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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

It's not too late - the deadline for the "**The World I Want**" **Video Contest** for 6th to 12th graders is September 30. See the article below and go to: www.unasouthernny.org/contest Encourage middle and high school students to enter!

- With great passion and dedication, UNA-USA National, with representatives of the Better World Fund and the UN Foundation, presidents of UNA Chapters and Divisions throughout the Country, and members of the Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee have worked over the past week to craft a **UNA statement on what we would like to see as the policy on US intervention in Syria**. The situation is very fluid and we will continue to consider our position as matters develop. **Click for the current statement**

- At the invitation of the UN Foundation, David Stillman and I represented the Division at a reception to welcome **Ambassador Samantha Power** to her position as U.S. Ambassador to the UN. See photos below.

- The Division's **Post-2015 Development Agenda consultation will take place on November 8**. See more below.

- 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**

With warm regards,

"Ginger"

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It Not too Late! "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>

UN Foundation's Reception for Ambassador Samantha Power

Business leaders, members of the diplomatic community, the UN and non-profit organizations joined in a reception honoring newly appointed US Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Samantha Power. "Ambassador Power is a passionate and powerful advocate for the rights and dignity of all people," United Nations Foundation President and CEO Kathy Calvin honoring newly appointed US Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Samantha Power.

Jeanne Betsock Stillman, UNA Southern NYS Division President and David Stillman, Board member, represented the Division and had the opportunity to meet UNA-USA's new Executive Director, Chris Whatley.



Kathy Calvin, Ambassador Power, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

(INSIDER IMAGES/Stuart Ramson for UN Foundation)



Chris Whatley, Jeanne Betsock Stillman, David Stillman

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 8.

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

Participation is by invitation, as seating is limited, but if you are interested in one or more of these topics, please email unasouthernny@gmail.com concerning your interest. We are aiming to develop a diverse group from civil society, including young people, UNA members, and others, with some experts in subject matter.

September Events - Save the Date!

UNA New York City - September 11

PLEASE NOTE - TONIGHT'S EVENT HAS JUST BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE WORLD SITUATION.

An Evening with, **Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo**, U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

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>

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.



The first serious choral work about the universal value of working in and exploring outer space.

The Society for Universal Sacred Music presents

UNISPACE
for choir, piano, organ and percussion
BY ROGER DAVIDSON

Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 8 p.m.
St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church · 87th St. at West End Ave., NYC
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

UNA members are invited to attend the Social Good Summit, September 22-24, for FREE—a \$130 value. We are holding a limited number of these FREE spots for UNA-USA Members, so register today! Just sign up here using the press application, and add "UNA" as your publication name, clicking "Other" for press coverage type. If you are not yet a UNA member, join! See the information below.

During UN Week the Social Good Summit annually unites people from across the world around a common theme: the power of social media, innovation and technology to solve our world's greatest issues. These elements will help build the global dialogue around the 2013 Social Good Summit's **#2030NOW** theme which builds on the UN-led process to craft a post-2015 Development Agenda that will follow and accelerate progress on the Millennium Development Goals exploring how technology and new media are driving tangible innovation for a better world.

This year's program will feature the inaugural class of "Keynote Listeners," who will be listening to the summit in person and online and will report their findings and reflections in real time onstage at 92Y in New York City and the **first-ever climate segment** to be headlined by former Vice President Al Gore, Chairman of the Climate Reality Project. Top speakers will include Jeremy Heimans, Purpose, Kandeh Yumkella, UNIDO, Anthony Lake, UNICEF, Rajesh Mirchandani, BBC, Dr. Jim Yong Kim, World Bank.

Can't make it to New York City? Watch it live at socialgoodsummit.com and interact in real-time with the Social Good Summit community via social media with the hashtag **#2030NOW**, or find a meet up in your community.

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: 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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