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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

I would like to invite you to attend our **Human Rights Day** event on **December 10** at the Henry Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum at Hyde Park.

The event will be participatory, with a keynote speaker followed by roundtables on topics related to the "Post-2015 Development Agenda" and the international theme "**The World We Want**". We will focus on human rights and results will be submitted through the UN Association of the USA as a report to the UN Secretary-General. **See the flyer & registration information below.**

Photos and videos are now up from our November 1 event, which had a similar format, but without the human rights focus. See photos and videos from the event: [flickr.com/photos/UNASouthernny](https://www.flickr.com/photos/UNASouthernny) and [www.youtube.com/UNASouthernny](https://www.youtube.com/UNASouthernny)

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is currently debating the **United Nations Disability Treaty**, which failed to be ratified by just 5 votes last year. Ambassador Samantha Power has expressly asked our help. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, provides a framework for countries to embrace independence and dignity for all people with disabilities. It was modeled after legislation already passed here in the U.S. Please make sure your Senators know that you support this treaty. **Click here to voice your support.** This works very easily, so please help!

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If you have not yet read about the winners seen the excellent videos from our contest on "**The World I Want**" with Middle School and High School Students, go to our **Contest page**. Congratulations again to students (and their parents, teachers and administrators) from: Yonkers Middle School 27, Woodlands Middle School, White Plains High School and Sleepy Hollow High School.

Finally - **SAVE THE DATE** - The 6th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and UNA-USA Members Day at the UN will take place on Friday, February 7, 2014 in the General Assembly Hall. See more below.

Keep in touch by "liking" us on Facebook.

With warm regards,

"Ginger"

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## December 10, International Day of Human Rights



MY WORLD.  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
GLOBAL SURVEY  
FOR A BETTER WORLD.

**Henry A. Wallace Center of the  
FDR Presidential Library and Museum, Hyde Park, NY  
11:00 am to 2:30 pm**

The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at Val-Kill and the United Nations Association Southern New York State Division (UNA-SNY) invite you to join

others from around the world in contributing to "The World We Want."

Lend your voice, expertise, hopes and recommendations to one of our roundtable conversations:

**Climate, Education, Energy, Food & Agriculture, Gender & Protection, Good Governance, Health, Jobs, and Water & Sanitation.**

**(Email your two topics of choice when you RSVP\*)**

**Keynote Speaker:  
Ryan Kaminsky, UNA-USA Leo Nevas Human Rights Fellow**



For the past year Ryan has crossed the country, speaking with organizations and writing about human rights. He focuses on human rights, U.S. foreign policy, and international institutions. In previous work with the Council on Foreign Relations' International Institutions and Global Governance program he researched global and regional human rights and helped create an internet platform on international cooperation and human rights.

**This is a free event but registration is required.**

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

**\*RSVP with your roundtable choices and order lunch by December 5th by email to:**

[mbenedict@erleadership.org](mailto:mbenedict@erleadership.org) or to [jbs@stratdev.com](mailto:jbs@stratdev.com)

Questions call 914-478-3450 or 845-229-5302

**You are invited to tour the FDR Library and Museum free of charge after the event.**

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.erleadership.org](http://www.erleadership.org).

### **Save The Date**

#### **UNA-SNY Young Professionals will present their Annual Benefit and Action**

**Advancing International Unity: An Evening Honoring Inspiration,  
Advocacy and Change**

**Saturday, February 1, 2014**

More at: <http://www.unasouthernny.org/annual-benefit.html>

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

**SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

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

Details and registration information soon.

This event will take place in the UN's General Assembly Hall. In addition to illustrious Keynote speakers, panels will focus 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.

**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.

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**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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