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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION With UNA Davis and Sacramento Chapters

Thursday, March 3, 7-9 p.m.
at International House, 10 College Park, Davis

Marginalization, Reconciliation and The Work of the United Nations
Rev. Kristin Stoneking Executive Director, Fellowship of Reconciliation

Rev. Stoneking will discuss her experiences as a woman, as a person of faith and as a member of the LGBT community that have led to a vocation in peacemaking and reconciliation. Fellowship of Reconciliation is the nation's oldest and largest interfaith peace and justice organization, founded in 1915. FOR has consultative status at the UN through the Economic and Social Council and is headquartered in New York.

Rev. Stoneking makes her home in Davis with her wife and two children.

The event is free and open to the public.

An informal reception with refreshments will follow the presentation.

Co-sponsored by: United Nations Association, Davis and Sacramento Chapters

International House Davis

Fellowship of Reconciliation

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UNA Sacramento February Event

UNA-USA NorCal Division Meeting

Saturday, February 27, 2016

African American Arts and Cultural Center (AAACC) 762 Fulton St. San Francisco

9:15am Registration

10:00am to 12:30pm Meeting: Introductions, reports, presentations, conference

12:30-1:15pm Lunch

1:15 to 3:45pm Presentation and discussion, new business and proposals, conclusions and follow up, adjournment

Cost: \$15 per participant (includes breakfast and lunch)

Parking is free in AAACC parking lot

For more information: Herb Behrstock herb@behrstock.com

February Speaker Event

“War Against the People: Israel, the Palestinians and Global Pacification” talk by Jeff Halper

Sunday, February 21, 2016 7:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento

American Israeli Jeff Halper is Co-Founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) and Coordinator of the Wars Against the People Project. Halper serves on the international support committee of the Bertrand Russell Tribunal on Palestine, and was nominated by the American Friends Service Committee for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, together with Palestinian intellectual and activist Ghassan Andoni.

International Women's Day is March 8, 2016

The theme for this year is “Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality.” The United Nations observance on March 8 will reflect on how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals. It will equally focus on new commitments under UN Women’s Step It Up initiative, and other existing commitments on gender equality, women’s empowerment and women’s human rights.

About IWD

The United Nations began celebrating International Women’s Day (IWD) on March 8 during International Women’s Year 1975. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women’s Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.

International Women’s Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. Since those early years, International Women’s Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women’s movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women’s conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women’s rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.



Increasingly, International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

'The world needs science and science needs women,' says UN on new International Day

More than ever today, the world needs science and science needs women, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said today marking the first International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

“UNESCO's message is clear – the new [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development] will not meet its promise without investing in women's and girls' empowerment through and in science,” Irina Bokova highlighted in a message.

According to the most recent UNESCO Science Report, women account for only 28% of researchers across the world, with the gap deepening at the higher echelons of decision-making. Women also have less access to funding, to networks, to senior positions, which puts them at a further disadvantage in high impact science publishing.

“This calls for deep and sustained change, starting in the earliest years through improved participation of women and girls in science education, training and research activities at all levels,” Ms. Bokova stressed.

“Girls' and women's access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) cannot be envisaged when girls and women remain the majority of out-of-school children, youth and illiterate adults. This gap throws a shadow over entire societies, as no country can move forward with only half its creativity, energy, and dreams,” she added.

Based on a study conducted in 14 countries, the United Nations estimates that the probability for female students of graduating with a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Doctor's degree in science-related field are 18%, 8% and 2% respectively, while the percentages of male students are 37%, 18% and 6%.

“Gender equality is a global priority at UNESCO, and promoting women and girls in science stands at the heart of this action, through a range of initiatives,” noted Ms. Bokova, inviting all partners and Governments to redouble efforts to empower girls and women through and in science, as a foundation to take forward the 2030 Agenda.

-UN News Centre, February 11, 2016





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January 26, 2016

United Nations Association, Davis Chapter
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Dear United Nations Association, Davis Chapter,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$14,500.00 received on December 30, 2015 to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Your gift, along with the \$100,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor, can triple the impact of your support.

Every day, Thousands of children under the age of five die every day because they lack proper nutrition, safe drinking water, affordable vaccines and other basic necessities that most people in the U.S. take for granted. UNICEF's lifesaving interventions and programs around the world have helped reduce the number of child deaths by nearly 50% since 1990, and yet 17,000 children still die every day from preventable causes.

The solutions to many of the problems facing children often cost only a few pennies per child. Oral Rehydration Salts, vitamin A supplements, insecticide-treated mosquito nets, and vaccines are just some of the inexpensive solutions that can be leveraged and extended across countries and continents.

Once again, please accept my most sincere thanks for your support – and join us in doing whatever it takes to save children's lives. United, we can help decrease the number of preventable childhood deaths from 25,000 every day to **zero**.

Sincerely,

Caryl M. Stern
President & CEO

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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.**

February 5 – March 18, 2016 Schedule

February 5, 2016 *Séraphine* (2008, France/Belgium, directed by Martin Provost, 125 min.)

