



**Executive Director's
Message**



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A special thank you to those of you who attended last quarter's events. We have some exciting events to look forward to in the coming months as well as the Spring 2007 global conference *The Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa* (CAPA) which will take at the University of Southern California campus and is being hosted by a growing coalition of nonprofit organizations including the United Nations Association.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. For more information, we invite you to view our website at www.unapasadena.org

In peace,
Sherry Simpson-Dean
Executive Director

Upcoming Events



United Nations Day "The Children Are Our Future" Event – Friday, October 27, 2006

Please join us on Friday, October 27, 2006 at the McKinley Elementary School Library at 325 S. Oak Knoll in

Pasadena, California from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for this

exciting event featuring Sierra Leon Princess Sarah Culberson – artist, educator and activist.

In celebration of 61 years of the work of the United Nations towards a more peaceful, just and humane world, students from McKinley Elementary School and Mayfield Senior School are dedicating October to programs exploring the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals campaign. Some students will research the needs of nations; others will develop a play about poverty. Sponsored by both schools and the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, the event is open to the public.

Our celebration will also include music, dance and artistic renderings by students from McKinley and Mayfield Schools highlighting global diversity and our ART THE VOICE OF HUMANITY PROJECT. Speakers will also include UNA co-President Ellen Snortland and artist Jose Antonio Aguirre who designed and orchestrated the McKinley tile mural based on the theme: WE ARE HERE!

For more information on this event, please feel free to

contact us at (626) 449-1795 or email us at info@unapasadena.org.

Partnership Walk – Sunday, October 29, 2006



PartnershipWalk

Join the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter and thousands of Angelinos for the Los Angeles Partnership Walk at 10 am on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Be part of the solution to end global poverty. Partnership Walk raises awareness and funds to help poor communities in Africa and Asia become self-reliant. 100% of the funds raised go directly to projects supported by Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. Enjoy the festivities, visit educational exhibits and learn how you can make a difference in creating a healthier, safer world.

For more information, visit www.partnershipwalk.org, call 1-888-AKF-WALK or email losangeles@partnershipwalk.org

Spring 2007 - The Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa - A Global Conference

It is with great pleasure that we announce the upcoming Global Conference—The

Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa (CAPA) to be held in Spring 2007. The



conference will be hosted by the University of Southern California (USC) in cooperation with a coalition of organizations including Africa Diaspora Foundation, Africa USA International Chamber of Commerce, The International Criminal Court Alliance, Rotary Club/Altadena, The United Nations Association/Pasadena Chapter, USA for Africa and others.

CAPA is a visionary and historic conference that will bring together a local and international constituency including business and financial organizations, public officials, engineers, health professionals, human rights workers, students and concerned citizens. The mission is to create long-term partnerships and organizational alliances that will facilitate the global realization of Africa's greatest potential, and to strengthen US support for this result. Ultimately, CAPA will be instrumental in fueling a shift in conscience from Africa as a continent laden with challenges to a continent rich in culture and resources, a viable global partner.

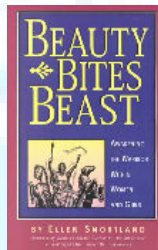
This three-day conference will be anchored by a large public event in Los Angeles featuring world-renowned speakers and musicians. This gathering will launch the conference and draw national attention to the growing and diverse constituency committed to the promise of the continent. The conference will address three main areas of focus with regard to Africa:

Human Rights and the Rule of Law
Economic Development and New Technologies
Health and Humanitarian Aid

For more information on this event, please feel free to contact us at (626) 449-1795 or email us at africainfo@unapasadena.org

Summer 2007 – *Beauty Bites Beast*

This documentary film project is being directed and produced by Ellen Snortland and will focus international attention on the third



Millennium Development Goal: To promote gender equality and to empower women. The film will follow the "before and after" transformation of a dozen women who work in a factory in Tijuana, Mexico, as they learn how to defend themselves verbally and physically through 20 hours of self-defense instruction. One in three women in the world is physically abused at some point in their lives. These classes will show how

physical empowerment can dramatically reduce women's injuries and assaults. This is especially pertinent now because violence against women is a major impediment to personal and social development in the developing world. Knowing how to defend oneself during the HIV/AIDS epidemic can literally be the difference between life and death. Interviews include Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Rigoberta Menchu' Tum. The film's Executive Producer is Linda Moore and the Director of Photography is Maria Elena Chavez, the daughter of Dolores Huerta and niece of Cesar Chavez.

For more information, visit www.beautybitesbeast.org.

In The News

The United Nations Association of the USA

Lauds Selection of Ban Ki-moon as Next UN Secretary-General: US Should Seek Close Collaboration with Reformed UN



"The appointment of Ban Ki-moon as United Nations Secretary-General is an important step forward for the world body," said president of the United Nations Association of the USA William H. Luers. Facing little contention in the UN Security Council, he was unanimously appointed by the UN General Assembly on Friday, October 13, 2006. "Mr. Ban has earned overwhelming support, and his largely uncontested selection is an

unprecedented vote of confidence,” added Amb. Luers.

