York University
- Marty Barruso, Medesco, LLC
- Johannes Urpelainen, Columbia University

This is a great chance to visit a landmark New York Building, the home of the

Austrian Cultural Forum  
11 E. 52nd St.  
New York, NY 10022

Admission is \$5 for UNA/YP members and \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP to [ypiceurope@unasouthernny.org](mailto:ypiceurope@unasouthernny.org)

**Wednesday, March 28 The New York City Chapter**

**Ambassador Series | Special Edition - Registration 6:30 pm, Program 7 to 8 pm, Reception at 8 pm**

THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS  
A MODERN EVOLUTION:  
A Panel Debate with Special Guests

Wednesday, March 28, 2012  
Columbia University Club of New York  
15 West 43rd Street  
New York, New York

Register here:

[http://www.unanyc.org/events/  
current/20120328\\_european\\_union\\_panel.html](http://www.unanyc.org/events/current/20120328_european_union_panel.html)

**Friday, March 30, 2012, 5:30 pm - Reception  
6:00 pm - Presentation - UNA Northern New Jersey  
Chapter**

TOPIC: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SIERRA LEONE

SPEAKER: Fredline A. McCormack-Hale, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Whitehead School of Diplomacy, Seton Hall University

WHERE: Seton Hall University, McQuaid Hall, Diplomacy Room; 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079  
The purpose of this presentation is to reflect on ways in which women were involved during the war and assess the success of post-war initiatives aimed at improving the political, economic and social status of women in Sierra Leone.

Parking: Enter the campus at the Main Gate on South Orange Avenue. The guard will provide a visitor's parking pass. Proceed to the parking deck and exit to the back near the academic buildings, across the street from the baseball field. McQuaid Hall is on the left side of the street (on campus). Proceed to the Diplomacy Room.

Admission: Free for UNA members and students with ID, \$10 for non-members. Join at the meeting and the \$10 fee will be waived [njunausa.weebly.com](http://njunausa.weebly.com)



## JOIN NOW!

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.

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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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