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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**League of Women Voters Pot Luck.** Monday, 12 September, 5:15 to 8:45 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 3448 N. Taft Ave., Loveland. This is a great way to meet Leaguers and find out what the League is doing. Supper is at 5:15 (guests free of charge). We hope UNA members will join us at this annual event.

**UNA Informal Discussion Series.** Saturday, 17 September, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Global Village Museum, 200 West Mountain Ave, Fort Collins. Rhonda Parmley, Executive Director of the HealthKind Foundation, and representatives from Project Education Sudan, and the Nuba Water Project will talk about their experiences in Sudan.

**Peace in the Park.** Saturday, 17 September, noon through 6:00 p.m., Foote Lagoon/Civic Center Park, 300 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Loveland. Join us for the *5th Annual Peace in the Park Festival* in honor of the *UN International Day of Peace*. Everyone is welcome. See <http://www.peaceinthepark.org/>.

**League of Women Voters Great Decisions Series.** Monday, 3 October, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Collins. This meeting will focus on *Making Sense of Multilateralism*. Please bring a brown bag lunch, if you wish. If you will arrive after 11:50, please contact Linda Grey-Wilson (218-2815) for access to the building. Guests are always welcome.

**UNA UN Day Program.** Sunday, 23 October, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 201 Peterson St., Ft Collins. Join us in honoring our Essay Contest winners and celebrating UN Day with cake.

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hope you have had an enjoyable, restful and renewing summer break. Nasir and I want to remind you, as fall approaches, what our Northern Colorado Chapter schedule will be.

On Sept. 17, our next informal program and discussion will take place at 10 a.m. at the Global Village Museum when Rhonda Parmley and others will discuss their *Experiences in Sudan*.

Our October schedule includes a full board meeting on the 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heart of the Rockies Christian Church and the UN Day Program on Sunday afternoon, the 23<sup>rd</sup> (see *Upcoming Events*) and an Informal Discussion is set for Saturday, 12 November (details to follow).

If you have any questions about these scheduled events, please feel free to contact either Nasir (492-9031) or Hugh (225-0983) at any time. We look forward to welcoming you all, including our new members, at our fall meetings and programs.

Whether you are a long time, short time or brand new member, Nasir and I invite you to consider joining one of the Standing or Program Committees.

The Standing Committees include:

**Membership and Hospitality** (chaired by Margaret Smith, [MacSmith36@aol.com](mailto:MacSmith36@aol.com))

**Education** (chaired by Dick Rush, [crush@frii.com](mailto:crush@frii.com))

**Advocacy** (chaired by Eleanor Dwight [eleanor@dwightcentral.com](mailto:eleanor@dwightcentral.com)), and

**Indigenous Concerns** (chaired by Christinia Eala, [christiniawin@yahoo.com](mailto:christiniawin@yahoo.com)).

The Program Committees include:

**International Humanitarian Award** (co-chaired by Elissa Tivona, [etivona@multimediapub.com](mailto:etivona@multimediapub.com), and Bill DeMarco, [william.demarco@gmail.com](mailto:william.demarco@gmail.com))

**UN Day** (chaired by Peggy Christiansen, [ucm@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:ucm@lamar.colostate.edu))

**International Human Rights Day** (chaired by Stan Kidder, [stankidder@comcast.net](mailto:stankidder@comcast.net)), and

**Annual Luncheon Meeting** (co-chaired by Debbie Hamilton and Chuck Cairns, [arture2000@yahoo.com](mailto:arture2000@yahoo.com)).

Standing Committees are active throughout the year, while Program Committees focus on specific events scheduled once each year. If you would like more information about any of these committees, please contact the chairs with your questions. Once you make a decision on which committee or committees you would prefer to join, please contact either Nasir or Hugh who will inform the appropriate chair/co-chairs.

