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Celebrate Earth Day with the United Nations Association!
Sunday, April 24th, 2016 11:00am – 4:00pm
Southside Park, Sacramento

Living Green is Second Nature

Over 150 organizations and businesses exhibit a vast array of practical information, goods and services that cultivate a healthier and more sustainable way of living. Admission is free and it is anticipated to attract more than 4,000 attendees. A primary goal of Earth Day is to educate community members on the need to reduce the footprint of our daily lives and preserve the planet for future generations.

Visit UNA Sacramento at our booth and chat about the upcoming election for the new UN Secretary General.

For more information: www.ecosacramento.net



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Following up on the Paris Agreement:

The United States and China will sign the Paris Agreement in a special signings ceremony on April 22, 2016 at the United Nations. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon welcomes the announcement that both countries commit to taking steps in their respective countries to join the Agreement as early as possible this year, while urging other countries to do so as well so that the Paris Agreement can enter into force as early as possible.

The Secretary-General is further encouraged by the commitment of the world's two largest emitters to work for successful outcomes this year to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the Montreal Protocol, the International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and at the upcoming G-20 Summit in Hangzhou, China.

The April 22nd Signature Ceremony will build on the strong political momentum from Paris for urgent global action on climate change by all countries, which is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and creating a more prosperous, equitable and livable future for all people.

Save the date! The always inspiring Physicians For Social Responsibility essay contest finals dinner is May 1, 2016. For tickets and reservations: www.sacpsr.org or email: info@sacpsr.org or call 916-955-6333

**“Peace can only last where
human rights are respected, where
the people are fed, and where
individuals and nations are free”**



The 14th Dalai Lama

**The Sacramento Chapter of
Physicians for Social Responsibility**

Invites you to the 2016 scholarship essay contest finals dinner.
Come hear the 10 finalists present their essays based on the above quote.
\$15,000 in scholarship awards will be given.

Where: Double Tree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento When: May 1, 2016
Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm, Cost: \$40 per person
For Reservations: go to www.sacpsr.org, email: info@sacpsr.org, or call 916-955-6333 by April 26



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Will A Woman Finally Lead The United Nations? The 2016 Secretary-General Election Could Make History - by Lydia Tomkiw, *International Business Times*

Ban Ki-moon, Kofi Annan, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Kurt Waldheim, U Thant, Dag Hammarskjöld and Trygve Lie. These names have two things in common: Each has served as the secretary-general of the United Nations, and each is a man. With Ki-moon stepping down at the end of the year, 2016 could finally see a woman take the helm of the 70-year-old institution with 193 member states.

Politicking is already under way, with pressure building for what would be two historic firsts: a female candidate from Eastern Europe, a region that has never had a turn at the top of the U.N. Some experts hope if a woman is at the helm, there will be a greater focus on conflict prevention and sustainable peace at a moment when the U.N. is embroiled in sexual abuse peacekeeping scandals, confronting growing challenges from terrorism and facing a refugee crisis around the globe. But finding an Eastern European woman that Russia and the U.S. — both permanent members of the Security Council that have the ability to veto — can agree on could be a major challenge, particularly with ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Syria.

"This is kind of the last glass ceiling internationally. The Security Council is the authoritative body for peace enforcement and security issues around the world, so having a woman leading would be a very strong statement," said Shazia Rafi, a member of the WomenSG campaign to elect a female U.N. head and a former secretary-general for Parliamentarians for Global Action. Rafi recalled the challenges she faced while rising in her own career, when women in many government organizations were regarded with skepticism and not hired in great numbers because of concerns about their families and caretaker roles, she said.

Women make up half of the world's population but only hold about 25 percent of the U.N.'s highest positions in the Secretariat, despite the body's stated goal of gender equality. With a new year under way, advocates and ambassadors have come to together to publicly push for a woman to be elected, with WomenSG highlighting "Outstanding Women" from around the world in an effort to showcase qualified potential candidates.

Two women from Eastern Europe have already been nominated by their governments: Irina Bokova of Bulgaria, who currently serves as the director-general of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), and Vesna Pusić, who serves as the first deputy prime minister and minister of foreign and European affairs of Croatia. Two men — Danilo Türk, who served as Slovenia's president, and Srgjan Kerim, a Macedonian diplomat and former president of the U.N. General Assembly — have also already been officially nominated as candidates for secretary-general. Intense debate over candidates will likely begin in the early summer in the hopes that the next head will be selected and overlap with Ki-moon before he steps down on Dec. 31.

Secretary-general candidates are put forth by member states, and candidates with experience in large international organizations or at the helm of their own countries are the norm. Whoever is selected to fill the role will act as the "chief administrative officer" of the U.N., setting the organization's agenda and with the ability to bring issues to the attention of the Security Council. Past heads have chosen to focus on problems ranging from ending poverty to climate change.

