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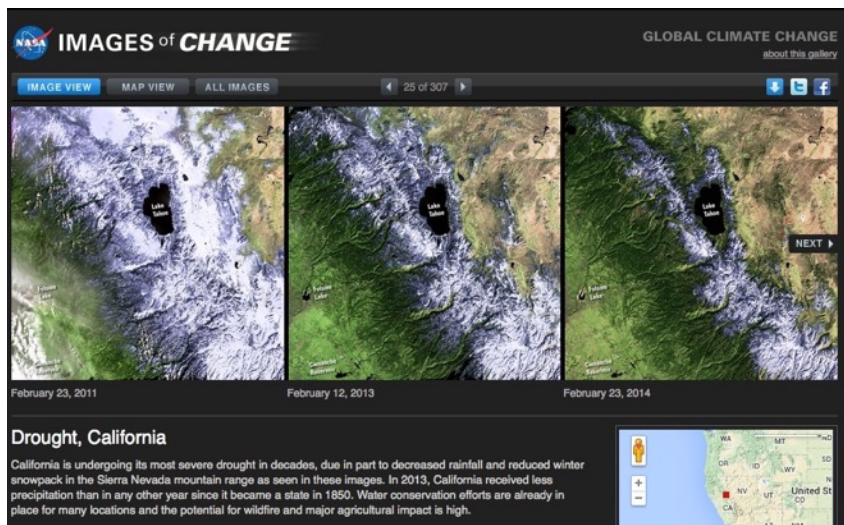
When: Monday, November 16, 2015 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Where: Clunie Clubhouse in McKinley Park 601 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816

Author and scientist **Dana Nuccitelli** presents the latest research on the science of climate change. A panel of experts will answer questions from the audience for this televised program.

Co-sponsored by: Citizens' Climate Lobby, 350 Sacramento, Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Sierra Club.

Admission is free - donations accepted.



Images from NASA show the depleted snowpack around Lake Tahoe from February 2011 to 2014. It is more important for California to have a large snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains than rain in Southern California because of the system of water transportation and storage we have created. Climate change has created drought conditions throughout California.

We are a volunteer organization that depends on membership dues to bring quality programs to Sacramento. Please join or renew your membership today! www.unausasacramento.com

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

The 70th Anniversary of the United Nations was celebrated on October 25th with a banquet, entertainment by the group RSVP, a speech by Physicians For Social Responsibility's scholarship winner, and Australia's author, activist and Human Rights award winner, Rebecca Peters. Over 350 guests mingled and discussed the topic of gun control. Questions submitted to Ms. Peters covered the reality of banning assault weapons in the U.S., to the problem of homemade guns from 3D printers. A huge thank you goes to PSR's Bill and Diane Durston, UNA's Nick Alexander, Zohreh Whitaker, and all the wonderful people who made the night a huge success.



Rebecca Peters, International Action on Small Arms - Director



RSVP entertained a packed banquet room.



Fred Hansen, Isabel Robertson, Kate Van Buren



Kelly Rivas, Bill Durston



Sharon Alexander, UNA
Sacramento - President



Carl Sweet



Nick Alexander, Kate Van Buren



Fran and Jack Kennedy, Katharine Thompson



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On October 27 the Davis City Council had a short ceremony to present the Proclamation for UN Day and Support UNICEF week, read by Council member Lucas Frerichs. Joining the Council members were a group of children dressed for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF (who later went through the audience to collect in their little orange boxes), campaign co-coordinator Jennifer Holman and Verena Borton.



Verena Borton presented keynote speaker, Josette Lewis, Associate Director of UCD World Food Center, with a Peace Rose from the garden given to the City of Davis in 1995 by the UNA chapter on the 59th anniversary of the United Nations.



Micah Spangler from UN Foundation's Better World Campaign spoke about the Global Goals at International House.



Davis UNA tabled at the October 4 International Festival in Central Park, Davis. Several thousand people attended the Festival and quite a few came by our table to ask questions and pick up materials. It was an afternoon well spent to inform the community (as well as out of towners) about UNA-USA. It was a good opportunity to collect names and addresses for those who wish to participate in the Human Rights Day event in December.





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DAVIS UNA CHAPTER INVITES YOU TO AN OBSERVATION OF
THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
DECEMBER 10, 2013, 7 P.M.
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE DAVIS
10 College Park

On December 10, 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations. The Davis chapter of the United Nations Association invites the public to a celebration of this milestone on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at International House Davis, 10 College Park.

The Declaration is presented each December by different readers. For a number of years the 30 Articles of the UDHR have been presented in 30 different languages (followed by an English translation). Hearing so many voices from various cultures representing many regions of the world is a remarkable experience that reflects the diversity of our community as well as the universality of the Declaration. Participating in the ceremony as readers, listeners or observers has been meaningful and occasionally very moving for those who were present for the communal reading of the complete document. Not everybody realizes that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been guiding the world since the document was created in 1948 under the strong and inspired leadership of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and be a link in our circles when we read, hear, and reflect upon the meaning of such basic truths as "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks." (Article 12) Copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be available as gifts from the UNA chapter for all who attend the event. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. There is no charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. To volunteer to be a reader of one of the Articles (some are very short), please contact Verena Borton as soon as possible at (530)756-0632, rvborton@comcast.net.

