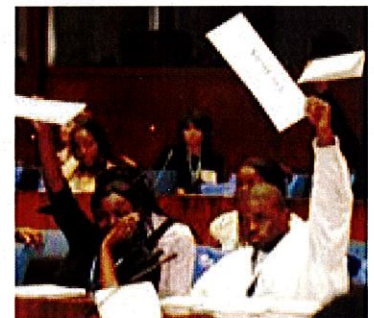


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Introduction by the President

As I prepare to turn the leadership of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) over to the capable hands of Karen Mulhauser, who has ably served as President-elect over the past year, I look back over four years, of continuity and change, of successes combined with challenges and some disappointments.

Change has been marked in the external environment for the work of UNA-NCA. From a public environment of reserve, almost hostility, towards the United Nations, the executive branch of the government has moved towards a very open attitude towards the United Nations and a desire to engage with and at the UN in new and different ways. Important actions taken already include new financial support for UN peacekeeping and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the decision to stand for election to the UN Human Rights Council and work for reform from within the organization. Unfortunately, changing attitudes towards the UN are much less marked on Capitol Hill, so the need and opportunities for positive advocacy by UNA-NCA and other units of UNA-USA have, if anything, grown.

Over the past years, continuity has been well represented within UNA-NCA by outstanding programs reaching thousands of people. Global Classrooms® DC (GCDC) has become UNA-NCA's flagship program. We have had continuity in GCDC but also important changes – growth in student participation, in strength and breadth of activities, in range and depth of partnerships (especially with the US Department of State and the DC Public Schools), and in number and extent of local institutional financial supporters, including the Bank of America Foundation, the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, the Hattie M. Strong Foundation, the Marpat Foundation, La Paz Foundation, the Academy for Educational Development, and others.

UNA-NCA's annual UN Week program celebra-

tions in October have continued to showcase the United Nations and UNA-NCA's many partner organizations to thousands of people in the DC area. UNA-NCA's committees have organized countless events, chief among them the Annual Human Rights Day Luncheon on Capitol Hill. New programs and program themes have also entered the UNA-NCA landscape over the past four years, too. The varied activities organized under the auspices of our still relatively new Committee on UN Strengthening and Reform represent the most important programmatic change over the past four years. The very successful April 2009 conference on 'Building a more Effective United Nations: Opportunities for the Obama Administration' is perhaps the most visible achievement of the committee. New opportunities emerge from it not only for the Obama Administration but also for UNA-NCA. Somewhat less visible, the many programs events organized by our Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) have been increasingly anchored in the wider organization, with growing cooperation between the YPIC committees and other UNA-NCA committees. In September 2008, UNA-NCA successfully launched a new Institutional Sponsorship Program at the home of Board member William Breer. The program seeks to formalize ongoing institutional relationships with area organizations and provides unique networking events and off-the-record briefings for Institutional Sponsors.

Continuity and change are also represented in the leadership of UNA-NCA. Former presidents, especially Edison Dick and Andy Rice, continue to be very active in many leadership roles. Some of the officers with whom I have served, especially Richard Griffis, David Scotton, and Tim Barner, have continued in different roles over the four years. Yet what is perhaps most striking and most important for the future of UNA-NCA is its capacity to identify, recruit, integrate, and engage new leaders, among both volunteers and staff. Chief among them is naturally my successor, Karen Mulhauser, who only joined the Board a few years ago. Paula Boland, Bob Wilbur, Charlie Lord, Andrea Gruhl, Dawn Calabia, Sarah Albert, Ken

Giunta, Matt Corso, Colleen Teixeira Moffat, Kate Wichmann, Dani Abrams, and – most recently – Shirin Rateshtari are among the new volunteer and staff leaders over the past several years. The ability to identify and engage new leaders is not inherent, they will remain critical to the sustainability of UNA-NCA, and merits nurturing by all. It is particularly important that all of us make continuing, successful efforts for UNA-NCA's leadership to reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of our community.

We have changes with the introduction of managerial innovations. A new chart of accounts was created several years ago. Accounting and book-keeping have significantly improved. Our audits and IRS reporting are up to date. We have introduced staff development activities and medical insurance for our personnel. A time recording system has been designed and introduced. Our website and other communications show a new professionalism.

The challenges and disappointments have remained remarkably similar over the past four years. My greatest disappointment has been UNA-NCA's inability to sustain and increase membership. Our most recent strategic plan foresaw annual growth in members of about 100 per year, but the actual numbers – consistent with national trends in UNA-USA and other membership organizations - show a very significant decline. We now have only about half of the number of members expected under the strategic plan. I am delighted that in response over the past several years the Executive Committee and increasingly the Board of Directors have begun to devote serious attention to this formidable challenge.

My second disappointment concerns the financial position of UNA-NCA. Despite evident improvements in financial management and growing programs, we have had to maintain essentially constant budget levels because of the difficulty of mobilizing sufficient revenue for operations. Members have been very supportive, the board responded magnificently several years ago to the

sudden reduction by 50 percent of UNA-USA support for GCDC, and the Executive Committee and Board of Directors have challenged the membership to match their incremental contributions this year. We have had very important successes in diversifying our sources of local support and gaining foundation and other institutional grants. But our investment and endowment funds have fallen greatly, because of the financial crisis, limited contribution, and the necessity several times to draw funds from investments beyond what was normally foreseen. The decline in our investments and endowment also places increasing stress on our capacity to fund and carry out the routine operations of UNA-NCA. In sum, while UNA-NCA has achieved very important sustainability in programs and leadership, its financial sustainability represents a continuing challenge.

My third disappointment concerns the larger national organization, UNA-USA. The financial and other challenges that it has faced have weakened the efforts of all of us to create a better world. I strongly hope that the renewal and commitment to the chapter and membership structure immediately stressed by the new President and Chief Executive Officer of UNA-USA, Ambassador Tom Miller, will lead to the much needed rebuilding of the entire organization. At a time of major new opportunities for the United Nations and for the United States in the United Nations, anything less will be unsatisfactory.

We have made important changes in the governance of UNA-NCA in recent years. First, the Executive Committee has increasingly emerged as the operational management decision-making body, with gradually growing collective assumption of responsibility for decisions. Second, the board members are gradually playing a larger role in the organization, moving more and more from what I sometimes perceived as a passive role into one of increasingly dynamic engagement. Third, our Advisory Council has progressively come to include distinguished advisors. I am delighted that Karen Mulhauser has taken the lead on new ideas for further strengthening UNA-NCA governance.

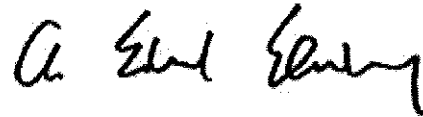
The updating of the UNA-NCA bylaws whose outcome is to be considered at the 2009 Annual Meeting and the recent leadership retreat is an initial example.

It is impossible for me to name all of the people who merit thanks for what we have accomplished together in UNA-NCA over the past four years. More than a few stand out, but I only have space to mention: Andy Rice for his loyal service in so many roles it's impossible to count them; Paula Boland, who made it all happen, in YPIC and then as the Executive Director for all of us; Evelyn Falkowski, for her dedication and examples, now recognized with our Falkowski Award; Richard and Anne Griffis, for unswerving support in multiple roles; Tim Barner, for his modest and unassuming performance in the role as several different Vice-Presidents; Bob Wilbur, for making communication happen; Toby Mercurio and Princeton Lyman, for bringing an entirely new and well-merited emphasis on strengthening the United Nations to our work; Edison Dick, for bridging the divide between UNA-USA and UNA-NCA, and service as a model leader; and Florence and Bob Schott, for their two generations of financial and other additional support to the work of UNA-NCA. Finally, I want to express deep personal appreciation to the literally hundreds of people who have volunteered their time, their energy, and their passion to the work of UNA-NCA. Critics may observe that UNA-NCA is dependent on volunteers to get its work done, but I would observe that volunteers make the difference between a vibrant, thriving organization and one where instructions are routinely given to the staff.

Serving as your president has been an immensely rewarding and a welcome shift to the NGO sector after nearly 40 years of professional engagement in public international organizations. As I turn my attention to the UNA-USA National Board of Directors, to which I was recently elected, and to the Council of Chapters and Divisions, to whose position of Chair I have recently been nominated, I will always remember the common values that have united us in UNA-NCA, the many programs

and events we organized and carried out together, the many examples that we created that our successors and other UNA units may adapt for their purposes, and the dozens and dozens of people who were my colleagues and have become my friends.

A. Edward Elmendorf



President



Programs

The mandate of the Vice President for Programs is to provide support to our numerous activities in such a way that, together, they contribute an informative and timely UNA-NCA message, to our members and the general public, about the challenges facing the United Nations.

To that end, four coordinating meetings for program leaders occurred between January 2008 and January 2009. The focus was on collaboration between UNA-NCA and YPIC program units and clarification of ways to plan and promote events and assess impact.