Hugh Sanborn, Co-president

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Each year our Education Committee sponsors an elementary school art contest and a middle school essay contest open to all the schools in the area. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receive modest monetary awards. If you are interested in donating to these awards, please contact Dick Rush at [crush@frii.com](mailto:crush@frii.com) or 667-5077.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

**Please Welcome These New Members** and note their names and e-mail addresses in your membership booklet.

- Charlene Compher [don@heyse.org](mailto:don@heyse.org)
- Lincoln Frager [countlincoln@hotmail.com](mailto:countlincoln@hotmail.com)

We are sorry to report the deaths of members Jeanne Nash and Ruth Jakubauskas, and previous member Gail Reader. They will be sorely missed.

**Please Note These Changes** in e-mail address:

- Valerie Baker-Easley [Valerie4@gmail.com](mailto:Valerie4@gmail.com)
- Jane Wallower [janegwallower@q.com](mailto:janegwallower@q.com)

*For reasons of privacy and space, we print in the Newsletter only names and e-mail addresses, not postal addresses nor telephone numbers.*

**Dues Reminders:** The national office has recently mailed out reminders to those people whose dues expire at the end of this quarter (30 Sep). We hope you'll continue your membership, and that you'll do so promptly so as to minimize confusion created by late payments. A membership form is provided on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

**Good News:** One of the benefits of the recent merger of the United Nations Association-USA with the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Foundation is that chapters now receive back from the national level 50% of the dues paid in. This is a substantial increase, as we used to get \$12.50 from a \$40 dues payment.

**Bring a Friend** to our upcoming fall programs! We are all part of the membership recruitment effort.

*Margaret Smith, Chair*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Education Committee has begun the process of distributing information to teachers in the Poudre and Thompson districts for this year's writing and art contests. The topic for the elementary art contest is "*The Roots of Peace*," with due date on October 3rd. The middle school writing contest topic is "*Legs, Lives and Landmines: the Role of the UN*," with submissions due on October 11th. As usual, winners will be invited to read their papers at our UN Day program.

Both the high school and college-level essay contests will be conducted in the spring, with the topic having to do with the Responsibility to Protect.

We are going to offer the UNA Speakers' Bureau for area schools again, as we did last spring. If any members would like to join the five of us on the bureau, offering to share experience and knowledge with area school classes, please contact Dick Rush at [crush@frii.com](mailto:crush@frii.com) or 667-5077.

*Dick Rush, Chair*

## INDIGENOUS CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT:

This fall, a workshop leader from the California Institute of Earth Art and Architecture (Cal Earth) will be coordinating an Eco-dome construction workshop and building a home at Wounded Knee. The plan is to have the home completed before the snow flies. Additional information is available at Tiyospaye Winyan Maka (<http://winyanmaka07.webs.com/>) or contact Christinia at [christiniawin@yahoo.com](mailto:christiniawin@yahoo.com).

*Christinia Eala, Chair*

### INFORMAL DISCUSSION #4: EXPERIENCES IN SUDAN



*South Sudan Independence Day, 9 July 2011*

In our fourth Informal Discussion, Rhonda Parmley, Executive Director of the HealthKind Foundation, and representatives from Project Education Sudan, and the Nuba Water Project will talk about their experiences in Sudan.

The **HealthKind Foundation** provides health care education

and services focused on child and maternal health in southern Sudan. The **Nuba Water Project** helps develop sustainable sources of clean water and **Project Education Sudan** helps build primary and secondary schools and train teachers in rural villages in South Sudan.

The presentation will include a brief political history of Sudan, current human rights violations, the state of health care, education and basic infrastructure in South Sudan, and what these three organizations are doing to help.

This program will be on Saturday, 17 September, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at Global Village Museum, 200 West Mountain Ave, Fort Collins.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

### UNA BOARD MEMBER LEAVES FOR SENAGAL

Our youngest Board Member, Meredith McKee, is leaving us for a year working for the *International Educators for Africa*, a program funded by USAID through the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH).

She will be in Senegal working at a teacher training academy at Tambacounda. Her primary role will be to focus on pre-service training of untrained teachers, enhancement of reading, writing, and computer skills, and possibly some sort of community-level English classes on the side. It is an excellent international opportunity for her and we wish all the best.

