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November 2014

UNA Sacramento Annual Dinner a Success

PSR and UNA bring 230 people together for an evening discussing global climate change.

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UNA-USA Sacramento joins with Physicians For Social Responsibility for 69th Anniversary of the United Nations

Widely traveled United Nations Development Program official Jerome Sauvage told the more than 200 attendees at the United Nations Annual Dinner climate change is having its most severe impact on the world's poorest people. Speaking before a first-ever joint dinner involving the Sacramento UNA Chapter and Physicians for Social Responsibility as well as guests, Sauvage said "peace is extremely vulnerable to climate change since refugees of disasters are impoverished and driven toward conflict."

Sauvage, whose UN assignments have taken him to India, North Korea and the Balkans said the UN needs to lead the way in disaster preparedness and early warning systems. "A dollar spent in advance saves seven dollars later," he added.

He listed a number of priority areas growing from the Millennium Development Goals — ranging from adequate food and clean water to eradication of extreme poverty. He invited audience members to examine those goals on the UN's website and ask their elected officials' support of the basic humane ideals listed there. Sauvage admitted the world is experiencing a "sense of crisis, that things are running out of control." He sounded a note of optimism: that youth today are much more connected to the world's problems and interested in solutions. The problems, he said, are global and the question is whether countries have the ability to find the funding that leads to those solutions.

-John Jervis, UNA-USA Sacramento



Jerome Sauvage, UNDP Deputy Director, Washington D.C.



Bill Durstin leads an experimental peace wave.



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Davis Celebration of UN Day

Approximately one hundred community members mingled during an October 24 reception at International House to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the United Nations prior to the official program. Co-sponsors International House Davis and the Davis Branch of AAUW helped to create a festive atmosphere.

Once the speaker had arrived, President of UNA Davis, Verena Borton, welcomed all and pointed out several statistics about the United Nations regarding peacekeeping, food aid, health, education, climate change, human rights and humanitarian aid. She urged support of UNICEF, especially during Davis' annual fall campaign of "children helping children."

Congressman John Garamendi was invited to speak about his extensive international experience with the UN and the role of the U.S. in the UN.

Long-time (since 1972) UNA member, Evelyn Rominger, introduced Congressman Garamendi as a leader for peace through his work as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, through his work on the House Armed Services Committee, and efforts with climate change.

Mr. Garamendi began with expressing his pleasure with public life, meeting others who also serve for the common good. He and Rich Rominger had shared the title of Deputy Secretary, one in the U. S. Department of the Interior and the other in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Through regular communication they were able to coordinate efforts to effect policies.

After Mr. Garamendi met his wife, Patti, he gave up his potential career as a professional football player and instead the couple went to Ethiopia for the Peace Corps in 1966-68. They worked in education and community building plans and projects, and saw first-hand what a difference UN support made. When the Garamendis returned to the Ethiopian community 30 years later, they observed and were gratified by the progress. They saw the cycle of improvement and growth with UN support.

In 1984-5, Ethiopia suffered war and famine. The U.S. and UN coordinated efforts to alleviate the famine with bags of grain carried from Djibouti by trucks bearing the UN logo. Eritrea and Ethiopia went to war. The U.S. was not welcome, but the UN was, and brokered peace with a UN border patrol. The United Nations can be involved where a solitary country like the U.S. cannot.

Touching on a subject included in UNA's national advocacy agenda, the ratification of UN treaties, Mr. Garamendi elaborated on the legal and logistical difficulties experienced by the U. S. due to the Senate's inability to ratify the UN Convention on The Law of the Sea by a two-thirds vote.

With the Ebola crisis, the UN through the World Health Organization is coordinating the response by preparing a mechanism and place for countries to work together. Mr. Garamendi gave several examples of the UN's work in peacekeeping and spoke of the huge task with the increasing millions of refugees. He also told of personal efforts made by him and other returned Peace Corps volunteers to facilitate peace negotiations in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Congo.

