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UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL MEETING INVITATION

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF UNA/USA

Our guest speaker is *Rebecca Einhorn*, Communications Director for the Better World Campaign, a UNA/USA affiliate.



Prior to joining BWC, Ms. Einhorn was Assistant VP of Venn Strategies, LLC, where she developed and executed strategic communications and conducted public affairs and grass roots campaigns.

Previously, Ms. Einhorn served as Press Secretary for Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL). And, prior to her work with the House of Representatives, Ms. Einhorn managed communications for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.

Ms. Einhorn is an expert in making complex policy issues easily understood and tangible to target audiences, including key members of the press — both inside and outside the beltway. She has managed crisis communications and prepared speeches and talking points for presentation on the floor of Congress, CNN, Fox News, and Univision. She has executed social media campaigns and written policy-driven blogs and 'op-eds' for numerous renowned newspapers

WHEN: Saturday, 12 Jan, 10:30 –1:30.

WHERE: Christ United Methodist Church
301 East Drake, Fort Collins

SCHEDULE: 10:30 Sign-in—Coffee time
11:00 **SHORT** Business Meeting*
12:00 Buffet Lunch
12:30–1:30 Speaker

*Annual Reports are provided for review on pages 6-7.

COST FOR LUNCH is \$10 per person, at the door. Also, please consider a small donation in support of our school/college essay contest awards.

RSVP FOR LUNCH BY 9 JANUARY: Debbie Hamilton, arture2000@yahoo.com; or phone Eleanor Dwight, 377-0863.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

THE UNA IS GROWING

Our National organization reports that our membership is up 20% over last year. Thanks, in part, to the improved renewal cycle and to strong support from individual chapters, UNA/USA now has 13,000 members. Last year we had 10,000. Some of this increase is due to the revival of some failing chapters, some to two brand new chapters and some to outreach to younger audiences. And our membership renewal rate is 73%, up from 65% previously. The National organization is about to roll out a new program called *GenUN*. This will be a significant effort to bring in new members from the younger generation. They have some very exciting plans that we will need to watch for and be supportive of in our Northern Colorado Chapter.

Eleanor Dwight, Acting President

SO MANY OPTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I look forward to welcoming members and guests at the Northern Colorado Chapter of UNA's Annual Luncheon. We will begin with a brief social hour at 10:30. Our business meeting will begin at 11:00—*the annual reports are provided on pages 6-7 so they can be read in advance*—and will be followed by a delicious buffet luncheon, ending with a spirited presentation by Rebecca Einhorn from our sister-organization, the *Better World Campaign*.

For many, the Annual Luncheon marks the beginning and often a highlight of involvement in UNA. This year, I encourage each of you to discover the richness that UNA membership has to offer by getting involved in one or more of our pro-active committees. Each UNA member is asked to choose what is closest to your heart. This is where you can have the biggest impact. Whether you are interested in the indigenous communities, the diverse work of international humanitarians, involving youth in UN initiatives, or advocacy and international human rights, you will enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded folks who create and support our innovative programs and campaigns. Please take a moment to look over the summaries provided on page 2. More information about specific opportunities will be circulated at the Luncheon. My colleagues and I have confidence in the contributions only you can make. That's why we've invited you to join us. Sincere thanks!!

Elissa Tivona, President-Elect

THE BASICS ABOUT NOCO UNA COMMITTEES

—Each committee has specific functions defined by the Board. This chart gives you a clear picture of each committee's scope of work to help you manage your commitment of time and energy.

—Each committee has a modest budget to work with. The Board will also provide a resource list to help with planning and logistics.

—Each committee welcomes involvement at all levels—whether you commit to a convener role, to specific functions or to discrete tasks. *ALL* contributions to our ongoing work make a difference.

NOCO UNA COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Note: Committees marked with ****** are seeking conveners for 2013. The primary responsibility of the convener (or chair) is to gather the group. The group assigns functions and tasks in whatever way works best. Find your niche and enjoy!

