

UNA-USA Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11
Division Annual Meeting – Women’s City Club of Pasadena
Saturday, November 5, 2011

MINUTES

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Members Present:

Mel Boynton-----Division President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Diane Gonzales-----Division VP—Comm./Pres. Long Beach/South Bay Chapter
Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV Chapter Co-President
Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President—Resource Development/Pac-LA Chap.
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Division Government Relations/Advocacy Mentor
Shirley Williams-----Division Webmaster
Joy Adams-----Orange County Chapter, member
Katie Gerecke-----Pomona Valley Chapter President
John Beynon-----Whittier Chapter President
Valerie Beynon-----guest
Nicole Beynon-----guest
Kathie Murtey-----guest
Mwende May -----Treasurer—So. Calif. Regional Council of Organizations
Ginny Hatfield-----President—So. Cal. Reg. Council of Orgs/SFV Chapter Co-Pres.
Virginia Bernal-----Orange County Chapter Secretary
Barbara Tebyani-----Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter Co President
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Judith Harris-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter/Division VP-Program
Chris Fennessy-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, Parliamentarian
Julia Long-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, Board Member
Sonia Amin-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, Board Member
H. Thomas Wilson-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, member
Rene Wilson-----Pasadena/So. Cal. Regional Council of Organizations. Area Subcommittee
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter Secretary
Shankar Haushuran-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter Member
Meghana Frenchman-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Member
Lavon Mariz-----Orange County Chapter, Member
Carol Billings Harris-----Claremont Chapter, guest
Carl Mariz-----Orange County Chapter, Treasurer
Dorothy Boberg-----San Fernando Valley Chapter, Officer
Chelsea Murphy-----Orange County Chapter Intern
Gerri McNenny-----Orange County Chapter President
Suzanne Burger-----Southern California Regional Council of Organizations, Officer
Neal Hartsough-----Orange County Chapter Member
Ardishir Rashidi-----Nationa Council of Chapters & Regions, (CCR), Representative
Jaclene Roshan-----Orange County Chapter Board Member
Gil Garcetti-----Keynote Speaker

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:50 AM

LUNCH: 12:00 PM

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Boynton:* “We are happy with the great UN day celebrations by chapters all across Southern California and the UN Film Festival events in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara which were fabulous. John Moore is a distinguished author and Model United Nations leader in Claremont who was key in their great event. The Southern California Regional Council of Organizations brought in African drummers and dancers. Pasadena’s Film Festival was amazing. We honor Richard Harris, a distinguished UNA-USA leader and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award who recently passed. His wife Carol is here today as my special guest.

Welcome to Pasadena! We owe a great debt of thanks to our Southern California UNA-USA Regional Representatives, division officers, chapter presidents, committee chairs, SCRCO, and many board members for your dedicated service and leadership. We can be proud of SoCal leaders of UNA-USA at all levels; local, regional, and national. Our ongoing partnership with the UN Foundation has helped us invigorate our advocacy efforts and reach out to younger Americans with partner programs such as Nothing But Nets and Girl Up! And the future looks even more exciting.

This year, I have had the pleasure of leading a great delegation of SoCal leaders to the June national meeting of UNA-USA in Washington, D.C., working with Past President Ardi Rashidi as a fellow Regional Representative to the Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee, attending superior chapter events across our SoCal division, seeing the success of our division West Coast Global Forum in September, and joining several excellent UN Day celebrations in our chapters. Our division membership and finances are strong and we are poised for even greater effectiveness going forward.

Thank you for the important contributions to UNA-USA and our mission of strong United States support for the United Nations. It is exciting to realize that 86% of voters support U.S. engagement with the U.N. (bipartisan poll results, October 2011), showing that most Americans ‘Get it.’ I know you will enjoy a great meal, our program, sharing our achievements, and honoring our distinguished leaders today.

Your ongoing leadership is key in supporting the United Nations work for human rights, environment, peace, health, and security around the world. It is an honor to be working with each of you to ‘Help the UN Help the World.’

INTRODUCTIONS (Each member introduces themselves and their guests.)