**WE ARE PROUD OF HER!!**

## MAPS OF THE WORLD, A SUCCESS

Our Informal Discussion in May dealt with maps. Those of us brought up on globes and Mercator projections were in for a surprise. Ms. Karen Smith showed a video and then led a discussion and room tour of a variety of maps.

Mapmakers come with regional or specialist biases which are reflected in their products. They may be Euro-centric, US-centric, or Fiji-centric. They may stress population, GDP (gross domestic product), urbanization, forest cover, religious orientation or banana production. One Australian map maker, tired of his nation's "down under" characterization, put Australia on top of the world, which pushed the northern hemisphere into the geographic basement and gave no votes to penguins, as Antarctica was entirely absent.

The star of the show was the *Peters Projection Map*. It purports to more accurately show the land masses of the world's continents, making the southern hemisphere more predominant and surely pleasing lovers of Modigliani portraits with its elongated land masses. This map (aka the Galls-Peters Projection) is being widely adopted by agencies and schools throughout the world (including the UN Development Program).



## UNA NORTHERN COLORADO LOSES TWO GOOD FRIENDS

It is with sadness that I must tell you that our UNA Chapter lost two of our charter members this summer. **Jeanne Nash** was on our Board of Directors for several years. She was always there to help set up for meetings. She contributed her lovely handmade silver dove charms for us to sell at our annual meeting. Most of us will remember her as the founder of the recently opened *Global Village Museum* in downtown Fort Collins. Jeanne's daughter, Heidi, replaced her mother on our Board

**Ruth Jakubauskas** was an active member of our chapter since the beginning. She served on the nominating committee and helped out at annual meetings.

Both of these wonderful women will be missed by our chapter. We send our sympathies to their families.

## UNA NCC PICNIC A SUCCESS!

At least 42 people enjoyed our annual picnic in July. Even the weather cooperated with warm sunshine.

## 2011 UNA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The UNA Annual meeting was held 12-14 June in Washington DC. The days were filled with speeches by important people. I list here a few one-line take-aways from them:

- Susan Rice, US Ambassador to the UN—"The UN makes us all more secure . . . The UN is America's link to EVERYWHERE . . . The UNA is a valued partner to the UN."
- Senator Tim Wirth, President of the UN Foundation (UNF)—"How amazing to think that Ban Ki Moon came from a Korean bureaucracy and who would have thought that he would have kept a focus on energy, women, and population."

. . . Kofi Annan suggested that the UN Foundation focus on a few big problems instead of the across the board support that did not easily show progress.

Thus began the UNF system of campaigns. People need to feel a real connection to the UN."

- Kathy Calvin, CEO of UNF said when she last spoke with Ban Ki Moon, he said, "How is it going? Is the UNA/UNF alliance completed yet?"

The UNA-UNF affiliation was completed at the meeting. Every chapter signed the official papers making us all affiliates of the new *UNA/USA Program of the UNF*.

It was an historic day! I was proud to represent our chapter. I could already see the benefits of this affiliation—more staff was available and seasoned lobbyists from the *Better World Campaign* (also a UNF program) led us adroitly through the halls of Congress. (I visited Mark Udall's and Jared Polis' office.)

I look forward to reaping the benefits of this alliance. Now we must do our part by bringing an energized membership to the table. We must work with them in advocacy as well as participate in some the UNF campaigns, such as **Nothing but Nets**, **Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves**, and **Every Woman Every Child**. (For more information on UNF campaigns, see <http://www.unfoundation.org/about-unf/>.)

And finally, a clever line I kept hearing: "Problems without passports."

Can we help bring a passport to a problem?

Eleanor Dwight

## WILL START III REALLY GET US THERE?

The June UNA Informal Discussion took place in the conference room of the new **Global Village Museum** where we plan to hold other similar events. Eleanor Dwight led the discussion about what the *Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty* (START III) will and won't do.

In order to get the treaty signed by the US Senate, President Obama negotiated away some very expensive upgrades to our current nuclear forces. Two friends of the UNA, Bob Lawrence and Richard Life, were in attendance. They are very knowledgeable about this subject and contributed much to a good discussion. *Will the new treaty really get us there?* We didn't come up with a definitive answer; but, we learned a lot about the issues involved.

