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UNA Sacramento December Program	UNA Davis	UNA Davis - UDHR	Save the Date!	UN Day Recap	International Film Series
Join UNA for a multicultural holiday potluck.	UNA Davis hosted a successful UN Day event at International	Sign up now to be a reader of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 11.	Authors of the history of the UNA will be educating our members on their	An Assembly Resolution, proposed ballot, and an update on the dinner from	Join UNA Davis and watch thought provoking films.
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# United Nations Association Sacramento - December Program

Join UNA Sacramento, Compassionate Capitol Region and One World For Love and Peace for a Multicultural Holiday Potluck!

Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share. Enjoy music, conversation and new friends!

When: Saturday, December 3, 2016 10:00am to 1:00pm

Where: Sierra 2 Center for the Arts, Curtis Hall 2791 24th St. Sacramento

Current UNA Sacramento members will be voting on a new slate of directors (see page 5)







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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

UNA SACRAMENTO DAVIS

### UNA - USA DAVIS CHAPTER 2016 UN DAY PROGRAM October 23 at International House Davis

# "ONE HUMANITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY"

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Davis Chapter of the United Nations Association (UNA-USA) marked the 71<sup>st</sup> United Nations Day. The event was free and open to the public, co-sponsored by UNA, International House Davis, the Davis Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the UCD student organization Aggies For Humanity.

In introducing the program, Davis UNA Chapter President Verena Borton reflected on the crucial work of the United Nations and recalled that last year's UN Day program launched the Sustainable Development Goals, commonly referred to as the Global Goals, that were adopted by all 193 members of the United Nations as a roadmap toward 2030.

Borton then introduced featured speaker Nicol Perez, the current U.S. Youth Observer to the UN, mentioning her many extraordinary accomplishments for someone so young. Nicol spoke about the

global refugee crisis, especially as it affects children who comprise more than half of the 65 million current refugees, and focused on the critical importance of a new campaign by UNA-USA chapters in cooperation with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) called "ADOPT-A-FUTURE."

Through this initiative UNA chapters and their communities aim to raise funds to support schools serving children in designated refugee camps, with guaranteed equal matching funds. Nicol emphasized how access to education is imperative to prevent the loss of a whole generation. Refugees spend as much as 17 years in camps before being resettled; millions of children miss out on going to school. UNA-USA is eager to make a difference through participating in ADOPT-A-FUTURE. Donation sheets with pre-addressed envelopes were made available by the Davis chapter for those who were inspired to lend support on the spot.



After the formal presentation, Nicol entertained a lively Q & A session with an engaged audience on topics related to the refugee crisis as well as to her selection as Youth Observer and the amazing opportunities this position has provided for her. She answered questions with poise and detailed knowledge.

A copy of the newly published book *The UN Association-USA, A Little Known History of Advocacy and Action* by James Wurst was presented to Nicol as a token of gratitude for her dedication to the UN and her untiring effort to promote ADOPT-A-FUTURE. As reading is one of her passions, Nicol was very pleased.

A reception followed, with delicious refreshments, entertaining conversation, and a deep sense of a community wanting to help.

by Lin Weaver and Verena Borton





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# DAVIS UNA CHAPTER INVITES YOU TO AN OBSERVANCE OF THE 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DECEMBER 11, 2016, 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 the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this milestone on Sunday, December 11, 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 read in 30 different languages by native speakers (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 and the universality of the Declaration.

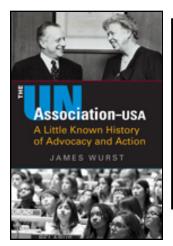
Participating in the ceremony as readers, listeners or observers has been meaningful and occasionally very moving for those who were present for the communal reading of the complete document. Although not legally binding, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been guiding the world since the 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 "Everyone has the right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality." (Article 15)

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.

<u>To volunteer to be a reader of one of the Articles</u>, please contact Verena Borton at <a href="mailto:rvborton@comcast.net">rvborton@comcast.net</a> as soon as possible, indicating your preferred language.

#### U N A S A C R A M E N T O D A V I S



# Save the Date for our January 2017 program!

James Wurst, author of "The UN Association: A Little Known History of Advocacy and Action," and Edward Elmendorf will be in Davis to discuss their research on this great institution!

**When**: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 7:30pm-9:00pm **Where**: International House, Davis 10 College Park

Thank you to **Dr. Bill Durston**, **Dr. Harry Wang** and **Physician for Social Responsibility** for a successful **UN Day 2016** event! Speaker **Ira Helfand** educated us on the very real and present danger of nuclear weapons. **Dr. Robert Nelson**, president of California State University Sacramento and **Nicol Perez**, the U.S. Youth Observer to the United Nations warmed up the crowd.



















A big thank you to **Senator Richard Pan**, **Assemblymember Kevin McCarty**, and staff members **Asael Sala** and **Andrew Becker** for recognizing UNA Sacramento's work on behalf of the United Nations for UN Day 2016 with an Assembly Resolution!

UNA Sacramento members in good standing will be able to vote on the following slate for the board of directors to support current president, **Kate Van Buren** for 2017:

Vice-President, Young Professionals Chair: Megan Nguyen

Treasurer: **Jack Kennedy** Membership: **Laura Hansen** 

Education Chair: **Sylvia Villalobos** Volunteer Coordinator: **Chee Chang** 

Directors at Large: Nicholas Alexander, Elena Ruiz, Rey Castellanos

Ballots will be be available at the Multicultural Potluck on December 3, 2016 from 10:00am to noon at Sierra 2 Center for the Arts 2791 24th St. Sacramento.