ADVOCACY: Charged with raising awareness of UN issues with the general public and elected officials. Organizes and hosts *International Human Rights Day* Program (annual program in December). Current Chair is Eleanor Dwight.

****OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY.** Charged with expanding the reach of local UNA programs through available channels. Selects the *International Humanitarian Award* winner and organizes and hosts the Award celebration (annual program in the spring). Alerts media of upcoming events. Note that this committee has combined two existing committees: Publicity and International Humanitarian Award. The current Publicity chair is Hazel Krantz.

****EDUCATION:** Charged with raising awareness and involvement of youth in UN initiatives. Examples: Coordinates annual Essay and Art Contests. Organizes and hosts the annual UN Day celebration (annual program in October that highlights Middle School essay winners). Innovates creative support for Model UN (MUN) programs in Northern Colorado. Maintains and promotes the UNA Speakers Bureau. This committee is divided into several sub-groups, each with its own chair.

INDIGENOUS CONCERNS: Coordinates activities and events to highlight the work of indigenous communities domestically and globally. Current chair is Christina Eala

MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: Responsible for the expanding UNA membership throughout the year and providing us with member benefits. Members of this committee also extend hospitality and welcome folks at our events and programs. Warm smiles are always a **PLUS**.

****NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Charged with selecting and vetting potential Board members and officers. This committee meets in the fall and prepares the slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT AND BUSINESS: Assists the Executive Board and Committee conveners with ongoing organization business, such as coordinating informal meetings. Also organizes and hosts the *Annual Luncheon* (business meeting and program held in January).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Reminders to members whose dues expire the end of December were sent out locally on 16 December, mostly by e-mail. The National Office has been sending out reminders of various kinds starting three months before the dues dates. They now recommend renewing on-line, and we will try to cooperate in that effort. Some members here have experienced delays when renewing on-line, so we will have to see how this works out. If you would rather renew by a method other than on-line, let me know and we'll work it out. Procedures at the National Office have improved, but are still evolving.

The *2013 Membership Booklet* will be available at the Annual Meeting on 12 January--at least, that's the plan. If you have corrections that should be made to your name or contact information, please let me know by 6 January.

Invite friends to attend the Annual Meeting, at least to hear the speaker. We need to be recruiting new members all the time.

Margaret Smith, Chair

Macsmith36@aol.com, 970-493-3857

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

With the middle school essay contest (*Human Trafficking* under Jane Thompson) and elementary school art contest (*Families Around the World* under Dick Rush) behind us, we look forward to the high school essay contest (*Human Trafficking* under Bob Jeffrey) in the spring.

We are excited to be hosting the college-level contest again. Anjou Kwan has agreed to head up a college-level essay contest for the spring. The due date and topic are still to be determined.

The community outreach accomplished by these contests is effective and important to our mission. And the students who participate find themselves better equipped to understand the world around them.

Winners receive cash awards. Donations are always welcome. If you are interested in donating to our student contest program, or to a specific student contest, contact Dick Rush. Donations will also be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

Dick Rush, 667-5077 or crush@frij.com

INDIGENOUS CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The *2012 Peace and Dignity Journey* ended successfully when the Eagle and Condor runners of the North and South united in Guatemala at the end of November. Closing ceremonies were held in Uaxactun. A prayer circle was held in Denver to join with the prayers of Peace and Dignity and to give thanks to all those who participated in or provided supported for the 2012 Journey. Many thanks were given to the UNA—Our support allowed 50 runners to continue their journey.

Christinia Eala, Chair

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT:

I wish to share with you some of the notes I took from the UNA-sponsored conference call with our UN lobbyists. I urge all of you to take advantage of these very informative conference calls our national office sponsors monthly. Where else can you “attend” a one hour discussion with top notch people right from your own couch?

Peter Yeo is the lobbyist for the *Better World Campaign* (a branch of the *UN Foundation*) He served for ten years as the Deputy Staff Director at the House Foreign Affairs Committee and then as a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the US State Department during the second Clinton Administration, where he led the negotiations concerning repayment of the US arrears to the United Nations. He was also part of the US delegation to the climate negotiations in Kyoto—He knows his way around the Capital and is a real professional there.

