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INTRODUCTION BY THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year under review saw significant changes, and began to bring new opportunities, in the United Nations and the domestic and international environment that so strongly affects its work and the work of the United Nations Association. The conflict in Iraq, the nuclear issues in Iran, the continuing delays in making progress on the Middle East peace process, the slow genocide in Darfur, Sudan and the spillover of that conflict into neighboring countries were all in the news, along with the UN's involvement in them. Many other issues, of less immediate interest in the American media, also claimed attention at the UN, such as the critical importance of continuing the peace process sponsored by the Security Council in Ivory Coast and the maintenance of the UN peacekeeping force in Timor-Leste. Finally, the long-term issues of development of poor countries and UN institutional effectiveness, including progress towards the Millennium Development Goals at the midpoint to the 2015 targets, the follow-up on the Monterey Conference on Financing for Development, the preparation for the 2009 Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change, and the importance of accelerating consensus on managerial reform claimed all but no public attention in the United States but were very visible at the UN in New York.

2007 saw a growing realization in the American body politic of the importance of international cooperation after multiple failures of unilateral action. A new US Ambassador to the United Nations consciously underscored the importance of cooperative, collaborative approaches to UN issues. The presidential election campaigns, well under way before the end of 2007, began to give greater attention to international cooperation, though constant

challenge and vigilance by UNA members remains important. Yet, while public opinion in the US is broadly supportive of the UN, it has been critical of UN performance, rightly in some respects, unfortunately. The UNA-NCA Board of Directors devoted a retreat to this theme, and we expect to see issues of public opinion, UN performance and strengthening, and how UNA-NCA relates to these matters as increasingly central to the work of our organization. They are an important complement to our thrust on global education.

For UNA-NCA the year under review was a time of many achievements and challenges. Overall, it was a year of program growth, of high quality forums, and of new partnerships. One result is increased visibility for UNA-NCA in the National Capital Area and among current and potential partners. Frequently in partnership with other organizations, we organized many public events. 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will illuminate the UNA-NCA programming for the year. We increased the quality of our communications and communications tools with a new website and a revised *UN Vision* newsletter distributed electronically and in hard copy. A strong UNA-NCA team attended the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference in September 2007.

UNA-NCA's flagship program - Global Classrooms Washington DC (GCDC) - grew in quantity and quality during the 2007-2008 school year. Over 500 students participated at the April 28, 2008 Model UN Conference at the State Department with keynote remarks by Deputy Secretary of State John

Negroponte. Our partnership with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) was strengthened with the signature of a Memorandum of Agreement with new DCPS Chancellor, Michelle Rhee. Our partnership with the State Department also continued to grow through the Volunteer Program. Other GCDC accomplishments include the completion, early in 2008, of the first program evaluation, expansion of the program to private and independent schools, and completion of an updated three-year plan. UNA-NCA expresses appreciation to Taishya Adams and Mary Evans for their hard work and commitment.

We contributed to the UNA-USA Strategic Planning process for 2008-2010 and strengthened our collaboration with other Chapters and Divisions. The President participated in the Steering Committee of the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions, and spearheaded the work of a UNA-USA Task Force that initiated the collection, screening, and dissemination of UNA best practices. A delegation of 35 members from UNA-NCA and UNA-Maryland participated at the 2008 UNA-USA Members' Day at United Nations Headquarters in New York City. UNA-USA announced the beginning of a transition to new leadership at the national level just before this report went to press.

We continued to strengthen UNA-NCA's financial management and increase transparency and accountability. With the Board's endorsement, we hired a new auditor and made important adjustments to the UNA-NCA Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Funds Policy. We were able to complete the 2007 audit in time for inclusion in this report. UNA-NCA's financial position in 2007 was a generally healthy one. Our 2007 budget was nearly balanced at the end of the year. Our

fundraising efforts began to result in foundation and business support, and we started new outreach to the legal community through exploration of the possibility of creating a Washington Lawyers Committee on the United Nations. Our development challenges, however, are and are likely to remain large.

Despite the many efforts of our Membership Committee and the stress on the issue in the updated Strategic Plan, UNA-NCA membership numbers did not keep pace with the growth in our programs, following a membership pattern that prevailed nationally in UNA-USA. New approaches for membership recruitment and retention are being considered and will be strengthened by the new position of Vice President for Membership and Volunteer Engagement. Unfortunately, UNA-NCA's endowment and investment funds suffered significant losses, along with the stock market, so our overall assets declined during the year. Nonetheless the portfolio continued to play an extremely important role in providing income for operations and in protecting UNA-NCA against the risk of catastrophic adjustment if our fundraising efforts fall substantially short of plans. Because we did not entirely achieve our ambitious fundraising targets with the business community and foundations, our Board and key donors had to make an even greater efforts than in the past.

The Board of Directors assumed increasingly active responsibility for the work of UNA-NCA during the year under review. A Board orientation and self-assessment initiated in July led to a Board retreat in early 2008. The Board adopted a policy expectation that, starting in 2008, each Board member will contribute or mobilize sufficient funds for UNA-NCA to merit being listed at least as a Global Citizen

in the Annual Report. Board members gave a strong vote of confidence to the President and Executive Director in performance feedback provided anonymously at the end of 2007. The UNA-NCA Executive Committee met both in person and – increasingly – electronically during the year, and continued its growth as a collegial decision-making organ. The Nominating Committee for 2008 began its work in the fall, and has made important contributions to managing succession and increasing the strength of the UNA-NCA Board. Similarly, the Advisory Council experienced

some turnover, and addition of important new voices.

At the beginning of 2008 the Executive Committee adopted the following priorities for UNA-NCA for 2008.

- Strengthening the financial position of the organization
- Strengthening membership
- Managing leadership transitions
- Strengthening global education

Thanks to the strong engagement and support of our many members, volunteers, staff and program assistants, we expect that UNA-NCA will be able to achieve these goals.



A. Edward Elmendorf
President



Paula Boland
Executive Director

EDUCATION

Global Classrooms DC

UNA-NCA's flagship Global Classrooms® Washington, DC (GCDC) program this year strengthened and expanded key initiatives like Curriculum Development, Professional Development, the GCDC Volunteer Program and the Model UN Trainer Program, enabling us to better serve our students, our teachers, and our community.

Our 5th Annual Model UN Conference at the U.S. Department of State on April 28th proved to be an excellent culmination of a years worth of activities aimed at increasing student knowledge of global issues and

providing an opportunity for them to negotiate with one another on ways to address those issues. We welcomed 506 students and 48 teachers to the conference. We were honored to have Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte as our keynote speaker and Kaya Henderson, Deputy Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools to provide welcoming remarks.

Another highlight from the 2007-2008 year was International Education Week, where GCDC reached out across the city and

across the globe. Educators from Azerbaijan, Egypt, Lebanon and several other countries took part in a Professional Development workshop with GCDC teachers to explore the use of technology to bring young people together to address global issues collectively.



In-class Sessions and Model UN Training Conferences were a huge success, thanks in large part to the participation of GCDC Model UN Trainers and Volunteers. Model UN Trainers visited the classroom and chaired committee sessions, sharing their Model UN expertise with GCDC students. GCDC Volunteers from institutions like the State Department and Earthday Network used their knowledge and experience to provide participating students with meaningful information about conference topics.

GCDC this year expanded its outreach to include private and independent schools in the DC area as well as public schools from Virginia and Maryland. This expansion has created an opportunity for populations that typically do not have substantive dialogue on global issues to strengthen relationships.

Over the past two years, GCDC has emphasized curricular alignment with DCPS Social Studies and English Language Arts standards at both the 6th and 10th grade levels. Through its contact with Jesse Nickelson, Director of Social Studies in the

DCPS Office of Curriculum and Instruction and the development of a Curriculum Advisory Group that consists of GCDC veteran teachers and staff, GCDC has produced a Curriculum Supplement that can be used co-curricularly in the classroom. In the current atmosphere of reform and standards-based learning, the GCDC curriculum supplement helps to ensure the sustainability of the GCDC program within DCPS.

As GCDC provides opportunities in global education to participating students, these students not only learn about international issues relating to the United Nations, but gain many skills that are vital as they move from classroom to classroom and, eventually, into the work place. Writing, public speaking and analytical thinking are all stressed as a part of participation in the GCDC program and students indicated that they valued the skills they gained and sharpened through their experiences.



We continue to make very impressive progress in our mission to bring the Global Classroom/Model UN to an increasing number of students from the DC public and other local schools. That mission recognizes that the young people who are so actively participating in our program now will be the citizens who will participate in the decisions which will shape their and our world in the

future. At this point in our history, it is essential that we present to as many students as possible the promise and hope that is contained in the efforts undertaken by the members of the United Nations. As the students who have so effectively and enthusiastically participated affirm, the opportunity to represent other countries in negotiations, based on the research and negotiating skills that they have acquired through the Global Classroom curriculum, opens their eyes to the challenges we all face and to the need to collaborate to encounter such problems as global warming and access to primary education.

The continued growth of Global Classroom/Model UN is dependent on our ability to secure the funds required to meet our objectives. Under an updated three year plan for Global Classrooms DC adopted in May 2008 we expect within three years to expand from 500 students in 31 schools to 700 students in 50 of schools. We count on the support of UNA members and community leaders.