SECRETARYS REPORT

Tuckman – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our annual meeting. Right now we are passing around copies of the minutes from the October 15, 2011 Southern California Division (Region—11) Executive Committee Meeting that was held at Village Grill, 148 Yale Ave., Claremont, CA for board approval. The next sheets to be passed around are the revised division/region contact list. Please take a look and verify that your contact information and that of your fellow officers in the division/region and chapter president information is accurate and return the sheets to me at the end of the meeting. Also being passed around for your review are the most up to date copies of the National Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) and the Chapter Handbook. The next document being passed around is the revised media public relations guides from national. The next document is the UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee(CCR-SC) 2011 Directory which gives you the contacts for the CCR for the entire country as well as the YPIC Regional Representative Hector Javier, a former YPIC Executive Committee Member on the YPIC National Leadership Council. For the larger documents, they are being placed on the side table by the main entrance for you to review at your leisure. It has been a pleasure to have served as your Southern California Division Secretary this past year, especially with an amazing group of dedicated executive officers.

MOTION: 1st: Harris-Hicks. 2nd Simon: to approve the 10/15/11 Southern California Division/Region—11 Executive Committee Minutes— with minor typographical error corrections:

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery – [Presented the year-end financial statement-2011]: Last year we were living off the money that we hold. Our checking account at the end of 2011 page-1 line 8 shows \$6,819. Our net worth is \$14,701. \$2,000 belongs to the division. Investment accounts have held up well despite Wall Street. As you look at line 6, \$3,500 has been earmarked for the Regional Council (SCRCO) with the Davanzo Fund earmark line 7 at \$2,234. The SCRCO (Regional Council) will be separated soon and will report to UNA-USA National. We plan to move the Davanzo Funds. Please see columns B, C and D from line 73. B = rollover budget. C=differences. D=actual figures. We expected to take in \$12,000 but we took in \$9,000 and spent \$7,000. Under action categories, we are now looking at the Vice President Budgets. Under Resource Development actual the amount is \$1,293. Line 65, other event income, actual shows \$3,320. The COC (Regional Council) accounting is at the bottom and this will be the last year that we will show the COC on our treasurers ledger and year end financial statements. Under account

inventory, we have a balance of \$6,819 in checking with \$2,072 available for the division and \$7,982 as the years closing balance for the Wedbush Account 1 and 2.

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Boynton: The Southern California Division is the best Division in the UNA-USA. I'm very proud (mass applause by audience for 20 seconds.) I am very proud of the chapter's ability and advocacy. Because of your leadership this year and because of the synergy between the chapters which is remarkable, I am so proud. Please remember to post your events on the division web page so that we can all see your events from across Southern California. We will establish an email connect list of emails we have and communicate chapter by chapter and to members across the division. Ardi and I will be at the National Meeting in just a few days. [3 days from now]. All of our Southern California Chapters have been fully integrated into the UNF (United Nations Foundation) System. You are all ahead of the game. For the coming year, we have 3 major concerns to focus on across chapters. (1) climate— we just had the biggest rise in CO2 across the planet. (2) empowering women/girls— the status of women- its key to human rights. (3) Advocacy with the Congress— we got a pass in 2008 with [President Barak] Obama. Right now, the House of Representatives is threatening the UN funding. The United States provides 22% of all the money to the United Nations. If we cut it now, we are saying that we don't care about nuclear issues, land mines, human rights, and the list goes on and on. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) all fall in with the list. We have a strong Division with just over 1,000 Division Members.

VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAM REPORT:

J. Harris: my key job as Division Vice-President of Program includes organizing the Division Annual Meeting. It's wonderful to see you all.

VICE-PRESIDENT RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Simon: We had a very successful [West Coast] Global Forum in September. Our next Global Forum for 2012 will be held at the California Endowment in Los Angeles. The next program to bring to the forefront is with the LA Sparks Women's Basketball Team who is collaborating with the African Channel where we will do a Nothing But Nets Nite at the game. The cost is \$18 per ticket. Sells for \$25 and all the profit goes to Nothing But Nets at 80% and 20% to the Division. We went from a 4 figure deficit to a 4 figure surplus and that's all thanks to all of you.

VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mary McKenzie (Boynton speaking for McKenzie): *Boynton:* Mary could not be with us today. Speaking on her behalf, membership is doing well and we have over 1,000 members in our Division. I will be presenting nothing But Nets hats to all chapter presidents courtesy of the UN Foundation. [Boynton passes out the hats to Chapter Presidents in attendance.]

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT (National Council of Chapters & Divisions)

Rashidi-Kalbur: [CCR New York Meeting] This Tuesday and Wednesday Mel (Boynton) and I will be in New York for the Council of Chapters & Divisions meeting. What a critical time we are in with all the changes politically in the Middle East and Europe and worldwide. [U.N. Secretary General] Ban Ki-Moon is in Asia advocating for democracy. Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Syria are in turmoil. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon will be at our Nov. 8th UNA-USA Gala in New York and will speak—A truly inspiring leader. Alma Morrison, our CCR Chair has an enthusiastic agenda. We encourage cooperation of the COC (National Council of Non-Profit Organizations) representatives with the chapters. [

Documenting UNA-USA History] Ed Elmendorf, our former UNA-USA President wants to put together a history of UNA-USA since the day Eleanor Roosevelt founded the organization. Steve Dimoff started the project.

[National Survey on the UN] Every year UNA-USA conducts a national survey by McKinney & Company on what are the key issues for our focus and on membership.

[CCR groups] The Illinois representative is heading the membership group. The Washington, D.C. group is the core advocacy group and will take the lead on the Advocacy Agenda and work with other chapters. The education group is working hard fostering Global Classrooms.

Boynton: [National Poll Results] Both a Republic and Democratic polling firm did a national poll on 8/2011 and the results are in. 80% of the American public support U.S. engagement with the United Nations and 68% support paying our UN dues in full. The Washington, D.C. chapter of UNA-USA has 600 members strong and demonstrates a strong presence. When you are in Washington, D.C. to be received by Congress, see the chapter first. They are your resource and will provide you a lot of help and guidance.

YPIC REPORT: UNA-USA Young Professionals

Tuckman: Throughout 2011 YPIC (Young Professionals for International Cooperation) in Southern California (now referred to as UNA—Young Professionals) has been very involved in advocacy and service. As Division Young Professionals Chair, I commend all the chapter UNA Young Professionals groups on their leadership and project planning, in particular San Diego Chapter's Young Professionals who planned many projects. San Fernando Valley Chapter's YPIC Co-Chair Holly Dagres has recently moved to Egypt for graduate study in international relations. We wish Holly all the best. We, also, welcome Orange County's newest Young Professional Chair Jaclene Roshan. We began the year in January with a major Southern California YPIC community service project division-wide at Children's Hunger Fund National Headquarters in Pacoima with an Emergency Food Wrap. We then participated in many UNA-USA National Conferences via teleconference. These events include the Conference: Making Responsibility to Protect Operational w/New Zealand Ambassador James McLay, Permanent Rep. to the UN. & Ed Elmendorf, UNA-USA Executive Director. In March we participated in US Funding to the UN with UN Asst. Secretary General Bob Orr. By May we held a Howl-at-the Moon YPIC Fundraiser at Universal Studios. In June we had strong representation from YPICs in California at the UNA-USA National Meeting in Arlington, VA and by Young Professionals across the country. In August we had young professional participation in 'From Conflict To Hope: The UN's Ongoing Effort to Stabilize & Strengthen South Sudan'. In Sept. we were on the National Conference Call on UN Funding. We also promoted the UN Intl. Day of Peace 1-Week Lead-up on Live Stream where UNA Young Professionals members participated in 'Live from Bellingham, England'; 'Combating Malaria—Bio-Medical Technology,'; 'UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon's Speech from Sydney, Australia, on the topics of Climate Change & Gender Equality.' With so many outstanding programs in 2011 we look forward to even more Young Professional events and leadership in 2012. We have a great group of Young Professional leaders and aim to expand our leadership base next year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: CLARA BARTON AWARD: **Boynton:** Clara Barton is the founder of the American Red Cross and the Clara Barton Honor Award is the highest national honor Red Cross can bestow on a volunteer leader for meritorious service. I am pleased to share that our own David Tuckman is the 2011 award winner. He has served as a Captain of a Disaster Action Team aiding families immediately after home and apartment fires and runs emergency shelters for families after Earthquakes, Wildfires and Floods. We are very proud of David [Boynton shows a copy of the Clara Barton Award to the audience and hands it to Tuckman.]