Peter gave us his impression of how the next legislative session will go with many new people in office. He said that if a “package deal” is reached on the budget there will be limits on the amount spent on foreign affairs. This will require more work on our part. A fun fact—only 1.6% of the US budget goes to foreign affairs. So the budget can’t be balanced on foreign affairs. Only 3.6% of this 1.6% goes to support UN Peacekeepers and 3.3% to the U.N.

The recognition of Palestine by the UN General Assembly will cause some problems for the US delegation to the UN. Will we pull out of the World Health Organization and UNESCO [as required by a law] or will we be able to work out some kind of a waiver?

Mr. Yeo singled out Colorado as “legendary” in its organization in the last election. He said that President Obama is pro-UN and will probably work as he did before for full funding and for funding for family planning. He said that in past years much of US funding to the UN had been provided by supplemental appropriations. These have gone out of favor now.

He said that we need to watch for e-mails giving directions on contacting our representatives and senators. He said that numbers of letters to Congress are important. He urged us to set up the all important in-district meetings. (I plan to do this after the first of the year when we have a new representative)

The *Better World Campaign* is bringing in journalists to see the UN and the work of various specialized agencies. The *Better World Campaign* has a media fellowship for journalists interested in the work of the UN. Perhaps you know of someone who would qualify for this.

Eleanor Dwight, Chair

2013 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Each year our chapter honors an individual or group who has demonstrated an outstanding track record of service to global citizens. Past recipients include:

2009: *Maury Albertson*, Peace Corps Pioneer

2010: *Binh Rybacki*, founder and director of Children of Peace International

2011: *Dille/Dunbar Fund and Murulle Foundation*, Co-winners for their work in Africa

2012: *Norm Illsley* for 63 years of “doing-whatever-is-needed” in 16 different countries.

We invite you to submit nominations for 2013. Nominees can be any person(s) or organization from Northern Colorado, providing exemplary service to an international humanitarian effort over time. To be considered, the person(s) or organization must

- Perform a mission that supports one or more points of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (See <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>);
- Operate as a *not-for-profit*;
- Do work or provide services or products in a sustained effort in the service of humanitarian causes, which have shown a measurable, positive impact on the recipients;
- Perform services or provide products which are not easily available from others;
- Organizations must be non-for-profit and have a base in Northern Colorado
- Individuals must currently (or previously) reside or work in Northern Colorado.
- Individuals must provide services or products voluntarily or in the interest of sustaining *not-for-profit* initiatives (i.e., services or products must not be a function of the person’s principal means of employment).

This is a wonderful way to honor those doing great humanitarian work as well as an excellent way to draw attention to causes deserving our support. We are sure our members know of many who deserve some public recognition for their tireless efforts.

A Nomination Form is provided on page 8 of this newsletter or contact Elissa Tivona (970-223-8944 or etivona@harmonydesigngroup.com) for additional forms. You can submit as many nominations as you want, but please use a separate form for each one. Nominations are kept on file for future consideration.

Please send your nomination(s) to:

Elissa Tivona
4236 Westshore Way
Fort Collins, CO 80525

or email to: etivona@harmonydesigngroup.com

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2013 IHA AWARD, NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 22 MARCH 2013.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DRONES

In December, the UNA and ACLU joined forces once again to present a program honoring *International Human Rights Day*. Dr. Kathleen Hynes, a distinguished member of the ACLU Speaker's Bureau, spoke on *Human Rights and Targeted Killings*.



One of the first things Dr. Hynes said was, '*Don't believe anything I say – check things out for yourself.*' She pointed out that everyone, intentionally or accidentally, tells only part of a story and the only way one can ever know 'all the facts' is to check them out for oneself and she provided a bibliography of all the sources she used. A partial list is given below.

