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The purpose of this chapter, in cooperation with the national UNA-USA office, is to build public understanding and support for the United Nations and to foster constructive U.S. leadership to make the U.N. more effective.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL FORM*

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O I have enclosed a check payable to UNA-USA

O Charge my payment of $_____to this credit card
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CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE

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O FREE Full-time student

O $25 Introductory (first year only)
O $25 Fixed income
O $40 Individual Renewal
O $40 Individual or family
O $40 Organization or school
O $100 UNA Sponsor
O $500 UNA Patron
O $1000 UNA Life Member

Yes! I want to make a donation of $_____
to help the work of UNA-USA.
I would like to make a donation of $_____
to the Sonoma County Chapter.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donation and Membership checks should be made out to UNA-USA and sent to Bob Abramson at 108 Chadwick Way, Cotati, CA 94931

* Please fill out the form completely and legibly.

THANK YOU!

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SEPTEMBER 2009

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE SYMPOSIUM
September 25 (Friday) at 7:30 PM

Location: Dominical School of Philosophy and Theology
2301 Vine Street, Berkeley

6:30pm for dessert and drinks
Program 7 - 9pm

"BUILDING GLOBAL PEACE"

featuring

Thomas Miller
President, UNA-USA; former US Ambassador to Bosnia & Greece

joined by

Rev. Paul Chafee, Executive Director, Interfaith Center of the Presidio
David Holloway, Stanford University, specialist in international relations and disarmament
Sarah Talcott, Youth director, United Religions Initiative

Participate in an interactive discussion and sign petitions to show support for UN treaties. Suggested Donation $5

Co-sponsored and hosted by
Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
Co-sponsored by Northern California Chapters of UNA

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 12th Annual Progressive Festival
SEPTEMBER 20 (Sunday): 12-5 pm at Walnut Park, Petaluma - Featuring The San Francisco Mime Troupe's 50th Anniversary Performance – For details please visit: www.progressivefestival.org

UNA Traveling Film Festival
SEPTEMBER 30 (Wednesday): Please see the flyer for more details.

An evening with Bill McKibben,
OCTOBER 02 (Friday): 7 pm at The Jackson Theater at Sonoma Country Day School – 4400 Day School Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Renowned American environmentalist and writer Bill McKibben, leading efforts to build the first global-scale climate change movement, will discuss the significance of the number 350, the 350.org campaign, and the importance of the upcoming International Day of Climate Action on October 24th.
A reception with local organizations and a book signing will follow the presentation.

An evening with Jake Mackenzie, City Councilmember Rohnert Park – "A Rake's Progress to Climate Protection Summit -Sonoma County to Poznan"
OCTOBER 14 (Wednesday): 7-9 pm at Sonoma Academy, 2500 Farmers lane (access from Kawana Springs Rd.), Santa Rosa.
Organized climate protection activities in Sonoma County go back to the beginning of this Century - the 21st Century that is. My tale will lead us along this rake's progress from meetings at the Santa Rosa Public Works Building to conferences in 5 Sonoma County cities to meetings in a downtown Santa Rosa Bank to the International Fair buildings in Poznan Poland; hopefully to Copenhagen in December 2009 for the next round of the UN Climate Change Conference. The amazing details of this rake's progress will be revealed on the evening of October 14, 2009.

UN Day
OCTOBER 24

International Climate Action Day in Sonoma County
OCTOBER 24 (Saturday): 3-5 pm at Chops Teen Center, 509 Adams Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 – For details please visit: www.climateprotectioncampaign.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to these new members who have joined our chapter this year so far:

Kay Ashbrook
Lynda Hungerford
Marjorie Batey Loop
Priscilla & Joe Vivio
Bob Gilchrist
Sara Madanat

This year to date we have recruited seven new members. Our current chapter membership hovers between 140 to 145 persons. We are happy to report that we now have five members who have renewed at the $1000 lifetime member level plus a number of people who have renewed at the sponsor ($100) level. If you are in a position to follow suit or to give us an extra donation, we would be most grateful.