The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights became the unifying theme for various events in 2008, culminating in two anniversary observances in December, both of them initiated and coordinated by UNA-NCA. On December 2, the Interfaith Observance of the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR occurred at the Soka Gakkai Buddhist Center in Washington, with the participation of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and the National Cathedral. On December 10, the annual Human Rights Luncheon on Capital Hill was an especially festive affair co-sponsored for the first time with the DC Commission on Human Rights.

The unifying theme for 2009, endorsed by the Board of Directors, is "Strengthen and Renew the United Nations," which is intended to stimulate program ideas about a cluster of complex issues before the United Nations.

Notable embassy events included the YPIC sponsored "A Taste of Morocco" in May and the highly successful public forum on "Sweden, the United Nations and the Responsibility to Protect," at the Embassy of Sweden. An event co-hosted with the Embassy of Bangladesh, "Drishtipat DC and the World Bank's Youth2Youth Group in observance of International Mother Language Day," in February 2009, attracted a very large crowd.

Global Classrooms (GCDC) and United Nations Week, respectively, continued to provide our most substantial and sustained impact on peoples' lives and our most public and even dramatic presentations of UN issues. They are described in detail elsewhere in this annual report.

Anticipating the UNA-USA 2009 National Convention in June, the UNA-NCA Executive Committee solicited, edited, and submitted six resolutions for consideration at the Convention.

- Support the United Nations Democracy Caucus;
- Support Implementation of the Convention Against Corruption;
- Support Senate Ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;
- Support Human Rights Treaties and Bodies;
- Support United Nations Strengthening and Renewal; and
- Support Senate Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Certainly, the most innovative series of events was the revival in August 2008 of Lunch & Learn, the monthly series with guest speakers arranged by YPIC or UNA-NCA committees and a buffet lunch at Marrakesh Palace in Dupont Circle. Thanks to Kate Wichmann, whose creativity and enthusiasm assured its success.

Human Rights

UNA-NCA's 2008 Human Rights Award Luncheon celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations General As-



sembly adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at a special event in the Rayburn House Office Building on December 10, 2008.

More than 200 people attended the occasion marking the Declaration's 60th birthday and celebrating important contributions to the protection of human rights at international, national, and local levels. The event, sponsored jointly with the DC Office of Human Rights and the DC Commission on Human Rights, had a bipartisan roster of honorary co-chairs, including present and former members of Congress.



The prestigious UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Award went to Dr. Gay McDougall, a long-time lawyer, scholar, and United Nations expert on minority issues and racial discrimina-

tion. Dr. McDougall spent years working for release of political prisoners in South Africa and for protection of women from sexual crimes during armed conflict. She also served as a United Nations Special Rapporteur on issues of systemic rape, sexual slavery, and slavery-like practices in armed conflict.

In her keynote speech, Dr. McDougall expressed optimism that the United States will renew its leadership role in enforcement and maintenance of international human rights mechanisms.

The DC Office of Human Rights and the DC Commission on Human Rights honored Johnny Barnes, Esq. with the Cornelius R. "Neil" Alexander Jr. Humanitarian Award for years of work to protect human rights and civil rights in the DC community. His actions in opposition to discrimination against minorities and women helped create new programs to fight discrimination in financial loans.

UNA-NCA Community Human Rights Awards

went to recipients nominated by the World Organization for Human Rights USA,



American Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace, Americans for Democratic Action, National Capital Area Union Retirees Club, Young Professionals for International Cooperation – Asia Pacific Committee, American Bar Association - International Law Section, Amnesty International USA, Citizens for Global Justice NCA, Foundry Methodist Church, and Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International. Seven DC school students won UNA-NCA awards in the Ernest Lent Essay Contest.

The Awards Luncheon program booklet included an article by Margaret Bruce about her work with Eleanor Roosevelt on the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Ms Bruce was for 15 years director of UN work on the status of women.

The booklet also included an autobiographical article by John Salzberg, "A Life Engaged in Human Rights." Salzberg, for many years was the Washington representative of the Center for Victims of Torture, was for 10 years a leader of the UNA-NCA Task Force on Human Rights, and actively involved in the UNA-NCA Annual Human Rights Awards Luncheon.

Also in December, UNA-NCA initiated and coordinated an Interfaith Observance of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Soka Gakkai Buddhist Center in Washington, with the participation of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and the National Cathedral.

The Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

In keeping with the year's theme of the observance of human rights, in the course of the year UNA-NCA held three separate programs on the evolving doctrine of the "Responsibility to Protect" from genocide, ethnic cleansing, and other crimes against humanity.

The first, co-sponsored by UNA-NCA's Peace and Security Task Force, the Stanley Foundation, and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), featured UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's Special Advisor for R2P, Columbia Professor Edward Luck. Panel discussants were Ruth Wedgwood and William Douglas, both of SAIS, and Michael Krag, Director of Policy Analysis and Dialogue of the Stanley Foundation. Professor Luck outlined the basic tenets of R2P, including the responsibility of the international community to help states meet their obligations to the people that depend on them. Other countries, he said, must not turn a blind eye to violations and when violations are identified, they must act, and do so in a timely manner. Each panelist noted the importance of the United Nations to R2P outcomes.

In the feature event of UN Week, former Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans spoke at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars where he took his audience through the political thickets that delayed international agreement on the "responsibility to protect" until the 2005 summit at the UN, where he warned that continued advocacy would be needed to head off a potential backlash in the UN General Assembly.

Unfortunately, development of an international consensus that the global community has the right to take action when a nation's ruler or government permits or encourages violation of the citizens' basic human rights, has been impeded through most of the UN's history. Evans said, by fears of the smaller, former colonial nations that this concept, then called "right to intervene," was in reality an assault on the principles of sovereignty, promoted by the large powers to maintain their hege-

mony. The responsibility to protect is not, Evans said, about coercive military intervention, but instead about shared responsibility, first of nations to protect their own people, and second, of the international community to intervene when a government fails in this basic responsibility. R2P emphasizes prevention, not intervention, Evans argued.

In the third of UNA-NCA's programs on R2P, Sweden's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Anders Liden, speaking at the new Swedish Embassy in Washington, stressed the need for further development of the international capacity to protect against the genocide, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity. Agreeing with much of the thesis presented by former Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans in his presentation at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Ambassador Liden stated that when a state cannot or will not protect its population, it is for the international community through the United Nations or a regional organization to exercise that responsibility.

The "Responsibility to Protect" (R2P) concept is fragile, Liden agreed, as smaller and developing nations see the principle of sovereignty as their protection against stronger powers. However, the emphasis on prevention and capacity building in developing consensus on R2P has helped to overcome the resistance from the smaller members, particularly those in Africa. He cited the successful mediation of the UN and the African Union in preventing a worse situation in Kenya in the last year as a positive example of non-military intervention to protect against a potentially disastrous outcome.

The responsibility of the UN Security Council is critical, Ambassador Liden said. In a statement to the UN General Assembly last September, Sweden argued, "If a state is unwilling to protect people within its borders, the Security Council has to face its responsibility to protect. We need a Security Council that is ready to shoulder this responsibil-

ity and to work together, because unilateral action might run the risk of aggravating the problem and undermining international law and legitimacy.”

The Role of the International Criminal Court

An audience of more than 200 gathered in the House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing Room on February 13 for a discussion co-sponsored by UNA-NCA, UNA-USA, and Citizens for Global Solutions of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on the prospective relationship between the ICC and the new administration of President Barack Obama.

The lead speaker was Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the ICC. The ICC was created in 1998, he said, to become a reminder to international criminals that commit the most hideous crimes, such as



genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, that they would not escape unpunished. Even though there were initial drawbacks in the

work of the Court, today the ICC has become a much more refined judicial body, he said, and such progress would not be possible without US cooperation. Judge Kirsch also tried to clarify some common misconceptions about the Court. First, the ICC is the court of last resort. It works as a complimentary court and interferes only when the domestic jurisdiction is ineffective or does not work. Second, the Court remains a highly impartial and apolitical body, otherwise it would lose its legitimacy. Finally, the Court never acts on its own initiative - it only hears the cases referred to it voluntarily by the states or by the UN Security Council. At that time, four situations had been referred to the Court: crimes in Congo, Rwanda, Central Africa, and Sudan. Four persons had been surren-

dered to the Court and their trials were about to begin. (Note: The ICC indictment of the President of Sudan came shortly after this program.)



Other speakers were Representative James McGovern (D-MA) and the Honorable Patricia Wald, a former Chief Judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and one of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. McGovern expressed his belief that the new administration will reverse the unsigning of the Rome Treaty, becoming a permanent observer in the ICC and deepening the US cooperation with the Court. Judge Wald also expressed her hope that the present relationship between the US and the ICC will be re-evaluated in the near future.

United Nations Week

With the goal of “offering something to everyone,” the 2008 United Nations Week, celebrated as always by UNA-NCA around United Nations Day (October 24), was extended to ten days (October



17-27) and new activities were created to reach out to new audiences. Dozens of UNA members took part in organizing

events, many of them in cooperation with other citizen organizations and institutions.

Recognizing that the UN and its family of agencies deal with almost every area of human concern, the Week offered a variety of programs that

appealed to many interests, ranging from the keynote address of former Australian Foreign minister Gareth Evans on the new UN doctrine of “Responsibility to Protect” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to a basketball clinic for children at the Butler-Wyatt Boys and Girls Club, building support for the UN’s “Nothing but Nets” project to provide bed nets for Africa to stop the mosquito-borne spread of malaria.