UNA Sacramento Holiday Party!

It's that time of year - to share your favorite ethnic dish at UNA's holiday potluck and vote on the 2016 board of directors!

When: Saturday, December 12, 2015 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: USS Fahs Room 2425 Sierra Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95825

Voting starts at noon, potluck starts at 12:30pm.

Everyone is invited to share food and celebrate our different ethnicities.



**PROCLAMATION
UNITED NATIONS DAY 2015**

WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded seventy years ago in 1945, and the anniversary of its founding is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded on the hope and belief that cooperation and governance under the rule of law can resolve conflicts between nations and thereby avoid the horrors of war; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal mandates of the United Nations—to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character—remains as valid today as when those words were penned in the Charter in San Francisco seventy years ago; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2015, all 193 UN member nations, including the United States, committed to a bold new global agenda to end extreme poverty by 2030 and to pursue a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, in adopting these goals, the United Nations Secretary-General emphasized that this is “an agenda for shared prosperity, peace and partnership (that) conveys the urgency of climate action (and) is rooted in gender equality and respect for the rights of all. Above all, it pledges to leave no one behind”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary-General warned: “We need action from everyone, everywhere. Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals are our guide. They are a to-do list for people and planet, and a blueprint for success”; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Development Goals recognize that our global goals cannot be achieved unless we create a world where all of our children can be safe, healthy, and well-educated; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Development Goals commit to ending all forms of severe malnutrition by 2030 and to ending preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Davis, particularly its school children, have long championed children’s health and survival through collecting contributions for the United Nations Children’s Fund, known as UNICEF, a two-time recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace; and

WHEREAS, the children of Davis have repeatedly been named UNICEF Emissaries and heroes by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in recognition of their outstanding contributions over several decades through the “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” program, a program of children helping children; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Davis, young and old, recognize the importance of undertaking efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a peaceful and more just world.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Davis City Council, do hereby proudly proclaim that October 24 and 25, 2015 were celebrated as United Nations Day, that the City continued its long tradition of flying the United Nations flag at the City Hall and other locations in the City in recognition of the occasion and that the week of October 25-31 be declared Support UNICEF Week in the City of Davis.

DATED: October 27, 2015

Daniel Wolk
Mayor

Robb Davis
Mayor Pro Tem

Lucas Frerichs
Councilmember

Brett Lee
Councilmember

Rochelle Swanson
Councilmember

International Film Series (NOW IN OUR 19TH YEAR)

Shown at International House, 10 College Park, on first and third Friday nights, Sept. - May
Sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF DAVIS and I-HOUSE

There is no charge, but donations are welcomed and gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of DVD rental or purchase, facilities use, cups, plates etc. and the refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 8.

November 6 – December 18, 2015 Schedule

November 6, 2015 ***Under The Same Moon (La Misma Luna)*** (2007, Mexico/U.S., directed by Patricia Riggen, written by Ligiah Villalobos, 106 min.)

Carlitos (Adrian Alonso) is a 9-year old Mexican boy who cares for his sick grandmother and waits at the village payphone each Sunday for a call from his mother, Rosario (Kate del Castillo), who has been an undocumented worker in Los Angeles for four years. After the death of his grandmother, Carlitos connects with inexperienced “coyotes” (including America Ferrera as Martha) to make it across the border. Once there, he has to continue the journey on his own, determined to reach his mother before her next call. He experiences many immigrant predicaments, joined for most of it by a reluctant Enrique (Eugenio Derbez). The film blunts the hard edges of immigration but nevertheless sheds light on some of the issues and common experiences. (#386)

November 20, 2015 ***Barbara*** (2012, Germany, written and directed by Christian Petzold, 105 min.)

East Germany, 1980. Barbara (Nina Hoss) is a chain-smoking doctor who has been assigned to a rural medical clinic as punishment for applying for an exit visa (she had previously been on the staff of a prestigious Berlin hospital). She is under constant surveillance by the Stasi. The clinic is run by André Reiser (Ronald Zehrfeld) who is an informer for the Stasi but whose priority are his patients and making do with limited resources. He admires his new colleague’s medical knowledge while she in turn is impressed with the lab he has built. Two hospital cases, especially Stella (Jasna Fritzi Bauer), a young runaway from a labor camp, bring them closer as they try to solve medical and other dilemmas. Barbara’s plans to find a way to escape are impacted by her local involvement. The film dramatically illustrates the constant fear of surveillance and the tension created by a gap between private and public behavior. (#387)

December 4, 2015 ***Tangerines*** (2013, Estonia/Georgia, written and directed by Zaza Urushadze, 87 min.)