Curriculum Development

The 2007-2008 GCDC Curriculum Advisory Group (CAG) initiated several projects aimed at strengthening the GCDC curriculum. These projects include: development of conference topics and background guides; modifying the negotiation and position paper writing lessons; building out the 6th grade GCDC materials; further alignment of the GCDC curriculum with DCPS 6th and 10th grade standards; the addition of cross-cultural competency to the curriculum; and the strengthening of the videoconferencing and service-learning curricular components. Joseph Presley, a GCDC teacher at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

had this to say about his experiences working with the CAG:

"As teachers, it seems we are often isolated from our peers and remain islands in the proverbial storm. The curriculum advisory group provided a great opportunity to work with other teachers and educators from many different backgrounds. Thus, while we were working on a diverse array of materials for the upcoming year, we had the opportunity to bounce ideas off of each other and to draw from the collective energy and enthusiasm of the group. This provided me with perspectives and opinions which proved very helpful in developing materials for GCDC and my private classroom. It was definitely an enriching experience!"

Professional Development for Teachers

GCDC's Professional Development Workshops for Teachers are designed to enrich and support middle and high school teachers as they implement the Global Classrooms® curriculum in their classroom. This year, GCDC sponsored four professional development workshops along with taking part in the DCPS Embassy Adoption Program New Teacher Training.



As part of International Education Week 2007, GCDC co-facilitated a workshop entitled "Diplomacy through Technology" with the Department of State's Bureau of Youth Exchange Programs and the U.S. Diplomacy Center on November 15, 2007. This workshop brought together educators from 18 countries along with GCDC teachers from the Washington, DC area. The goals of this workshop were to:

- Provide a roadmap on how to utilize technology in your classroom to connect students and teachers from around the world;
- Share best practices in using technology in the classrooms and other learning environments;
- Build networks between teachers in DC and teachers involved in the State Department sponsored Global Connections Group which work with i-EARN, Relief international and IREX on-line exchange programs.

In-Classrooms Model UN Training

A fundamental component of the Global Classrooms® Washington, DC Program is the in-class Model UN Training sessions. During the 2007-2008 academic school year, Model UN Trainers from local area universities such as the George Washington University, University of Maryland College Park, Georgetown University and others visited schools across the DC area, co-facilitating lessons ranging from Negotiating and Caucusing to Resolution Writing.

In the 2007-2008 school year, the following schools actively participated in the in-class sessions offered by the GCDC program: Anacostia SHS, Ballou SHS, Cardozo SHS, Coolidge SHS, Luke C. Moore, Roosevelt SHS, Wilson SHS, Janney Middle School,

Kelly Miller Middle School, and MacFarland Middle School. This year we also expanded the in-class session component to private and independent schools including Lycee Rochambeau, the British School of Washington, DC, and the Brookewood School for Girls, as well as public schools in Virginia.



International Student Videoconferencing

Digital videoconferences allow students to discuss important international issues with their peers on the other side of the globe, improving their cross-cultural communication skills in the process.

Building upon the experience gained in the 2006-2007 digital videoconference between GCDC high school students and their peers in Baku, Azerbaijan, GCDC this year developed a similar component at the middle school level--a videoconference for middle school students on the topic of Climate Change. Students at DCPS' MacFarland Middle School and students from Life Link International School in Accra, Ghana were chosen to participate in the videoconference which took place on April 17, 2008.



MacFarland students convened at the State Department building in downtown Washington, DC, while the Ghanaian students were hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Accra for the event. Students represented various stakeholders including South Africa, Ghana and Malaysia, the World Bank, Honda Motor Company, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Volunteer Program

Volunteers, many of them from the State Department, play a critical role in the GCDC program. Five GCDC Volunteers participated in the third GCDC Professional Development workshop and 11 of them served as break out session speakers and policy advisors at the Model UN Training Conferences held on March 5, March 13, and March 18, providing topical briefings on conference topics for DCPS teachers and students. In addition, Ross Corotis and Elizabeth Orlando, two volunteers with the State Department, gave briefings to Roosevelt High School students on the topic of Freshwater Resources.

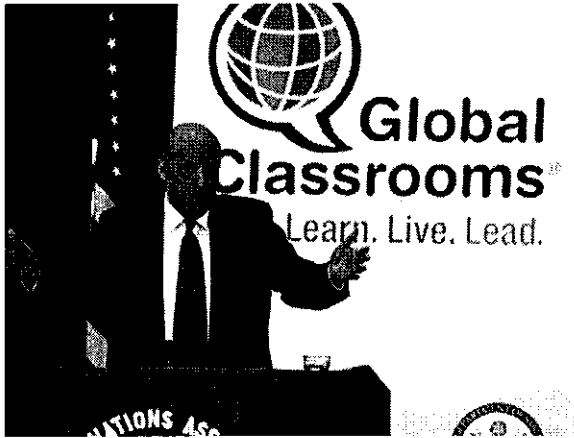


Jason Kopp, State Department employee, who served as a Policy Advisor for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Pacific had this to say about his experience:

"It was inspiring to listen to high school students debate over international issues. But participating as a policy advisor made it even more fun... When I left, all of the students said goodbye to me. I felt like I had actually made some contribution to the group. I am going to try to get more of my officemates to participate next year!"

Annual Model UN Spring Conference

More than 500 middle and high school students and nearly 50 teachers took part in the fifth annual GCDC Spring Model UN Conference on April 28, 2008 at the U.S. Department of State. Ambassador John Negroponte, keynote speaker, welcomed the students and spoke of his experiences in many parts of the world, including his time as the United Nations Ambassador for the United States from 2001 to 2004 on the Security Council. He strongly urged them to consider careers in public service and international affairs.

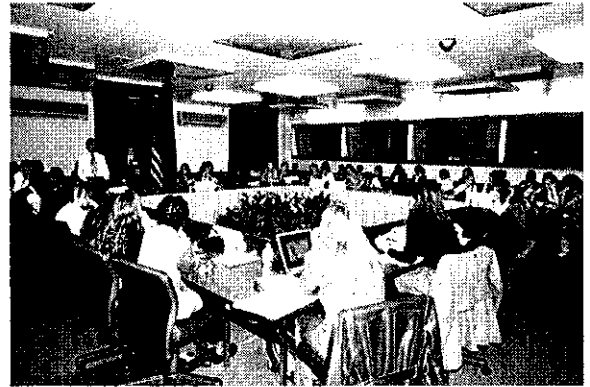


Following Ambassador Negroponte, Kaya Henderson, Deputy Chancellor for the District of Columbia Public Schools spoke of her own experiences in the field of international relations and Latin American studies. She had participated in Model UN as a student and was also a part of Teach for America. She stressed several things for the delegates to work on during the Model UN Conference, including that student delegates do their best to participate. She also emphasized connecting with students from all the schools present and sharing what they experienced at the conference with their peers, families and neighborhoods.



Student delegates then met throughout the day in simulations for the General Assembly, Security Council, Human Rights Council, Economic Commission on Latin America and Asia and the Pacific, UN Environmental Programme and UNICEF.

Though the world's problems were not resolved, there was progress by the student delegates in their own knowledge of the issues discussed and how challenging it is to move towards consensus in light of the multiple and dynamic needs and perspectives of member states.



The GCDC Spring Model UN Conference serves as the culmination of over a year's worth of work and activities for GCDC staff, students, teachers and volunteers.



GCDC Program Evaluation: A thorough GCDC program evaluation for the 2006-2007 school year was completed in March 2008. The evaluation provides critical information on student learning and participation satisfaction and has been critical to our successes in developing funding for the future of GCDC.

During the 2006-2007 school year, UNA-NCA decided to develop its own evaluation program for GCDC. This program complements and draws upon the data collected by a contractor for UNA-USA on Global Classrooms programs around the country, including Washington. Qualitative and quantitative data were gathered from a variety of sources, including:

- Pre and Post Surveys distributed to 6th and 10th grade students
- A mid-year survey of students
- An end-of-year survey of teachers and students
- Interviews with GCDC staff, trainers, volunteers, teachers and district-level personnel
- Observations of in-class sessions and conference events

The evaluation found that GCDC has contributed to student learning and received positive feedback from participants. Important suggestions for future evaluations were taken into account in the data collection on the 2007-2008 program.

Graduate Fellows Program

The UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program in the past two semesters involved 38 graduate students from a total of eight universities in the area, plus one student from Hungary. Most of the Fellows were in masters degree programs, but a considerable number were in Ph.D and law programs. About half come from outside of the US, including several who have been active in model UN programs. The Graduate Fellows program of the Chapter continued under the direction of Robert Berg.

The theme of the program was UN reform. Berg's lectures were supplemented by

presentations from outstanding experts including: Victoria Holt and William Durch, senior fellows from the Henry L. Stimson Center; David Mozersky, director of the Horn of Africa for the International Crisis Group; Salih Booker, executive director of Global Rights; Gay McDougall, Special Reporteur on Human Rights for the UN; James Sherry, Chair, Global Health, School of Public Health, George Washington University; Colette Chabbott, International Education Consultant; Ron Waldman, Team Leader, Influenza Response Unit, USAID; John Salzberg, Chair, UNA-NCA Human Rights Group; Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Chief of Staff, International Food Policy Research Institute; and Desmond Bermingham, Head, Fast Track Initiative Secretariat, World Bank. Many of these individuals are at the forefront of thinking on multilateral reform issues.