The formal opening of UN Week was shifted from its traditional spot to Banneker High School, the leading high school in UNA-NCA’s Global Classrooms® DC. It featured former Congresswoman Connie Morella, one of UN Week’s three honorary co-chairs, and Will Davis, Director of the Washington UN Information Center. Other highlights of the Week included:

- UN-related film showings on several Washington area university campuses;
- an international “Youth2Youth” conference at the World Bank;
- a “Passport to Languages and Cultures” event for kids at the Ivory Coast Embassy;
- a performance of “Host and Guest” at Synetic Theater with a UN-related post-performance discussion; and
- Special UN Week cupcakes created by Georgetown Cupcake, as well as special UN Week drinks at Café Citron.



We continued our “UN Week in the libraries” with prominent displays at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the District and the Davis Library in Bethesda. This year, in addition to the general information about the UN and the programs of the UN Association, we highlighted the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. With a twelve-foot wide area to cover at the MLK Library, we were able to display each page of the complete document with history and illustrations. The Davis exhibit remained for the month of October; the one at MLK remained through December.



With over 1,000 people attending events throughout the week and over \$1,500 raised for UNA-NCA, UN Week was a huge success.

Lunch & Learn

Under the direction of Membership & Communications Director, Kate Wichmann, with support from the Young Professionals for International Cooperation committees, the UNA-NCA has restarted its Lunch & Learn event series. The Lunch & Learn program is a great way for our current and prospective members to be more involved in the UNA-NCA. Each month a sponsoring YPIC committee chooses a speaker to give a short yet informative lecture. UNA-NCA has been fortunate to receive expert professionals in the D.C. area to speak on monthly topics. This intellectually stimulating lecture is accompanied by a buffet lunch provided by Marrekesh Palace, a local Moroccan restaurant. Participants do not need to interrupt their busy days; the series is designed to take place during normal business lunch hours.

In January, the New Year kicked off with the renewed installment of our Lunch & Learn, hosted by the YPIC Asia-Pacific Committee. Guest speaker Aashika Damodar from Free the Slaves gave an eye-opening lecture on human trafficking, focusing on its prevalence in the United States. An informative Q&A followed, which focused on what the United States can do to curb Human Trafficking locally and nationally. Ms. Damodar was happy to give insight and feedback on all questions and concerns posed.

The February Lunch & Learn, hosted by the YPIC Africa Committee, had a lecture from guest speaker Mercedeh Momeni. Ms. Momeni, who's long list of accomplishments include working at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, spoke on women in armed conflicts and the violence and injustice that they



experience.

This Lunch & Learn was particularly special due to participation from the Save Darfur Coalition. Members

from the coalition came with Sudanese refugees from Darfur to join the event. They posed questions that were pertinent to Ms. Momeni's lecture as well as to today's crisis in areas of Africa.

With tough acts to follow, the March Lunch & Learn proved to be equally as attention grabbing as the previous two. YPIC was proud to host guest speaker Anita Sharma, North American Coordinator for the UN Millennium Campaign, who spoke on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG), a list of nine goals ranging from eliminating world poverty and hunger to environmental sustainability (for more information on the MDGs please visit www.un.org/millenniumgoals). She gave information regarding the Goals past, progress, future, and how the United States can

help. Many questions were proposed on how the impact of the current global financial crisis on the ability of the UN to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, to which Ms. Sharma gave hopeful and thought-provoking responses.

UNA-NCA's most recent Lunch & Learn took place in April, hosted by YPIC International Law and Human Rights Committee. They were pleased to introduce guest speaker Dr. Loubna Skalli-Hanni, who gave insightful commentary on the role of women in economic development. She focused on Northwestern Africa, from which Dr. Skalli-Hanni hails. The lecture was infused with Dr. Skalli-Hanni's first-hand accounts of life for women in Northwestern Africa, as well as statistics of their roles in the economy. It was an educational and entertaining experience.

Embassy Events

The Embassy of Morocco and UNA-NCA co-hosted a dinner and reception held at the Meridan Center in early summer. Sponsored by our Young People for International Cooperation (YPIC), the event featured a speech by the Moroccan Ambassador, a Moroccan supper, and conversation on the outdoor terrace.

Partnering with the Swedish Embassy, we presented a forum on the Responsibility to Protect



against genocide and ethnic cleansing at noon on November 12, 2008. After a lunch at the beautiful new waterfront Swedish Embassy in Georgetown, the forum featured Swedish Ambassador to the UN, Anders Liden, along with knowledgeable U.S.

authorities.

Plans are underway for new Embassy events in 2009-2010 led by the new Embassy Events Chair Anne Griffis.

Young Professionals for International Cooperation

UNA-NCA's Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) has had an exciting year and, recently, underwent a transition in leadership with Colleen Teixeira Moffat, taking over as YPIC Vice President. Colleen has focused on recruiting committee directors to revive inactive committees and executive committee members who have the skills necessary to help YPIC progress as an increasingly important unit of UNA-NCA.

In the past few months, the Peace and Security and Middle East committees have gained new leadership. Both committees are now focusing on recruiting members and planning their first events. In addition, the Sustainable Development and International Economics Committee has shifted its focus to become the Economic Development Committee and has come under new leadership. Finally, the UNA-NCA Latin America Committee and the YPIC Latin America committee have merged and are working as a joint UNA-NCA/YPIC committee.



While new committees are established, our veteran committees have continued their good work. The YPIC Africa committee organized several highly successful events throughout the year, including a showing of "The Greatest Silence: Rape

in the Congo" during UN Week. The movie, followed by a discussion, attracted 70 people to the event. The Asia YPIC committee also planned several well-attended events throughout the year, including a "Happy Hour Fundraiser" for Free the Slaves, at Café Asia.



In addition, the YPIC Mentoring Program successfully launched a website, an online database, and a fully web-enabled sign-up process for mentors and mentees. Seven eligible mentees and 15 eligible mentors are registered with the database. Plans are under way to increase mentor and mentee recruitment and restore the DACOR dinners.

Throughout the year, YPIC has been instrumental in planning UNA-NCA's Lunch & Learn. YPIC committees have sponsored all the Lunch and Learn 2009 events, with 40 to 50 people in attendance each month.

In the upcoming year, YPIC will be focusing on creating a communications strategy that increases our Web 2.0 presence. Furthermore, it will be creating best practices for fundraising and member recruitment.

Outreach

UN Strengthening and Reform

During 2008-2009, the UN Strengthening and Reform Committee carried forward its role as an impartial forum for examining issues related to improving the functioning of the United Nations. Important events of the year included:

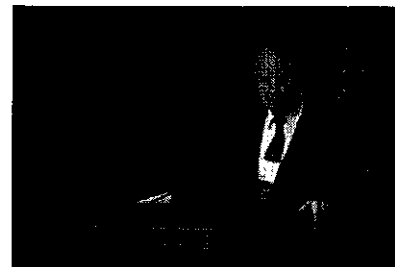


- The addition of a third leader of the committee, former Ambassador Richard Williamson, most recently the President's special envoy to Sudan, who joined Princeton Lyman and Tobia Mercuro as a committee co-chair.
- Providing support to the Global Classrooms® DC program by developing a UN strengthening and reform matrix for teachers.
- Organizing a one-day conference on "Building a More Effective United Nations: Opportunities for the Obama Administration" which brought together about 100 invited participants. The April 23 event focused on the political obstacles to reform in various areas of UN activity. Among the major speakers and panelists were former US Ambassador to the UN, Thomas Pickering; Irish Ambassador to the UN, Paul Kavanagh; former Pakistan Ambassador to the UN, Munir Akram; former UN Population Fund Executive Director, Nafis Sadik; and Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs Esther Brimmer.

Co-sponsoring the conference with UNA-NCA were the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; the Center for Strategic and International Studies; the Robina Foundation; the Council on Foreign Relations' Program on International Institutions and Governance; the International Law Section of the American Bar Association; the United Nations

Association of the USA; the United Nations Foundation; and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Funding support came from Tobia Mercuro, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the UNA-NCA Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund. The conference's Planning Committee was composed of representatives from both the UN Strengthening and Reform Committee and the co-sponsoring organizations, and was chaired by former UNA-NCA President Andy Rice, assisted by program associate Shantala Surya.



Additionally, in September, the UNA-NCA Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution sponsored by the Committee that UNA-NCA activities and programs in the year 2009 focus on UN Strengthening and Reform as an underlying goal. The activities noted above reflect this emphasis, which will continue throughout the year.

Advocacy

Encouraged by the positive approach of the new administration and the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committees in emphasizing the importance of multilateralism and the key role of the United Nations, the Advocacy Committee is reinvigorating the UNA-NCA advocacy campaign. The committee has worked with President-elect Karen Muhlhauser to develop a manual for members to use in preparing for and following up with meetings and contacts with Congressional offices. The Committee will hold at least two training sessions for chapter members and friends, one in spring and one in the fall. The committee is also revitalizing a phone bank of board members and others for

quick action on legislation and appropriations and hopes to develop collaborative approaches with other UN chapters in building more effective advocacy for the UN and on international peace, security, and development issues. The committee is working in close contact with the UNA USA's Washington office and appreciates the briefings offered to members by UNA's national advocacy staff. The committee is collaborating with the Council of Organizations, particularly on Capitol Hill events, and with the Better World Campaign of the United Nations Foundation.