Mr. Garamendi then answered questions from the audience regarding the military draft (no, the legislature will not pass a renewal of the draft); the War Powers Act (he voted not to extend it); what to do about ISIL (use air power to degrade, deny money, reform the Iraqi government, define 'no boots on the ground'). He emphasized that we need to understand the history and culture of the Middle East and other regions where the U. S. becomes involved.

Responding to a question about adequate and timely funding of UN dues and commitments, Mr. Garamendi commented that Congress has many characters and factions, with definite opinions. The U.S. therefore more easily supports the UN by individual projects, rather than by a total financial payment. UN programs for women's reproductive health, for example, are not supported.

At the conclusion of the program, both Mr. Garamendi and Evelyn Rominger were presented with one Peace rose from the beds that the Davis UNA chapter gave to the Davis community in 1995 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter – a symbol of the peace we seek as individuals and as active supporters of the United Nations.

Juliana Wells
Member, UNA and AAUW



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In Memorandum: Thank you for your commitment to peace



Howard and Pennie Taylor, Pete Holmquist

Pete Holmquist, a long time active member of our UNA Sacramento Chapter and good friend of all of us that knew him, passed away on November 4th at the age of 95 from a long bout with cancer. He will be remembered for his dry humor and extensive knowledge of international affairs. There will be a memorial service at UUSS Fahs Room: 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento on December 2, 2014 at 1:15 PM.

Ted Webb was a long time active member and past president of our UNA Sacramento Chapter in 1991-92. He was also a minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento from 1971-83 and active member of the Humanists Organization. Ted passed away on November 6th at the age of 96. There will be a Family UUSS Memorial Service for him on December 13, 2014.

Our UNA Chapter, along with the Ted Webb, UUSS Discussion Group and Humanists Society will jointly celebrate his memory with a Celebration of Life on January 13, 2015 from 2 to 5 PM. Location to be announced.

We would welcome any comments and special memories of Ted that you would like to share, or if you are interested in working on this special event please contact: Carl Sweet at ernestsweet@aol

Here are some quotes from Ted as President of UNA back in 1991. They still apply to today's world:

"We prefer Peace to War"

"Economic sanctions should be given a chance to work"

"Diversity should be welcomed"

"...Need for a central UN and multilateral role over the long haul."



Ted Webb

Other UNA members who have recently passed:
Lauretta Flohr, Beth Bennett, Valerie Bass, Donald Coan, John Collentine. We honor your dedication to peace and human rights.



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ANNUAL DAVIS COMMUNITY UNICEF CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Davis school children once again are poised to go trick-or-treating for UNICEF, as they have done for decades on Halloween night. The campaign was launched at a City Council meeting on October 21 when a Proclamation declaring United Nations Day and Support UNICEF Week was presented by Mayor Pro Tem Robb Davis. He prefaced the reading of the Proclamation with some very personal anecdotes from his experiences in West Africa when UNICEF and other UN agencies were critical in responding to malaria and cholera outbreaks. Several children in costumes passed little orange UNICEF boxes around the Council chambers to start collecting the much-needed funds to help children in 190 countries and territories around the world.

Just in the past fifteen years, this effort in Davis of “children helping children” with the assistance of generous adults has raised nearly \$350,000 (including eight matching grants prompted by our large contributions) for child survival. It sends a powerful message to children that they can make a difference in the lives of their less fortunate peers whose lives are threatened by war, disease and lack of basics such as clean water or the opportunity to go to school. The process of learning about UNICEF’s work usually is the students’ first introduction to the United Nations.

The campaign continues through the end of December, when UNA will send this year’s check to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF in New York. We hope the amount will be large enough to once more trigger a matching grant. Davis has gained quite a wonderful reputation around UNICEF headquarters and it helps that we have a personal contact there.