Dr. Hynes began by discussing the tie between the ACLU and UNA: All civil rights issues are human rights issues and the ACLU's 90 year history demonstrates a relentless pursuit of its mission to *protect, defend and extend the civil rights and liberties of all people through litigation, education and advocacy.*

It was surprising to some that our US constitution actually protects the rights of ALL people, not just US citizens.

A major ACLU position is that violations of civil liberties cannot be ignored in the name of pursuing some other social objective (even if the objective is national security). Why? Because we are a nation built on the *Rule of Law*. The US unfortunately has a history of violating civil liberties (e.g., Sedition Act of 1861-1866, suspension of Habeas Corpus 1861-1866, Criminal Syndicalism Laws, 1917-1920, Internment of West Coast Japanese, 1940 Smith Act, and 1950's Red Scare McCarthy hearings.) "*The liberties of none are safe unless the liberties of all are protected.*" (William O Douglas)

In 2004, the ACLU created the Human Rights Program (HRP) specifically dedicated to holding the US government accountable to universal human rights principles in addition to rights guaranteed by the US Constitution. HRP uses human rights strategies to complement existing ACLU legal and legislative advocacy and to advance social justice in the following areas: Women's Rights, Children's Rights, Immigrants' Rights, National Security, and the Death Penalty.

At the request of Eleanor Dwight, Acting President of UNA, Dr. Hynes spoke about the ACLU's recent lawsuit challenging targeted killings (*Al-Aulaqi v. Panetta*). Note that while most of us think of these as 'drone' killings, Dr. Hynes explained that the primary issue for the ACLU is the practice of selecting and

executing people without *due process*, not the use of drones to do the killing.

In the lawsuit, the ACLU charges the US government killings of US citizens Anwar Al-Aulaqi, Samir Khan, and 16-year-old Abdulrahman Al-Aulaqi in 2011 violated the Constitution's fundamental guarantee against the deprivation of life without due process of law. [Note that while Anwar Al-Aulaqi was believed at the time to have al Qaeda ties, and Samir Khan was the editor of an al-Qaeda web magazine, there was nothing known against Anwar's son, Abdulrahman, who was killed in a separate drone attack two weeks later--he had just turned 16.]

These killings were part of a broader program of "targeted killing" by the US outside the context of armed conflict and based on vague legal standards, a closed executive process, and evidence never presented to the courts. The ACLU maintains these killings violated fundamental rights such as the right not to be deprived of life without due process of law.

Additional discussion focused on recent Colorado and national human rights cases pertaining to Women's Rights and Immigrant Rights.

Below is a partial bibliography distributed at the talk.

Al-Aulaqi v. Panetta: Lawsuit Challenging Targeted Killings.
<http://www.aclu.org/national-security/al-aulaqi-v-panetta>.

Election Spurred a Move to Codify U.S. Drone Policy. Scott Shane. www.nytimes.com/2012/.../white-house-presses-for-drone-rule-book.html.

7/21/11 – *Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) – Finds Failure to Enforce Restraining Order Led to Children's Death.* <http://www.mdjustice.org/node/2093>

Timeline: Jessica Gonzales v. U.S.A. <http://www.aclu.org/timeline-jessica-gonzales-v-usa>

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. www.aclu.org/.../womens.../international-day-elimination-violence-against-women-fulfilling-our

Immigration: ACLU Alleges Rights Violations At Detention Centers May 16, 2012 By Richard Fausset. <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/may/16/nation/la-na-nn-georgia-immigration-20120516>

ACLU to Testify at the United Nations on Human Rights Abuses and Excessive Use of Force. <http://www.aclu.org/human-rights-immigrants-rights/aclu-testify-united-nations-human-rights-abuses-and-excessive-use>

A Cause for Alarm: ACLU Tells UN Panel of Rampant Abuse by Out-of-Control Border Patrol <http://www.aclu.org/blog/immigrants-rights-criminal-law-reform-national-security/cause-alarm-aclu-tells-un-panel-rampant>

OUT AND ABOUT: UNA IN THE COMMUNITY

Two recent *Soapbox* articles in the *Coloradoan* were written by UNA-NOCO members. Check them out at <http://www.coloradoan.com/section/opinion04>:

—27 December, "*To prevent tragedies, stop buying into violence*" was contributed by Elissa Tivona.