### TEARS OF HIROSHIMA

*(Dedicated to the victims of 1945 Hiroshima bombing)*

I have seen joys and I have seen misery  
But what I have not seen is the 1945 tyranny.  
Nowhere in the world people killed so much,  
With a single blast by a bomb's touch,  
The only way to end that war,  
That Truman found to get through this door,  
Was to ruin a city,  
To raise his head and feel no pity,  
No one could ever imagine,  
The destruction made by an American airplane  
captain.

And as that bomb struck Hiroshima,  
Heat greater than sun evolved and ruined this Utopia,  
Thousands vaporized like water,  
No one had ever seen such a man-slaughter,  
Those who escaped death,  
Regretted to find life without a breath,  
Farms became barren,  
Dear America, what a nice errand,  
Burnt ashes and flesh were nothing uncommon,  
You could see it everywhere shiver like cannon,  
This day shall history revise,  
Every time, when in war, people lose their lives.

*Nasir Jalal*

## THE UN AT WORK

**UN-backed tsunami warning system for the Mediterranean passes first test.** 10 August—The first test of the communication network of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-backed tsunami early warning system for the North-eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean was carried out successfully, paving the way for the establishment of regional tsunami warning centers. Thirty one countries in the region took part.

**Reykjavik earns UN distinction as a City of Literature.** 5 August— The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated the Icelandic capital, Reykjavik, as a "City of Literature" in recognition of its efforts to preserve, disseminate and promote its rich literary heritage. It is the fifth City of Literature, joining Edinburgh, Melbourne, Iowa City and Dublin in enriching UNESCO's *Creative Cities Network* with its best literary practices. UNESCO's *Creative Cities Network* connects cities that want to share experiences, ideas and best practices for cultural, social and economic development.

**UN tool for measuring energy use and emissions may become industry standard.** 2 August 2011 – The Common Carbon Metric (CCM), a tool developed by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) for measuring energy use and carbon dioxide emissions in homes and offices is under consideration for standardization by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the world's largest developer and publisher of international standards. An estimated one third of global energy use takes place in offices and homes and the. Day-to-day use of buildings accounts for 80-90% of their total energy consumption. The CCM is intended to create a uniform system for defining the climate impact of buildings through a consistent protocol, which can, in turn, help develop international baselines for use by architects, designers and the construction industry.

**Trees 'speak out' in UN writing competition to save forests.** 12 August—Two teenagers' powerful pleas from the imagined standpoint of a tree to save the world's forests beat out two million competitors to **win** gold medals today in the United Nations International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People.

Charlée Gittens from Barbados, writing as a great oak in Guyana's Windsor Forest, and 13-year-old Wang Sa from China, in the voice of an observant small tree 'prepared to care for humanity,' were declared victors in the 40th UN Universal Postal Union (UPU) competition, which this year marked the International Year of Forests by asking young people to imagine themselves as a tree writing a letter to someone to explain why it is important to protect forests.

"Despite living in an increasingly digital age, the more than 2 million often hand-written letters the competition generates worldwide annually shows the tremendous value of the written word," UPU director general Edouard Dayan said of the competition, which is open to youngsters up to the age of 15.

**Caspian Sea States take steps against oil pollution under UN-backed treaty.** 15 Aug— Iran, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan, the countries bordering the Caspian Sea, are introducing an emergency response system to tackle oil pollution in the world's largest enclosed body of water and enhanced monitoring measures under new protocols to a United-Nations backed treaty.

**Darfur: UN begins campaign to distribute livestock vaccines.** 26 August—The UN has begun distributing the first batch of more than a million vaccines across Darfur in a bid to protect livestock and other animals in the western Sudanese region from deadly diseases during the current rainy season. The vaccines include treatments against hemorrhagic septicemia, anthrax, sheep pox and black quarter. UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) procured the vaccines, which are then airlifted from the national capital, Khartoum, to Darfur by the joint UN-African Union peacekeeping operation in the region (UNAMID). FAO is working with NGOs and officials from the ministries of animal resources in the various Darfur states to train local veterinarians and ensure that the vaccines are adequately distributed and administered.