The UNA graduate fellows also completed internships with organizations working on international issues. In some cases, these internships became important career stepping-stones. In other cases these were the first formal job settings for students and gave students great confidence that they could crack the "real" world.

High School Essay Contest

In 2007 Ernest E Lent, Jr. proposed that we offer a UNA-NCA essay contest exclusively for high school students in the District of Columbia. The students were to write a memorandum to the Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon, describing how the United Nations, employing the principles stated in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, might bring peace, justice and security to the conflict in one of a choice of regions: Darfur; Kosovo; or Israel and Palestine. There was a first prize of \$1,000.00, second

of \$500.00, and five third prizes of \$100.00 each as well as four Honorable mentions. Winning essays came from Benjamin Banneker, Woodrow Wilson, McKinley, Gonzaga College and St. John's College High Schools, Booker T. Washington Public Charter School and National Cathedral School. The prize-winning students and their parents were invited to the annual luncheon in June to receive their prizes.



This year, in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the prize will be awarded at the annual UNA-NCA Human Rights luncheon on Capitol Hill in December. We are extending our reach into the surrounding area schools,

with one of two first prizes to be reserved for DC public school students.

Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund

The Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund, established in 2006 to support activities that enlarge public understanding of the United Nations in the greater Washington area, acquired new leadership in 2008 with the appointment of Lana Bian and Leila Hanafi as co-chairs. The Fund has continued its support for a steadily expanding effort to increase awareness of the United Nations in the area's religious communities, and has also provided additional resources to the UNA-NCA Global Classrooms program (GCDC).

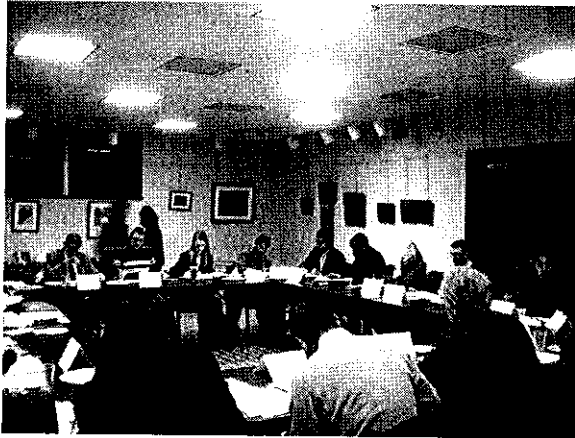
Planning is beginning for preparation of a publication (which would also be disseminated through other media) that would demonstrate how each of us as individual citizens benefits from the United Nations.

PROGRAMS

UNA-NCA every year organizes a variety of events intended to promote knowledge of the United Nations and the issues before the world body and to encourage constructive U.S. participation in the UN. Bi-monthly meetings of the UNA-NCA Board of Directors typically begin with a presentation, followed by brief discussion, by an invited speaker.

Three of the Board Meetings contained information sessions. In September, "What

is the UN doing to counter terrorism?" with Alistair Millar, Director of the Center on Global Counter Terrorism Cooperation; in November, "What can the UN do to fight international corruption", with Frank Vogl, co-founder of Transparency International, and Nancy Boswell, President and CEO of Transparency International-USA; and in April, "What are the views of the Presidential candidates toward the UN?" with Don Kraus, Executive Vice President of Citizens for Global Solutions.



Our UNA-NCA committees and task forces, and at times individual members organized public presentations and discussions on many topics. Some of the most notable of the year 2007-2008 are summarized below.

UN Strengthening and Reform

The UNA-NCA Committee on UN Strengthening and Reform facilitated three public lectures on UN Reform in cooperation with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The speakers at these sessions, all with long experience in international organizations, were The Honorable Jan Eliasson, former Foreign Minister of Sweden and President of the 60th UN General Assembly; Professor Edward C. Luck, Director, Center on International Organizations of the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; Dr. Mohammed el Ashry, Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation; Dr. Jessica Matthews, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Lord Mark Malloch Brown, former Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations. The sessions were webcast by the Wilson Center, and the Center produced a publication titled "*UN Reform, Progress, Prospects and Priorities.*"



The committee initiated collaboration with the Center for UN Reform Education (*CUNRE*) in New York. In early 2008 UNA-NCA made a small grant of \$1,000 from the Committee's budget to support the valuable work of the Center.

Committee members advised on development of a special module on UN Strengthening and Reform in the UNA-NCA Global Classrooms program. A mini-simulation was piloted at Banneker High School, and a professional development workshop for teachers on the subject of UN Strengthening and Reform was held on the occasion of the Model UN Conference at the State Department.

In January 2008 UNA-NCA presented a committee paper to UNA-USA leaders proposing the creation of an International Committee on Strengthening and Reform of the United Nations. The mission of the Committee would be to encourage the strengthening of the United Nations by identifying and publicizing areas of feasible improvement and by facilitating exchanges among influential individuals holding differing viewpoints, with the objective of reaching agreement wherever possible.

To this end, the Committee would conduct "quiet dialogues" through off-the-record,

non-official discussions on specific issues related to the structure and procedures of the United Nations; enrich the private dialogues by holding constructive public forums on these issues, with the engagement, as appropriate, of representatives of UN agencies, governments, non-governmental organizations, and the media; publish and distribute reports and documents on these issues; and monitor progress in the United Nations on the implementation of strengthening actions that have been adopted. UNA-NCA proposed that the International Committee be 'sponsored' by the UNA-USA Board of Directors. The UNA-USA Executive Committee subsequently decided to launch a feasibility study of the proposal.

A similar approach has been made to the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

The Committee has started discussions on a possible one-day UNA conference in Washington DC in early 2009 on the status of UN Reform and the future US role in UN Strengthening and Reform. The conference could be a joint venture of UNA-NCA and the Washington Office of UNA-USA, in partnership with other interested bodies, such as the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the Meridian International Center. As this report was prepared, Bob Berg and Andy Rice were in early stages of designing a Conference, in consultation with other members of the UN Strengthening and Reform Committee. Finally, Committee members offered to serve as resource persons for work on the possibility of presenting to the new US President-elect proposals for a newly proactive, collaborative US role in the UN, particularly on UN strengthening and reform.

Human Rights

UNA-NCA and its Human Rights Task Force are planning a variety of activities in 2008 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the annual UNA-NCA Human Rights Awards Luncheon on December 10, 2008. Activities of the Task Force in the last year, leading up to this Anniversary year, include:

The Human Rights Award Luncheon

The annual UNA-NCA Human Rights Awards Luncheon, held on Capitol Hill in December 2007 and attended by more than 200, honored Washington area human rights leaders and promoted understanding of and support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



The UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Award went to the Reverend Joseph Eldridge, now Chaplain of American University, for his exceptional work over many years, as an advocate and analyst on international human rights, including particularly his work on Latin America. Task Force Co-Chair John Salzberg noted that Eldridge, as Executive Director of the Washington Office on Latin American in the 1970's, brought attention to the U.S. Congress of human rights violations

in Latin America. These efforts helped enact legislation curbing U.S. military aid to repressive governments, establishing the Human Rights Bureau in the State Department, and mandating the State Department's annual report on human rights around the world. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, a friend of Eldridge, attended the event, adding words of praise and recollections of their travels in Chile and Nicaragua.

Eldridge's keynote address told how his inspiration to "work on behalf of those who suffer" drove him to raise awareness about human rights grievances around the world. He urged the audience to continue human rights efforts "to free the world of human affliction" and "reflect light into the darkest places."



At the December luncheon UNA-NCA also presented its annual UNA-NCA Community Human Rights Awards, based on nominations from community organizations in which recipients are active. Awardees included Phyllis Bennis (U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation), D.B. Bishwakarma (International Commission for Dalit Rights), Bruce Dunton (National Capital Area Union Retirees Club), Evelyn Falkowski (Citizens for Global Solutions, National Capital Area), Colby Goodman (Amnesty International USA), Peter Gubser

(Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace), Theresa Harris (World Organization for Human Rights USA), Lisa Haugaard (Latin American Working Group), Katie Lampadarios (Amnesty International USA), Philip H. Miller (Foundry Methodist Church), Daoud Nassar (Interfaith Peace-Builders), Elaine Newman (Americans for Democratic Action), Gloria Scott (UNA-NCA), Page Wilson (UNA-NCA).

International Day of the Disappeared: The Human Rights Task Force marked the International Day of the Disappeared with a session, jointly sponsored with the World Sindhi Institute, on August 30, 2007 in the Cannon House Office Building. Speakers included David Smith of the United Nations Information Center; T. Kumar of Amnesty International USA; and Manzoor Mirani, a journalist in Sindh, Pakistan. Smith, who lived in Argentina in the 1970s, spoke about the many "disappeared" people there. Mirani spoke about the many "disappeared" people in Pakistan. The United Nations has adopted a convention on the "disappeared." The United States has not ratified the convention.

The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza: UNA-NCA and the Foundation for Middle East Peace sponsored a session in March 2008 on "*The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and Beyond.*" More than 80 people attended the meeting at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Speakers included Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and Andrew Whitley, director of the Representative Office of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

The speakers noted the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. They explained that it was caused

by Israel's restrictions on people and goods entering and leaving Gaza. Food aid from the UN is essential for 80 percent of the Gaza population, they said, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) reported most children under three years are underweight and one-third of the children are stunted. Drinking water is in short supply due to restrictions on fuel and electricity, the speakers said, and prohibitions against cement imports have brought construction and repair of hospitals, schools, housing, and sewage disposal to a standstill. They warned that the blockade may bring further radicalization of the people in Gaza.

