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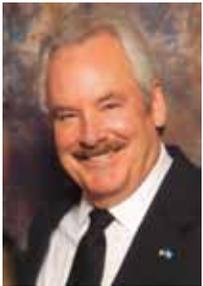
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION

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## NEWSLETTER 2010

### President's Message:

#### SoCal Delegates Join the UNA-USA Vote on Better World Fund Affiliation



*On October 12th, delegates from around the country vote on dissolving the 'old' UNA-USA and becoming a New UNA-USA, affiliated with the Better World Fund.*

Our Southern California chapters are playing a key role in the national UNA-USA organizational changes. Following six months of exploration and negotiation, every chapter of the UNA-USA is voting on Tuesday, October 12th, on whether to affiliate with the New UNA-USA allied with the Better World Fund (BWF). If approved by two-thirds of our delegates, these votes will effectively keep UNA-USA and our chapters on sound footing to continue our advocacy, education, and membership activities.

Mel said, "We have had several years of challenges at the national level, and the New UNA-USA is our best potential to get strong support for effective chapters and divisions. We will have good representation at the Council of Chapters and Divisions and this should benefit each of the ten chapters in SoCal."

The formal vote follows months of deliberations. Many SoCal delegates were present at the June national meeting of the UNA-USA CCD, where extensive discussions were held between the UNA-USA chapter representatives and leaders of the BWF. After days of discussions, our UNA-USA representatives unanimously endorsed proceeding with the alliance.

Mel said, "The UNA-USA name goes on and our chapter and division activities stand to grow and flourish. Many

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### Annual Meeting

#### Saturday, November 6th



The UNA-USA Southern California Division invites all members and guests to attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 6th, 11 AM to 3 PM at the Women's City Club of Pasadena, 160 North Oakland Ave, Pasadena. June O'Connor, Professor in the

Religious Studies Department at the University of California, Riverside will be speaking on Conflict, Truth, and Reconciliation: Is 'No Future without Forgiveness' Realistic? Is forgiveness possible in the face of social atrocities and betrayal? Dr. O'Connor has published 2 books and 45 journal articles or book chapters on religion and the ethics of social change. She is also the wife of Harry Hood, past president of the UNA/USA Citrus Belt Chapter.

In addition, we will announce the results of the October Special National Convention regarding the UNA-USA alliance with the Better World Fund and hold our annual DIVISION ELECTIONS. Each chapter will have an opportunity to honor members and share their activities. Besides serving good food, the Women's City Club of Pasadena is known for classic elegance. <http://www.womenscityclub.com/index.php> with free parking behind the building.

**RESERVATIONS:** This year, we have three options: \$60 sponsors - seated near the podium, \$45 regular, and \$35 YPIC. The price includes luncheon and dessert and our very special program. **Please make your reservations online at <http://www.una-socal.org> or by sending your checks payable to SoCal UNA-USA to Jim Stanbery, Division Treasurer, PO Box 172, San Pedro, CA 90733 by October 31st so we may reserve enough meals.**

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## Successful West Coast Global Forum Features UNA-USA President



Ed Elmendorf, Gil Garcetti and Barry Simon at  
3rd Annual West Coast Global Forum

More than 60 people attended the division's third annual West Coast Global Forum on September 22nd centered on "Global Water-Local Impact." Ed Elmendorf, president of UNA-USA, spoke on the Millennium Development Goals, with a focus on No. 7 ensuring environmental sustainability. The forum also featured former Los Angeles County Attorney Gil Garcetti, the author of "Water Is Key."



## Global Health Initiative Conference

### "Global Burden of Disease and its Consequences for California"

Organized by our own Dr. Margaret Soderberg, this fourth SoCal UNA-USA health conference on April 2, 2010 featured six premier speakers in an all-day and CME approved conference. Good food was served and a lively Q&A period followed each presentation. We look forward to another successful health conference in 2011.



## UN Day Celebrations in SoCal

Details of all events can be found on [www.una-socal.org](http://www.una-socal.org) Calendar.

**Thurs, October 21 • 11:45am • Program begins at 12:15pm**

*UN Day Celebration co-sponsored by the Pomona Valley UNA-USA, "The United Nations in the Age of Social Networking"*  
(909) 607-4571 or e-mail [ipoffice@cmc.edu](mailto:ipoffice@cmc.edu)

**Thurs, Oct 21 • 6pm • Cabrillo Arts Pavilion • Santa Barbara**

*UNA-USA Santa Barbara & Tri-County - Santa Barbara Sister Cities 19th Anniversary Celebration in honor of UN Day.*

E-mail Catherine Dishion, President, UNA-USA, Santa Barbara & Tri-Counties Chapter or call 898-4234

**Sat, Oct 23 • 8am-1pm • Sta Barbara City Coll • Fe Bland Forum**

*UNA-USA Santa Barbara & Tri-County - UN Day 2010  
"UN Empowering Women & Children Globally"*