SOUTHERN CALIF. REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO) REPORT:

Mwende-May: (Council Past-President): [Speaking for Council President Ginny Hatfield]: October 23 was our United Nations Day celebration at the Soka Gakkai lay Buddhist organization on the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) with speakers from UN Women, particularly an appearance by Billie Heller, long-time supporter of CEDAW. The SCRCO will hold a big event every quarter. In the first quarter of 2012, we are considering to hold an event on Violence Against Women. We have changed our financial accounting period to be the same as our fiscal year from July to June, establishing a separate account from the Division.

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

Beynon: I would like to recognize my committee:

Bylaws Committee Members:

- **John Beynon (Chair)**
- **Mary McKenzie**
- **Rene Wilson (former member of the National Board)**
- **Diane Gonzalez**
- **Mel Boynton**
- **David Tuckman**
- **Ike Khamisani**

Beynon: The UN Foundation is a major player so we have adopted bylaws as a current update. I will highlight the big ideas. See Sec.-1 Mission—the old mission is out of date. The new Mission mirrors the Chapter Handbook.

UNA-USA's Mission: We are dedicated to educating, inspiring and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations and to strengthen the UN system. UNA-USA encourages U.S. leadership to work constructively through the United Nations and encourages everyone to achieve the goals of the United Nations Charter. Through our chapters and programs, UNA-USA educates the American public about the invaluable work of the United Nations, raises funds and carries out local activities related.

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT (Continued)

Harris-Hicks: Let's change the wording to "vital" in place of invaluable so it says "...UNA-USA educates the American public about the vital work of the United Nations..."

Boynon: It's better not to mess with the mission. Rashidi-Kallhur: This is from the standard operating Procedures so it needs to go through the Council of chapters & Regions for changes. **Harris-Hicks:** I will withdraw it. Our bylaws provide that we can make changes at any meeting given 30-days notice.

Beynon: On page-2 (f.) we have integrated Young Professional groups:

f. Strengthen existing Chapters, extend the UNA-USA by forming new Chapters and/or Contact Groups, nurture chapter Young Professionals groups, expand membership in the UNA-USA and recommend the chartering of new Chapters to the UNA-USA.

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In (e) we are applying the chapter handbook:

e. Serve the Southern California Chapters in assisting them to carry out the purposes and programs of the UNA-USA and in applying the Chapter Handbook. Service to the Chapters shall be determined by the unique local character of each Chapter and at the behest of the Chapters **themselves**.

And we added (g):

g. Provide programs, projects and events to promote the mission of UNA-USA.

Page-3 has cosmetic changes. Page-4 we added for the president to serve as a Representative to the SCRCO, under Section 2. A. Functions:

Serve as a representative to the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT
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Beynon: Page-5 is editorial changes. P.6 we added under board of directors if a Chapter Presidents is on the Board of Directors then a chapter representative will represent the Chapter. P.4 We added electronic communications. P. 6. Quorum will now be 25% of the members present vs. Majority. Page-7 Section 5.(d): \$2.50 is the amount each chapter is assessed to finance the Division to keep the Division vital, active and Earth shattering.

Boynton: Chapters now get 50% of all their dues to National. **Rashidi-Kalhur:** The dues to Division are voluntary contributions. Boynton: The Standard Operating Procedures don't say voluntary.

MOTION: 1st: Simon. 2nd: Tuckman. Move to accept the Bylaws as revised.

POINT OF INFORMATION: Chris Fennesy, (Pasadena Chapter): Was the By-Laws Revision sent out at least 30-days ago.

Beynon: Yes they were.

