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## United Nations Association of the USA Southern New York State Division News

Serving chapters, groups, and members-at-large in the five boroughs of New York City and in the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester and reaching friends across the country.  
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Dear UNA Colleagues and Friends,

I have several things to share with you:

(1) On **Wednesday, May 21**, the Division will hold a consultation to provide an **American grassroots voice in the Universal Periodic Review of the U.S. Record on Human Rights**. The event is limited to 35 participants. A few spaces are still available. Please email [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com) if you would like to attend, and indicate the topic you select. See the poster below for details.

After introductory remarks from speakers, we will divide into two groups: one will focus on **advancing the rights of women and girls** and another on **human trafficking**. The groups will summarize their findings to a plenary session, and written reports will become part of the UNA-USA report to the UN Human Rights Council and the U.S. State Department.

(2) On **Monday, May 12**, The **Southern NYS Division Board** will meet from **5:30 - 7:30 pm** at 801 Second Ave., 2nd floor conference room, (at E. 43rd St.). Please email if you would like to attend: [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com) This will be followed by a meeting of the **Energy Project**, open to all. Events are being planned for June, with information to come soon.

(3) See below a letter from Chris Whatley, UNA-USA Executive Director, inviting us to be sure to participate in telling the Secretary-General and the world about "**The World We Want.**"

(4) **Also, you can join UNA-USA leaders and friends in our Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, from June 8 to 10.** See details below.

(5) **See the block at the bottom for Chapter events in Brooklyn, New York City (Manhattan), Queens, Westchester and Northern New Jersey.**

Warm regards,

Jeanne Betsock Stillman  
President, UNA Southern New York State Division (UNA-SNY)

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[@UNAEnergy](https://www.facebook.com/unaenergy) [@UNASouthernny](https://www.facebook.com/unaenergy) Join our [unaenergy@googlegroups.com](https://www.google.com/groups?hl=en&ik=604441444) to keep up with important issues in local and global energy issues.

**Consultation for an American grassroots voice in the  
Universal Periodic Review of the U.S. Record on Human Rights  
Wednesday, May 21 - 2:30 - 5:00 pm  
801 Second Ave., 9th Floor (UN Foundation Office),  
at 43rd Street**

**Presenters:**



**Latanya Mapp Frett  
Vice President - Global  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America**



**Sarah Elizabeth Porter  
Development Associate, ECPAT**

For the past two decades ECPAT-USA has been at the forefront of the fight to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children. ECPAT goes to the source of the problem by fighting for new and improved laws, encouraging the private sector to do its part, and raising awareness among those who may be in a position to identify a child who is being commercially sexually exploited.

The event is limited to 35 participants. Please email [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com) by May 10 if you are interested and would like to attend, and indicate your preferred topic. Background information will be provided during the week of the 12th.

After introductory remarks from speakers, we will divide into two groups: one on advancing the rights of women and girls and another on human trafficking. The goal of the consultations is to develop concrete, actionable, constructive recommendations related to the U.S. Universal Periodic Review that will be synthesized into a report and sent directly to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the U.S. State Department for review.

**ANOTHER CHANCE TO TELL THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ABOUT THE  
WORLD WE WANT**

Chris Whatley, Executive Director of UNA-USA, has written to invite you, if you have not already participated, to join in telling the UN Secretary-General and others about "The World We Want."



Here is his letter:

"Late last year, we answered the UN Secretary-General's call to action to hold meetings for Americans to discuss the world they want in 2030. The results from the consultations provided intriguing insights into Americans' priorities for the future - but we still need more input! To date, more than 2 million people around the world have gone to [myworld2015.org](http://myworld2015.org) and have chosen the top priorities they think the world needs to tackle by 2030. **However, fewer than 40,000 Americans joined this global conversation.**

As Americans who believe in a strong U.S. role within the UN system, we need to make sure our voice is heard in this historic public input process.

Whether your top issue is gender equality or public health, unless citizens around the world tell UN leaders and UN member states what matters most to them, key priorities could be left out of the new development agenda. That's why we are partnering with WFUNA and United Nations Associations around the world to rally even more support for the post-2015 development agenda during the MY World Global Week of Action!

Help us ensure a strong American response to this global call to action by adding your say and spreading the word:

Vote for the changes that would make the most difference in your world.

Once you cast your vote, there is more you can do to get Americans involved. Here are three actions you can take:

1. Share this toolkit with your Chapters, friends and partners to increase participation on MY World. The toolkit also has tweets, videos and graphics you can use to share with your community online.
2. Sign up for the Thunderclap for Facebook and Twitter before May 8. (Thunderclap is a crowdspeaking platform that helps amplify your message.)
3. Help mobilize support offline by setting up voting booths at any of your events this week.

