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## NEWSLETTER 2009

### Thomas Miller Visits Division

*On Wednesday, September 30th, the Southern California Division of the UNA-USA invites you to meet Ambassador Thomas J. Miller, President of the UNA-USA*



*Thomas J. Miller was appointed President and CEO of the United Nations Association of the United States of America in May 2009.* Prior to joining UNA-USA, Miller had 29 years of high-profile experience as a career diplomat in the US Foreign Service. His career includes ambassadorships to Greece and

to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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The Pasadena/Foothills Chapter is hosting a reception for Thomas Miller between 7 & 9 PM at the Western Justice Center's Historic Maxwell House, 55 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105. There will be limited seating, so please RSVP with Sherry Simpson-Dean, 626 449-1795 [sherry@unapasadena.org](mailto:sherry@unapasadena.org)

#### *Division President's Message from Carl Mariz*



We welcome our new CEO, Tom Miller, bringing a varied background, wealth of experience, lots of enthusiasm, and a focus on investing in our organization's grass roots. He will tell us more at the end of this month when he visits California, but he has already said he wants to strengthen our joint

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### Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 7th

#### *Invitation from Vice President Judith Harris*

The UNA/USA Southern California Division invites all members and guests to attend this year's Annual Meeting



on Saturday, November 7th, 11 AM to 3 PM, at *Bistro 45*, 45 S. Mentor Ave, in Pasadena. We are honored that Marilyn Scaff Hempel, Publisher of the Population Press, will be presenting to us on "Population Impacts On The Millennium Development Goals." She is a dynamic speaker and will offer

a riveting program.

In addition, our annual *DIVISION ELECTIONS* will be held and each Chapter will have an opportunity to honor members and share their activities. It is a wonderful time to gather together and celebrate the important work and to be with new and old friends.

*Bistro 45* is a classy and lovely restaurant, named in the "Top 30 Restaurants in So. California" by Zagat Survey 1994-2009. They have been most gracious and are preparing a very special meal. Valet parking is available for \$4.50 per car for the length of the meeting. It is located within easy walking distance of the Lake Ave. stop on the Gold Line. You can have a preview of the site at [www.bistro45.com](http://www.bistro45.com) and check out their menu. The cost will be \$40 per person - a special discount rate just for us. Sponsor seating is available for \$60 and will be seated closer to the presentation. Please make your reservation by sending your checks payable to UNA/USA So. Calif. Division to: Jim Stanbery, Division Treasurer, P.O. Box 172, San Pedro, CA 90733. We need to hear from you by October 26th to allow Bistro 45 time to prepare our very special luncheon meal.



[www.populationpress.org](http://www.populationpress.org)

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*From Vice President for Communications  
Mel Boynton*

We're implementing our Division Action Plan adopted in May, [www.una-socal.org/div\\_priorities](http://www.una-socal.org/div_priorities) and building a more extensive email contact list of members. I'm enjoying representing you at the CCD Steering Committee. For a spreadsheet of chapter member details, contact Mel [mel@mboyntons.net](mailto:mel@mboyntons.net)

*From Vice President for Membership  
Richard Harris*

We had a productive national convention in June and I am glad to be back in action following my successful bout with cancer. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, NY, NY 10017 or renew online at [www.unausa.org/membership](http://www.unausa.org/membership)

*From Vice President for Resource Development  
Barry Simon*

"Plan ahead for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Coast Global Forum December 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be bigger and better than last year's successful event." Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from noon – 2:00 with a VIP reception following, this year's event will be held at the beautiful **National Center for the Preservation of Democracy** in downtown Los Angeles, near Union Station! In addition to business and community leaders a nice contingent of consuls general are expected to attend. SoCal UNA-USA will also be presenting its first "Global Citizen" award. 310-394-8368, [globalforum@verizon.net](mailto:globalforum@verizon.net).

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*From National Council of Chapters and Divisions Member Ardi Rashidi*

Representing our Southern California UNA-USA, were Esther Gillies, Mel Boynton and Ardi Rashidi, who attended the National CCD meeting on September 12th and 13th, and further, Ardi Rashidi attended the National Board meeting held on Monday September 14. My detailed report on these successful meetings is online at [http://www.una-socal.org/reg\\_council\\_orgs.html](http://www.una-socal.org/reg_council_orgs.html)

*From Education Co-Chair Sondra Zigler*

Today, the UN takes on a host of global issues beyond peace and security, such as human rights, health, poverty, environmental sustainability and economic development. Since 1986, the **National High School Essay Contest** has inspired students to engage the work of the UN. This year's contest focuses on Millennium Development Goal Eight - promoting development through international partnership. Enter the essay contest at [www.unausanationalhighschoolessaycontest.com](http://www.unausanationalhighschoolessaycontest.com) or contact 818-346-9683 [sondrzplace@aol.com](mailto:sondrzplace@aol.com)

*From YPIC (Young Professionals for International Cooperation) Chair and Division Secretary David Tuckman*

As division YPIC chair I am proud of the dedication of Southern California YPICs including delegates to National Convention and as presenters/moderators. As your Chair I have presented on YPIC to chapters, coordinating division YPIC meetings and regional YPIC service projects with Children's Fund as a South America relief project. YPICs across California and nationwide participated in UN International peace day celebrations. This year has been great for YPIC and UNA-USA chapters.