The committee plans continued contacts with the Northern Virginia, Maryland, and DC Congressional offices and, in collaboration with the UNA-USA Washington office, wants to expand its efforts as the committee membership increases to work with other chapters and to coordinate advocacy visits with members of Congress outside our immediate geographical area.

Institutional Sponsorship

In September 2008, UNA-NCA successfully launched a new Institutional Sponsorship program. The program seeks to formalize ongoing institutional relationships with area organizations and provides unique networking events and off-the-record briefings for Institutional Sponsors. This year, we successfully held our first briefing at the United Nations Information Centre where Director Will Davis presented on "*The Dynamics of Change at the United Nations.*" UNA-NCA plans to host at least one more briefing and one or more VIP events during the remainder of the year.

Current Institutional Sponsors include the Academy for Educational Development, Cafe Citron, the DC Office of Human Rights, Georgetown Cupcake, the International Resources Group, the Baha'i Community of Washington, DC, the Spiritual Assembly Baha'i Washington, DC, the Baha'i Community of Montgomery Country South, the Baha'i of Montgomery County S.E., the Baha'is of Rockville, Maryland, the Alliance for Peace Building, the Center for International Relations,

Communications Workers of America, InterAction, Creative Associates International, WorldWatch Institute, CHF International, and League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia.

Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau continues to look for opportunities for members to speak to local organizations. In the past year we arranged for Werner Gruhl to speak to the Woman's National Democratic Club on Imperial Japan, World War Two 1931- 1945, based on his book, and for Carole Connors to speak to the Women's Federation for World Peace on Women Working for Peace. Other UNA-NCA members recruited directly by organizations to which they spoke included A. Edward Elmendorf, UNA-NCA President, Richard Griffis, UNA-NCA Vice President for Programs, Karen Mulhauser, UNA-NCA President-elect, Robert Schott, UNA-NCA Advisory Council Member, by Rotary International, Dawn Calabria, UNA-NCA Advocacy VP, and the Bucks County UN Association, speaking on "New Beginnings for the US and the UN," Ann Griffis, UNA-NCA Embassy Chair, by Church Women United on "The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child," and Max Gross by the UNA-NCA Maryland Area Committee on "My Day in Guantanamo."

Will Davis, Director of the UN Information Center in Washington and a member of the UNA-NCA Advisory Council, spoke to countless organizations at a meeting that included 20 Hill staff members and a reception of 100 Congressional Staff at a photo exhibit on Capitol Hill honoring 60 years of UN peacekeeping. Also in attendance were students from Princeton University, Georgetown University Law Center, and Banneker High School for the UN Week Opening Ceremony. The UNA Council of Organizations on Capitol Hill organized the event.

In a September 2008 Forum at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, UNA-NCA President A. Edward Elmendorf spoke on "Adlai Stevenson and the 21st Century." Moderator was

Northwestern University President Henry Bienen and other speakers were former Congressman John Brademas, former Senator Adlai Stevenson III, and former Ambassador William van den Heuvel.

Education

Global Classrooms® Washington, DC

"As a teacher of World History, I have found Global Classrooms to be a valuable resource in helping my students become more knowledgeable about World Issues. The resources and support I have received through the GCDC Program are always engaging and useful in meeting the diverse needs of my students."

Mark Lalonde
Teacher at Roosevelt Senior High School

The growth of the flagship Global Classrooms® Washington, DC (GCDC) program has been remarkable. In last year's Annual Report, we stated, "We expect within three years to expand from 500 students in 31 schools to 700 students in 50 schools." In fact, we have achieved that objective in one year. During the 2008-2009 school year, we engaged over 1,100 students. This achievement is a reflection of the importance and timeliness of

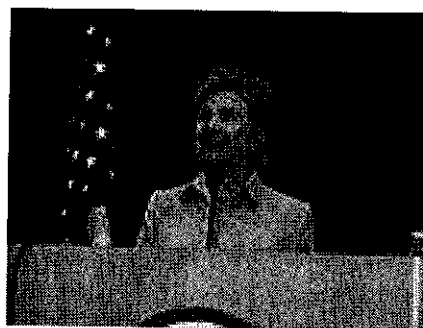


the program and the dedication and leadership of our staff, especially our Executive Director, Paula Boland, and the Global Education Director, Dani Abrams.

The culmination of the year's activities, aimed at developing global citizens and our students' social science research and communication skills, was again the annual GCDC Spring Model UN Conference at the US Department of State on May

11. More than 700 students were in attendance as the State Department conference rooms were filled to capacity, therefore, we were unable to accommodate two schools that registered late.

Welcoming our students as keynote speaker was Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. "This is an opportunity for you to debate some of the great issues of the day, because this new century that we're in demands the best from everyone. And I thank you for caring enough to participate," Secretary Clinton said.



Advising our GCDC students on how best to persuade delegates of differing views, "You have to marshal your argument, you have to make your case, and you have to use evidence," she said. "So as you're going forward with the Model UN process, help yourself to be a more effective persuader. Listen to the other side, try to hear what their point of view is, and make a more effective argument going forward."

Following the opening ceremony, students broke into simulations of UN organs and agencies including the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Economic Commission for Africa, the UN Environment Program (UNEP), the Human Rights Commission, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Topics of debate included nuclear terrorism, global warming, and refugees.

The success of the GCDC program is due to a dedicated group of supporters and mentors, including teachers, advisors, and volunteers who participated in the GCDC Curriculum Advisory Group and the



Professional Development Series Workshops. Volunteers from the State Department, government agencies, and local uni-

versities visited classrooms and workshops and helped to facilitate lessons ranging from negotiating and caucusing to resolution preparation. GCDC recruited and prepared Model UN Trainers from the DC Consortium Universities, expanding outreach this year to include students from five universities to co-facilitate in-class sessions with teachers. Model UN Trainers also assisted with special partnerships for programs such as Amnesty International, the World Affairs Council, and the Embassy Adoption Program.

A fundamental component of the GCDC program is the in-class sessions. These sessions provide support to teachers throughout the year from staff and Model UN Trainers in implementing the GCDC curriculum supplement.

Curricular material for teachers, including the curriculum supplement for middle and high school students, mini-simulations, and other resources were developed by staff members and the GCDC Curriculum Advisory Group, made up of four teachers and the DC Public Schools Social Studies Content Specialist. These supplements were enhanced with a lesson on UN Strengthening and Reform. The UN Information Center and the GCDC Curriculum Advisory Group provided additional materials on each conference topic. Using these materials, an online resource library for student research was created on each conference topic.

Model UN Training Conferences in advance of the 2009 Spring Model UN Conference provided students with the opportunity to apply what they had learned, develop their conflict resolution skills and role-play as foreign ambassadors to the UN. This

year two of the conference topics focused on women's issues: The Human Rights of Female Refugees for high school students, and the Rights of Indigenous Women and Children for middle school students. The conferences, led by Model UN Trainers, included break-out groups where students participated in movie mini-simulations, presentations from the GCDC Volunteer Program on their conference topics, and workshops on parliamentary procedure and position paper writing.

Over 50 tenth grade students, representing four DC Public high schools, attended the Training Conference at Luke C. Moore Academy. The Middle School Training Conference was held at Kelly Miller Middle School for the second year in a row. Almost 70 sixth grade students attended, representing four classes from three DC Public elementary and middle schools. David Parker, a 10th grade student from Roosevelt Senior High School, said, *"I had a wonderful time at this past Model UN Conference. It taught me what Model UN is all about and it gave me better insight on it. The speakers were great and showed great enthusiasm throughout their presentations... I look forward to the [Spring Model UN] Conference..."* Raschell Lancaster, also a 10th grade student at Roosevelt Senior High School, said, *"My experience at the practice for the Model United Nations Conference was very rewarding. I loved when we went off into*



our separate committees to discuss our topics for the Spring Conference. I walked away with my first award for outstanding delegate, which helped my confidence in moving forward. I recommend Model United Nations to everyone because it has been so enjoyable to me."

GCDC also collaborated this year with the DC Office of Human Rights and the DC Arts and Humanities Council to bring Peace Tiles as a pilot project to middle school classrooms. Sixth grade teachers, art teachers, and student leaders at Janney Elementary School participated in a training workshop on March 31 to bring the project to their classroom. Two sixth grade classes at Janney then took their GCDC preparatory research on Rights of Indigenous Women and Children and transformed it into an art form. The Peace Tiles were acknowledged and on display at the GCDC Spring Model UN Conference on May 11.