The creation in 2010 of the U.N. Women division, which pushes for gender equality and empowerment, has helped put a greater focus on discussions about the roles women can play in international conflict resolution within the global organization. Activists hope that debate will help make their case this year that a woman should take the lead of the U.N.



International Film Series (STARTING OUR 20TH 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.

April 15 – May 20, 2016 Schedule

WE ARE NOW IN THE 20TH YEAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES.

April 15, 2016 *Fanfan La Tulipe* (1952, France, directed by Christian-Jacque, 102 min.)

This comedy/adventure/swashbuckler film is set during the reign of King Louis XV and in its historical setting pokes fun at royalty, the military and endless wars (“The only king’s sport that can be played by common folk.”). Fanfan La Tulipe (Gérard Philipe) is both a womanizer and a very skilled swordsman. A persuasive “fortune teller” (Gina Lollobrigida) tricks him with the prediction that he will marry a princess, causing him to enlist in the army to follow his fortune. Vashek Cervinka will give a short commentary at the beginning to illustrate what this film represented to him and his fellow army recruits in the Czech Republic. (#397)

May 6, 2016 *Ida* (2013, Poland, directed by Pawel Pawlikowski, 82 min.)

Filmed in black and white and set in early 1960s Poland, this film is centered on two women and their (as well as their country’s) history in the years of the Nazi occupation and the Communist regime that followed. Anna (Agata Trzebobowska, who had no prior acting experience) is an 18-year-old orphan who grew up in a convent and is about to take her vows. The Mother Superior insists that she first go to meet her only known relative, an Aunt Wanda (Agata Kulesza) in Lodz of whose existence Anna knew nothing. Wanda, a former prosecutor with high Communist rank, tells Anna that her real name is Ida Lebenstein, that she is Jewish and that her parents were killed during World War II, without details. They resolve to discover how their family members died and where they were buried, resulting in a road trip during which Ida learns bits and pieces about her family and we observe many contrasts between these two women who are both searching for their identity. Much of the content of the story is insinuated but not depicted. The cinematography creates a strong and moving atmosphere and tells much without dialog. *Ida* won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 2015. Also with Dawid Ogrodnik as a saxophone player who takes an interest in Ida, Joanna Kulig as a vocalist, Adam Szyszkowski and Jerzy Trela as Christian farmers who had given shelter to the Lebensteins during the early years of the war. (#398)

May 20, 2016 *Terraferma* (2011, Italy, directed by Emanuele Crialese, 88 min.)

Set on and around a summer tourist island off the coast of Sicily, *Terraferma* (the misspelling of the title is thought to be a deliberate reference to a world with increasingly closed borders) graphically illustrates the complications and moral dilemmas presented by the arrival of boatloads of African immigrants fleeing war and abuse. Patriarch Ernesto (Mimmo Cuticchio) struggles to continue his family’s livelihood by fishing with the help of his young grandson Filippo (Filippo Pucillo). His son Nino (Giuseppe Fiorello) organizes activities for the tourists while his widowed daughter Giulietta (Donatella Finocchiaro), who feels trapped on the island and dreams of leaving, decides to rent out rooms to Italian weekend guests. Following the law of the sea that compels fishermen to save anyone in peril in the ocean puts Ernesto and his family in conflict with the law of the land that forbids the rescue of immigrants and punishes breaking that law with impounding the family’s fishing boat. The plight of the rescued Africans, among them a pregnant Ethiopian woman, Sara (Timnit T.) who gives birth in hiding, could not be more timely. Submitted to 2011 Academy awards, but not nominated. (#399)

*WE WILL TAKE OUR CUSTOMARY SUMMER BREAK DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.
SEE YOU BACK ON SEPTEMBER 2.*



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This year is shaping up to be quite exciting as candidates for elected office discuss and debate issues that will make significant changes to our society and planet. I hope our elected officials understand the importance of a strong United Nations and the reason the charter was signed in the first place. 2016 is also the year a new UN Secretary General is chosen. There are many qualified candidates and among those are experienced women who are extremely capable of leading the UN during these challenging times. I would like to see a woman lead the United Nations.

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 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:
kate.unausa@gmail.com

April 3: UNA Sacramento Board of Directors meeting, UUSS 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento 9:00am
April 7: World Health Day
April 22: International Mother Earth Day
April 24: Earth Day Southside Park, Sacramento 11:00am-4:00pm
April 24-30: World Immunization Week
May 1: UNA Sacramento Board of Directors meeting UUSS 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento 9:00am

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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