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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

[New York](#)

New Year's Greetings! We "turn the page" on 2012, facing new challenges for 2013. I hope you will pledge to become even more active with UNA-USA, our division, your chapter, or to join UNA-USA if you are not a member already. (Choose #462 for the Southern New York State Division including the Hudson Valley.) Let's work together to give a positive voice for the UN and its work around the world.

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The Division rounded out the year with a well-attended Human Rights Day event at the FDR Presidential Museum and Library in Hyde Park. We offer a big thank you to Kathleen Durham and staff of the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at ValKill and to Lynn Bassenese and staff of the Henry A. Wallace Center of the FDR Library. Gillian Martin Sorensen gave an excellent speech about Human Rights, sparking a strong Q & A session; she and others gave a moving tribute to our Board Member Margaret K. (Molly) Bruce. We were glad that Anne Bruce, Molly's daughter, could attend and participate, with her husband Bill Sarokin. To learn more about Gillian's speech and the tribute, view **the video** and also the **photos** of those who attended. Thank you to all who came to this first event towards a new mid-Hudson Valley Chapter.

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Also, **Registration is Open** for our upcoming 5th Annual Mid-

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Atlantic Regional Conference / Members Day at the UN: "**The U.S. at the UN: Opportunities for Renewal**," **Monday, February 4. See the article below.**

Finally, please see the UNA Westchester Chapter's website for their **New Year event on January 6**, at Harrison Public Library. Board member and Pace University Professor Joan Katen will speak about her novel **Love at the Edge** and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A reception will follow.

Also see UNA New York Chapter's website for **upcoming events** in Manhattan: On January 14 - Forging Consensus: US-Asia Policy in the Next Administration. February 1 - PORTRAIT OF WALLY, a film In Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

UNA Women are planning two events linked to the UN Commission on the Status of Women, which will meet from March 4 - 15 at the UN. Let me know if you are interested in participating. Details will be available soon. See also information below about positions available at UNDP related to gender issues.

With warm regards,

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Registration now Open! Go to: www.unausa.org/membersday

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

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

Monday, February 4, 2013

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Morning keynote speaker: Jan Eliasson,
UN Deputy Secretary-General



Who should attend: UNA Members, High School and College Students, and members of the Public who want to learn more about global affairs and the United Nations.

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

UN Development Programme

Eight positions are available for experts on Gender and Environment, Climate change and Sustainable Development.

Application is due on January 23.

The UNA Southern New York State Division and its Energy Project are members of the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, which has announced these positions.

For information, see:

http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=34802

UNA Energy Project-related Event

Topic: Changing Lives in Haiti - Alternative Stoves and Fuels

**Speakers: David Stillman and George Garland,
Board Members, UNA-SNY**

Date: Sunday, January 6

Time: 1 - 3 pm

**Place: Community Church of New York - Assembly Hall
40 East 35th Street, New York, NY 10016**

Free of Charge

RSVP - ppafoundation@gmail.com

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