Adlai Stevenson's Lasting Legacy

On February 5th, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Georgetown University Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, and UNA-NCA hosted an event titled *Adlai Stevenson's Lasting Legacy* to honor Adlai Stevenson, Governor of Illinois, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and twice Democratic presidential candidate. Contributors to the new book *Adlai Stevenson's Lasting Legacy*, all of whom knew Stevenson personally and/or professionally, discussed Stevenson's impact on American policy and politics and how his legacy offers insight into current foreign policy issues.

Thomas R. Pickering, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN and Co-Chair of UNA-USA, moderated the event. He stated that Stevenson set the model for diplomatic achievement by the US, fondly remembering Stevenson as a man of pride, honor, and incalculable intelligence.

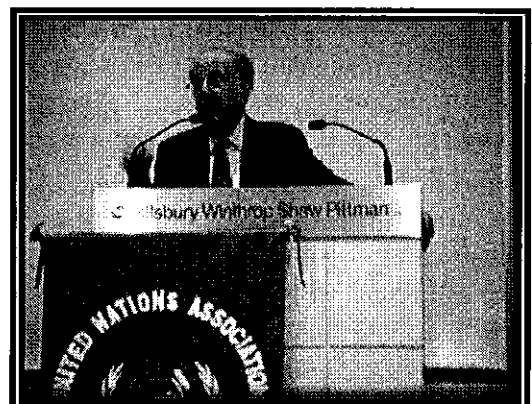
Alvin Liebling, Senior U.S. Administrative Law Judge and editor of Adlai Stevenson's *Lasting Legacy* and one of many speakers at

the event who had known or worked with Stevenson, spoke about the book's many insights on how to deal with current global issues. Liebling also affirmed that Stevenson had a deep concern for the world and believed in the idea of collaborative diplomacy.

Israel and the UN: Has There Been Progress?

A forum on *Israel and the United Nations* in February featured former Ambassador Richard Schifter and David Bernstein, Associate Director of the Community Services Department of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). The forum addressed two critical questions: *Israel and the United Nations: has there been progress?* and *Israel and Palestinians: what will it take to bring about peace?*

Ambassador Schifter, who had served as US Representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, shared his concern that the UN was unable to take effective action to bring about peace in the Middle East due to the veto power in the Security Council as well as the "anti-Israel bias" at the UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Commission. However, Ambassador Schifter said that it is possible to affect change in the UN and in policies of governments, urging that the US work with the heads of the member states to achieve this goal.



Following Ambassador Schifter's presentation, David Bernstein, Associate Director of the Community Services Department of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), discussed the evolution of Israeli policies toward the occupied territories, indicating that Israeli attitudes toward a peace settlement with the Palestinians were evolving. Bernstein argued that the majority of Israelis are willing to have a two-state system but that the Palestinian authorities cannot deliver as long as the authorities in Gaza do not want peace. Bernstein stated that the goal should be making a stronger Palestine in the West Bank, setting sights realistically, creating synthesis between the peace process and a unilateral withdrawal.

Young People and the MDGs: Case Study of Morocco

A meeting at the World Bank co-sponsored by UNA-NCA in December addressed one of the greatest opportunities, and challenges, the world faces today: the "youth bulge," which affects primarily, but not exclusively, the demographics of developing countries. *The World Bank's World Development Report 2007, Development and the Next Generation*, states that around 50% of the world population today is under 25 years of age, and nine out of ten of these young people live in poor countries. The meeting, which drew an audience of more than 100, was an initiative of the UNA-NCA YPIC International Law and Human Rights Committee.

Moroccan Ambassador Aziz Mekouar outlined Morocco's experience in addressing youth as one of the most vital components in any development strategy. More than 50 percent of Morocco's population is less than

25 years old. Ambassador Mekouar stated that:

"The issue of young people has proven to be a major cross-cutting theme, embedded in almost every Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)... whether it be poverty reduction, education, improved governance, health and infectious diseases ... It is a fact that giving a special attention to young people is not only at the core of achieving the MDGs, but will ensure that these goals will be achieved in a durable sustainable manner."



Michal Rutkowski, Sector Director of the World Bank Middle East and North Africa Human Development Department, pointed out that we should not let young people become a burden for the economy, but should rather "contribute through adequate programs for their successful development, something that will help us grow economically and reduce the level of poverty." In addressing youth impact on the development process, the meeting also featured several young speakers who have taken initiatives, in Morocco and elsewhere, to address the challenges of the MDGs.

Labor Standards

China's human rights and labor rights problems were the subject of a six-person panel discussion presented by UNA-NCA and the Washington chapter of the Society for International Development in January in the AFL-CIO Building. Speakers were Earl V. Brown, Jr., lawyer for the American Center for International Labor Solidarity; Erin Ennis, vice president of the U.S.-China Business Council; T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA advocacy director for Asia; Li Qiang, founder of New York City-based China Labor Watch; Armand Pereira, Washington Office Director of the United Nations-related International Labor Organization; and Markley Roberts, Chair of the UNA-NCA Labor Committee. The Embassy of China did not respond to an invitation to participate.

China's June 2007 labor law was aimed at protecting workers, many of them migrants, in both the booming economy in the south and the declining rust belt areas in the north. ILO "core labor standards" call for (1) freedom of association, (2) recognition of the right to collective bargaining, (3) elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor, (4) abolition of child labor, and (5) elimination of discrimination in employment and occupation. The standards are still largely ignored in China.

Pereira noted "significant progress" in the willingness of the Chinese government to follow ILO labor standards. Ennis said the presence of U.S. multinational businesses in China is "part of the solution" to higher wages and higher labor standards, but found enforcement problems at the local level. Kumar declared China's lack of labor unions, political controls, and discriminatory treatment of rural-to-city workers are issues that must be changed. Brown said

independent labor unions are essential to protect Chinese workers. Qiang stated that the influence of multinational corporations has been beneficial in improving workers' conditions and establishing annual factory reports. Roberts suggested the United States role should include both confrontation and engagement, both unilateral and through multilateral institutions like the ILO and the United Nations.

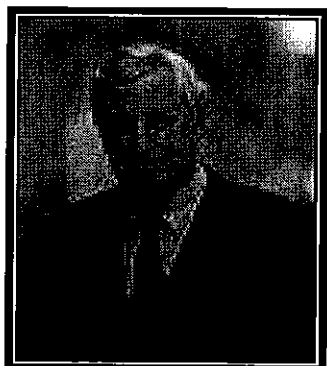
Embassy Programs

UNA-NCA organizes several events every year at embassies, typically including a discussion on the host government's policies toward the United Nations and international affairs more broadly by the country's ambassador to the United States and a reception with wine and delicacies from the nation. We had two excellent events in 2007-2008.

First, we were hosted by the Embassy of Ghana during UN Week in October for a panel discussion of progress toward the Millennium Development Goals. The panel featured His Excellency Kwame Bawuah-Edusei, Ambassador of Ghana. This event, which also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Ghana's Independence from the United Kingdom, began with an opening reception and concluded with music and dancing from Ghana performed by members of the embassy staff.

In March, His Excellency Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France, hosted UNA-NCA at his magnificent residence in the Kalorama area of Washington. This event featured a review by Ambassador Vimont of the profound changes in French attitudes toward multilateral actions in general and the UN in particular under the administration of President Sarkozy of France, promising a

much more activist role by France in cooperation with other members of the United Nations. Following Ambassador Vimont's highly informative presentation, which is available on the UNA-NCA web site, discussion continued at a reception in this splendid residence.



Peace and Security

Under the umbrella theme, "*Promoting Global Security*," the Peace and Security Task Force examined six topics this past year: non-proliferation and disarmament, trafficking in small arms, security sector reform, the UN and counter-terrorism, the responsibility to protect (R2P), and human security. Task force members, who were in some cases issue experts on the particular theme, including Ambassador Curtis A. Ward, former Chair of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, researched these topics and led group discussions.

The purpose of this work was to outline the current status of UN action/implementation of resolutions on these issues and then offer specific policy recommendations aimed at the UN and member states. Select themes will be written up by task force members for each of the topics and these individual reports will be knit together into a comprehensive report by the Task Force. The goal is to offer this report to the UNA

community and beyond as background material for future UN Security Council debate. The Task Force is currently in the report-writing phase and will hold future sessions to discuss draft topic papers.

The Peace and Security Task Force also sponsored and developed the UNA-NCA International Day of Peace event held in September 2007 honoring activist and conflict mediation expert Betty Bigombe of Uganda. UNA-NCA long-time member and former Peace and Security Task Force Chair Ambassador Jonathan Dean was also given a UNA-NCA Lifetime Achievement Award. This public event, held at the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, DC featured participation from a broad audience of experts and interested citizens, including representatives from prominent NGOs in the field of conflict mediation as well as those who work with children in conflict zones. Members of the diplomatic, academic and think tank community, as well as advocacy organizations, were present. We were also honored to host a documentary film team who were featuring our awardee, Ms Bigombe, in a documentary on women peacemakers.



The Task Force had an exciting and stimulating year and looks forward to exploring new ideas for the future. The Task Force will continue to engage the counterpart YPIC Peace and Security Committee. Those other task forces or committees interested in future collaboration and/or joining the Task Force are encouraged to contact the chair to discuss.