A special event during the fall of 2008 was a three-part digital videoconference (DVC) between students from the GCDC program and students in Accra, Ghana, hosted by the State Department's



Bureau of African Affairs. Students discussed and compared the issues and topics surrounding the elections in

their respective countries. Tenth grader Tedros Bitew said, *"...my views of Ghana have changed enormously. Before, I didn't know that Ghana had a well-organized government (democracy) because in most African nations there is nothing like that, such as in Ethiopia... This was an excellent opportunity and I thank the State Department and GCDC for this opportunity."* It was an impressive cross-cultural exchange. Tenth grader Elijah Umek wrote, *"Over the course of my interaction with the students from Ghana, I learned ... that other countries, like Ghana, pay a lot more attention to the US and its affairs than we pay to theirs. The students spoke about the election [in the US] as if they were living here and they talked about the election night and how excited the people of Ghana were as if they themselves were in America the day*

it happened. Then as their election day grew closer, I realized that no one [in the US] knew of the [upcoming Ghanaian] election, of the candidates, of anything. There was no front page of



The Washington Post announcing a run-off, there was no column dedicated to the political instability of Ghana and what the people have gone through for democracy – a thing we take for granted. But then, in our final DVC, the students we were talking to were just that, students. They were just happy to have democracy and ... be able to enjoy the one thing many look to the US for."

Recognizing the importance of evaluation, in March 2008 GCDC completed an assessment of the 2006-07 school year program, providing an overview of GCDC activities as well as recommendations to strengthen the program. Currently, GCDC is preparing a longitudinal evaluation demonstrating the impact of the program from the 2006-07 through the 2008-09 school year. This report is estimated to be finished by the fall of 2009.

Recognition of "Year of the Languages"

Taking a theme from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the UNA-NCA Education Committee co-sponsored three language related events. On October 24 (during UN Week), at the conference room equipped with simultaneous translation facilities at the Ralph Bunche Center at Howard University, UNA-NCA presented a film about the evolution of the profession of simultaneous translation, a new professional field that developed along with the United Nations. Vital to the success of the United Nations, which was created to help discordant nations discuss their differences

rather than go to war over them, was the need to translate accurately the subtle diplomatic nuances in the discussions. Dr. Marilyn Sephcole, a UN translator herself, talked about the field and used her students to demonstrate how simultaneous translation works and how complex it is.

On October 25, the Embassy of the Ivory Coast opened its doors to local elementary school children. All child participants were issued “passports” as they entered to be taken to the various stations representing different countries, cultures, and languages. Public, private, and home-schooled children came. All were encouraged to try to speak different languages as they traveled from Francophone, Hispanic, Arabic, Chinese, Ibo (and more) regions of the world, all gathered in one place. There were videos, prizes, performances, food, music, and crafts from the many nations represented as well as information about the UN and the work it does in those countries.

Partnering with the World Bank Y2Y group and Drishtipat DC, a celebration of World Languages, “One World, Many Expressions” was held at the Embassy of Bangladesh to celebrate the ethno-linguistic rights of people around the globe through poetry, music, dance performances, and distinguished speakers.

High School Essay Contest

Our second annual Ernest E. Lent, Jr. Essay Contest for national capital area students drew 68 entries. The students, using the principles stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of the UN, were to tell Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in a memo, how the US, working with the UN, could contribute to



peace, justice, and security in one of four different regions that have human rights issues: child labor in India, Pakistan or a country of choice; Serbian and Albanian residents in Kosovo; Turkish citizens of Kurdish background; child soldiers and military sex slaves in Rwanda. Prizes were presented at the Human Rights Award Luncheon on December 10.

Governance

Membership

Following the national United Nations Association’s trend, membership numbers for UNA-NCA declined during the last half of 2008. At the beginning of 2009, we began a concerted effort to reach out to lapsed members and recruit new members to join the organization through our various events and activities. As of April 2009, UNA-NCA membership was 1,242. About a year ago, it was 1,217. This represents a slight increase, indicating that our current efforts to recruit new and retain existing members are beginning to bear fruit. As such, we continue to be the largest UNA division nationwide.

UNA-NCA took the decline in membership very seriously and initiated a number of new and ongoing strategies to recruit and retain 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 chairs in this endeavor. We developed a UNA-NCA stump speech for organizers to give at UNA-NCA events and provided opportunities for individuals to sign up at all events. We also continually update our membership brochure to assist this effort.

The Membership Committee continues the important initiative of compiling prospective member contact lists. These contacts are sent the current issue of the UN Vision with a letter of invitation to join UNA-NCA. Board members continue to be helpful in identifying prospective members.

In addition to the standard UNA-USA mail reminders, the UNA-NCA membership committee continues to follow up with lapsed members through personal phone calls. Personal calls remain a vital part of our renewal efforts, as we continue to solicit feedback from members and make concerted efforts to address the suggestions received. This year, we initiated a new practice by sending out an e-mail to lapsed members inviting them to renew their membership online or by mail.

Students and young professionals remain a robust portion of our membership. Currently approximately 25 percent of our members are students. Under the leadership of Young Professionals for International Cooperation, we continue to encourage area university students to become engaged in UNA-NCA and expanded our young professional collaboration with a new Youth2Youth coordinating body under the direction of the World Bank that includes 17 major youth organizations in the metropolitan area. We also reinstated the popular Lunch & Learn series, a monthly event featuring a guest speaker on a timely UN-related topic that has become an excellent recruiting ground for new members.

The UN Express continues to be a major source of program information to publicize events widely, such as UN Week and the Human Rights Luncheon, and thereby assist membership recruitment. The UN Vision has also gone electronic in an effort to facilitate readership of this important publication and minimize costs. Members without an email address on record or those who make a request can continue to receive hard copies of the UN Vision by mail. The free subscription to Foreign Policy magazine continues 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 continue to hold well-received new member receptions, which include guest speakers and an overview 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.

DC Area

The DC Area Committee hosted the annual new member reception at the historic Charles Sumner School located in downtown Washington, DC.

Around 90 new and prospective members attended this reception, an annual event open to new and existing members. The event kicked off with brief introductory remarks and a short overview of the UNA-NCA functioning and offices, providing an opportunity for new members to informally meet office bearers of the UNA-NCA and further explore areas of interests.

For the coming year 2009-2010, the DC Area Committee anticipates in addition to the new member reception, to host a Peace Café on September 21, 2009 the International Day of Peace. On this day around the world various organizations are planning to sponsor Peace Cafés, where participants can discuss their role in creating, fostering, and promoting peace.

Maryland Area

At a meeting organized by the Maryland Area Committee, Dr. Max L. Gross spoke to thirty-five members and guests on "My Day in Guantanamo" on November 16, 2008 at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Gross was Dean of the School of Intelligence Studies, National Defense Intelligence College. He has served as adjunct lecturer at George Washington University, American University, Georgetown University, and the University of Virginia, teaching courses on Islam, International Relations of the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the History of the Middle East. A reception honoring

new Maryland members followed.

Communications

UNA-NCA puts great effort into effective communication with our members and others in the Washington area through our website, UN Express e-newsletter, and UN Vision newsletter. These reports cover not only our own UNA-NCA activities, but also other Washington-area events relevant to the United Nations and US policies in the UN.

In our UN Vision members-only newsletter, we continue to feature substantive reports on UNA-NCA programs, as well as book reviews and articles written by UN experts among our membership. This publication has been redesigned to give a new look, and now includes color photographs. Moving further into the electronic age, we e-mailed the most recent UN Vision to those members with e-mail addresses on our database. Members for whom we do not have e-mail addresses and others who requested it were mailed a hard copy of the newsletter.

UN Express, e-mailed to an audience of approximately 2,500, well larger than our membership, informs members and potential members of our programs and UN-related activities in Washington. With renewed attention by our staff, UN Express has become a feature of UNA-NCA and an effective recruitment tool.

In a continuing effort to improve our website, www.unanca.org, we plan to do another redesign this year. Our goal is to improve the appearance and material on our website. With new web technology now making it much easier to post new information, it should be simpler to keep our website fresh with new material on our programs or on other UN-related events. Our target is to post new material at least once every two weeks, and we often do this more frequently.

We have had excellent volunteer assistance from our membership this year, helping to prepare news stories, assist in publications layout, and maintain

our website. We will need more help from our members in the next year as we continue to expand our work and look forward to your submissions and support.

Advisory Council

The President of UNA-NCA, in consultation with the Executive Committee, appointed the following persons to the Advisory Council this past year: Harry Blaney; Kathy Bonk; Charles F. Dambach; Vivian Lowery Derryck; Cinnamon Dornsife; Edie Fraser; Mary Futrell; Lou Gerber; Constance A. Morella; Asif Shaikh; Faye Williams; Charito Kruvant; Laura Slover; Robert Craft Jr.; Sarah Craven, and Frank Hodsoll. We lost two long-standing members who passed away: Harlan Cleveland; and C. William Maynes. The retiring Chair of the Advisory Council, Warren E. Thompson turned over the reins to incoming Chair, David R. Scotton, a Council member. In the same time period, the terms of service of several members of the Council came to an end. They are thanked for all they had contributed while on the Council and urged to stay involved in UNA-NCA's many activities.