Belgian actress Yolande Moreau stars in this true story about the life of Séraphine Louis, known as Séraphine de Senlis, a simple and devout housekeeper who had a remarkable talent for painting and a great love of nature. Beginning in 1905 she followed what she regarded as divine inspiration at night since she had to work all day to earn her livelihood. In 1912 a noted German art critic and dealer, Wilhelm Uhde (Ulrich Tukur), came to live in the house where Séraphine worked; he discovered her art and encouraged her. World War I forced him to leave France. In 1927 he returned and saw how good Séraphine's paintings had become. Selling her paintings brought her rewards but also upset her balance. In 1942 she died in a French mental institution. (#392)

February 19, 2016 *Cartas del Parque / Letters from the Park* (1988, Cuba, directed by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, 98 min.)

Based on stories by Gabriel García Márquez, this film is set in Matanzas, Cuba in 1913, a time before today's common methods of communication. A romantic triangle (only obvious to the viewer) is created between the boy, Juan (Miguel Paneke), the girl, Maria (Ivonne Lopez) and the scribe in the park who writes the love letters for them, Pedro (Victor Laplace). Pedro composes poetic letters for Juan and Maria, hiding from them the fact that he is actually creating their romance and that in fact he is in love with Maria, who resembles his late wife. Besides his devotion to Maria, Juan is also thoroughly devoted to the idea of becoming a balloonist. According to one reviewer, "Despite its theme of thwarted desire, *Letters from the Park* is a charming, picturesque Valentine." (#393)

March 4, 2016 *The Way* (2010, USA/Spain, directed by Emilio Estevez, 123 min.)

American ophthalmologist Thomas Avery (Martin Sheen) flies to France to retrieve the body of his son Daniel (Emilio Estevez, Sheen's son in real life) who was killed during a storm in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James). He decides to honor his son's memory by making the pilgrimage of hundreds of miles himself, carrying Daniel's ashes and scattering them along the way. Determined to walk on his own, he inevitably meets other pilgrims from around the world and ends up walking most of the way with three others: talkative, overweight Joost from Amsterdam (Yorick van Wageningen) who aims to lose weight, unhappy and divorced Sarah from Canada (Deborah Kara Unger) who is making the pilgrimage to quit smoking, and Jack from Ireland (James Nesbitt) who suffers from writer's block. Filmed on location among international pilgrims, local hostel keepers – even a Romani street festival in Burgos – in beautiful landscapes, this film explores universal themes of loss and the importance of community and communication. (#394)

March 18, 2016 *Tracks* (2013, Australia, directed by John Curran, 113 min.)

In 1977, at the age of 27, naturalist Robyn Davidson traveled for nine months from Alice Springs across 1677 miles of Australian desert to the Indian Ocean with her dog, four unpredictable camels and a hunting rifle, a journey documented by National Geographic photographer Rick Smolan. Based on Davidson's book of the same name, *Tracks* puts this extraordinary feat on the screen with Mia Wasikowska as Robyn and Adam Driver as Rick Smolan (who shows up at certain points during the trip). While Robyn essentially walks alone and maintains her freedom to be alone during sandstorms, unbearable heat and unexpected dangers, she does recognize that she needs some support. An Aboriginal elder, Eddy (Roly Mintuma), for instance, makes sure she avoids Aboriginal sacred lands, resulting in a 160-mile detour at one point. Mandy Walker's extraordinary cinematography beautifully illustrates Robyn's love of nature and spirit of adventure. (#395) ***THIS COMPLETES THE 19TH YEAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES.***



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Just wanted you to know about an upcoming lecture at Sacramento State, Hysteria, Racism, Politics: Parallels between the WWII Japanese American Internment and attitudes toward the Muslim Community. Congresswoman Doris Matsui is the keynote speaker and is sponsoring this important talk.

When: February 19, 2016 4-5pm reception, 5-7pm Keynote speaker and panel session

Where: Harper Alumni Center, State University Drive South/College Town Drive Sacramento

RSVP to Lisa Woodard-Mink at lisa.woodard-mink@csus.edu or 916-278-3852

Regards,

S.A.

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 2016

Annual Dinner/UN Day October 2016

IGMUN at UC Berkeley October 2016

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:
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February 6 International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
 February 13 World Radio Day (UNESCO)
 February 14 Love the Earth singalong -350 Sacramento, The Met High School 810 V St. Sacramento 1-3pm.
 February 19 UNA Member's Day, United Nations Headquarters, New York
 February 27 UNA NorCal Division Meeting, African American Arts and Cultural Center, San Francisco
 March 3 UNA Davis and Sacramento General Meeting: International House, Davis 7-9pm
 March 6 UNA Sacramento Board Meeting, UUSS 2425 Sierra Dr. Sacramento 9-10am.
 March 14-26 Commission on the Status of Women, UN Headquarters, New York

United Nations International Year Observances for 2016:
 International Year of Pulses

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 Sunday 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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