Mr. Ban assumes the position of secretary-general at a time when the demands being placed upon the UN system are dramatically increasing in both size and scope. “Virtually every major challenge facing the international community over the last several months has come before the United Nations, including the conflict in Lebanon, the nuclear programs of North Korea and Iran, genocide in Darfur, and the expansion of peacekeeping forces throughout the world,” said Amb. Luers. “At the same time, the UN is being asked to carry out massive humanitarian and natural disaster relief efforts, electoral assistance, human rights monitoring, and refugee assistance and to lead the largest international effort against diseases including HIV/AIDS. Given the dimensions of the UN’s growing agenda, Mr. Ban’s appointment comes at a time when the complexity of secretary-general’s role and responsibilities has never been greater,” added Luers.

“The United States, which voiced early support for Mr. Ban, should not hesitate to provide him with the backing he will need to carry the UN through the next difficult phase of reform,” said Suzanne DiMaggio, vice president of Global Policy Programs at the United Nations Association of the USA. “The leadership and members of the association would like to encourage Mr. Ban to focus his energy on

bringing together the member states to implement the reform agenda already underway and, at the same time, utilize his position to be the ‘world’s conscience’—as Kofi Annan has done so well—in an effort to bring attention to the many global problems that would otherwise go unnoticed,” she added.

Mr. Ban was educated in the US and has spent more than 30 years as a diplomat for the government of the Republic of Korea. He became minister of foreign affairs and trade in 2004.

The United Nations Association of the United States of America is a center for innovative programs to engage Americans in issues of global concern, from education and HIV/AIDS to peace, security and international law. Its educational and humanitarian campaigns, including teaching students in urban schools, clearing minefields and providing school-based support for children living in HIV/AIDS-affected communities in Africa, allow people to make a global impact at the local level. A not-for-profit membership organization, the United Nations Association of the USA is dedicated to building understanding and support for the ideals and vital work of the United Nations among the American people. It is affiliated with the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

Visit www.unausa.org for the latest news on this as the

measure goes before the full General Assembly.

**The United Nations Association of the USA Announces 2006 Global Leadership Award Recipients: Former President Bill Clinton & Innovator Dean Kamen
*Ted Turner salutes Kofi Annan***



In early October 2006, special guest speaker Ted Turner addressed the United Nations Association of the USA and the Business Council for the United Nations, along with more than 700 hundred diplomats and VIPs, announcing that he has completed his \$1 billion pledge to the United Nations. The dinner event honored former President Bill Clinton



and innovator Dean Kamen with the United Nations Association of the USA’s 2006 Global Leadership Awards.

Guests, including John C. Whitehead, Isabella Rossellini, Angelique Kidjo and Liya Kebede and celebrated the achievements of these two great humanitarians.

Every year, the United Nations Association of the

USA honors individuals for outstanding leadership in furthering the purposes of the *United Nations Charter*. This year, the United Nations Association of the USA honored President Clinton with the Global Leadership Award and science and technology advocate Kamen with the Global Humanitarian Action Award. The black-tie gala was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City and featured Wynton Marsalis as the musical guest.

In addition to the award recipients, the evening's honorary guest was Secretary-General Annan. Distinguished guests for the evening included many of the permanent representatives to the UN. The Mistress of Ceremonies was award-winning newscaster Charlayne Hunter-Gault. President of the United Nations Association of the USA, Ambassador William H. Luers joined dinner chairs Frank Giustra, William J. McDonough, John C. Whitehead and Josh S. Weston in overseeing the evening.

"President Clinton is being honored for his groundbreaking work around the world to cope with the HIV/AIDS pandemic and for his leadership in tackling major threats to humanity, from poverty to global warming," said Amb. Luers. "Dean Kamen is being honored for his innovative work to change lives in the developing world on a daily basis."

Member Spotlight



Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard

1. How long have you been a UNA member?

I joined the UNA over 20 years ago and although my schedule doesn't permit me to attend every meeting or event, I do make it a priority to stay actively involved. I'm proud to see how the Pasadena Chapter has grown over the years.

2. What inspires you about the UNA and why is it important to you?

The United Nations is important in an age of globalization; in fact the need for a global polity has never been greater. The 8 Millennium Development goals (MDG's) address the most critical needs of the world and are being addressed through the work of the United Nations. Other issues require a global effort as well, including immigration, trade, etc. The UNA is the grassroots effort in vocalizing the need for a strong United Nations, and that is why it is so important.