MOTION PASSED: Majority: Yes. Opposed: 2. Abstention: 1.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT:

Gonzalez: SCD UNA-USA Bylaws: Elections. 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.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR’S REPORT:
(Continued)**

We ask you to accept the following slate of officers:

- President— Mel Boynton
- Secretary— David Tuckman
- Vice President Communications— Diane Gonzales
- VP Membership/Chapter Development— Mary McKenzie
- 2 Chapter Representatives— Ike Khamisani / John Beynon

Nominating Committee (Elect 3 members)

- Diane Gonzales
- Lyn Harris Hicks
- Ike Khamisani - Chairman

***Ardi Rashidi continues *Mel Boynton continues**

Special Election: Replacement for Esther Gilles Regional Representative-

Nominated by Boynton: David Tuckman

Nominated by Frenchman: Chris Fennessy

Boynton: By the Standard Operating Procedures if we have 3 Regional Representatives we are required to have a Young Professional as one of the Representatives.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Rashidi-Kalhur:

- **This is the Regional Representative to the National Organization.**
- **January 1st to April 20th Final Election.**
- **The Representative will go to New York 2 times per year.**
- **The Regional Representative will attend the Steering Committee meeting in New York next week.**
- **Travel Expenses will be paid by National up to \$1,000 per year.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT: (Continued)

CCR Steering Committee Election Procedures [From the SOP]

Section 12: Election to the CCR Steering Committee

The CCR shall elect its Steering Committee representatives **via an electronic vote** (hereinafter the "Vote") by members of the CCR. Each region's vote shall take place in alternate years **between April 15 and May 1, one month prior** to the UNA-USA annual meeting.

Any chapter, division, or individual may nominate a candidate for the CCR Steering Committee, provided that the candidate meets the following **minimum requirements**. A candidate must:

1. Be a UNA-USA member in good standing;
2. Have served in a local leadership capacity for at least one year;
3. Be willing and able to travel to national CCR Steering Committee meetings, as well as to the chapters in the represented region.

On January 1, four months prior to the Vote, the UNA-USA national office membership team shall issue an **announcement requesting nominations** for CCR Steering Committee representatives. Nomination forms and resumes for candidates must be submitted by email to the CCR Nominating Committee.

On March 1, two months prior to the Vote, all nomination forms and resumes will be **due** to the CCR Nominating Committee, which will examine and forward all eligible nominations to the national office membership team.

On April 15, voting will commence. Each member of the CCR (as defined in section 2 hereof) shall have access to the nomination forms and resumes of each candidate from his or her region, which he/she may share with other chapter members. The CCR Steering Committee regional representatives shall be selected by a simple majority of CCR members from their region. Voting shall take place over two weeks and **will conclude on May 1**.

In the event of a Steering Committee vacancy, a special election will be conducted within the region to select a replacement regional representative to serve the remainder of the two-year term.

· New CCR Steering Committee representatives will take part in an orientation session during UNA-USA's Annual Meeting in June.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT: (Continued)

Boynton: It looks like we have a fine candidate in David Tuckman, unless we have any other nominations.

Gonzales: [Asking for further nominations for the various offices] said, I love a good fight.

Frenchman: (Pasadena/Foothills Chapter President): I would like to nominate Chris Fennessy of Pasadena Chapter.

Fennessy: I accept the nomination

Gonzalez: let's vote on the slate excluding the Young Professional Rep. Are there other nominations. **Boynton:** all in favor of accepting the slate.

SLATE ELECTED: VOTE: unanimous. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SEAT

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Fennessy: I am a member of the Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Board of Directors and a student at Pasadena City College. I joined UNA through my involvement in Model United Nations. I am the Chapter Parliamentarian and would like to be your representative for Young Professionals.

Tuckman: It has been a pleasure to have served as your Division Young Professionals Chair. During the past year I have planned two region-wide YPIC Service Projects with Children's Hunger Fund emergency food and hygiene kit preparation for Haiti and South America and arranged for Young Professionals to be part of nationwide conference calls with core UN Officials and diplomats. As 2010, 2011 YPIC National Leadership Council Director of Public Relations & Branding I shaped the national image of UNA Young Professionals and led our national committee on designing our identity kit and branding materials. I was on the planning committee for our YPIC National Leadership Training Conference in Dillon Colorado and I led the National YPIC Fundraising Campaign for Nothing But Nets. I am a recipient of the National Global Young Advocate Award, the highest honor UNA can bestow on a Young Professional for humanitarian service and I currently serve as a Chapter Co-President & your Southern California Division Young Professions Chair. I have the knowledge and experience to serve you well. If elected I will serve with distinction and integrity to get the job done right. I promise I won't let you down. Thank you.