OUTREACH

While most UNA-NCA programs are open to the public – and we of course welcome new members or non-members -- our programs on current issues are largely member events. An important part of our mission is to reach out to non-members of the UN Association:- both the general public and leaders of the community, including our government officials. UN Week activities, our Speakers' Bureau, and Advocacy programs most notably serve this purpose.

United Nations Week

Working in partnership with other organizations, UNA-NCA organized eleven separate events, attracting more than 1,000 people, during UN Week 2007, October 22 to 28. There were also exhibits on the Millennium Development Goals in D.C.'s Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and the Davis Library in Bethesda, Maryland, U.N. programs at Rotary meetings and prayers for the UN in the faith community. The theme of this year's UN Week was:

*What If? Extreme poverty became history...
Human rights were universally respected...
The United Nations and You! Make It Happen!*

UN Week 2008 activities included the following events:

--An opening ceremony at the Marie Reed Community Learning Center with Linda Hill, a sixth grade teacher, as mistress of ceremony. After four students from the fifth grade class sang the National Anthem, representatives from the District of Columbia Public Schools presented this year's Proclamation for UN Week by Mayor Adrian Fenty and William Davis, Director

of the UN Information Center conducted an interactive session with the students on the Millennium Development Goals.



--A panel organized by the Public Health Student Association of George Washington University discussed the intersection of urbanization and health services delivery in developing countries. Speakers emphasized that rapid urbanization has been a product of globalization, and developing countries are bearing much of the burden of this rapid growth in cities. Promoting equity in access to health services among the urban poor is a global responsibility, and as one speaker pointed out, the improvement of health depends as much on the political will of governments as it does on scientific investigation.



--As a prelude to the Friday night gala "Fashion Fights Poverty" show of creative designs using "fair traded" materials sourced from developing countries, approximately 150 members of UNA-NCA and its partners gathered in George Washington University's Morton Theater to ask whether and how fashion really can fight poverty. Speakers including Indrasen Vencatachellum of UNESCO examined the roles of consumers, businesses, and development organizations in creating the conditions under which fickle fashion can contribute to long-term development.



--A panel organized by the UNA-NCA's Young Professionals for International Cooperation's Asia Pacific Committee and hosted by The Sejong Society of Washington, D.C., presented four distinct perspectives on the issue of climate change policy. Panelists spoke about the rate in which global pollution is rising, the sheer magnitude of the climate change problem, and the large markets that the 'cap and trade' system of the Kyoto protocol provides to U.S. businesses. Although the messages varied, each panelist confirmed that in order to have a new agreement in place when the Kyoto protocol expires in 2012, world leaders must make substantive progress by 2009.



--More than 250 participants gathering in a conference center at the World Bank discussed the question, "What if youth could make a difference?" and engaged in five sessions that dealt with varying topics: promoting youth in decision-making, opportunities for youth involvement at the Bank through the Youth Innovation Fund, experiences of youth who have made a difference in their communities and globally, empowering youth across the globe, and how youth around the world can contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The program was organized by the World Bank's Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y) Community.

--Following a reception to celebrate Ghana's 50th Anniversary, which occurred during UN Week, Ghana's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Dr. Bawuah Edusei, moderated a panel discussing the MDGs with representatives from the World Bank, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Academy for Education Development, and USAID. Speakers identified specific areas, potential problems and possible solutions that countries would need to overcome to accomplish the MDG's by 2015. Since no country is exactly alike, their approaches to the MDG's will be different, making the solutions challenging. However, the panelists agreed that taking small steps is key to solving larger problems such as poverty, health or education. A live Ghanaian band provided a vibrant conclusion to the event.

--As part of UN Week 2007, UNA-NCA co-sponsored the national capital's biggest ethical fashion show, Fashion Fights Poverty (FFP). Hundreds of Washingtonians at this event supported national and international designers who employ ethical means and practices in their design and manufacturing, producing products that promote economic development and the betterment of communities. This year's FFP show, held at the Carnegie Library, featured designers from around the world, celebrity guests, and community-empowering artisan projects benefitting Aid to Artisans.



--At the closing event for UN Week 2007, John Salzberg, Co-Chair of the UNA-NCA Human Rights Task Force, presented remarks on "The United Nations and the United States: Collective vs. Unilateral Responsibility for Human Rights and Peace and Security" at the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington D.C The substantive discussion was part of UNA-NCA's efforts to strengthen links with the faith community.

Library Displays

During the entire month of October the two main local libraries had prominently placed displays commemorating the event, celebrating the work of the United Nations and informing the public about the millennium development goals and how we, as citizens, can contribute in many concrete ways to help achieve the goals set for 2015. At the Martin Luther King library, the

central core of DC's library system, the display was in the main floor reading hall. The 12-foot wide display case was wide enough to include information about the Global Classrooms programs and highlight the UNA-NCA school essay contests. The Davis library in Montgomery County displayed the information in the entrance lobby with a focus on the MDGs and the United Nations at work.



Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC)

UNA-NCA's Young Professionals for International Cooperation or YPIC has continued to develop its organizational structure and program activities. Among other organizational initiatives, an executive board has been formed and action plans developed for each YPIC committee; leadership training has been instituted; new membership orientation materials have been developed; a communications committee has developed a standardized marketing plan for YPIC programs; and collaboration with UNA-NCA programs and staff has been enhanced with frequent meetings.

YPIC's work is done largely by its active committees. The Africa committee, with a membership of over forty members, hosted five well-attended events and partnered with the Human Rights and International law Committee and the UNA-NCA Africa Task Force on several initiatives. The committee excels at membership engagement and frequently attracts new members to the organization from its well-organized events,

such as the film screening of Rwanda Rising.

YPIC's Asia Committee, also with more than forty members, organized several events throughout the year, most notably a panel event on the International Day of the Disappeared which was covered by CSPAN.

One of YPIC's newest committees, Education and Youth Development, has brought in new leadership and vision. While still developing its membership base, the committee has hosted three membership drives and has developed a comprehensive action plan for 2008. Its first major event was a fundraiser for UNICEF that raised over \$100.

Two of our veteran committees, International Economics & Sustainable Development, have been combined under new leadership. While still developing its membership base, the committee has hosted several happy hours and has been integral in developing YPIC initiatives and activities.

YPIC's Committee on International Law & Human Rights has partnered with the Human Rights & International Law committee and the UNA-NCA Africa Task Force on several initiatives. In designing its committee action plan, the committee reorganized to a more complex leadership structure to meet the rising membership base. The committee has worked well to coordinate with other committees to develop outstanding events such as the embassy event on empowering youth and women in Mauritania.

New committees on Latin America, the Middle East, and Peace and Security have brought in new leadership and vision. These committees are developing their

membership base and developing a comprehensive plan of action for 2008.

Among other activities, YPIC's Mentoring Program, which pairs members with senior members of UNA-NCA, has been nominated as a flagship program for sharing best practices among UNA-USA chapters, divisions, and YPIC groups nation-wide. The program's leadership has recently changed hands and has developed a new vision and direction for its continuing development.



Our "Taste of ..." program, which organizes events at Washington embassies for our membership, has divided its event planning responsibilities among its members and kicked off its 2008 schedule of programs in May in cooperation with the Embassy of Morocco.

Advocacy

The advocacy team built on the experience of previous years to provide training, briefing material and organizational support to ensure quality in the implementation of the advocacy program and to build confidence on the part of volunteers in their ability to execute constituent visits to Members of Congress.

UNA-NCA volunteers made constituent visits to Members of Congress from Maryland and Virginia and to the DC Delegate, in October 2007. The focus of the visits was on support for the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated appropriations. Other than UNA-NCA members, volunteers were recruited from local universities to make visits to Senate and Congressional offices outside the Washington area. There was some discussion on the possibility of participation by Washington Area Members in the United Nations Working Group on Capitol Hill being developed by UNA-USA.

Speakers Bureau

Members of the UNA-NCA frequently receive invitations to discuss UN Affairs or UNA-NCA activities before other organizations. Although many of these invitations come directly to our individual members, including those on the Advisory Council and the Board of Directors, the UNA-NCA Speakers Bureau also identifies speakers for other organizations on request. Events at which our members and staff spoke in the 2007-2008 year include:

- Ambassador Jonathan Dean, speaking on “Reducing Armed Violence” at Global Action to Prevent War, in Australia in February 2008;
- Robert Berg, speaking on “Climate Change: Impacts and Responses” at Bioivision, the World Life Sciences Forum, at the Library of Alexandria, Egypt;
- Taishya Adams, Director, Global Classrooms, interviewed on GCDC and the Model UN meeting on the Kojo Nnamdi Show, WAMU, and on WPFW;
- Edison Dick, on “The Responsibility to Protect” at the American Society of International Law (ASIL);
- Dawn Calabria on Human Rights at George Mason University;
- Will Smith, at the Women’s National Democratic Club;
- A. Edward Elmendorf at the Suburban Women’s Club; and
- Edison Dick, A. Edward Elmendorf, Richard Griffis, Robert Schott, Robert Wilbur, and Paula Boland at Washington Metropolitan area Rotary Clubs in the fall, most on or near UN Week.

MEMBERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Membership

Following the national United Nations Associations trend, membership numbers for UNA-NCA have declined in the past year. Nonetheless, we continue to be the largest UNA unit nationwide.

