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**2006 UNA-USA Southern California  
Division Annual Meeting  
And  
Public Forum on Immigration:  
Beyond the Border,  
Sharing the Responsibility for Immigration**

**Saturday, November 4 / 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. /  
R.M.S. Queen Mary, Long Beach  
1126 Queen's Highway, Long Beach, CA 90802  
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**Schedule:**

**Annual Meeting:**

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration.

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon,

Keynote Speaker

**CA State Senator Martha M. Escutia**

**Afternoon Session:**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Registration.

1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Public Forum:

Plenary Discussion & Closing Keynote



**Cost: Full Price, \$35 or Afternoon, \$10 (does not include lunch).**

**Contact:**

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The Nominating Committee will offer the following individuals for election to the UNA-USA Southern California Division Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting:

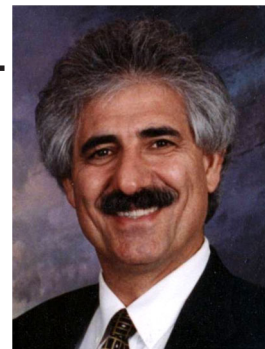
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*Submitted by Stevan Lunich, Chairman*

## President's Message

### *The Year in Review and the Division Call to Action:*

As we approach the end of the year 2006, our world from global to local will once more be in need of electing worldly-thinking leaders that we will trust to lead us toward a safer, more peaceful and a better future.



We envision a future world where in the mind of mankind, war and violence are replaced by creative solutions to a myriads of problems that our world community faces from local to global.

The end of this year brings the end of the leadership terms of the SG of the UN, Kofi Annan. The future UN, while in needs of further reforms under the new leadership, will inherit from Mr. Annan, the comprehensively overarching UN Resolution 55/2 that is the UN Millennium Declaration. In its eight parts, and subsequent reports, the root causes of the world problems are identified, solutions are proposed and financial contributions and political commitment from member nations are requested to address these urgent global problems. Whether the future UN and its leadership in cooperation with member nations will be capable to implement these goals, remains to be seen. However, regardless to the policies of each government toward the UN, we, as American citizens and members of the UNA, shall see to it that these issues remain at the forefront of the current and future action plans and agenda of our chapters and division. Toward this objective, I continue to work toward formation of Standing Committees and Advocacy Chairs to lead our Division in the areas that are important to the support of the UNA and the UN agendas. This year, in addition to welcoming San Luis Obispo Chapter as a new member chapter to the division, we have voted to elect new Advocacy Chairs who will lead us in specific areas of interests. At this time, we have active Chairs for advocacy issues including Education, Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Global Health, Young Professional for International Corporation (YPIC) and Africa. Based on our chapters and division interests and available resources, I continue to seek qualified individuals to spearhead additional advocacy issues. In doing so, our capable Chairs, will have the opportunity to bring to Southern California, educational conferences focused on their respective areas of interest and responsibilities. Additionally, our Pressing Needs Committee has initiated a two year action plan to further strengthen our chapters and division. This year, the UNA Coastal Alliance Group has taken the initiative to organize our UNA Annual Program. Their choice of topic is immigration and its correlation to the economic development or the lack of it, in the areas of origin of immigrants. This event

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## Annual Meeting Tribute Book!

The Southern California Division UNA-USA Members and Friends of the Southern California Division are invited to add a tribute, memorial, advertisement or event notice to the **2006 Annual Meeting Tribute Book**. The Tribute Book will be distributed at the 2006 Annual Meeting on November 4th. A ceremony to honor each tribute recipient will be held during the meeting. **For the first time, we are offering the opportunity for a full, two page special tribute. This specialty tribute costs \$200, and will offer substantial support to our program.** A full page is \$100, and one-half page is \$50. We recommend each UNA chapters support this fund-raising effort with a minimum full-page tribute at a cost of \$100. Please include a picture of the honoree, either by mailing a hard copy or sending an electronic image. All tributes must be received by October 20, 2006.

Acknowledge an outstanding volunteer or organization by submitting ad size, check for payment (made out to SCD UNA-USA), tribute/ad copy and photos to:

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promises to bring to us new and realistic information on this polarizing issue.

I wish you all good election news and great holidays ahead with successful chapters' programs and action plans. On Saturday, November 4, what we look forward to is your participation at our annual program and our celebration of a successful year, with an intellectually stimulating and educational discussion on the topic of Immigration.