Candidates Tuckman & Fennessy leave the room while the votes are taken.

Boynton: We had a very close election. Our new Young Professional Representative to the Council of Chapters & Regions is: Chris Fennessy.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Honorable Gil Garcetti: Water, Women & Wells in West Africa —Why We Should Care.



Gil has spent much of his life as an urban photographer. His first photo book, *IRON: ERECTING THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL*, November 2002, received much critical praise in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and other publications. *WATER IS KEY*, October 2007, is a book about water, women, and wells in West Africa. It is a call to action to the industrialized world to become involved through NGOs in the region where plentiful supplies of safe water exist, but where nations do not have the resources to bring the safe water to their people.

PEOPLE magazine (Oct 8, 2007) featured the book and the Christian Science Monitor devoted a full page to Gil's efforts in West Africa. (Oct 18, 2007). Gil has had solo exhibitions at the United Nations, New York, National Building Museum, Washington D.C., Millennium Art Museum, Beijing China, UCLA Fowler Museum, Virginia Center for Architecture, New York Public Library for Performing Arts, the San Francisco Commonwealth Club, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Barnsdall Art Park Municipal Gallery, Los Angeles County Music Center, the University of Southern California, UCLA, VIVA, Annenberg House, and other institutions and galleries.

In 2003, American Photo, named Gil one of the country's four master photographers. *TIME* magazine profiled Gil in a two-page article about his change from "high profile D.A. to stylish photographer." Photographs that ". . . are at once haunting and joyful."

(October 2005) The television program, *CBS SUNDAY MORNING*, featured a segment in May 2006 about Gil in his new role as a critically acclaimed photographer. National Public Radio and other electronic media have aired many interviews of Gil in his role as a photographer.

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KEYNOTE: Gil Garcetti: (Continued)

Before becoming a photographer, Gil spent 32 years as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office. He was the elected District Attorney for eight years. (1992-2000) In addition to overseeing high profile prosecutions such as the Menendez brothers and O.J. Simpson cases, Gil directed his 1100 prosecutors to focus their efforts on more effectively prosecuting domestic violence and child abuse cases and on specific programs designed to prevent crime. After Gil left the office, he taught a seminar entitled "*The Interaction of the Criminal Justice System, Race, Politics and the Media.*" at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Gil also a frequent speaker on his various photo projects and on the subject of "*Career Change.*" He is the Consulting Producer to the TNT hit television series, *THE CLOSER* and had his acting debut in the opening episode of Season 6, July 2010.

Other books of Gil's include *IRON: ERECTING THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL*, November 2002, *FROZEN MUSIC*, (November 2003), *THE CLOSER* (June 2006, Balcony Press), and *PARIS: WOMEN and BICYCLES*, (June 2010).

CHARITABLE DONATION

Garcetti called on the audience to purchase his original framed photograph of his relief agency in Africa for \$1500 donation, half of which goes to UNA and half to Wellsprings of Hope. After purchasing the photograph, Kathie Murtey donated it to the So Cal. Division UNA to be used for an auction or raffle or other fund raiser. Boynton & Garcetti conveyed their appreciation to Murtey for her generosity.

Dedication to UNDP:

WORLD OF DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

UNDP is the United Nations' global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to **help**

people build a better life. On the ground in 177 countries, UNDP works with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. As they **develop local capacity**, they draw on the people of UNDP and the agencies wide range of partners. World leaders have pledged to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, including the overarching goal of cutting poverty in half by 2015. UNDP's network links and coordinates global and national efforts to reach these Goals.

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Dedication (Continued)

UNDP's focus is helping countries build and share solutions to the challenges of:

- **Democratic Governance**
- **Poverty Reduction**
- **Crisis Prevention & Recovery**
- **Environment & Energy**
- **HIV/AIDS**

UNDP helps developing countries attract and use aid effectively. In all activities, UNDP encourages the protection of human rights, **capacity development** and the **empowerment of women.**

The annual *Human Development Report*, commissioned by UNDP, focuses the global debate on key development issues, providing new measurement tools, innovative analysis and often controversial policy proposals.

