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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

We have a great deal of news to share (see articles):

- A big welcome to **Chris Whatley**, new Executive Director of UNA-USA, who starts on August 19. We look forward to working with him and to meeting him soon.

- "**The World I Want**" **Video Contest** for middle school and high school students starts now and ends on September 30. Please help publicize this!

- UNA National has selected the Division to hold one of ten **Post-2015 Development Agenda consultations** that will take place around the country. (Date in early November to be planned.)

- At the UNA-USA Annual Meeting in June, the Division won the **Earl W. Eames, Jr. Communications Award** for our website, Twitter accounts, Facebook page, LinkedIn page, YouTube site and newsletter, and for the Young Professionals' communications in these areas!

- Look under September events for information about the **Social Good Summit** and an invitation to a classical musical production of "**Unispace**," both in Manhattan.

- 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**

Welcome to **Sheetal Sood**, B.E. Electronics, CIPP,



CISSP, CISA, voted by the Board at the July meeting as new Vice-President for Membership for the Division.

Finally, we would like to thank **Raina Kadavil**, a White Plains High School junior, and **Lena Rubin**, a Hastings High School senior, who are interns this summer. In September we will welcome **Keith Uffer**, a senior at SUNY New Paltz studying in the innovative Global Engagement Program, as a full-time intern for the fall.

With warm regards,

"Ginger"

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## Chris Whatley, UNA-USA Executive Director

Congratulations and welcome to Chris Whatley, new UNA-USA Executive Director, and farewell and best wishes to Patrick Madden, former Executive Director, in his new position.

Before joining UNA-USA, Chris Whatley served as Deputy Executive Director and Washington Office Director of The Council of State Governments where he served as a voice for U.S. states in Washington, D.C. and oversaw the Council's federal advocacy and international outreach. He began his career as a field-based program officer for the International Republican Institute running democracy assistance projects in Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. Whatley holds a B.A. in Government from Angelo State University and an M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

## Announcing "The World I Want" Video Contest for 6th to 12th Grades

We are happy to announce **"The World I Want" Video Contest**, open now. Please share this with your local schools, teachers, and others you may know!

High school and middle school students (Grades 6-12) are invited to create videos that aim to illustrate their ideas of how the world should be and incorporate UN values, such as

the importance of humanitarian aid, equal rights and global peace that demonstrate how the UN, as a whole or through one of its programs, provides inspiration to the people of the world today.

We will select six winners: a first, second and third place awardee for high school students and a first, second and third place awardee for middle school students. Each first place winner will receive the grand prize of a private tour of the United Nations Headquarters in New York City by a UNA Southern New York State Division board member, and receive the award at the UNA-USA Young Professionals benefit dinner in December as a special guest. Winners will receive a gift of \$250 for 1st place, \$150 for 2nd place and \$75 for 3rd place. Arrangements will be made to invite all winners to other Division or Chapter events where they will receive their prizes. All winners will have their videos displayed on the UNA Southern New York State Division website. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

**Eligibility:** Students who live or go to school in the five boroughs of New York City and the following counties are eligible: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

**Deadline for submission is September 30.** Guidelines, the application form, Parental/Legal Guardian Permission forms, permission forms for students 18 or 18+, and consent forms for photos/ audio-visual / and copyright materials are available on the Division website:

**<http://www.unasouthernny.org/contest.html>**

## **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 is one of ten UNA chapters or divisions across the country that will lead a consultation. We are planning to hold ours in early November, and will announce the date soon. More information will be send soon in a newsletter. The Division's Energy Project is already planning a roundtable on energy.

"Citizen engagement and consultation are key to the success of international development agendas; Americans can be excited about this process and be involved," said UN Foundation President & CEO Kathy Calvin, who announced the news at UNA-USA's Annual Meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. "UNA-USA members now have an important opportunity to engage their communities in supporting the UN as it builds on the legacy of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and works toward a more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable world."

Post-2015 Development Agenda consultations are taking place in countries all over the globe, including online at **[www.worldwewant2015.org](http://www.worldwewant2015.org)**, to engage as many people as possible in the process of formulating developments targets to end poverty. These consultations bring together perspectives of civil society, the private sector, global citizens and other stakeholders to further progress on the existing MDGs and plan for strategies for poverty alleviation, global health, and education, and the

environment after the year 2015.

## **Earl W. Eames, Jr. Communications Award and Annual Meeting Update**

At the Annual Meeting of UNA-USA's Council of Chapters and Regions, the Eames Award was given to the Southern New York State Division, for its web and social media presence, including the new website launched in 2012, and presence on twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and in emails, as well as the strong work of the Division's Young Professionals in communications.

For a wrap-up of the Annual Meeting and its outcomes as well as toolkits, go to [\*\*http://www.unausa.org/membership/una-usa-events/annual-meeting\*\*](http://www.unausa.org/membership/una-usa-events/annual-meeting)



Patrick Madden, Mel Boynton, and  
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## **September Events - Save the Date!**

### **UNA New York City - September 11**

An Evening with, **Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo**, U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Registration is required. To register, go to: [\*\*http://www.unanyc.org/events/current/20130911\\_ambassador\\_series\\_dicarlo.html\*\*](http://www.unanyc.org/events/current/20130911_ambassador_series_dicarlo.html)

### **UNA Brooklyn - September 18**

UNA-Brooklyn's "Sponsor a Midwife" fundraiser is to be held on Sept. 18, in collaboration with Midwives for Haiti. We are aiming to raise \$3,600 for the one year costs of a skilled midwife who will assist hundreds of women & infants in central Haiti. [\*\*https://www.facebook.com/pages/UNA-Brooklyn-Chapter/441340280715\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/pages/UNA-Brooklyn-Chapter/441340280715)

## UNISPACE - Saturday, September 21

UNISPACE was originally created by Roger Davidson (now a UNA-SNY board member) as the first serious choral work about the universal value of working in and exploring outer space. "Unispace" (for choir, piano, organ and percussion) toured major cities as a benefit for UNICEF in 1987. For more information, go to:

<http://www.universalsacredmusic.org/>

**Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 8 pm, with doors open at 7:30 pm.**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church, 87th Street at West End Ave., NYC.**

**Free of charge and no reservations required.**



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The Society for Universal Sacred Music presents

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The New York Virtuoso Singers, Harold Rosenbaum, conductor

Join us for this special free performance as acclaimed conductor Harold Rosenbaum leads The New York Virtuoso Singers ("New York's outstanding concert choir" —The New York Times) with a multimedia display of imagery from NASA.

All are welcome, no tickets or reservations required!

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC · DOORS OPEN AT 7:30**

## Social Good Summit - September 22-24

The Summit, held annually, is billed as a three-day conference where big ideas meet new media to create innovative solutions.

**If you are a UNA member (or join now), we will soon be able to give you special log-in information so that you can attend free of charge.** For information about the Summit and the speakers, go to: <http://mashable.com/sgs/>

The Summit will be held at the 92nd Street Y, New York, NY and on-line., as well as in Meet-Ups around the world.

## 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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