Sincerely,

Ardishir Rashidi-Kalhur  
President, SCD UNA-USA

Rene Wilson  
CCD & UNA-USA Board of Directors

### Strengthening the UNA's Presence in Southern California

In order to strengthen UNA-USA's presence in Southern California, all chapters as well as the division are in the process of completing 2-Year Action Plans to carry out the mission of the national organization, to wit:

***The United Nations Association of the USA is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, strengthening the UN system, promoting constructive United States leadership in the system, and achievement of the goals of the UN Charter.***

Action Plan Goals for Building Membership, Developing Financial Resources, Expanding Communication, and Undertaking Programs are being carefully articulated through Objectives and Implementing Activities chosen from a Draft Plan put together from the April 29 Retreat and/or proposals submitted by all chapters in response to a March 2006 Survey Questionnaire for effective strategies.

Initiation of this regional effort during the summer a year ago was evoked as a challenge to a certain amount of lethargy in UNA in this region. Through the results of this effort we hope to come to view ourselves not as

individual chapters, but as an integral and vital component of our national organization, its mission and vision.

George Garland, UNA-USA Membership Executive Director, has been very generous with his time and was accompanied by two others from the national staff, all of whom were a part of the engaging retreat which resulted in a Draft Plan. The *September 2006-08 Action Plan for Strengthening the United Nations Association in Southern California* will be submitted once the chapters and division have taken ownership through designing their own components.\*\*\*

### Lunch on the Patio with Jeff Laurenti

On June 24, Jeff Laurenti spoke at an informal gathering of UNA and affiliated non-governmental organization members at the home of Rene and Tom Wilson in Pasadena. He is an excellent speaker, having a depth in understanding of global issues and is very familiar to UNA members because for many years he was the Executive Director of Policy Studies at UNA. He is currently a Senior Fellow in International Affairs for The Century Foundation.

We are grateful to Lyndia Lowy, Program Coordinator of B'nai B'rith in Southern California, for her willingness to let us use her notes in capturing some of what Jeff said:

*The US has attempted to rule through military dominance, but the European Community is growing in influence due to its relative economic stability.*

*There is a difference between dominance and leadership. The US has become known as the nay-sayer for international treaties, and is attempting to control international politics through domination rather than leadership. This is not useful and has hurt our stature in the world. American leaders are not discussing international affairs with the American people. The majority of the world does not support our adventure in Iraq.*

*Our leadership role can be reclaimed by focusing on a common idealistic purpose. We are known for our leadership combating disease, poverty, and hunger. We need to reclaim that moral leadership.*

### Q & A from the group:

What's your opinion about our role in Iraq?

*The Jordanian ambassador to the UN has said of the US invasion, "You have swallowed a razor." No matter what we do,*



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it will cut us to pieces.

*We made 3 major mistakes in Iraq:*

1. *Invading was a mistake*
2. *Not allowing the UN a role once we invaded. The UN now will NEVER mediate this conflict.*
3. *We have not succeeded in winning over the Iraqi people. The extremists are gaining power and every faction is now armed.*

Who might be the next Secretary General?

*The US is isolated on this issue because we are promoting a European candidate. The next SG should be an Asian. There are excellent candidates from Thailand, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and India.*

What do you think will happen in Iran?

*The current Administration would love to have a regime change in Iran. A military strike by the US would be disastrous because it would further disrupt oil prices. It is likely that we will publicly disavow any military action, but push for a change in Iran's government once Bush leaves office.*

What is your feeling about Ambassador Bolton's confirmation?

*Bolton's confirmation hearings will probably be held in July. The Administration wants him confirmed. He is not liked or respected in the UN and it would be in the nation's best interest to appoint someone else.*

What about breaking up Iraq?

*Senator Biden has said he would support a formal breakup of Iraq. This will not happen because oil is located in the northern and southern parts of the current state, leaving the center without a source of oil revenue. Allowing more autonomy for the Kurds would also harm our relations with Turkey since that state controls a portion of the Kurdish population.*

International affairs articles by Jeff Laurenti can be found on The Century Foundation website: [www.tcf.org](http://www.tcf.org)\*\*\*

## **Chapter News and Announcements!**

News for the **Harbor, Long Beach, and Coastline Chapters** is the formation of the **Coastal Alliance (CA)**, a cooperative venture intended to maximize marketing efforts and increase membership in the coastal area from Palos Verdes to San Clemente. Diane Gonzales, long-time UNA member, is director of this Chapter Renewal effort. Currently the CA is joining forces with

the Orange County Chapter to produce the public forum on Immigration following the SCD Annual Meeting. The CA plans increased activity in areas of program, membership, advocacy and outreach to other NGOs!\*\*\*