**UN-backing enables Colombian indigenous groups to sell crafts.** 9 August—*International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples*—As part of a UN-backed initiative to alleviate poverty, sixty indigenous families from 19 different ethnic groups in Colombia are selling handicrafts in the capital, Bogotá, to cater to an influx of fans attending the ongoing youth soccer World Cup tournament. The UN Development Program (UNDP) initiative provides training in sales and marketing techniques, enabling them to better market their handicrafts.

**HORN OF AFRICA CRISIS 2011**

On 20 July, the UN declared famine in two regions of southern Somalia; By August, an additional three areas were added. Overall, 12.42 million people are in need of assistance in the Horn of Africa.

In August, the UN deployed an emergency team to south-eastern Ethiopia where 18,000 new refugees from Somalia have recently poured in, compounding a situation already fraught with high mortality from malnutrition and measles. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned that some 390,000 Somali children in the region were suffering from malnutrition, with nearly 140,000 of them "facing imminent death" from severe acute malnutrition.

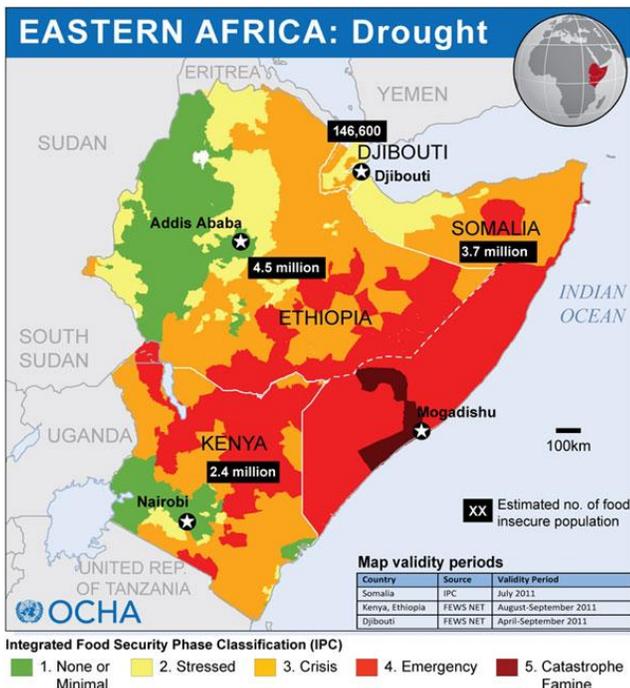
A mass immunization campaign was conducted for children between the ages of six months and 15 years. UNICEF and UNHCR have completed a second mass anti-measles campaign in the Melkadida camp. Polio vaccination and screening for malnutrition were carried out at the same time.

UNHCR will airlift aid for up to 20,000 people in Gode from its stocks in Dubai, including blankets, plastic sheeting, jerry cans, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, buckets and mosquito nets. Some 3,000 tents, supplied locally, are also being rushed in. NGOs with field presences in the area are helping with health needs, nutrition and water.

In Somalia, shelter materials and other aid items continue to be distributed in Mogadishu and southern areas, but these fall short of the many needs in makeshift settlements in southern and central Somalia that accommodate many of the country's estimated 1.4 million internally displaced people (IDPs). In addition to shelter, people also need food, access to clean water and medical facilities.

In Kenya, where the Dadaab camp complex currently hosts some 440,000 refugees, 1,200 Somalis are still arriving every day and new sites are being opened.

On 19 August, World Humanitarian Day, Anthony Lake, head of UNICEF, made an impassioned plea that 'disaster fatigue' not dull compassion for starving children. *"The statistics can be mind-numbing, but remember that the statistics are little boys and little girls, every one of them . . . The crisis will get worse. There will be no major harvest until the beginning of next year and they are predicted to be below average."*



**To Help The UN Help The Horn Of Africa, donate to one of the following:**

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