4. What can we do to make the United Nations vision real to children on a city level?

Pasadena's commitment to children as global citizens is a strong one. Unfortunately over the years we have seen an increase in youth violence – not only in Pasadena but in

the entire country. Much of this violence is due to gender bias and discrimination. The first step in mitigating this problem is to educate children about the United Nations and appreciating cultural diversity at a very young age, and to give them the opportunity to interact with one another in a positive manner. This is the foundation of our education system in Pasadena. We are also committed to educating children on the 8 MDG's at a young age which gives them a sense of involvement in solving the world's crises.

Wish List 2006

Thank you for your on-going support of the UNA. We are a growing organization and there are many things that we currently need to support our expansion. We greatly appreciate any donations and in-kind support in securing these items. For all donations given we will feature a thank-you on our website and a note in our next Our World Newsletter. Thank you as always for thinking globally and acting locally! For more information, please feel free to contact us at (626) 449-1795 or email us at info@unapasadena.org.

- * One (1) laptop computer
- * One (1) large UNA banner

UN Eight Millennium Goals



These are the goals that all member states of the United Nations agreed to in 2000, to reach by 2015:

- 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2) Achieve universal primary education
- 3) Promote gender equality and empower women
- 4) Reduce child mortality
- 5) Improve maternal health
- 6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- 7) Ensure environmental sustainability
- 8) Develop a global partnership for development.

The Millennium Development Goals were derived from the United Nations Millennium Declaration. These eight goals were agreed to by 189 nations in 2000, with the intent of achieving all by the year 2015. Progress is monitored by Government Statistics, United Nations Statistics Division as well as many other United Nations agencies and international organizations. The international statistics community is fully aware of the magnitude and challenges of this task. Here is an overview and status update for each goal:

Goal #1 Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

The most widespread hunger and poverty persist in Sub-Saharan Africa. The challenges involved in addressing the drastic needs are adversely impacted by HIV/AIDS, armed conflicts, natural disasters, and not enough land to support the needs of the population. In North Africa and Western Asia, there has been little change. However, in Latin America, while it has been slow, some progress has been made. Asia has dramatically reduced extreme poverty and hunger. This has

been attributed to China's sustained growth and India's accelerated economy. This first Millennium Development is achievable.

Goal #2 Achieve Universal Primary Education

Sub-Saharan Africa has made progress toward achieving this goal, however, over 1/3 of girls and boys are still not attending school. There is 90% enrollment in Europe, Southeast Asia, North Africa, and parts of Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. This goal also is achievable.

Goal #3 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

This goal is agreed upon by most countries to be at the very heart of the success of the Millennium Goals becoming reality. It is a prerequisite to overcoming hunger, poverty, and disease. The positive news is that some progress is being made in all regions. The gap remains widest in South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Western Asia, all where a boy always has priority over a girl in school enrollment. There is some progress on this goal in Sub-Saharan Africa where 20% of the members of Parliament are women. In Rwanda, the number is 49%, due to the loss of men in armed conflict and in the Nordic countries 49% of members of the National Assembly are women. Globally, women now hold 16% of the seats, so progress is being made.

Goal #4 Reduce Child Mortality

Globally, 30,000 children die each day from preventable or treatable diseases which

include pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, measles, and AIDS. The key to prevention is to educate the mothers and girls. Progress has been made in North Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Southeast Asia. This progress is credited to economic growth, improved nutrition, and access to healthcare. This goal can be achieved by some very inexpensive means which include use of antibiotics, better mosquito nets, and improved pre and post natal care.

Goal # 5 Improve Maternal Health

In 2006, women risk death to give life. Half a million women die every year giving birth. Progress is being made where the maternal mortality rate is already low. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa a woman's likelihood of dying while giving birth is 1 in 16. In the developed world the likelihood is 1 in 3800. This is a goal which needs so much help and so far, little has been offered.

Goal #6 Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Diseases

Sub-Saharan Africa statistics appear to be stabilizing, however, the reality is that deaths equal new infections. On the positive side, Thailand and Uganda are both reversing their infection rates. This has been achieved through vision and leadership. In the treatment of malaria, better mosquito nets are being used, new drugs are in use, new policies have been implemented which allow the use of the above mentioned remedies, as well as new TB treatment. This goal can be achieved

through education, prevention, treatment, and care.

Goal #7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Southeast Asia and India are both making progress. Globally, only 13% of the earth's surface is protected. The major concerns are the world's forests, climate, and water. The global situation is seen as a race against time. There has been no follow-up and poor management of commitments and a lack of energy efficiency by using

clean fuels and improved technology. The Kyoto Protocol is the first global effort to control emissions in the environment. As of 2003, 100 countries have signed this momentous agreement.

The United States has not. On the positive side, fluorocarbons have been reduced by 90% since the 1990's. Another positive is that the damage done to the planet thus far can be repaired in the next fifty years. The world is making some progress, but needs to do so much more.

Goal #8 Develop a Global Partnership for Development

All countries have a stake in this, as well as the other seven goals. The poorest countries need aid from governments and private donors. Middle-income countries need support to develop trade and the more developed countries need to give more to the poorer countries. All eight Millennium Development Goals are achievable.

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