As of April 2008, UNA-NCA membership was 1,217. About a year ago it was 1,347. This represents a 130-member decline, or

about 10% of our membership. This drop matches that of UNA-USA nationally.

UNA-NCA takes this decline in membership very seriously and is in the process of revamping its membership recruitment and retention approach. Early in 2008 we concluded an extensive overhaul of our database by expanding and updating information. Though it was an extremely time consuming and tedious process, an accurate database is integral to any membership program. We have also

designated one Program Assistant each semester to concentrate on membership.

Currently, approximately one third of our members renew their membership. According to Ellis M. M. Robinson in *The Nonprofit Membership Toolkit*, most organizations' renewal rate is above 50 percent. UNA-NCA's lower renewal rate represents a great opportunity to cost-effectively raise our membership numbers.

Prior renewal procedures have focused on UNA-USA mail reminders followed by diligent phone calls from the UNA-NCA Membership Committee. The Committee is pleased to note that the practice of including the membership expiration date on *UN Vision* address labels has been reinstated as a helpful reminder for membership retention. Processes are being put in place to expand our retention strategy.

Membership recruitment includes the continued initiative of compiling prospective member contact lists. These contacts are sent the current issue of the *UN Vision* with a letter of invitation. Board members have been especially helpful in identifying prospective members. We continue to stress the importance of promoting membership at all UNA-NCA sponsored and co-sponsored events and have requested the sustained support of Committee and Task Force Chairs in this endeavor. Our membership brochure has been redesigned to assist this effort.

Students and young professionals remain a robust portion of our membership. During the year we continued our encouragement of the George Washington University Student Alliance program and further outreach to area faculty. We look forward to continuing our connection with the World Bank Youth-to-Youth community, the Organization of

American States, and other young professional groups.

The UNA-NCA Board approved establishment of a new UNA-NCA Institutional Sponsorship Program, and arrangements for making it operational were in final design as this report was completed. The new program includes potential UNA membership opportunities for individuals within these institutions. Additionally, we continue to expand our outreach with our on-going event co-sponsorship relations with local universities, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and The Society for International Development-Washington Chapter, among other organizations.

Our membership contact efforts have improved with the redesign and expansion of the *UN Express*. We hope that the *UN Vision* can be published as closely as possible prior to our major UNA-NCA events such as the UN Week, Human Rights Luncheon, International Day of Peace, in order to publicize these events widely and increase membership recruitment. This is also a useful source of program information for members who do not wish to give out their email address, thereby increasing member retention as well as recruitment. The free subscriptions to *Foreign Policy* magazine continue to be a big draw for new members. The welcome letters and information packs sent to new members are also effective measures for membership retention. In addition, the Area Chairs have held well-received new member receptions including speakers and overviews of our organization's extensive programs and participation opportunities.

Membership is intrinsically a part of every UNA activity. All our members need to be

membership recruiters, developers and sustainers. The Membership Committee thanks all volunteers for their devoted work this past year, and looks forward to continuing to engage and nurture the core of the Association – its members.

Communications

Communications is a multiplier. Through both print and electronic media, we seek to build upon the excellent programs developed by our committees and task forces, reporting on UNA-NCA activities and other UN-related events to both our own members and a wider audience.

Our major communications vehicles are the quarterly *UN Vision*, the bi-weekly e-mail *UN Express* newsletter, and our web site.

UN Vision, featuring in-depth reports on UNA-NCA programs, as well as book reviews and articles from members, is targeted to our members, and distributed both electronically and in hard copy. *UN Express*, summarizing activities and promoting those forthcoming, goes to a list of approximately 2,500 people, going beyond UNA-NCA membership to other citizens who have expressed interest in our activities. With renewed attention from our staff, *UN Express* is becoming a feature activity of UNA-NCA.

Our web site, www.unanca.org, is the public face of UNA-NCA. With a new web technology making it much easier to post new material, we are now able to keep our site fresh. Our target is to post new material on our programs or other UN-related events at least once every two weeks, and we often do this more frequently. From January 2004 to December 2008, the average monthly number of visitors has risen from approximately 1,900 to 2,800, and the

average number of pages visited from approximately 7,400 to 9,100.

We try to be alert to opportunities to reach still wider audiences through local media. In the week before our Model UN program at the State Department, Taishya Adams, our GCDC Director, participated in a lengthy discussion of the global classrooms program in the DC public schools, along with DC Public Schools Director of Social Studies Jesse Nickelson, on the popular Kojo Nnamdi show on WAMU radio. Ms. Adams was also interviewed on radio station WPFW in the same week.

Advisory Council

The following persons were appointed to the Advisory Council this past year by the President of UNA-NCA, in consultation with the Executive Committee: Frank Hodsoll, Anne Hale Johnson, Luke Lee, Frank Vogl and Curtis Ward. In the same time period, the terms of service of several members of the Council came to an end. Thanked for all they had contributed while on the Council, and urged to stay involved in UNA-NCA's many activities, were E.R. Braithwaite, Clifford B. Janey, Mae King, Thelma Kouzes, Ronald Palmer, Laughlin Phillips and David Popper. In addition, two members stepped down from the Council after being elected to other positions of responsibility within UNA-NCA: Dawn Calabria is now a Director at Large, and Firoze Rao is DC Area Chair.

Advisory Council members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, and several did so during the year. Advisory Council member Don Kraus, Executive Vice President of Citizens for Global Solutions, gave an informative address to the Board at its April 2008 meeting, speaking on the subject "The Presidential Candidates: What

are their views toward the United Nations?" Several Council members also attended the February 2008 Board Retreat and participated in other UNA-NCA-sponsored functions during the year.

Financial Reports

Treasurer

As we complete the 2007-2008 program year we owe much to the increased generosity of our loyal supporters. We greatly benefit from their continuing commitment to our program and mission. Overall contributed support increased almost 10% in 2007 to \$222,433. This includes \$23,000 in grants from foundations and other organizations. Some members have creatively leveraged matching funds offered by an employer while others have volunteered their time and skills to write grants and contact supporters. Increasing grants and contributions from foundations and organizational partners often requires continuing investment in leadership relationships over several years.

Earned revenues have a lower level of income from dividends and interest and the 5% withdrawal made annually from Fund A. The decreased value of invested reserves, while in line with general market trends, affects our balance sheet as well as income.

Support from UNA-USA for the Global Classrooms program was reduced by more than 50%. While membership revenues also declined approximately 24% the percentage of membership revenues to total income remained fairly stable at 2.1% against 2.5% in 2006. 2007 expenses increased 18.7% to \$401,138. In order to carry out extensive program activities we employed four staff and provided for health care and some staff development. Other increased expenses

were of a one-time nature, such as an international study tour and a larger Perdita Huston Award. The Executive Director has already taken steps to cut expenses in the 2008 budget, to narrow an anticipated year-end deficit.

UNA-NCA made further progress on financial administration and accounting in 2007-2008. We can now generate current financial reports on short notice and prepare consistent budget and expense reports for grant applications. We continue to benefit from the consulting services of Christine Manor, who has trained UNA-NCA staff on accounting and financial matters.

In July 2007 the Board approved the hiring of Strack-Stanfield, LLC as the UNA-NCA auditor. This firm is experienced in working with non-profit organizations and their financial structures. A clean 2006 audit was completed in November 2007. The audit letter noted that "significant work has been done on administrative and personnel manuals, performance evaluations and the revised financial reporting system."

In the 2006 audit specific attention was paid to differentiating reserves as unrestricted, temporarily or permanently restricted. With the assistance of our auditors, the UNA-NCA Endowment and Investment Committee reviewed and adjusted the policy for these reserves as described in their report. Work on the Fiscal Year 2007 audit was begun early in 2008 and has allowed us to include both the 2006 and 2007 audit in the present Annual Report. This reflects ongoing efforts to strengthen UNA-NCA's transparency and accountability.

The 2007 audit show that all monies for Global Education have been spent, since audit rules require "temporarily restricted gifts" to be spent first for their designated

programs. UNA-NCA has set aside approximately \$29,000 in investment Fund D to be used for future Global Education programs as approved by the Rice Fund Committee.

Achieving a balanced budget at the end of 2008 will require increased giving by members, foundation and business community support as well as control of expenses. We are well served by Board and staff leaders who are focused on these challenges.

Development

2007 was a time of both successes and challenges. Our development program emphasized diversifying our sources of financial support, strengthening existing and building new relationships and broadening our donor base. During the calendar year, contributions from individuals to both restricted and unrestricted funds rose by \$11,000, a 6.1% increase, and foundation grants rose by nearly \$14,000, a 137% increase.

In the face of further reductions in UNA-USA financial support for GCDC, due to re-programming of funds, UNA-NCA continued writing and submitting grant proposals and securing support from new foundations in 2007 and 2008. Additional relationships with local foundations and Washington Metropolitan Area business leaders were established and existing ones were strengthened. UNA-NCA began participating in the World Bank Community Connections Fund, and will participate in the United Way Campaign in Fall 2008.

Together with Ambassador Thomas Pickering, UNA-NCA hosted its second annual luncheon at the World Bank to introduce the GCDC Program to

Washington Area business and other community leaders. In addition to the luncheon, contacts with leaders in the legal communities, as well as with independent and private schools, were established. They have begun to result in new partnerships, increased collaboration on GCDC, and new avenues of financial support.