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*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 odd-numbered years, the following officers are elected: President, Secretary, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Membership/Chapter Development, two Chapter Representatives, and three Nominating Committee members, one a holdover and one designated as Chair. **The nominees are Mel Boynton for President, David Tuckman for Secretary, Diane Gonzales for VP Communications, Richard Harris for VP Membership, Ike Khamisani for Chapter Representative, Mary McKenzie, Lyn Harris-Hicks, and Ardi Rashidi as representatives to Nominating.** Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

## Chapter Contacts and News

### Inland Empire

President Renée Noelle Day [rnday@earthlink.net](mailto:rnday@earthlink.net) 951-924-8757. “*A Night of a Thousand Dinners*” took place at the Mission Inn in Riverside featured the Consuls of Afghanistan, Columbia, Lebanon and Croatia talking about the situation with mines in their countries; 50 people attended and were serenaded by the fine Ramona High School Jazz Band.

### Long Beach/South Bay

President Diane Gonzales [dianescduna@yahoo.com](mailto:dianescduna@yahoo.com) 949-661-2572. The Long Beach/South Bay Chapter is moving its Global Gifts shop and will soon have a lease for a new shop on Western Ave in San Pedro. The new space has great visibility and foot-traffic, and the new site will help us move into a new area of expanded outreach and programs. The Chapter is growing, and an exciting time is just beginning! Contact us at 310 548-1762 [unaglobalgifts@yahoo.com](mailto:unaglobalgifts@yahoo.com)

### Orange County

Co-Presidents Barbara and Ken Tye [tye@chapman.edu](mailto:tye@chapman.edu) 714-744-2821–UNA-OC [www.una-oc.org](http://www.una-oc.org) are honoring Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez at a future event at Chapman University on the topic “The United States, the United Nations, and the importance of international education.” Rep. Sanchez is the author of a bill, HR 3359: U.S. and the World Education Act. An award for her support of UN issues will be presented to Sanchez by Carl Mariz on behalf of the entire SoCal Division.

UNA-OC will be part of a larger UN Day event on Saturday, Oct 24 in Irvine Regional Park in Orange. Check it out online at [www.ocice.org](http://www.ocice.org). UNA-OC is also supporting UNIFEM’s UN Day event, a special showing of the Liberia women’s movement documentary, “Pray the Devil Back to Hell,” at Chapman University.

### Pacific LA

Co-Presidents Joan Collins and Bill McCarthy 310-450-5592 [Bill.McCarthy@unityfoundation.org](mailto:Bill.McCarthy@unityfoundation.org)

### Pasadena/Foothill

Co-Presidents Carol Chenoweth and Esther Gillies 626-449-1795 [info@unapasadena.org](mailto:info@unapasadena.org) Pasadena is co-sponsoring major environmental, human rights, and UN Day celebrations, along with our SoCal UNA-USA Annual Meeting on November 7th. See [www.unapasadena.org](http://www.unapasadena.org)

### Pomona Valley

President Mel Boynton 909-398-1124 [mel@mboyntons.net](mailto:mel@mboyntons.net) We have hosted a series of international presentations [www.pv.una-socal.org](http://www.pv.una-socal.org) and are celebrating UN Day at 5:30 on October 20th at Porter Hall in Pilgrim Place with Donald Delgado, Director of International Place and again at

noon on October 22 with Paula Palmer, Director, Global Programs, Claremont Graduate University, “Aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami in Communities in India and Sri Lanka” at IP. See events at [www.iplace.claremont.edu](http://www.iplace.claremont.edu)

### San Diego

President Mary McKenzie 619-417-4280 [marymmckenzie@cox.net](mailto:marymmckenzie@cox.net). The division’s largest chapter, UNASD has refreshed our website [www.unasd.org](http://www.unasd.org) The chapter completed its Climate Week San Diego (September 21-26) before the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and underscored the urgency for a global climate change deal. Climate Week San Diego brought together non-governmental, business, academic, government and community leaders. UNASD’s annual UN Day celebration will take place in the afternoon of October 24 at the Prado Restaurant in Balboa Park. Special guests will include San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria. The speaker will be Marjorie Cohn, Professor of international human rights law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. His talk is entitled “Keeping the UN’s Promise Alive.”

### San Fernando Valley

President David Tuckman 818-765-2419 [dtuckman@adelphia.net](mailto:dtuckman@adelphia.net) See YPIC report from David.

### Santa Barbara and Tri-Counties

President Catherine Dishion 805-884-7131 [dishion@primemail.com](mailto:dishion@primemail.com) The Santa Barbara & Tri-Counties Chapter will be hosting Tom Miller on Sept. 30, 2009 from 2-4 at the Orfalea Center at UCSB. The Orfalea Center is adjacent to parking lots 22 and 27 and in front of Robertson Gym at UCSB. [www.ucsb.edu](http://www.ucsb.edu) We are holding the event at UCSB in order to promote it to students. We are hoping for more student participation. For additional information, contact Catherine.

### *From SCRCO (Southern California Regional Council of Organizations) President Mwende May*

The summer dinner of the SCRCO was at the beautiful American Red Cross building in Pasadena August 21st with Jeff Laurenti as our keynote speaker with a good turn out and great reception. We plan to meet Tom Miller and are supporting local UNA-USA programs for UN Day. We are also working with the national Council of Organizations (COO) helping to establish new Regional Councils of Organizations around the country to reach our constituent organizations to be more informed on a regular basis about the United Nations. 562-930-1320 [mmay@sgi-usa.org](mailto:mmay@sgi-usa.org)



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*Carl Mariz - Cont'd*

efforts with Model UN. We expect many MUN graduates and parents will become UNA-USA members.

I have often said we are outnumbered nearly ten to one by organizations that oppose the United Nations. The UN is too important as a means to keep the peace. Those of us with first-hand memories of World War II are fast disappearing. We need even more members for the important work ahead. I thank each of you for your efforts and ask you to grow UNA-USA to *"Help the UN help the world."*

*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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