The film takes place during the 1992-93 conflict between Georgia and Abkhazia that displaced numbers of people, among them many Estonians who lived in the area but returned to their homeland during the war. Two Estonian men remain in a village to harvest the season’s crop of tangerines. Ivo (Lembit Ulfak) makes the wooden crates for Margus’ (Elmo Nüganen) tangerines. Before the harvest is completed, two wounded survivors from opposite sides of the war end up in Ivo’s home: Ahmed (Giorgi Nakashidse), a Chechen mercenary on the Abkhazian side and Niko (Mikheil Meskhi), a Georgian volunteer. Initially the soldiers are determined to kill each other once they recover, but Ivo secures a pledge from both that they will not carry out this vengeance while he shelters them under his roof. As they share daily meals and stories with each other and the two Estonians, their belligerence softens and they begin to recognize each other’s humanity. Nominated for 2015 Best Foreign Language Oscar. (#388)

December 18, 2015 ***Certified Copy*** (2010, France/Italy/Belgium/Iran, directed by Abbas Kiarostami, 106 min.)

Set in Tuscany, the film focuses on a British writer, James Miller (opera singer William Shimell in his first film role) and a French antique dealer, Elle or She (Juliette Binoche) who meet as a result of his conducting a lecture and book signing for his new publication titled “Certified Copy,” which argues that in art issues of authenticity are irrelevant, because every reproduction is itself an original and even the original is a copy of another form. During the afternoon they spend together in a beautiful landscape their relationship transforms itself in several dimensions, leaving the viewer puzzled to determine which is the true reality and which is the certified copy. Also with Jean-Claude Carrière as the Man in the Square, Agathe Natanson as the Woman in the Square, Gianna Giachetti as the Café owner, Adrian Moore as the Son, Angelo Barbagallo as the Interpreter, Andrea Laurenzi as the Guide and Filippo Troiano and Manuela Balsimelli as the Groom and Bride. (#389)

DAVIS STUDENTS' IMPRESSIONS OF THE IGMUN EXPERIENCE

My time at the IGMUN conference on the Berkeley campus was a fun and educational experience. As a novice to Model UN, I knew little of what to expect but I was eager to jump into my role as a delegate of Indonesia. I was assigned to the General Assembly where our goal as delegates was to create resolutions for implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16 that focuses on peace building and government accountability across all nations. With the help of experts who served as policy advisers, my fellow delegates and I were able to draft three resolutions for achieving goal 16.

In all, IGMUN proved to be an invaluable experience in teaching me about some of the major obstacles to implementing the SDGs and the role the UN can play in achieving these goals, as well as the process of drafting and presenting a resolution based on real world information and advice from our policy experts.

Funke Aderonmu, UCD student sponsored by Davis UNA

The Davis chapter also sponsored a group of Davis High School students to participate in IGMUN V. Here are some of their opinions and impressions:

--I really enjoyed the IGMUN conference and had a great time at my first Model UN event. Even though our country was Mongolia, it gave me a chance to take a backseat and listen to some of the more experienced delegates. Learning the motions was at first kind of a pain, but at least I know them now. Overall, the conference was pretty fun and I expect BMUN to be also!

--It was an enjoyable learning experience in which I was able to apply useful MUN procedures. As a newcomer to the MUN world, it was a great starting point, for (hopefully) many more conferences to come. It was cool to converse with other delegates, and work together to find solutions to a global issue. Because this conference was intergenerational, I was more aware of the different points of view, based on the varying age groups. The experience overall allowed me to have a deeper understanding of global issues, and how they affect different groups of people. I would totally go again!

--The IGMUN conference was a great experience that I hope will continue for years to come. I represented Mongolia in a committee about Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). My favorite part of the conference was the "special advisor" who added so much background information about the topic. He had formerly been a US representative to the UN, so it was especially interesting to hear how a former diplomat perceived Model UN. I would like to thank the Davis UNA Chapter for sponsoring our trip to the conference.



Left to right

Madison Taggart, Scarlett Kaufusi, Garrett Ma, Patrick Hendershott, Mac Gray, Sam Goidell



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

A huge thank you to President Obama for denying the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. Let us now focus on creating jobs from sustainable energy projects, provide access to fresh, local produce to low income neighborhoods, protect our water supply, and connect technology and transportation so it's easier to use mass transit instead of jumping in our cars. I am hopeful my fellow Americans have realized the dangers we are facing with the changing climate and are ready to take action.

Regards,

KVB

Don't have time to be a board member but would still like to volunteer? Well we need you! Event leaders for UNA sponsored programs will take on one event of their choice during the year. We are starting exploratory committees for:

International Day of Peace September 2015

Annual Dinner/UN Day October 2015

IGMUN at UC Berkeley October 2015

UNA Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Model UN Clubs

Young Professionals Group

We welcome your thoughtful and civilized comments! Please email your Letters to the Editor to:
kate.unausa@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates

November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development
November 14	Sacramento 2nd Annual Town Hall on Climate Change, Sac City College, 8:30am-4:00pm
November 16	Climate Change: A Global Crisis, Clunie Clubhouse, 6:30pm-8:00pm
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 5	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

United Nations International Year Observances for 2015:
International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies
International Year of Soils

Dues and donations: Please remember to pay your yearly membership dues. We are an all-volunteer organization and depend on our members' support in order to bring quality programs to you and our community.

UNA board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. If you have an idea for a program or would like the UNA board to address an issue, email Sharon Alexander (alexanders@csus.edu) to be considered for an upcoming agenda item.

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