We all have a critical role to play in creating sustainable growth, promoting gender equality, and meeting virtually every other development goal. Make sure your voice is heard.

Thank you for taking action,

Chris Whatley

Executive Director, UNA-USA

## Register now for the United Nations Association of the USA Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 8 to Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
The National Education Association  
1201 16th St. NW  
Washington, DC

Join UNA-USA for the 2014 Annual Meeting! UNA-USA members and Chapter leaders from across the country will convene in Washington, DC for inspiring grassroots training and topical conversation with members of Congress to support U.S. engagement with the UN. Attend the conference to add your voice to the conversation!

UNA-USA is pleased to announce that Thomas Pickering, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Will Davis, Director of the United Nations Development Program's Washington Office, will serve as plenary speakers.

As part of the Annual Meeting, UNA-USA hosts the most important advocacy event of the year: Members' Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill! This day is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for UNA-USA members from across the country to demonstrate to members of Congress the strong public support that exists for active U.S. participation in the United Nations.

Also, young professionals and students are invited to our international careers panel where we'll learn how to leave their mark on the global community. Don't forget to join us for our transferable skills breakout session where you can learn how to get a leg on the competition using your experience as a member of UNA-USA!

Young Professionals receive a \$60 discount, and students ages 15-22 can attend free of charge.

**[Click here to learn more and to register.](#)**

## Chapter News and Events

### Brooklyn

- The Brooklyn Chapter will soon launch its new and improved website. We are in the process of recruiting advocates to meet with congressional offices in the summer in DC and in the Fall in Brooklyn. We are planning three events for 2014: 1) A reading showcasing the work and experience of author/humanitarian worker Jessica Alexander who wrote "Chasing Chaos." 2) An event to bring Brooklyn women and girls together to raise money and awareness about Girl Up. 3) An expert panel to feature efforts of the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Section of the UN Department of Peacekeeping, led by Christopher O'Donnell, DDR Section, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

**Nassau County** - Division Board and Energy Project members Dr. George Garland and Dr. David Stillman spoke on Thursday, April 24, at Adelphi University on "The Future of Bioenergy and Clean Cookstoves". Division Board Member Peter DeBartolo,

Administrative Director of the Levermore Global Scholars Program, organized the event.



**New York (Manhattan)** - SAVE THE DATES: May 9 and June 17, for film screenings. For information on all events and to register, go to <http://www.unanyc.org/events/>. **NEW (registration required).**

UNA of New York will present A Special UNA Careers Panel: Careers in the Global Health Field.

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Hungarian Mission to the United Nations

227 East 52nd Street (between Second and Third Avenues)

New York, NY 10022

### **Queens -**

Queens Chapter held a very successful event on Human Trafficking in Queens on April 26. Members are currently evaluating essays from the high school essay contest. An announcement of winners will be made soon.

**Westchester** - The Chapter held its 2014 Annual Meeting on

May 4. Speakers on **"Corporate Social Responsibility and Partnerships with the United Nations,"** included Mr. Amir Dossal, Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum and Mr. Daniel Bena, Head for Sustainable Development Global Operations at PepsiCo. For a photo gallery, see: <http://www.unawestchester.org>.

**Northern New Jersey** - The Chapter hosted a tabletop exhibit and made a presentation about UNA at the World Expo Day at Ramapo College. Michael Curtain and NNJ President Donna Rosa, below, with the event mascot.





Donna Rosa writes, "The Chapter had two extremely successful meetings with the offices of our senators, Menendez and Booker. We joined forces with the Princeton-Trenton Area Chapter and had a cadre of UNA-ers put forth our advocacy agenda. We made good contacts for the future, and we will surely capitalize on these relationships. Both offices had key people at the meetings and were very interested in what we had to say."

### **Chapters in the Division:**

**Brooklyn Chapter: [www.unabrooklyn.org](http://www.unabrooklyn.org) (still in production)**

**New York (Manhattan) Chapter: [www.unanyc.org](http://www.unanyc.org)**

**Queens Chapter: [www.unaqueens.org](http://www.unaqueens.org)**

**Westchester Chapter: [www.unawestchester.org](http://www.unawestchester.org)**

**Northern New Jersey Chapter: [www.nnjunasa.weebly.com](http://www.nnjunasa.weebly.com)**

Note: Brooklyn is in the midst of mounting a new website.