What can you do if no trick-or-treaters come to your door? Davis UNA has for many years had an account at First Northern Bank exclusively used for UNICEF donations year-round. Tax deductible checks should be made out to UNICEF and sent to:

UNICEF (UNA-USA Account)
First Northern Bank
434 Second Street
Davis, CA 95616

**For more information contact Verena Borton at rvborton@comcast.net
or school campaign coordinator Jennifer Holman at acjthe@gmail.com
or visit www.unicefusa.org**



PROCLAMATION

UNITED NATIONS DAY 2014

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

WHEREAS, the United Nations was born from the hope and aspirations of the world that cooperation, compassion, and governance under the rule of law can reduce and 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 sixty-nine years ago; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2000, the United States and 188 other UN member nations, agreed on the Millennium Development Goals; and

WHEREAS, the fourth of the eight Millennium Development Goals focuses on the reduction of child mortality and seeks to reduce by two-thirds the mortality rate among children under five by 2015; and

WHEREAS, childhood death rates around the world have halved since 1990 and much of that improvement was achieved since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals, an estimated 6.6 million children under the age of 5 still died last year of preventable diseases; 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 proclaim that October 24, 2014 be celebrated as United Nations Day, and that the United Nations flag be flown at the City Hall and other locations in the City in recognition of the occasion, and that the week of October 26-November 1 be declared Support UNICEF Week in the City of Davis.

DATED: October 21, 2014

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International Film Series (Now in our 18th 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 7 – December 19, 2014 Schedule

November 7, 2014 ***Australia*** (2008, Australia, directed by Baz Luhrmann, 165 min.)

This is a big, ambitious, entertaining epic that tries to unite Western culture, aboriginal culture, the mythic power of the Wizard of Oz story, a romance and the early years of World War II into one story. Hugh Jackman as Drover and Nicole Kidman as Lady Sarah Ashley who has inherited a cattle station in Northern Australia organize a cattle drive to the port of Darwin to sell the cattle to the army. The story, with all its twists and turns traversing beautiful, sweeping landscapes is narrated by Nullah (Brandon Walters), a part-white aboriginal boy who is very bright and who displays mythical powers that have been transmitted to him by his grandfather named King George (David Gulpilil). By the time they reach their destination, Darwin is under attack by Japanese planes. Chaos ensues, but ultimately there is a happy ending for the main characters. This is not a realistic film, but it's a good story, "the way they used to make movie." Also with David Wenham (as Neil Fletcher), David Ngoombujarra (as Magarri), Bryan Brown (as King Carney), Ursula Yovich (as Daisy) and Lillian Combie (as Bandy Legs). (#368)

November 21, 2014 ***Cyrano de Bergerac*** (1990, France, directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau, 138 min.)

Edmond Rostand's classic drama of inner and outer beauty is given a lavish treatment in this production.

Gérard Depardieu portrays the title character, a brilliant, charismatic swordsman and a master at writing poetry. His one "flaw": he believes the size of his nose will prevent him from ever winning the hand of a woman. He channels his love for the beautiful Roxane (Anne Brochet) into letters and speeches delivered by Christian de Neuville (Vincent Perez) who has fallen in love with Roxane as well. The screenplay spins this love story in a web of court intrigue and scandal. Of special note is the fact that the English subtitles were written by renowned British author Anthony Burgess and parallel Rostand's original sound and poetry. Also with Jacques Weber (as Count de Guiche), Roland Bertin (as Ragueneau) and Philippe Morier-Genoud (as Le Bret). (#369)

December 5, 2014 ***Tales From the Golden Age*** (2009, Romania, directed by Hanno Höfer, Razvan Marculescu, Cristian Mungiu, Ioana Uricaru and Constantin Popescu, 141 min.)