Also, keep an eye on your membership renewal date, which is shown immediately after your name on the newsletter mailing label. Please try to pay your annual dues promptly to the UNA-USA in NYC once you have received their annual reminder or else pay the dues to us at our local chapter office, shown on the back page of this newsletter.

And do continue to encourage your friends and relatives to join the UNA family so that they also can take pride in knowing they are supporting efforts for a positive US role in building a more effective UN in a more humane world.

In a new development, our national office in New York has informed us that effective this year all full-time students can now enjoy a free membership in the UNA (no longer having to pay $10 annual dues).
This forward step should help us as we all try to recruit younger people.

"Finally, in memoriam, we honor five of our chapter members who have passed away this year: Pat Oberg, Bob Clazie, Jim Jennings, Robert Latham and Grace Howard."

Bob Abramson, Membership Chair

UNITED NATIONS DAY 2009: A MESSAGE FROM UNA-USA

August 7, 2009

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you know, United Nations Day is observed annually on October 24th. For many of our chapters and divisions as well as our members, this is the single most important day on the UNA-USA calendar. In keeping with our practice of focusing each year on one Millennium Development Goal, this year we are addressing public education efforts on Millennium Development Goal No. 8: Developing a Global Partnership for Development.

In addition, we will call attention to the UN's indispensable work in addressing climate change as UN member states prepare to attend the Copenhagen conference in December 2009. We would like to address the connection between sustainable economic development and climate change through our collective actions. The debate over climate change policy as an obstacle to development poses a threat to upcoming negotiations. It is our job to demonstrate that these are not exclusive goals, but complementary targets.

To further this aim we will be partnering with 350.org, an international campaign dedicated to uniting the world around solutions to the climate crisis. Climate negotiators in Copenhagen should recognize 350 parts per million as the safest level of carbon in the Earth's atmosphere and as an important target for environmental programs. 350.org is coordinating an international day of action on UN Day, with over 1,300 events planned in more than 85 countries.

In the coming days and weeks, please look for more information on these important subjects and this new partnership on our UN Day web portal at www.unausa.org/unday2009 <http://www.unausa.org//page.redir?target=http%3a%2f%2fwww.unausa.org%2funday2009&srcid=3891&srctid=1&erid=533149>

I have heard from many UNA-USA members, both during the recent national convention and in traveling to chapters and divisions, that headquarters should lead a more prominent national effort in support of United Nations Day. Beginning this year, all of us in the national headquarters office will work to revitalize the annual observance of UN Day.

While our resources and capabilities are limited at present, we know that we speak most strongly when we speak with one voice. From our side, we will draw attention to UN Day 2009 on our Web site in a way that acknowledges the importance of this observance to our public education efforts. We will make full use of the resources available to us through official statements, World Bulletin articles, interactive technology such as Facebook and Twitter, and other means. In addition, we will call on governors to appoint state UN Day chairs where chapters have expressed interest in coordinating UN Day activities with state governments.

Looking forward to 2010, UNA-USA is considering calling on President Obama to name a national United Nations Day chair. We would welcome your reaction to an Association-wide effort to identify a distinguished American who has made a singular contribution to promoting the values and ideals expressed in the United Nations Charter. UNA-USA would recognize this individual on United Nations Day 2010 by featuring an article and/or interview in our World Bulletin, for example. We welcome your suggestions and reactions to the ideas expressed here—both for UN Day 2009 and beyond. Liuba Grechen in our New York office will coordinate responses and follow-up at lgrechen@unausa.org.

I hope you are enjoying the summer months. All of us in the national office look forward to a busy and productive autumn that includes a successful observance of United Nations Day 2009.

Sincerely, Thomas J. Miller President and CEO

The next issue of UNA-USA Sonoma County Chapter's Quarterly newsletter will be in Dec 2009. We welcome Chapter related articles/ news items from our Members. Please send them to newsletter coordinator Maitreyi Siruguri, before December 10, 2009 (Thursday) via email: maitreyi2005@gmail.com. Thank You!