Advisory Council members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and several did so during the year. Advisory Council member, former Congresswoman, and OECD Ambassador, Connie Morella, spoke at the UNA-NCA Human Rights Luncheon in December. Several Council members attended the 2009 Board Retreat and participated in other UNA-NCA sponsored functions.

Financial Reports

Treasurer

The year 2008 proved to be an even greater challenge than 2007 in funding our program activities and maintaining a balanced budget. Unfortunately the major reason was more of the same, steeply

declining market values for investments and challenging economic situations for both our institutional and individual supporters. Lower investment values also meant less income for operations from our investments and endowment funds, as well as negative growth. See the Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Committee report and the 2008 Audit for more detail.

The good news is that UNA-NCA continued to diversify its sources of income. We replaced reduced grant money from UNA-USA with monies from local foundations. Board leaders and staff worked creatively to develop relationships and partnerships with foundations and institutions like the World Bank, Bank of America, the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, Hattie M. Strong and MARPAT foundations. Total contributions and grants of \$246,091 in 2008 actually increased by \$23,000 over 2007.

In order to balance the budget staff worked hard to reduce expenses in the Global Classrooms DC program and for other program activities while maintaining the high standards set in previous years. Some staff, especially Kurt Krausse, took on new activities during our Executive Director's maternity leave, saving some staff replacement expenses. The result of these efforts was a dramatic reduction in expenses from \$401,000 to \$340,000.

We continue to be well served by Christine Manor, our consulting accountant, and our auditors Stack-Stanfield LLC, both of whom have extensive experience with non-profit organizations. We were able to meet the new 2009 reporting requirements for the IRS 990 report submitted by all non-profits. An accurate accounting system enables us to make monthly cash flow projections and manage a budget with fewer reserves.

In meeting the continuing financial challenges we are blessed with experienced staff and an increasingly committed Board. Positive third party evaluations of the Global Classrooms program and testimonials by students and teachers lend credibility to our work.

In tough times, maintaining programs and staff and effectiveness at current levels represents an important success. The year 2009 has already seen greater U.S. support for the United Nations by the new Administration and Congress. UNA-USA has a new President, Ambassador Tom Miller. We hope that an improving economy, the credibility of our UNA-NCA activities, and the advent of new leadership in UNA-USA will inspire us to grow our resources, activities and membership.

Development

Over the past year UNA-NCA has had important development successes and faced significant challenges. Our principal successes lay in diversifying our sources of financial support and particularly in increasing support from foundations. Our team of grant writers played an important role in this effort, and our relations with local foundations and the business community were strengthened, thanks especially to the continuing contacts and persistence of UNA-NCA's Executive Director. We raised \$73,500 from six foundations, compared to \$23,700 from two foundations in the previous year – an important achievement. For the first time, UNA-NCA participated in the United Way Campaign, and we received substantial support from the World Bank's Community Connections Fund. The wide range of sources of support shown in the annex reveals also the many opportunities for giving to UNA-NCA that are open to its supporters, including contributions in honor of respected colleagues and donations in memory of people who have recently passed away.

Together with Ambassador Thomas Pickering, UNA-NCA hosted its third annual luncheon on GCDC at the World Bank for Washington Area business and community leaders. While the luncheon was not a fund-raising event, it resulted in meaningful contacts for future financial support. In addition to the luncheon, contacts with leaders in the Washington area business and legal communities, as well as with independent schools, were established. These contacts resulted in new partnerships and increased collaboration through the

GCDC program.

Despite the important work of UNA-NCA's Development Committee and the execution of our anniversary campaign in the spring and our end-of-the year campaign in the fall, the global economic crisis had a negative impact on contributions of both restricted and unrestricted funds to UNA-NCA. The result was a decline of \$50,000 in contributions from individuals, compared to the previous year.

UNA-NCA's leaders worked diligently to implement the policy established by the Board in 2007 fixing an expectation that starting in 2008 each Board member would contribute or mobilize from others at least \$200 annually. The share of Board members contributing to UNA-NCA has increased in each of the past three years. Perhaps because of the difficult economic situation, the share of Board members meeting the new policy was only 79 percent in 2008. Since the end of 2008 several Board members have resigned, and the Nominating Committee has reviewed the policy carefully with new candidates for election to the Board. Thus we expect a further substantial increase in this share in 2009.

The growing commitment of UNA-NCA's Board of Directors to its development efforts is indicated by the Board's decision in the spring of 2009 to challenge UNA-NCA members in the 2009 anniversary appeal by offering to match incremental contributions of other members.

Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Fund

UNA-NCA's investments have not been immune to the trends in the stock market which have affected most investors and non-profit associations. For the period April 1, 2008 through March 30, 2009, the S&P 500 was down 40 percent. The UNA-NCA investments, net of funds transferred to the operating funds for office rent and other expenditures, were down 31 percent.

Over the past year the Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Committee revised and updated the investment policy, with approval from the UNA-NCA Board of Directors. These actions resulted in moving the UNA-NCA investment funds to the firm Smith Barney for continued management by our previous manager and in moving Fund A, the major investment fund, to a diversified asset managed program with less exposure to common stocks. This partially insulated this Fund from the market decline of the first quarter of 2009.

Funds sent to UNA-NCA operations during the year totaled \$57,531. This shows the great importance of the UNA-NCA Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Funds for the financial stability of UNA-NCA.

At the end of March 30, 2009 four funds totaled \$468,522.60 with balances for each fund as follows compared with a year earlier, and compared with a total amount on March 30, 2008 of \$736,413.59.

	March 30, 2009	March 30, 2008
Part A: Mission		
	\$274,344.68	\$413,173.11
Part B: Facilities		
	\$168,317.37	\$285,029.76
Part C: Perdita Huston Fund		
	\$6,348.78	\$10,228.46
Part D: Andrew E. Rice Fund		
	\$19,511.77	\$27,982.26
Total	\$468,522.60	\$736,413.59

The Committee will continue to meet to review performance of the UNA-NCA funds, balancing types of investments, and considering the objectives of the individual funds.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Audit Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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, 2008 and 2007 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits provide 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, 2008 and 2007 and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We conducted our audits 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.


Rockville, Maryland
May 1, 2009

Appendix 2: Statement of Financial Position for 2008

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 79,452	\$ 62,078
Accounts receivable	8,489	8,978
Prepaid expenses	5,682	50
Investments (NOTE 3)	505,797	784,280
Office equipment, net (NOTE 4)	5,554	10,096
Security deposits	<u>2,544</u>	<u>2,544</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 607,518</u>	<u>\$ 868,021</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,829	\$ 7,901
Due to UNA/USA	<u>6,551</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,380</u>	<u>7,901</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	(3,205)	83,858
Board designated (NOTE 5)	<u>281,627</u>	<u>392,068</u>
Total unrestricted	278,422	475,426
Temporarily restricted (NOTE 6)	271,122	336,169
Permanently restricted (NOTE 7)	<u>43,594</u>	<u>48,525</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>593,138</u>	<u>860,120</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 607,518</u>	<u>\$ 868,021</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements.

Appendix 3: Statement of Activities for 2008

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -
 NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DIVISION
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2007

	2008			2007 TOTAL
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Membership dues	\$ 5,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,344
Program revenue (NOTE 10)	43,925	-	5,113	69,819
Contributions and grants	111,534	134,057	500	222,433
Investment loss (NOTE 3)	(102,546)	(110,992)	(5,431)	(45,805)
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	58,026	23,065	(4,931)	254,791
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS (NOTE 6)	88,112	(88,112)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT EXPENSES	146,138	(65,047)	(4,931)	254,791
Program expense	206,132	-	-	230,341
Management and general	93,923	-	-	128,562
Fundraising	43,087	-	-	42,236
TOTAL EXPENSES	343,142	-	-	401,139
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(197,004)	(65,047)	(4,931)	(146,348)
NET ASSETS				
BEGINNING OF YEAR	475,426	336,169	48,525	1,006,468
END OF YEAR	\$ 278,422	\$ 271,122	\$ 43,594	\$ 860,120

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of these financial statements.