The final fifteen years of the Ceausescu regime were the worst in Romania's history, but the propaganda machine of that time (ending in 1989) referred to the period as the country's "golden age." This film is an anthology of six "urban legends" of Romanian life, recapturing the mood of a nation trying to survive with wit under a brutal dictatorship when food was more important than money, freedom more important than love and survival more important than principles. One reviewer likened the film's lyrical political satire to Gogol. Actors include Alexandru Potocean (Secretary), Teo Corban (Mayor), Emanuel Pirvu (Party Inspector), Avram Birau and Paul Dunca (Photographers), Diana Cavallioti (Crina), Radu Iacoban (Bughi) and others. (#370)

December 19, 2014 ***Before Midnight*** (2013, U.S., directed by Richard Linklater, 109 min.)

The sequel to *Before Sunrise* (1995) and *Before Sunset* (2004) brings us the same actors, Ethan Hawke as Jesse and Julie Delpy as Celine, after another nine-year interval. In their early forties, they are on vacation in Greece with their twin daughters. While there are extended conversations just between the two main actors, they also are shown in scenes where they talk to younger and older couples, offering different views on love, marriage and romance. In the earlier films, Jesse and Celine talked about their future, ambitions, fears and dreams. In this one they focus on mistakes of the past and present problems. *Before Midnight* explores the complexities of modern love and life in an international setting (filmed in Greece) with smart and elegant dialog. Also with Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick as Hank, Jennifer and Charlotte Prior as Ella and Nina, Xenia Kalogeropoulou as Natalia, Yiannis Papadopoulos as Achilleas and Athina Tsangari as Ariadni. (#371)



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor and UNA Sacramento Members,

In lieu of the results of this Tuesday's national election with all its propaganda, there was little mention of our country's roll in the many international conflicts and no mention of our support of the United Nations, by either the politicians or the mainstream press. I think it is essential that all our members speak out in support of a strong United Nations and their involvement in the international issues of immigration, climate change and world peace. Join us at our monthly meetings and write individual letters to our newly elected representatives on these issues.

We will not accomplish world peace or achieve control over climate change without the United Nations.

Peace be with you, Carl Sweet

Annual Vigil for Peace and Justice, Dec 9, 2014

Candles will light up the corner of 16th and J streets in Sacramento on Tuesday, Dec. 9, for Sacramento's 32d annual Candlelight Vigil for Peace and Justice.

The vigil commemorates the 66th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on Dec 10, 1948.

Bring candles in a windproof container, or other lighting, from 4:30 to 6 PM. The vigil will be held rain or shine. There will be a social gathering afterward at Luna's Café, nearby at 1414 16th St.

Joining Sacramento Area Peace Action as co-sponsors are the Sacramento UNA-USA, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Grandmothers for Peace International, Veterans for Peace, and Sacramento Physicians for Social Responsibility.

For more information, phone 916-448-7157.

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

The United Nations

- Provides food to 90 million people in 80 countries
- Vaccinates 58 percent of the world's children, saving 3 million lives a year
- Assists over 38.7 million refugees and people fleeing war, famine or persecution
- Works with 193 countries to combat climate change and make development sustainable
- Keeps peace with 120,000 peacekeepers in 16 operations on 4 continents
- Fights poverty, helping improve the health and well-being of 420 million rural poor
- Protects and promotes human rights on site and through some 80 treaties/declarations
- Mobilizes USD 22 billion in humanitarian aid to help people affected by emergencies
- Uses diplomacy to prevent conflict: assists some 60 countries a year with their elections
- Promotes maternal health, saving the lives of 30 million women a year

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Upcoming Dates

November 5: World Teachers' Day (UNESCO)
November 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development
November 11-17: International Week of Science and Peace
November 20: Universal Children's Day
December 2: Service for Pete Holmquist. UUSS 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento 1:15pm
December 5: International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
December 9: Vigil for Peace and Justice: 16th St. and J St. 4:30pm-6:00pm
December 10: 65th Anniversary Universal Declaration of Human Rights
December 13: Service for Ted Webb. UUSS 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento

United Nations International Year Observances for 2014:

International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
International Year of Small Island Developing States
International Year of Crystallography
International Year of Family Farming

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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