**Orange County Chapter** held January Annual Brunch Meeting "What South Africa can Tell Us about Current Conflicts: Transcending Nationalism and Racism," a dialogue by Dr. Don Will, Chapman University Peace Studies, and Leonora Ntathu Will, Villa Park High School. At The Great American Write-In, sponsored by Women For, we joined with 40 organizations. With Interfaith Peace Ministry, we co-sponsored Adopt-A-Minefield at their Annual Dinner. Awards for OCUNA High School Essay Contest winners were presented at Soka University's Annual International Festival by the city mayor and Chapter president. "Food-Music-Fire-Sunset" – a membership party at former presidents' home near the beach was held. UN Day will be observed at Chapman University's Annual international Fair!\*\*\*

**Pacific/Los Angeles Chapter** will host UN Day, a joint proclamation presentation with City of LA at the LA City Hall Rotunda from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm on Oct. 24!\*\*\*

**Pasadena/Foothills Chapter** will host the Global Conference "The Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa" which is a visionary international conference designed to inspire and empower community leaders, business leaders and individuals to support the UN Millennium Development Goals and to advance the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Africa at USC from Feb. 16 to 18, 2007. This Conference will serve as a catalyst for a strengthened American constituency for African economic, social and political progress!\*\*\*

**Pomona Valley Chapter** has an exciting set of fall and winter meetings coming up and hope you will be a part of our efforts to promote international cooperation and support for the UN to meet the challenges of current violence in Iraq, Palestine, and Sudan along with the aching poverty and health issues worldwide. One good way to stay involved is to renew your membership in UNA, if you have not already done so. Then, attend the monthly program meetings (4:30 pm the third Thursday of each month at Porter Hall in Pilgrim Place, Claremont, CA). Upcoming Pomona Valley meetings will feature speakers on Africa, Sudan, the Middle East, and US foreign policy. We feature the work of the UN at the Claremont Library display

during Oct. Our UN Day on Oct. 26 at noon at International Place (909) 621-8344!\*\*\*

**San Diego Chapter** Charter Day celebrated India, one of the Charter's original signatories, and was held in Balboa Park. Our Third Annual Southern California Model UN Training Day was held on Sept. 16 at the University of San Diego School of Law. Model UNers from throughout the Division were invited to a day of learning about Model UN. The One World Project, headed by our Community Outreach Committee, will join two local high school groups with a school in Ghana in a community service project putting the UN Millennium Development Goals into concrete action. The Legislative Committee met with US Representative Susan Davis, the first in a series of meetings with elected officials to promote the UNA advocacy agenda. Our UN Day celebration on the 24<sup>th</sup> will focus on the MDG of maternal health and well-being!\*\*\*

**San Fernando Valley Chapter** recently held a joint fundraiser with Rotary International to raise money for Afghan Dental Relief to create a dental clinic in Kabul where a large number of the population have died from dental disease due to a complete lack on dental care. On Aug. 26 we raised \$5,500 through a grand soiree dinner with belly dancer, a silent auction and raffle and now up to over \$6,000! Douglas Noll, renowned conflict meditation will be speaking at California State University Northridge on: **Barriers to Peace in the World** and Conflict Mediation from Noon to 2 pm on Oct. 23 at Sierra tower, Whitsett Room, jointly sponsored by CSUN Political Science Department and the UNA San Fernando Valley Chapter as a YPIC event (818) 414-1637 to RSVP!\*\*\*

**Santa Barbara Chapter** of the UNA-USA & UNESCO is pleased to announce the details for the 2006 UN Day Celebration. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Orr, Assistant Secretary-General of the UN. The title will be "Preventable Genocide: Who Speaks for Humanity?" Panelists will include Dr. Richard Falk, Visiting Distinguished Professor of Global Studies at UCSB and Dr. Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar, Professor of Political Science at SBCC. Dr. Robert Muller, Former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, will be our honorary speaker. The date is Nov. 4, from 9 am to 12:30 pm and will be held at the Fe Bland Auditorium on the West Campus of Santa Barbara City College!\*\*\*



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meet these goals.*

- 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and  
hunger*
  - 2. Achieve universal primary  
education*
  - 3. Promote gender equality and  
empower women*
  - 4. Reduce child mortality*
  - 5. Improve maternal health*
  - 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria  
and other diseases*
  - 7. Ensure environmental  
sustainability*
  - 8. Develop a global partnership  
for development*
- [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals)

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