—26 December, "*Studying the peace process overseas can provide insight*," was by Bill Timpson.

SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS AND STILL GOING

October 24th marked the 67th year since the founding of the United Nations. Much recent news about the UN might cause you to think, “So what?” — Attempts to deal with the Syrian tragedy have seemed of no avail; the conflict in Palestine rages on; articles about organizational incompetence and waste continue, and there are reports of misbehavior by UN soldiers in the Congo. So we might be inclined to ask whether the UN has become irrelevant.

It is worth remembering that the weakness of the UN was built into its structure by the ‘big power nations’, so that none of them would be forced into actions against their will—a factor that crippled the League of Nations (1919 to 1946). The UN established the *veto power* so that any one of the permanent members of the Security Council (China, France, Russia, UK and US) can veto an action.

“*Quiet diplomacy*,” not force, is the method by which the UN informs, influences, and brings together parties to settle disputes. Yet *quiet diplomacy* by its very nature stays out of the headlines. Peacekeeping glitches make news, while Peacekeeping successes, as in East Timor and Cyprus, where war has been averted for 38 years, do not. And the work of many specialized and technical UN agencies—in fields ranging from health, care of refugees and agriculture to international civil aviation and postal service—is vital to international cooperation in dealing with daily activities and global problems.

Is the UN relevant? We hope for quick solutions to complex issues. Instead, we often get interference from national or special interest groups which forces compromises that weaken resolutions. Do these drawbacks sound familiar? Under such conditions, how many governments are “relevant?” Maybe we should instead be asking what the alternatives would be if the UN was not there. The UN may be imperfect, but where would we be without it? Three cheers for an imperfect yet invaluable United Nations!

Based on “UN Day: Irrelevant?”, a Letter to the Editor in the Coloradoan by Dick Rush

THE UN AT WORK

The following are excerpts from UN News Centre (<http://www.un.org/News/>) and other authoritative news sources

Honor International Holocaust Remembrance Day. 27 January is the international memorial day for victims of the Holocaust, the genocide that resulted in the annihilation of 6 million Jews, 2 million Gypsies (Roma and Sinti), 15,000 homosexuals and millions of others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. 27 January is the date, in 1945, when the largest death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, was liberated by Soviet troops.

Celebrate International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). 6 February is a UN-sponsored awareness day to make the world aware of FGM and to promote its eradication. On 21 December the UN General Assembly passed a series of five UN resolutions calling on countries to eliminate FGM, groundbreaking action against the brutal practice which has affected an estimated 140 million women worldwide.

Sponsored by two thirds of the Member States, including the Group of African States, the text condemns the practice, recognizing it as harmful to women and girls and a serious threat to their health, and urges countries to condemn all harmful practices that affect women and girls and to take all necessary measures to protect women and girls from this form of violence.

2013—INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF WATER COOPERATION (IYWC)

Water has become one of most sought after natural resources. Human conflict, wars, climate change, and over usage have left large portions of the world’s population without easy and sustainable access to clean, and drinkable water.

UN Resolution A/RES/65/154 designating 2013 as the *International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC)* recognizes that “*water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being.*” In concert with this declaration, the 2013 *World Water Day*, on 22 March, will also be dedicated to *water cooperation*.



The IYWC focuses on one of the most important aspects of water management—water diplomacy and cooperation. As the quality and quantity of water has degraded in large parts of the world, so has competition among societies, and communities needing access to clean water has increased.

The IYWC will focus on the lessons that can be learned from successful water cooperation initiatives. It will also emphasize key water management issues such as water education; water diplomacy; sharing of water resources across national and community borders; and national and international legal frameworks on water use.

The Indus River, Skardu Valley, Pakistan. Sharing of Indus' water between India and Pakistan is one of the many successful cases of water cooperation and diplomacy.