Appendix 4: Recognition of Donors in 2008

Contributions to Operations, Endowment and Investments Funds

UN Millennium Goals Achievers (10,000 and Above)

Anonymous	Arthur and Anne Johnson	Florence Pepper Schott
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UNA-NCA Ambassadors Circle (\$5,000-\$9,999)

John T. and Anne Beaty	Edison and Sally Dick	Tobia and Linda Mercuro
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UNA-NCA Diplomats Circle (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Tim Barner & Katy Guthrie	Charles P. Lord	Margaret S. Richings
Allen & Martha Beach	Andrea & Werner Morris Gruhl	Daniel G. Ritchie
Evelyn Falkowski	Stephen F. Moseley	Robert & Diane Wilbur
Richard & Anne Griffis	Andrew E. Rice	Robert J. Schott & Joanne Perlmann

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

Sarah Albert	Robert J. Berg	Charles W. Puttkammer
George B. Baldwin	Dawn T. Calabria	Mary Oakes Smith
Michael D. Barnes	Sheila S. Keeny	Page H. Wilson
Mary Louise Becker	Abigail and John Pereira	Ruth Sing Wong

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

Thomas M. Adams	Caroline R. Earle	Ann T. McDonell
Mary Louise Backus Rankin	William Ferroggiaro	Karen Mulhauser
Kit Bigelow	Mary Futrell	Tina E. Patterson
Carole B. Brown	Stephen Gell	David H. Popper†
Duncan H. Cameron	Kenneth Giunta	Firoze and Susan Rao
John Carter & Paula Boland	Anne E. Impellizzeri	Mindy Reiser
Lawrence S. Cooley	Nancy L. Janssen	Robert A. Resnik
Esther L. Coopersmith	Donald I. Kraus	Markley Roberts
Matthew J. Corso	Luke T. Lee	Richard Rowson
William Keith Davis	Ernest E. Lent	Barbara J. Schaff
Billie Ann Day	Princeton Lyman	David R. Scotton
Jonathan Dean	Lois H. Mares	David Shneyer
Steven A. Dimoff	Carole Mayer Conors	Solvieg Spielman
Cinnamon Dornsife	Paul W. McCloskey	Warren E. Thompson

Florence Pepper Schott Endowment and Investment Fund

Allen E. Beach
A. Edward Elmendorf

Joan Dudik-Gayoso
Adrienne Mazura

Karen Mulhauser
Florence Pepper Schott

Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund

A. Edward Elmendorf in memory of Robert E. Asher

Robert E. Asher
Margaret K. Bruce
Paul P. Cooke
Elizabeth Devlin-Foltz

Thomas H. Fox
Joan E. Gildemeister
John W. Sewell
Gregory B. Votaw

In Memoriam†

Amelie B. Burgunder in memory of Ambassador David Popper
A. Edward Elmendorf in memory of Robert Asher
A. Edward Elmendorf in memory of Ambassador David Popper
Evelyn Falkowski in memory of Ambassador David Popper
Evelyn Falkowski in memory of Neil Potter
Simeon M. Kriesburg in memory of Marco Pollner

In Honor

Allen Beach in honor and to welcome Anna Sofia Carter
John T. Beaty in honor of Edison Dick
Shirley B. Bieri in honor of Mary Weiler
Andrea Morris Gruhl in honor of Swedish Embassy event
Penny Fujiko Willgerodt in honor of Gay McDougall
Nancy Rathborne in honor of Page Wilson

Legacy Circle Members (Planned Giving) as of May 2009

Tim Barner
Emily L. Carnes
Sarah Ann Corbett
Edison W. & Sally Dick
A. Edward Elmendorf

Evelyn Falkowski
George A. Garland
Richard & Anne Griffis
Arthur Johnson
Karen Mulhauser

Firoze & Susan Rao
Andrew E. Rice
Markley Roberts
Cherie Settle
Timothy S. Wierzbicki

Institutional Donors

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on Capital Region
Dick Family Foundation
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Kauffman Foundation

La Paz Foundation
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The Robina Foundation and the Council
Foreign Relations' program on Interna
tional Institutions and Governance
United Nations Population Fund
Westmoreland Congregational Church
World Bank Community Connections Fund

Appendix 5: Institutional Sponsors

UNA-NCA Institiutial Sponsors

The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area's Institutional Sponsorship program brings together organizations in the Washington, DC metropolitan area in support of the UN mission and provides educational, outreach, and networking opportunities for Sponsors as part of UNA-NCA's regular programming. As an Institutional Sponsor, your organization will not only be invited to attend events, but also to engage with UNA-NCA members and volunteer leaders in our efforts to provide a forum for discussion and debate on significant issues impacting the US-UN relationship.

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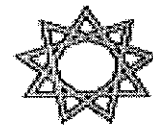
- Academy for Educational Development
- Café Citron
- Communication Workers of America
- DC Office of Human Rights
- Georgetown Cupcake LLC
- International Resources Group

Institutional Supportor

- InterAction
- Spiritual Assembly Bahai's Washignton DC

Institutional Friends

- Alliance for Peacebuilding
- The Bahai Community of Montgomery South
- Creative Associates International
- Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's Montgomery County SE
- World Watch Institute
- Center for International Relations
- Bahai Community of Rockville
- CHF International
- League of Woman Voters of the District of Columbia



Appendix 6: UNA-NCA 2008-2009 Events

- June 11, 2008: UNA-NCA presented “North Korea’s Relations with China and Japan: The Impact on North East Asia” at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).
- July 18, 2008: YPIC Africa Committee hosted an “Africa Museum Outing” in which they held a talk and a walking tour of the “El Anatsui: Gawu” Exhibit.
- July 26, 2008: UNA-NCA presented a Forum on Human Trafficking at the Rayburn House Office Building in Capitol Hill.
- August 13, 2008: UNA-NCA held its monthly Lunch & Learn series with guest speaker Tom Pesek on the “The Emerging World Food Crisis” at Marrakesh Palace.
- September 26, 2008: UNA-NCA co-sponsored a Fashion Fights Poverty Show” at St. Regis Washington Hotel.
- October 8, 2008: UNA-NCA held its monthly Lunch & Learn series with guest speaker Sakil Malik on the topic “Children’s Right of Education: The Future is in Our Hands” at Marrakesh Palace.
- October 17, 2008: UNA-NCA hosted “Stand Up and Take Action” Happy Hour as part of its Pre-UN Week Celebration at Café Citron.
- October 21, 2008: UNA-NCA held the UN Week Opening Ceremony and Mayoral Proclamation at the Benjamin Banneker Academic High School.
- October 22, 2008: YPIC Africa Committee hosted a film screening “The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo” at InterAction as part of the UN Week Celebration.
- October 22, 2008: YPIC Asia presented a Human Trafficking Benefit Concert at Café Asia as part of the UN Week Celebration.
- October 23, 2008: UNA-NCA in partnership with the World Bank hosted the “Global Youth Conference: Empowering a Generation” as part of the UN Week Celebration.
- October 24, 2008: UNA-NCA, in celebration of the United Nations Day, held a film screening of “The Interpreters” at Howard University as part of the UN Week Celebration.
- October 25, 2008: UNA-NCA presented the “Nothing but Nets” Basketball Clinic at Butler- Wyatt and Girls Club as part of its UN Week Celebration.
- October 25, 2008: UNA-NCA hosted “Passport to... Languages and Culture” at the Embassy of Cote D’Ivoire as part of its UN Week Celebration.
- October 26, 2008: UNA-NCA held a UN Birthday Potluck Fundraiser as part of its UN Week Celebration.
- October 27, 2008 : UNA-NCA in partnership with Fashion Fights Poverty presented The Forum at the George Washington University as part of its UN Week Celebration.
- October 28, 2008: UNA-NCA presented a keynote address by Gareth Evans, the former minister of Australia on R2P, at the Woodrow Wilson Center as part of its UN Week Celebration.
- November 12, 2008: UNA-NCA held a panel discussion and reception at the House of Sweden on the topic “UN, Sweden, and Humanitarian Intervention”, with Ambassador Per Liden; Swedish Permanent Representative to UN, Princeton Lyman as discussant; and Will Davis as Moderator.
- December 2, 2008: UNA-NCA presented the Interfaith Observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th anniversary at the Soka Gakkai Buddhist Center in Washington.
- December 10, 2008: UNA-NCA sponsored the annual Human Rights Luncheon – Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary - on Capitol Hill in the Cannon House Office Building, with the Louis B. Sohn award granted to Gay McDougall.
- January 14, 2009: UNA-NCA held its monthly Lunch & Learn series with guest speaker Aashika Damodar on the topic of “Slavery in Our Backyard: Trafficking in DC” at Marrakesh Palace.
- February 11, 2009: UNA-NCA held its monthly Lunch & Learn series with guest speaker Mercedeh Momeni on the topic of “Healing War Wounds Against Women: Violence Against Women in Conflict and the Effect of International Law” at Marrakesh Palace.
- February 13, 2009: UNA-NCA and Citizens for Global Solutions presented “The International Criminal Court in a New Era” with the President of the International Criminal Court Philippe Kirsch at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill.
- February 21, 2009: UNA-NCA together with the World Bank Youth2Youth Group and Drishtipat DC presented

“A Celebration of World Languages: One Voice, Many Expressions” at the Embassy of Bangladesh.

February 24, 2009: UNA-NCA and Win Without War presented “Think Tanks Launch Combined Campaign to Demilitarize U.S. Diplomacy”, a Lunch with the honorable Thomas Andrews.

March 11, 2009: UNA-NCA held its monthly Lunch & Learn series with guest speaker Anita Sharma on the “Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals” at Marrakesh Palace.

March 25, 2009: UNA-NCA and the Woman’s National Democratic Club presented “Advancing Women’s Rights through CEDAW” with Sarah Albert, UNA-NCA VP Development.

April 8, 2009: UNA-NCA YPIC International Law and Human Rights Committee sponsored April’s Lunch & Learn series on the topic of “Women, Economic Development, and the Law in the Maghreb: Achievements and Challenges?” at Marrakesh Palace.

