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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,

Much is happening in UN Month!

Congratulations to all students who entered "**The World I Want**" **Video Contest** for 6th to 12th graders. Videos of first place winners will be placed on the Division website very soon. All winners are invited to the Westchester Chapter's UN Day event on October 20. Names will be announced in the next newsletter.

The Brooklyn, New York, Queens and Westchester Chapters will all host events to celebrate United Nations Day. See below for events and dates.

- The Division's **Post-2015 Development Agenda consultation will take place on Friday, November 1.** See more below.

- Please take a minute today and every day through the end of November to vote **for Dr. Laura Satchel, one of the top-ten CNN heroes for 2013**, who brings a "solar suitcase" to help women delivering in maternal and child health clinics in Africa where electric power is otherwise unavailable or erratic. Richenda Van Leeuwen, Executive Director, Energy and Climate, Energy Access Initiative at the UN Foundation, brought this to our attention.

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/2013.heroes/laura.sachel.html>

- See an article below for a **Global Sustainable Energy Essay Contest** in honor of the upcoming decade of Sustainable Energy for

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All. Submission deadline is October 28. Some great prizes will be awarded.

- **Mid-Hudson Valley** - We are making great progress toward establishing a UNA Chapter in the Mid-Hudson Valley. If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please email me at the address below. More in the next newsletter.

- Planning is underway for the **2014 UNA-USA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / Members Day at the UN**. Date will be in early February. The theme is: **The UN: Building Peace in an Age of Upheaval**

With warm regards,

"Ginger"

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## Global Sustainable Energy Essay Contest 2013

The Global Energy Initiative is pleased to invite university students enrolled in a degree program to participate in the [Global Energy Contest 2013](#). Essay topic:

Write a 1200-1500 word letter to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the following topic: "A Vision for The Decade (2014-2024) of Sustainable Energy for All"

Prizes:

- The First and Second place winners will receive US\$1,000 and \$500 respectively
- Airfare to New York and accommodation covered
- Speaking opportunity during the Award Presentation Ceremony during the Opening Ceremony of Global Conference on Energy Security and Sustainability.
- Certificates for ten finalists.

Submission Deadline: October 28, 2013 Notification of winners by November 8.

[Click here for pre-registration](#) For more details, visit [Energy Contest Information](#).

## Post-2015 Development Agenda Consultations

UNA-USA and the United Nations Foundation are partnering with the UN to help lead U.S. consultations on the **Post-2015 Development Agenda**. The Southern New York State Division's Consultation will take place on November 1.

We have selected the following topics from the 16 listed on the [www.worldwewant2015.org website](http://www.worldwewant2015.org), and have re-organized some.

- A Good Education
- Access to clean water and sanitation and protecting fresh water resources and oceans
- Equality between men and women, and protection against crime and violence
- Action Taken on Climate Change including coastal zones and forests
- Better health care
- Affordable and nutrition food, with sustainable agriculture
- An honest and responsive Government, with freedom from discrimination and persecution
- Reliable energy at home, with sustainable energy for all.

### October Events - Save the Date!

#### UNA Nassau County - October 19

#### UN Day Celebration- Bryant Library, Roslyn

The UNA Southern New York State Division presents a conversation with Mara van Loggerenberg, Program Associate, UN Relations, United Nations Foundation, about the

#### Post-2015 Development Agenda.



Music by local students and professional musicians.

Open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 2:00pm

Bryant Library, 2 Papermill Road, Roslyn, New York

Tel: 516-621-2240

#### UNA Westchester - October 20

Help UNA Celebrate the UN's 68th Anniversary - and UNA's 70th anniversary!

**"Celebrating Diversity in Westchester:  
Partnerships for Global Progress"**

3:30-6 pm

A special video message from John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly as well as Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary-General's Envoy for Youth.

Featuring entertainment by an African dance troupe and the Concordia College Gospel Knights.

Dr. Brenda

Winners of the UNA Southern New York State Division's Video Contest, "The World I Want," will receive their certificates and prizes and winning videos will be shown. Winners come from Yonkers Montessori School #27 (Grace McCormack, Teacher), Woodlands Middle School - Natasha Freeman-Mack's Middle School Class, White Plains High School and Sleepy Hollow High School Model UN, Claire Heskestad, Advisor. Names of winners and their winning videos will be posted later this week.