In monthly meetings stretching across 2007 and 2008, the Development Committee explored ways to better integrate UNA-NCA's membership and development practices. These discussions, also involving leaders of UNA-NCA membership, culminated in the Board's decision to create an Institutional Sponsorship program. The program will be launched in the fall.

With Board-approved changes in policies, UNA-NCA now expects a minimum annual contribution placing all Board members in the annual giving category of Global Citizens or higher. We anticipate that the share of Board members who made donations in 2007 will increase substantially to full Board participation in 2008.

Our UNA-NCA Legacy Circle of members participating in planned giving continues to grow. In this annual report we show 2 new members of the Legacy Circle. We hope that further members of UNA-NCA will be ready to join the Circle.

While we are working hard, and have had some success in diversifying our sources of financial support, we will need to make major efforts to mobilize enough revenue from other sources, and sufficient cost savings, so that we can avoid relying on UNA-NCA's endowment and investment funds to cover our funding gap in 2008.

Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Funds

Having laid the groundwork in previous years, the Endowment Committee's role continued largely to be one of monitoring during the year under review. Results for the period April 1, 2007 through March 30, 2008 did not meet expectations, due mostly to the slump in the stock market, which began in October 2007 and continues. The Committee revised and up dated the investment policy, which was approved by the UNA-NCA Board.

No contributions were received for the Endowment during the year. Funds sent to the operating fund during this period totaled \$90,932.25, which included \$29,500 from the Perdita Huston fund, which was for their its activities. At the end of March 30, 2008

our four funds totaled \$736,413.59 with balances for each fund as follows.

	March 30, 2008	March 30, 2007
Fund A: Mission	\$413,173.11	\$507,475.11
Fund B: Facilities	\$285,029.76	\$351,772.80
Fund C: Perdita Huston	\$ 10,228.46	\$ 40,931.35
Fund D: A. E. Rice	\$ 27,982.26	\$ 29,543.41

The Committee will continue to meet to review performances, balancing of types of investments, and the future role of the Endowment and Investment Funds.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Audit Report and Statement of Financial Position for 2006 and 2007

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The Board of Directors
THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA - NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION as of December 31, 2006 and the related statement of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. The financial statements of the Association as of December 31, 2005, were audited by other auditors whose report dated December 7, 2006, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION as of December 31, 2006 and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information on page 11 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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**THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

ASSETS

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,078	\$ 80,419
Accounts receivable	8,973	5,576
Prepaid expenses	50	2,609
Investments (NOTE 3)	784,280	920,466
Office equipment, net (NOTE 4)	10,096	13,427
Security deposits	<u>2,544</u>	<u>2,544</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 868,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,041</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 7,901	\$ 13,373
Due to UNA/USA	<u>-</u>	<u>5,200</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,901</u>	<u>18,573</u>

NET ASSETS (NOTE 10)

Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	83,358	117,329
Board designated (NOTE 5)	<u>392,068</u>	<u>454,962</u>
Total unrestricted	475,426	572,291
Temporarily restricted (NOTE 6)	336,169	390,652
Permanently restricted (NOTE 7)	<u>48,525</u>	<u>43,525</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>860,120</u>	<u>1,006,468</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 868,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,041</u>
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THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION

Appendix 2: Statement of Activities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2006

	2007			2006 TOTAL
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Memberships dues	\$ 8,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,518
Program revenue (NOTE 10)	69,819	-	-	108,010
Contributions and grants	130,375	87,058	5,000	203,331
Investment income (NOTE 3)	(32,246)	(13,569)	-	204,429
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	176,292	73,499	5,000	531,288
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS (NOTE 6)	127,982	(127,982)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT EXPENSES	304,274	(54,483)	5,000	531,288
Program expense	230,341	-	-	213,141
Management and general	128,562	-	-	90,119
Fundraising	42,236	-	-	34,795
TOTAL EXPENSES	401,139	-	-	338,055
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(96,865)	(54,483)	5,000	193,233
NET ASSETS				
BEGINNING OF YEAR	572,291	390,652	43,525	813,235
END OF YEAR	\$ 475,426	\$ 336,169	\$ 48,525	\$ 1,006,468

*Appendix 3: Recognition of Donors in 2007**

Contributions to Operations & Endowment

UN Millennium Goals Achievers (\$10,000 and Above)

Anonymous	Evelyn Falkowski	Terry Beaty
Arthur & Anne Johnson	Florence Pepper Schott	Tobia & Linda Mercurio

UNA-NCA Ambassadors Circle (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Allen E. Beach	Edison W. & Sally Dick	Kerry Ann Blair
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UNA-NCA Diplomats Circle (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Andrew E. Rice	Margaret S. Richings	Timothy S. Wierzbicki
Charles P. Lord	Mary Louise Becker	Werner M. & Andrea M. Gruhl
Daniel G. Ritchie	Richard & Anne Griffis	William R. Rice
Doris Anne Martin	Robert & Diane Wilbur	William T. Breer
Emily L. Carnes	Robert J. Schott	
John Richardson	Stephen F. Moseley	

UN Advocates Circle (\$500-\$999)

Abigail & John Pereira	Laughlin Phillips	Ruth Sing Wong
Carole B. Brown	Luke T. Lee	Sally Benson
Caroline R. Earle	Michael D. Barnes	Sarah C. Albert
Dawn T. Calabia	Neal Potter	Sheila S. Keeny
Donald T. Bliss	Page H. Wilson	Tim Barner
Ernest E. Lent	Princeton Lyman	
James F. Leonard	Robert J. Berg	

Global Citizens Circle (\$200-\$499)

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Anne Adele Jarman	Duncan H. Cameron	Kit Bigelow
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Cherie Settle	Joan Stieber	Nadia Saad
Clarke M. Britnall	John M. & Paula Boland-Carter	Nancy A. Bliss
Cleveland Sparrow	John & Toshiko Salzberg	Nancy A. Graham
David A. Waugh	Jonathan Dean	Nancy L. Janssen
David H. Popper		Nelle Temple Brown

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Richard C. Rowson
Sarah Anne Corbett

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Stephen Gell
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Whitney Foster
William Keith Davis

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Emily L. Carnes
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Academy for Educational Development
Community Foundation for the National
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Dick Family Foundation
District of Columbia Public Schools
Hattie M. Strong Foundation

International Affairs Society, George
Washington University
Open Society Institute
US Department of State
United Nations Population Fund

* Based on calendar year 2007 including restricted contributions to GCDC, Perdita Huston Human Rights Award, Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund, UN Strengthening & Reform.

** Includes in-kind as well as financial contributions.

Appendix 4: UNA-NCA Events

On June 28, 2007 the UNA-NCA Peace and Security Task Force held a meeting to discuss three topics: Human Security, Security Sector Reform and Responsibility to Protect.

On July 12, 2007 UNA-NCA's YPIC held a Salsa event to fundraise for the benefit of the continued global effort to clear landmines on behalf of the Adopt a Landmine Campaign at Café Peju in Bethesda, MD.

On July 19, 2007 UNA-NCA's YPIC kicked off the Summer International Film Festival at the Washington DC University of California Center with a screening of 'Cold Water Coral' and 'Hemi!'; a portion of the proceeds benefited the landmine-cluster bomb campaign.

On August 30, 2007, UNA-NCA and the World Sindhi Institute held a seminar at the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill for the occasion of the UN International Day of the Disappeared.

On September 20, 2007 UNA-NCA honored Ugandan peace negotiator Betty Bigombe at the Pan American Health Organization with the International Day of Peace Award for her unique efforts to end a brutal insurgency in Uganda.

On September 26, 2007 the UNA-NCA Peace and Security Task Force held a meeting at the United Nations Information Center on the topic of the UN and Counterterrorism featuring discussion led by Ambassador Curtis Ward.

On October 3, 2007 UNA-NCA YPIC Africa Committee and International Law and Human Rights Committee held an event

commemorating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month entitled "Breast Cancer in Africa: Reaching for Recovery" at the Embassy of Ghana.

On October 20-28, 2007 UNA-NCA along with many other organizations kicked off United Nations Week.

On October 22, 2007 UNA-NCA along with the George Washington University held an event entitled "What if the Urban Poor Had Full Access to Health Services Delivery?" at GWU. There was also a UN Advocacy Education & Training Session for the Millennium Development Goals held at the GWU Law Center.

On October 23, 2007 UNA-NCA held an Opening Ceremony and Mayoral Proclamation to kick off United Nations Week at the Marie Reed Community Learning Center in Washington, DC.

On October 23, 2007 UNA-NCA along with Fashion Fights Poverty held a forum at George Washington University entitled "Can Fashion Fights Poverty".

On October 24, 2007, United Nations Day, UNA-NCA YPIC Asia Pacific Committee co-sponsored a session on "Climate Change and the International Community: Navigating in a post Kyoto World" at SAIS in Washington, DC.

On October 25, 2007 UNA-NCA co-sponsored a session entitled "What if Youth have a Voice in Decision Making: A Global Perspective" at the World Bank.

On October 25, 2007 UNA-NCA co-sponsored a United Nations Career Panel at George Washington University.

On October 25, 2007 UNA-NCA celebrated the anniversary of Ghana's independence and presented a panel on "Developing New Solutions to Old Problems: A Discussion on Innovative Approaches to Tackle Millennium Development Goals in Africa" at the Embassy of Ghana.

