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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

I hope you'll join us at the many UN-related events coming up in March, including UNA Queens Earth Day celebration! See the articles below.

Hundreds of events organized by Non-Governmental Organizations will take place next week in association of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, starting on Monday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. An updated listing is available through: **Parallel Events, CSW/NGO Forum.**

We are partnering with UNA Women (March 8), the Medical Women's International Association (March 5), the National Council of Women of the United States (March 8) and the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (March 8). These events are free of charge and entry is open. UNA Westchester's International Women's Day event will take place on March 10, and Hamm & Clov invites everyone to a special event on March 16 on Darfur in Yonkers.

If you are a UNA member, you are invited to participate in a pre-briefing of the 57th Commission on the Status of Women Thursday, February 28, 2013, 4:00 pm ET.

Ms. Sanam Anderlini will discuss the groundbreaking United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, the role of women in the peace process, sector reform, disarmament, and transitional justice issues. Call in numbers: 866-952-7670; Passcode: 152988

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If you are a UNA member, you can join our **UNAWomen Affinity Group**, which works on events, advocacy and programs related to women. This group, which organized at the UNA Annual Meeting in Washington last June, now has over 70 members. Just e-mail me so that we will know who has joined from our area.

Also, the Southern NYS Division/Energy Project is a sponsor of the April 4 "**Consultation on Ethanol Cookstoves and Fuel.**" Seating is limited. Please see the article below.

Donna Rosa, **UNA Northern New Jersey** President and a member of the Southern NYS Division Board, has sent a webinar on getting international development jobs. See the article below.

Please feel free to write to me with any questions you may have.

With warm regards,

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International Jobs

The Northern New Jersey Chapter hosted a webinar on how to get international jobs. Donna Rosa, President, has written:

Thanks to everyone who attended our webinar! We had some terrible technical problems but managed to get through them. Here's the link to the recording. Please note that the first few minutes are missing, and there will be a gap in the middle where we lost our presenter, but stay with it...we got her back on and the content was outstanding. Jayne Cravens is a great resource and I urge you to visit her website at www.coyotecomcommunications.com.

Webinar recording: **<http://www.anymeeting.com/unanni/ED53DF808746>**

Consultation on Ethanol Cookstoves and Fuel April 4, 2013

Our UNA-SNY Division and its Energy Project are partnering with the **Public-Private Alliance Foundation** (PPAF) to hold a consultation on ethanol cookstoves and fuel on April 4 at the United Nations, sponsored by the UN Office for Partnerships. PPAF and several partners are currently conducting a pilot project toward commercialization of these stoves and ethanol supply in Haiti.

The consultation focuses on practical steps to expand the work in Haiti and to promote understanding of the benefits and possibilities of ethanol cookstoves and fuel. Specialists, policymakers, community representatives, UN and government officials, remittances companies and other stakeholders including UNA members will participate.

As a partner in the **Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves** (hosted by the UN Foundation), PPAF works to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment in the developing world at household and small business levels. PPAF and UNA-SNY are also members of the **Global Gender Climate Alliance**.

Seating is limited. If you are interested in attending or learning more, please write to ppafoundation@gmail.com.

Mid-Hudson Valley Activities

On March 3 at 2 pm the **Southern Dutchess NAACP** will hold the event "Yes, Women Hold up Half the Sky" at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon, NY. 845-380-4569 for information. (\$12 donation requested.)

The **Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at ValKill**, in Hyde Park, NY, our partner in developing a Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter of UNA, has announced its summer leadership program, providing two nine-day sessions for high school girls from the U.S. and around the world. **See the brochure** Also, there are summer job opportunities for college juniors, seniors and graduates to work in several positions during these leadership sessions. **Click here for the application and information.**

If you would like to help form a new Mid-Hudson Valley chapter, please email unasouthernny@gmail.com Several Marist College students are starting to work at their college toward this.

Event Sponsor: UNA Women

**From Acceptance to Resistance:
Changing Attitudes Surrounding Violence
Against Women-
A Life Cycle Approach**

Friday, March 8, 2013, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Where: In the Chapel, 1st Floor-Church Center for the UN-777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Join UNA Women for a solutions-driven conversation on the cycle of violence over a woman's lifespan. Panelists will chronicle this cycle by examining the treatment of widows, the use of rape as a weapon of war, and the adherence to 'son preference' in various cultures. The conversation will focus on thought-provoking and insightful solutions to these issues. It is a must-see at CSW 57!