The public is invited to attend this program as well as an International Pot Luck Buffet. This event is co-hosted by the All Islands Association; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Zeta Nu Omega Chapter); Bronxville Rotary Club; the City of Mt. Vernon; and Wartburg.

Wartburg Conference Center, 1 Warburg Place, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552  
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**UN Week Young Professionals Social - October 23**

Network with fellow young professionals, meet YP's newest board members and learn how you can get involved.

UN Week (October 20 to October 26) and United Nations Day (October 24) mark the anniversary of the UN Charter's entry into force 1945. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being and October 24th has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948.

Join YPs for drink specials, excellent views and the chance to find out what's happening in the coming months. RSVP to Membership Director Mae Smith at

[ypmembership@unasouthernny.org](mailto:ypmembership@unasouthernny.org).

UN Week Young Professionals Social  
Wednesday, October 23  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
VU Rooftop Bar, La Quinta  
Manhattan Hotel  
17 West 32 Street, 4th Floor  
(Between 5th Avenue and  
Broadway)

Admission is free

## **UNA New York - October 23**

### **Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner**

Celebrating the 68th Anniversary of the United Nations and Honoring Dr. Norbert Reithofer, Chairman and CEO of BMW Group

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

The 2013 United Nations Day Humanitarian of the Year Award  
Gala Dinner Celebrating the 68th Anniversary of the United Nations

#### **2013 HONOREE**

DR. NORBERT REITHOFER  
Chairman and CEO, BMW Group  
Honored for his Extraordinary Commitment to Environmental Sustainability

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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dr. Madeleine K. Albright, Chair, Albright Capital Management, LLC  
and former US Secretary of State

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Richard Lui, Anchor, MSNBC, Emcee

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160 Central Park South  
New York City

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

**[www.unanyc.org](http://www.unanyc.org)**

## **UNA Queens - October 27**

### **UN Day Forum**

An afternoon with Karen Dwyer, Chief of Public Affairs and the principal spokesperson for the UN Departments of Peacekeeping and Field Support. The Lecture will involve UNPK's history and current activities.

Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 1:00pm  
Queens Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432

## **UNA Brooklyn - October 30 UN Day Celebration**

### **The UN & the Global Community Response to Syria's Refugee Crisis**

An expert panel, with Brian Hansford, Senior Public Information Officer at the UNHCR, Maryellen Fullerton, Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School and a NGO representative.

The event is open to the public, free of charge.

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm  
LIU's Brooklyn Campus, 1 University Plaza, Brooklyn, New York 11201

## **The UN Foundation UNA-USA-November 6 Global Leadership Dinner**

Speakers will include Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan and Former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

To reserve tables or tickets and for sponsorship information, please contact Mary-Frances Wain at 202-778-3539 or [mwain@unausa.org](mailto:mwain@unausa.org).  
Gotham Hall, New York City.

## **Tiffany Taylor Named Second U.S. Youth Observer to the UN**



Congratulations to Tiffany Taylor, the new U.S. Youth Observer to the UN, named by the U.S. State Department and UNA-USA.

Tiffany Taylor is from Gulfport, Mississippi. She graduated from the University of Chicago as a student marshal, the highest undergraduate academic honor, with majors in Political Science, Sociology, and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (Asian American Studies). While an undergraduate, she founded two non-profits and studied and conducted research abroad in France, China, South Africa, South Korea, Zambia, and Tanzania. She has worked with International Labour Organization as a Youth Journalist and completed internships at Google, Morgan Stanley, and Credit Suisse. Most recently, she was a Fulbright Fellow in Business Management in New Delhi, India, where she conducted research on economic development and health issues.

Tiffany spent this past summer working in Santiago, Chile on research related to the effects of Boron on women's health. She is now studying for a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Global Health from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health on a fellowship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

We look forward to meeting this new New Yorker soon.

## **6th UNA-USA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and Members Day at the UN**

### **"The United Nations: Building Peace in an Age of Upheaval"**

Members of the Mid-Atlantic Region (New York and New Jersey) Chapters and the Southern NYS Division are working with UNA-USA National to plan this annual event.

We are planning panels on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the work of UNA-USA's events around the country; on important international political issues; and on

aspects of human rights. The date will be announced as soon as it has been confirmed by the UN.

## **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](http://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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