Transforming our world: the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a set of seventeen aspirational "Global Goals" with 169 targets between them. The United Nations Association Sacramento Chapter and the Physicians for social responsibility recently held a UN Day Dinner to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the United Nations. To support the Global Goals, we asked participants to tell us which goal they think is the most important and why. They jotted down their answers on large sticky notes and posted them to the wall. By the end of the event, we had a wall filled with people's voices and opinions. Connect with us on Facebook or Twitter and tell us which goal you think is most important and why so we can capture more opinions and viewpoints on the 17 Global Goals.

-Megan Nguyen, UNA Sacramento board member

# **International Film Series** (NOW IN 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.**

# November 4 – December 16, 2016 Schedule

November 4, 2016 *The Hundred-Foot Journey* (2014, USA, United Arab Emirates, India, directed by Lasse Halström, 122 min.)

Talented cook Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) and his family lead a life of culinary delights running a successful restaurant in India. Political upheaval results in the death of the mother and the ruin of the Kadam restaurant business. The family emigrates to Europe, first landing in the UK and soon seeking their fortune in France. Due to a car accident the family gets stuck in the village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val in southern France, welcomed through a chance encounter by Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon). She is a sous-chef in a nearby restaurant, "Le Saule Pleureur," run by snobbish Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren) who dreams of adding a star to her establishment's haute cuisine rating in the Michelin Guide. Papa Kadam (Om Puri) finds the perfect location and building for an Indian restaurant, "Maison Mumbai," – unfortunately directly across the street. An intense personal, cultural and culinary rivalry ensues between the two sides of the street, involving the mayor (Michel Blanc) and finally escalating to violence and xenophobic graffiti. Passions flare, inside the kitchens as well as outside, but eventually a promising solution is found, pleasing both the elders and the new generation's chefs. Also with Amit Shah as Mansur, Farzana Dua Elahe as Mahira and Aria Pandya as Aisha. (#404)

# November 18, 2016 Compassion in Action (2014, USA, directed by Khashyar Darvich, 60 min.)

This documentary featuring the Dalai Lama is being shown by the *UC Davis Hemispheric Institute on the Americas* during International Education Week in cooperation with International House and UNA. The Dalai Lama and other "innovative and revolutionary thinkers of our time explore the sources of happiness and unhappiness in our world." "Open your heart and become the change. What are the essential problems facing our world today, and how can we solve them? What is at the heart and soul of the cultural Hungry Ghosts that seek happiness and fulfillment through money and things, instead of from within?" (#405)

### December 2, 2016 A Bottle in the Gaza Sea (2011, France/Israel/Canada, dir. by Thierry Binisti, 100 min.)

This drama is based on the French young adult novel Une Bouteille dans la mer de Gaza by Valérie Zenatti who helped to adapt it for the screen. Zenatti also taught Hebrew to Agathe Bonitzer, who stars as 17-year old Tal, a French immigrant to Jerusalem. Set in 2007 and covering a single year, this is a story about a personal connection amid political dissonance in the Middle East: two young people living barely 60 miles apart but separated by walls and checkpoints (Tal and Naim, played by Mahmud Shalaby) become acquainted over the internet, sharing daily traumas and frustrations as well as youthful idealism and hope. The film is nonpartisan, sensitively showing both the Palestinian view and the Israeli view in the constant struggle of daily life. Hiam Abbass stars as Naim's widowed mother Intessar. (#405)

December 16, 2016 *Mustang* (2015, France/Germany/Turkey/Qatar, directed by Deniz Gamze Ergüven, 94 min.) School lets out for the summer. In a village in the north of Turkey, Lale (Günes Sensoy) and her four older sisters (Doga Zeynep Doguslu as Nur, Tugba Sunguroglu as Selma, Ilayda Akdogan as Sonay and Elit Iscan as Ece), all orphans being raised by their grandmother (played by Nihal Koldas), innocently play with male schoolmates on the beach to celebrate vacation. Observed by an elderly neighbor, their supposedly depraved behavior causes a scandal with unintended consequences. The family home slowly turns into a prison, Uncle Erol (Ayberk Pekcan) locks up the grounds and rounds up everything that could corrupt the girls further, classes on domestic skills replace school and marriages begin to be arranged. Despite the extreme patriarchal oppression, the five sisters fight back, each in her own way, pursuing their lost freedom and identities waiting to blossom, finding strength in their sisterly bond. All five are non-professional actors. (#406)

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In Memorandum~

Sadly, we have lost strong advocates for the United Nations recently.

**Alan Owen Nelson**, husband of past UNA Sacramento president **Sharon Alexander**, and stepfather of board member **Nicholas Alexander**, passed away in October.

**Tom Swift,** History professor at Sacramento State University, passed away in September.

We will miss you.

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 21
Annual Dinner/UN Day October 24
IGMUN at UC Berkeley October
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

November 6 UNA Sacramento Board of Directors meeting UUSS 2425 Sierra Dr. 9:00-10:00am

November 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development

November 12 Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting California Guild 3830 U St. Sacramento 10am-noon

November 16 International Day for Tolerance

November 20 Universal Children's Day

November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

November 26 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

December 3 Multicultural Potluck and Board Elections Sierra 2 2791 24th St. Sacramento 10:00am-1:00pm

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 kate.unausa@gmail.com to be considered for an upcoming agenda item.

Remember to check out our website, Facebook and Twitter.

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