For upcoming

IYWC activities, check out:

<http://www.unwater.org/watercooperation2013/> or

<http://www.timeanddate.com/year2013/water-year.html>

Colorado River headwaters, Rocky Mountain National Park



2012 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This is a condensed version of the duties of the Membership Committee, with notes about who is doing specific parts of this work. The Membership Committee:

- Greets and signs in attendees at Chapter meetings: Jacquie Huhta, Mary Kay Graver, Pat Ciesla, Hazel Krantz, Margaret Smith. We miss Mary Jane Ward and Mary Wolfe, who used to do this faithfully.
- Maintains dues records, and communicates with local members, prospective members, visitors, other Board members and the National Office about dues, meetings, events, etc., by e-mail or postal service. This includes printing and mailing about 18 paper copies of Newsletters, for members who prefer that medium. Mostly done by Margaret Smith.
- Mailings to members: Eleanor Dwight and Margaret Smith work on these. Pat Ciesla keeps us supplied with pre-addressed mailing labels. Susan Solick uses the Newsletter email contact list to send e-mail announcements and reminders to members, friends and prospective members.
- Compiles, produces and distributes the annual Membership Booklet: Pat and Bill Ciesla, Margaret Smith.
- Recruits new members, with help from other members: Ken Tharp and the Cieslas are active recruiters.
- Presents "Orientation Get-togethers" for new members, spring and fall: Eleanor Dwight and Norman Illsley are gracious hosts. They and Margaret Smith and various others lead the informative conversations.

Some parts of this work require computer competence, others just a friendly smile--and several skills in between. Consider where you'd like to fit in on this active team.

How many members do we have? This isn't easy to answer. Dues become due at the end of each quarter of the year, and reports are issued by the National Office usually 6-8 weeks after the end of each quarter. This results in built-in swings of membership. For example, the roster (report from National Office) ending 31 July reports that we had 99 members. But on 30 September, we had only 84. Several people had moved away, and others hadn't paid their dues in time to be credited for that quarter. Some losses are also due to confusion about how couples are counted--as one or as two members. We are in touch with the national staff to clarify this. The national staff has improved a great deal over the past year, but there are still some challenges. A conference call with them helped some. We look for more clarity and progress on both sides.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Smith, Chair

2012 ANNUAL ADVOCACY REPORT

2012 was not a very active year for UN advocacy in our chapter. Letters were written to Congressman and Senators regarding continuing funding for the U.N.

All members were urged to respond to the calls for action from the National organization. Several members participated in the National UNA-sponsored conference calls about various issues. I assisted the National office by informing them of the occasions in our state where a few people were fear-mongering about Agenda 21.

I was able to visit the offices of our Senators and Congressperson while representing our Chapter at the UNA Annual Meeting. I only spoke with the aides, which is all that one can expect when visiting representatives. Our Congressman, Cory Gardner, has not been at all supportive of the UN. When I told his aide he had voted against funds for remodeling the UN building and that every dollar the US spent on this project resulted in a return of \$1.80 being spent in the region for this project, she was a bit puzzled!

I hope to have a more active year in advocacy for our Chapter next year. Jared Polis will be our representative replacing Cory Gardner and I understand he is supportive of the UN as are Senators Bennett and Udall. I will also be asking our chapter for opinions on what the National UNA's advocacy work should focus on.

We are fortunate to be associated with the *Better World Campaign*, the advocacy arm of the UNA in DC. The two gentlemen who advocate for us there are top notch. They know Washington and the UN so well that their work in the halls of Congress is very well respected.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor Dwight, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

In 2012, the Education Committee saw the successful completion of the middle school essay contest (*Human Trafficking* under Jane Thompson) and elementary school art contest (*Families Around the World* under Dick Rush). No high school essay contest was held in 2012 but one is planned for the spring of 2013 (*Human Trafficking* under Bob Jeffrey). The Model UN Subgroup worked tireless all year to expand interest in establishing MUN groups in area schools. The current effort is focused on working out details to enable students from different schools to participate in one MUN group.