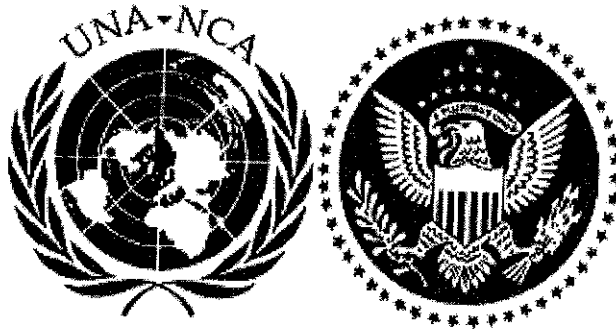
April 23, 2009: UNA-NCA’s Rice Fund sponsored an all day Conference on UN Strengthening and Reform on the topic “Building a More Effective United Nations: Opportunities for the Obama Administration” at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

May 11, 2009: UNA-NCA held the 6th Annual Global Classrooms Washington, DC Model UN Conference at the US Department of State with keynote remarks presented by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

May 19, 2009: UNA-NCA held a panel discussion on “Democracy and Human Rights in the UN: the Role of the UN DemocracyCaucus” at DACOR Bacon House.

June 11, 2009: UNA-NCA held its annual membership meeting at SAIS with keynote remarks presented by UNA-USA President Tom Miller.

Appendix 7: Lifetime Members



As a UNA-NCA Lifetime Member, your contributions have helped UNA-NCA build understanding and informed opinions on the United Nations. We will continue to reach these goals through advocacy, education, and partnerships with other organizations. This could not be possible without your support.

The benefits of being a UNA-NCA Lifetime Member are endless; but it starts with no renewal fees! One of the most stimulating takings of being a UNA-NCA Lifetime Member is that you receive special invitations to VIP meetings and events. We also show our appreciation by recognizing you in our Annual Report and UN Vision.

Overall, you inherit the self assurance of knowing that being a UNA-NCA Lifetime Member is just another stepping stone to creating a more informed and supportive constituency for the UN in the US.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

"UNA-NCA is enormously grateful for the support from our Lifetime members and for the confidence they have demonstrated in our mission, approach and programs. Anyone can become a lifetime member and never pay dues again, and in so doing know that you are helping UNA-NCA make a world of difference"

- Karen Mulhauser
President Elect
UNA-NCA

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Laughlin Phillips

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Florence Pepper Schott

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Kent Watson

April Wong

Appendix 8: Program Assistants

UNA-NCA would like to take this opportunity to recognize the invaluable assistance we gain from our Program Assistants throughout the year. Their hard work and determination to make UNA-NCA the largest division of UNA-USA has benefited our members and our staff immensely. They continue to gain professional development through our hands on approach of giving them serious responsibilities in the workplace. UNA-NCA program assistants are expected to carry on the tasks that our staff trusts them with, and they continue to succeed.



Our program assistants have gained networking skills through being a part of our YPIC program. They have joined the committees that interest them and in this way it has been a shared benefit for UNA-NCA and for the program assistants. The committees gain the insight and creativity that our interns pose, while the interns expand their networking contacts and learn about possible career opportunities.

We have reinstated our Professional Development for Program Assistants activity consisting of lunch meeting with esteemed professionals asso-

ciated with the organization. They have been taught useful skills in dealing with office management; been coached on how to take a journalistic approach on articles; and learned first-hand information about possible careers they might strive for in their futures.

Our program assistants also benefited from being able to meet and converse with top professionals around the D.C. area at UNA-NCA events. Since our members range from retired ambassadors to presidents and CEOs of organizations and companies around the Capital Area, this was a great learning tool for the program assistants to perfect their communication skills, as well as networking opportunities.

Due to our small staff, UNA-NCA has become dependent on the program assistants that volunteer for the organization. Without the Program Assistants it is doubtful if UNA-NCA events, activities, or the general workplace management would be able to run as smoothly as they have been.



Summer 2008

Christy Chen
Steve Kelch
Gunther Mallen
Wasima Nasseer
Alicia Scahill
Cara Sumi

Fall 2008

Shubha Jaishankar
Jieun Lee
Kristina Southam

Spring 2009

Oöna Bilbao
Melanie Condon
Guor Kiir
Daeun Kim
Pedro Vargas
Ekatrina Zabalueva

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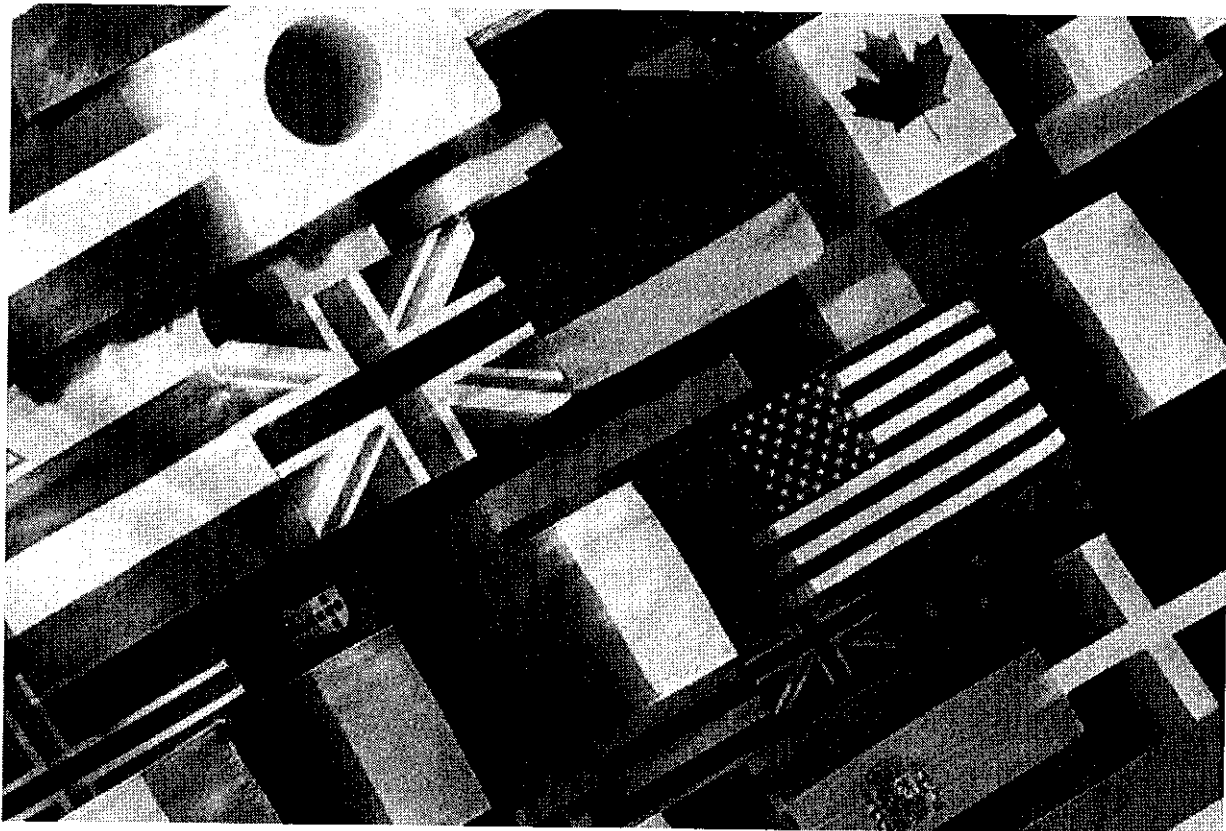


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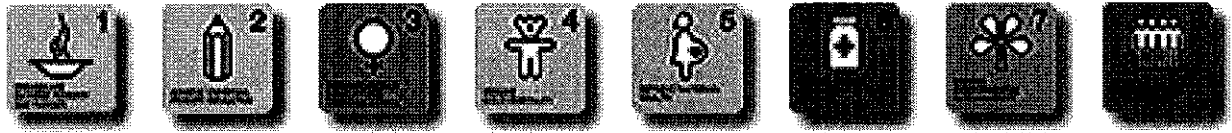
To use our unique position in the National Capital to reach out to national and local citizens, opinion leaders, and our government; to educate, mobilize, and inspire Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations; to strengthen the United Nations system; to promote constructive United States leadership in that system; and to achieve the goals of the UN Charter.

Join us today!

JOIN



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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- Complimentary one-year subscription to award-winning *Foreign Policy Magazine* (available to first-time new members only).
- Automatic enrollment in UNA-USA (national) and UNA-NCA (local) and ability to participate in both national and local events.

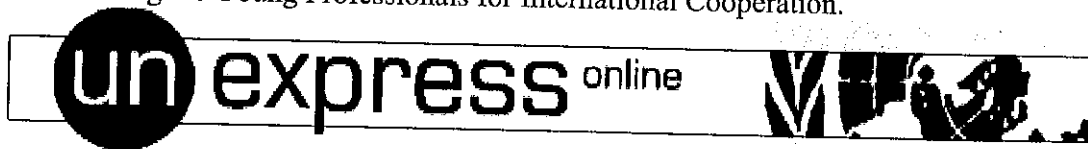
THE INTERDEPENDENT

- Subscription to UNA-USA's quarterly journal, *The Interdependent*, with news and views on the United Nations.



- 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-makers.

- 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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