**Sat, Oct 23 • Prado Restaurant • Balboa Park, San Diego**

*UNA San Diego sponsors the annual celebration of UN Day 'Our Planet, Our Responsibility: 65 Years of the UN' 11:30am-2pm*  
619-233-3970 [una@unasd.org](mailto:una@unasd.org)

**Oct 23, Oct 24 • 1 - 6pm • Chapman University • Orange**

*The UNA-OC will hold its 1st Annual Human Rights Film Festival featuring the Rights of the Child*

**Sunday, Oct 24 • 10am - 5pm • Pasadena**

*UNA-USA Pasadena/Foothill Chapter - UN DAY GLOBAL FESTIVAL 2010 - All day FREE family festival - includes an International Marketplace.* Information (626) 449-1795



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## Tribute Book to Honor Your Chapter Leaders at the Annual Meeting

*From Tribute Book Coordinator and Nominations Committee Chair Diane Gonzales*

We are putting together our Tribute Book to honor your chapter leaders at the Annual Meeting. \$100 or other amount sent to Jim Stanbery, Division Treasurer, P.O. Box 172, San Pedro, CA 90733 while text and JPG pictures are sent to Diane at [dianescduna@yahoo.com](mailto:dianescduna@yahoo.com) (949) 290-1738

Under our by-laws, Sec. 4. **Elections shall take place at the Annual Meeting** held at the end of the year. In even-numbered years, the following officers are elected: Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Resource Development, Treasurer, and two Nominating Committee members. The nominees are **Judith Harris for VP for Programs, Barry Simon for VP Resource Development, Jim Stanbery for Treasurer, and Diane Gonzales and Ike Kamishani as representatives to Nominating.** Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

# Chapter Contacts and News

## Inland Empire

President Ike Khamisani

<http://www.ie.una-socal.org>

## Long Beach/South Bay

President Diane Gonzalez <dianescduna@yahoo.com>

UNICEF Cards are Back! Complete selection at the Global Gifts Shop, 942 N. Western Ave. San Pedro 90732, (310) 548-1762. And our 2010 Annual Nativity Show, "CRECHES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!" Saturday, November 6, 10AM-5PM at the shop!

## Orange County

President Gerri McNenny <mcnenny@chapman.edu>

On October 24, Orange County Chapter will present its 1st Annual Human Rights Film Festival featuring "The Rights of the Child," screening award-winning short films from India, Cameroon, Mexico, Afghanistan, Uganda & the USA and showing UNICEF animations on the rights of the child. Chapman University, at the Dodge College of Film & Media Arts, 238 N. Cypress St, Orange, from 1 to 6 p.m.

More information at <http://www.una-oc.org/>

## Pacific LA

Co-Presidents Barbara Tebyani Fahriye Mahrenholz

## Pasadena/Foothill

Co-Presidents Judith Harris Gene Masuda

*UN Day Global Festival 2010*, featuring eco products, hand made crafts, and international food, is coming Sunday October 24th (10 AM to 5 PM) at Western Justice Center Foundation, 55 S Grand Ave, Pasadena. Honoring UNA World Citizen of the Year, Jaylene Moseley and Renewable Energy World Citizen of the Year. Free festival. Luncheon tickets \$75. Contact Sherry Simpson Dean <sherry@unapasadena.org> 626-449-1795

## Pomona Valley

Co-Presidents Katie Gerecke and Richard Harris

October 19th 5:30 PM meeting features Rizek Abusharr *The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land* in June 2011, sponsored by Pilgrim Place and PV UNA. On October 21st noon - PV UNA at International Place for lunch to celebrate United Nations Day. Throughout October at the Clare-

mont Public Library is a display of UN, UNA-USA and PV UNA. <http://www.pv.una-socal.org/>

## San Diego

Mary M. Mckenzie

<http://www.unasd.org/>

## San Fernando Valley

Co-Presidents David Tuckman Ginny Hatfield

<http://www.sfv.una-socal.org/>

## Santa Barbara and Tri-Counties

President Catherine Dishion

<http://www.unasb.org/>

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President Brian Bise

<http://www.unausawhittier.blogspot.com>



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of the current UNA-USA staff are to be part of the New UNA-USA, to be headquartered in Washington DC, so we will continue working with our friends. Check with your local officers to learn about your chapter's affiliation with the New UNA-USA."



## From Vice President for Membership Richard Harris



At our national CCD meeting in June, I was honored to receive the *Arnold Goodman service award*. Thank you to my fellow SoCal leaders for this honor. And regarding your membership, you will notice your membership expiration date above your name on the label of this newsletter.

If your membership is expiring, please send \$40 (\$25 for limited income, \$10 for students \$100 for sponsors) to UNA-USA Membership, 801 2nd Ave, 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10017 or renew online at [www.unausa.org/membership](http://www.unausa.org/membership).



UNICEF *Global Gifts*  
942 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732

*The UN Millennium Development Goals (2000-2015)*

- 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.

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