The community outreach accomplished by our student contests and the MUN groups is effective and important to our UNA mission. And the students find themselves better equipped to understand the world around them.

Our biggest concern remains the lack of a committee chairperson and the lapse of the Speakers Bureau. Until these positions are filled, the Education Committee will continue to operate at half-speed. Anyone interested in knowing more about what is involved should contact Dick Rush.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Rush

2012 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

UNA-USA-NC Budget for 2012			1-Jan-2012		
	Reserved Funds			2012	2011
Line Item	Funds donated and reserved for specified purposes			Current	Actual
3	Essay	Contest sponsorship fund		\$155.00	\$550.00
4	Contingency	Contingency fund		\$500.00	\$500.00
5	Dues Assistance	Membership dues assistance (scholarships)		\$60.00	\$60.00
		Current Reserved Funds Total		\$715.00	\$1,110.00
2011	Expenditures and Receipts				
		31 Dec 2010 Balance Carried Forward			\$1,213.39
	2011 Current	Total Expenditures			\$2,108.56
		Receipts			\$2,816.35
		Reserved Fund Balance	\$715.00		
		Operating Fund Balance	\$1,206.18		
		Total 31 Dec 2011 Bank Account Balance			\$1,921.18
2012	Planned Expenditures			2012	2011
Line Item				Planned	Actual
1	Education & Outreach				
1.1	Youth Contests	Essay & art contests		\$750.00	\$550.00
1.2	Education	Model UN, UN Day, UN books in libraries		\$250.00	\$100.00
1.2a	Youth Education	Student travel to a national meeting		\$500.00	\$0.00
1.3	Program	Outreach programs			
1.3a		Human Rights Day		\$50.00	\$300.00
1.3b		Annual meeting program		\$50.00	\$50.00
1.3c		Annual International Humanitarian Award		\$200.00	\$234.39
1.3d		External program support		\$200.00	\$195.00
1.3e		UNA Discussion Forums		\$50.00	\$0.00
1.4	Membership	Recruitment		\$100.00	\$0.00
1.5	Public Relations & Advocacy	Web page		\$150.00	\$0.00
		Education & Outreach subtotal		\$2,300.00	\$1,429.39
2	Business				
2.1	Business operations	Mallings, supplies, hospitality, use of facilities		\$800.00	\$734.82
2.2	Travel			\$50.00	\$0.00
2.3	Miscellaneous			\$50.00	\$0.00
		Business subtotal		\$900.00	\$734.82
	2012 Budget	Planned Expenditures Total		\$3,200.00	\$2,164.21
	2011 Budget	Planned Expenditures Total	\$2,350.00		
2012	Projected Income			2012	2011
				Projected	Actual
	Members	50 Members @\$20.00 Allocated dues		\$625.00	\$829.00
	New members	10 Members @\$6.00 Allocated dues		\$60.00	Incl above
	Donations	Additional donations from members			\$75.00
	Fundraiser	Luncheon		\$200.00	\$304.18
		Projected Income		\$885.00	\$1,208.18
2012	Budget Shortfall/Surplus				
	2011	Current Operating Fund Balance		\$1,206.18	
	2012	Projected Income		\$885.00	
		Planned Expenditures		\$3,200.00	
		Anticipated Shortfall		-\$1,108.83	

Respectfully submitted, Don Heyse, Treasurer

2013 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR Name and Contact Information:

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail: _____

2013 NOMINEE Name and Contact Information:

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail: _____

HAS YOUR NOMINEE EVER LIVED OR WORKED IN NORTHERN COLORADO?

Y _____ N _____

IS YOUR NOMINEE AWARE OF THIS NOMINATION?

Y _____ N _____

MAY WE CONTACT THEM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Y _____ N _____

PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL THE FOLLOWING. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED AS NEEDED.

1. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT MAKES YOUR NOMINEE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE 2013 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD. DESCRIBE THEIR WORK AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. DESCRIBE ONE OR MORE POINTS OF THE UN'S UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPORTED BY THIS WORK.

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