On October 26, 2007 UNA-NCA co-sponsored an event entitled "UN & Hip Hop: Bridging the Gap" at the George Washington University.

On October 26, 2007 UNA-NCA along with other organizations held a "Fashion Fights Poverty" fashion show at the Carnegie Library.

On October 28, 2007 UNA-NCA concluded the 2007 UN Week with an event entitled "The United Nations and Human Rights: Why we need the United Nations" at the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, DC.

On November 11, 2007 UNA-NCA held an event with Dr. John P. Salzberg speaking on "Israel, Palestine and the United Nations: Are Human Rights a Source for Resolution or Conflict?" at the Cedar Lane Church in Bethesda, MD followed by a reception to honor new Maryland members.

On November 28, 2007 UNA-NCA's YPIC International Law and Human Rights Committee and Africa Committee along with the World Bank and the Embassy of Morocco held an event on "Young People and the UN MDGs in the Middle East and North Africa: Making the MDGs a Reality: Case Study of Morocco" at the World Bank.

On November 29, 2007 the UNA-NCA YPIC Africa Committee and the African Student Association at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies screened the film, 'Rwanda Rising' at a SAIS auditorium, followed by a discussion session.

On December 7, 2007 UNA-NCA held its annual Human Rights Luncheon on Capitol Hill and presented the 2007 Louis B. Sohn Award to Reverend Joseph Eldridge, American University Chaplain.

On December 17, 2007 UNA-NCA and SID-Washington co-sponsored an event on the state of the UN under Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, DC.

On January 15, 2008 UNA-NCA and the Society for International Development - Washington chapter presented a panel discussion on China's human rights and labor rights at the AFL-CIO Building.

On January 22, 2008 UNA-NCA's YPIC held a networking Happy Hour at the Science Club in Washington, DC.

On February 5, 2008 UNA-NCA, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and Georgetown University co-sponsored an event on "Adlai Stevenson's Lasting Legacy: American Politics and Policies, the UN, and the World". The event was moderated by former Ambassador to the UN, Thomas Pickering and Adlai E. Stevenson III was among the distinguished guest speakers.

On February 13, 2008 UNA-NCA held a forum on "Israel and the United Nations: Has There Been Progress?" and "Israel and Palestinians: What Will It Take to Bring about Peace?" at the law offices of Pillsbury,

Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman in Washington, DC.

On February 21, 2008 UNA-NCA's YPIC held a New Member Reception at Gazuza lounge in Washington, DC.

On March 3, 2008 UNA-NCA along with the Foundation for Middle East Peace held a discussion on "The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza & Beyond" at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC.

On March 6, 2008 UNA-NCA and the French Ambassador Pierre Vimont co-sponsored an event entitled "The Evolution of French Policies at the United Nations under President Sarkozy" at the Ambassador's residence in Washington, DC.

On March 27, 2008 UNA-NCA's YPIC and the International Club of DC held a joint happy hour at Finemondo in Washington, DC.

On March 27, 2008 UNA-NCA's YPIC Asia Pacific Committee held a Global Public Health Career Night Panel at the John

Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

On April 5, 2008 UNA-NCA and UNA-MD members participated in the 2008 Members Appreciation Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

On April 28, 2008 UNA-NCA held the 5th Annual Global Classrooms Washington, DC Model UN Conference at the U.S. Department of State.

On April 29, 2008 UNA-NCA's YPIC Education and Youth Development Committee held a happy hour at Larry's Lounge in Washington, DC.

On June 8-10, 2008 UNA-NCA participated in the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Divisions Annual Meeting and National Convention in Washington, DC. This year's theme was "Working Together for a Stronger UN: Advocacy in Action", and members were able to participate in UNA-USA Day on Capitol Hill.

On June 9, UNA-NCA held its 56th Annual Meeting at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.



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Appendix 5: Program Assistants and Lifetime Members

UNA-NCA continues to benefit from the support of dedicated and talented program assistants and volunteers. We have had thirteen program assistants during the year in review. We expect to include more in the following year due to the reorganization of tasks and office space. We continue to be fortunate to have interns who are able to share close quarters.

NCA staff took steps this year to enrich the intern experience. Efforts were made to design compelling assignments and expand essential time and project management skills. Furthermore, professional and academic development components were added to the program. We are encouraged that the positive reinforcement shows that these changes have enriched the program and increased intern professional and

personal growth. As in past years, we received extremely positive feedback from the program assistants on their experience with UNA-NCA.

As a membership organization with a small staff, volunteers are vital to the functioning of UNA-NCA. Their support is central to our ability to organize and present strong programs and events that work toward supporting the efforts of the UN and strengthening US involvement in the organization.

As always, UNA-NCA is extremely appreciative of the work and dedication we receive from all our program assistants and volunteers. We wish them the best in their upcoming endeavors!

Summer 2007

*Kamaile Maldonado
Kate Vandermade*

Fall 2007

*Suzan Harry
Christjanna Mirgon
Carey Radway*

Spring 2008

*Hiba Arshad
Brandy Barter
Christy Chen
Ozlem Eskiocak
Olga Shchepina*

GCDC 2007-2008

*Dani Abrams
Katya Ignatovich
Janan Saba*

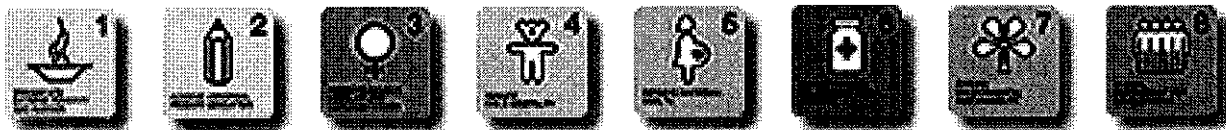
Lifetime Members

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Elmendorf
Andy Rice
Anne Bryant
Anne Porowski
April Wong
Arthur & Anne Johnson
David & Michelle Scheffer
Edward Rawson
Elizabeth Latham

Emily Carnes
Evelyn Falkowski
Florence Pepper Schott
In Hoi Lee
Jonathan & Theodora Dean
Joseph Moss
Katherine Cave
Laughlin Phillips
Margaret Fisher
Nadia Saad

Princeton Lyman
Raoul Kulberg
Robert & Catherine Miller
Robert McCan
Robert Swope
Sarah Papineau Marshall
Sophia Austin
Tobia & Linda Mercurio
Werner & Moen Fornos

The Millennium Development Goals



WHAT ARE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS?

The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – which range from halving extreme poverty to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education, all by the target date of 2015 – form a blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and all the world's leading development institutions. They have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest.

The eight MDGs break down into **21 quantifiable targets** that are measured by **60 indicators**.

- Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education
- Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women
- Goal 4: Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5: Improve maternal health
- Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability
- Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

"We will have time to reach the Millennium Development Goals – worldwide and in most, or even all, individual countries – but only if we break with business as usual.

We cannot win overnight. Success will require sustained action across the entire decade between now and the deadline. It takes time to train the teachers, nurses and engineers; to build the roads, schools and hospitals; to grow the small and large businesses able to create the jobs and income needed. So we must start now. And we must more than double global development assistance over the next few years. Nothing less will help to achieve the Goals."

United Nations Secretary-General

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- Automatic enrollment in UNA-USA (national) and UNA-NCA (local) and ability to participate in both national and local events.

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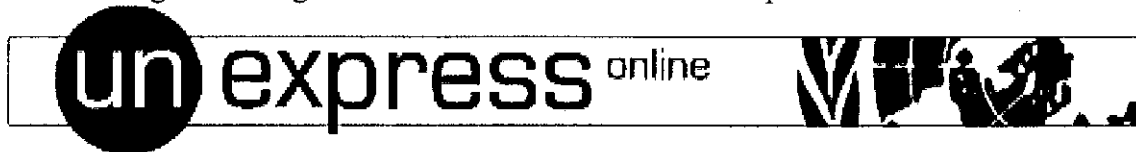
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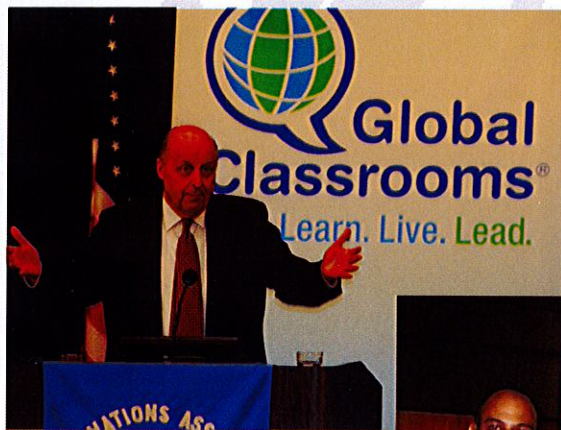


makers.

- Subscription to UNA-NCA's Washington area quarterly newsletter, *UN Vision*, with news on local UNA activities and articles written by area UNA members and featured policy-

- Discounts on all UNA-USA publications, including its annual flagship publication, *UN Global Agenda*.
- Invitation to UNA's annual Member's Day at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.
- Regular email updates from the UNA headquarters, UNA's Washington Office, and UNA's National Capital Area Division on the latest news and events globally and locally.
- Opportunities to get involved in UNA-NCA's multiple Task Forces and Committees including the Young Professionals for International Cooperation.





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