Moderator: Charlotte Bunch, Founding Director and Senior Scholar, at the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University and prominent activist.

Panelists: Pablo Castillo Diaz, Protection Analyst, UN Women
Margaret Owen, Barrister and Founding President of
Widows for Peace through Democracy and
Other panelists invited from the global south

To become a Facebook member of UNA Women write to: tdyall@unausa.org
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/304665996306645/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

**UNA Southern New York State Division
Co-sponsored Events during CSW**

**Event Sponsor:
Medical Women's International Association**

"The role of medical women and the health system in the
prevention and elimination
of all forms of violence against women and girls"

Tuesday, March 5 - 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Where: Boss Room, 8th floor, Church Center to the UN, 777 UN Plaza (44th Street entrance)

Speakers include:

Lopa Bannerjee, Chief, Civil Society Section, UN Women

Shelley Ross MD - Secretary-General, Medical Women's International Association (Canada)

Raie Goodwach MBBS, MPS, President, Victorian Medical Women's Society and a psychotherapist, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Others to be named.

Event Sponsor:
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN RADIO
AND TELEVISION (IAWRT)**

**MEDIA AS STRATEGIC PARTNERS
in addressing violence against women and girls
Hazards Facing
Female Journalists**

Friday, 8th March 2013 - 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Where: Auditorium, Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) New York, 10011

Panelists

Abeer Saady (Egypt)

Journalist, Vice-Chair Journalists Syndicate

"Hazards facing female journalists in the Maghreb and how social media can bring about change"

Ananya Chakraborti (India)

Documentary Filmmaker, cinemawoman.org

"The Use of Film as a Tool to End Trafficking of Girls"

Brigitte Jallof (Denmark)

Founder Empowerhouse.org/AMARC

"How Community Radio Can Address and Reduce Violence against Women"

Jennifer Pozner (United States)

www.wimnonline.org/WIMNsVoicesBlog

"How we can change the media landscape to be more gender friendly/sensitive"

Moderator: Michele Montas (Haiti)

co-owner Radio Inter, Haiti's first radio station to broadcast in Creole,
former Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Event Sponsor:

National Council of Women of the United States

A Global Outcry: It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Girl
*How culture, custom, and gender discrimination perpetuate violence
against women and girls domestically and globally*

Friday, March 8 - 10:30 a.m - 12 noon

Where: United Nations Church Center, 777 United Nations, Plaza, 2nd Floor
Conference Room

Special Guest Speaker, Representative from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malawi

Lindy Blanchard, President, Co-Founder, 100X Development Foundation

Manjula O'Connor, MD, Vice President, Australia India Society of Victoria

Ranjana Kumari, PhD, Director, Center for Social Research; President, Women Power Connect; Coordinator,
South Asia Network Against Trafficking

Teresa A. Hintzke, President, PPSEAWA International

Ludmila Yakovleva, President, Ukrainian National Council of Women

Suzy Kim, Corresponding Secretary, NCW-US

Special Guest: Licenciada Eunice Loyda Mijaugas, Member, National Council of Women of Guatemala

Event Sponsor: UNA Westchester Chapter

"Contributions of Women to Peacebuilding Operations"

Sunday March 10, 2013, 3-5 pm (Registration starts at 2:30 pm)

Where: Rye Historical Society Square House, 1 Purchase St., Rye, NY*

Featuring

Judith Cheng-Hopkins

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General
for Peacebuilding Support

For details, see: www.unawestchester.org

Event Sponsor: HAMM & CLOV STAGE COMPANY

Saturday, March 16, 2 pm

Where: Yonkers Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Plaza Yonkers, NY 10701, across from the MetroNorth Train Station.

HAMM & CLOV STAGE COMPANY will hold a special event in celebration of their new audiobook **When the Stars Fall to Earth** by Rebecca Tinsley.

The book is based on drawings by children in war-torn Darfur. All author royalties go to Darfur Refugee Rescue Efforts.

There will be a performance of African singing and dancing by the children of Youth Theater Interactions (YTI) and a Q&A by the author, who will come to Yonkers following her speech at a United Nations conference in Manhattan.

UNA Westchester and the UNA Southern New York State Division are Co-sponsoring the event.

5th Annual UNA-USA Earth Day Celebration

Hosted by UNA Queens

Sunday, March 24, 2013
11:00 AM- 1:30 PM, light reception to follow
FREE ADMISSION

At Queens Museum of Art (In Flushing Meadows Corona Park)

Program features music performance, keynote speech by UN Ambassador, etc. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

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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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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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