The global Report's analytical framework and inclusive approach carry over into regional, national and local Human Development Reports, also supported by UNDP.

In each country office, the UNDP Resident Representative normally also serves as the Resident Coordinator of development activities for the United Nations system as a whole.

Through such coordination, UNDP seeks to ensure the most effective use of UN and international aid resources.

The Southern California Division UNA-USA salutes the work of the United Nations Development Programme as it works to make a real improvement in people's lives and in the choices and opportunities open to them.

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In Remembrance:

Reverend Richard Harris, UNA Leader Extraordinaire



Boynton: Our friend Richard Harris brought passion, energy, and creativity to the UNAUSA for 30 years before his death in August at the age of 86.

Born in Massachusetts, Richard served in the U.S. Navy, WWII, 1943-1946, Atlantic & Pacific theatres; Normandy, France D-Day beach landing, June 6, 1944. Richard had a college and three graduate degrees and was an ordained

minister. He leaves his wife Carole, seven children, and nine grandchildren. Richard began his involvement with UNA-USA here in Southern California (SoCal) and was Santa Barbara United Nations Association (SBUNA) President 1981-1984, Executive Director 1984-1988, including Producer of a weekly Cable TV show on the UN for 7 years and on SoCal Division Board of Directors. He served the Hawaii UNA between 1988-1994 before returning to help lead the Pomona Valley chapter and the SoCal Division. Richard was UNA-USA SoCal Division Secretary 1994-1995; President 1996-99 (16 chapters); and Vice President 2000-11.

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In Remembrance (Continued)

He attended UN 40th Anniversary New York 1985; UN 50th Anniversary San Francisco 1995; and UNA-USA Annual Meeting or Convention every year and received the Arnold Goodman Award as outstanding lifetime volunteer in 2010. Richard met UN Secretaries-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Kofi Annan, and Ban Ki Moon. Among his many contributions to UNA-USA, Richard arranged for speakers from the UN agencies, e.g., UNHCR, UNIC, UNDP, UNICEF, et al. He coordinated the book of Children's Peace Poetry for UN International Year for the Culture of Peace 2000. Richard served as Host/Producer for weekly TV show on Claremont Public Access Television (CPAT). He provided networking & advocacy for the UN & UNA-USA. Promoting Peace vs. War – talking vs. shooting/ bombing.

Those of us who were mentored, inspired, and loved by Richard Harris for the last 30 years will carry his passion and zeal forward for the UN, UNA-USA, peace, and human rights.

TRIBUTE AWARDS

The San Fernando Valley Chapter UNA Honors Elaine Trogman



Tuckman: The San Fernando Valley UNA-USA is pleased to honor long-time member, Elaine Trogman. In her early adult years (25-30) Elaine traveled to

55 countries including India, Mexico, Canada, as well as countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. She has been involved in a local food coop and worked for the Los

Angeles Food Coop Warehouse in support of the environmental movement of the 1970's and 1980's as Earth Day, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Air and Water Acts took root. After learning computer technology, Elaine volunteered to edit the San Fernando Valley Sierra Club newsletter with a circulation of 4,200 members. She also edits the United Nations Association, San Fernando Valley newsletter and works on membership and education.

Elaine has been and is one of our most active, effective and helpful members and truly deserving of our recognition.

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TRIBUTE AWARDS

The Orange County Chapter UNA Honors Jaclene Roshan



McNenny: The Orange County Chapter wishes OC International Human Rights Film Festival Chair, Jaclene Roshan. Jaclene has brought a wonderful vitality and enthusiasm to our chapter that we all agreed deserved tribute. She quietly attended her first Board meeting this year and sat back and listened. Soon she was our Advocacy Chair, Young Professionals Coordinator, and then she raised her hand offering to be the Chairperson for the Film Festival. This she did with grace and efficiency working closely with last year's Chair, Barb Tye, as well as empowering all of the Board members to help in their own unique ways and report to her for coordination. The result was a day filled with a most meaningfully balanced film festival centered around the theme of women's issues. Jaclene is a UCLA graduate in Cultural Anthropology. There she served as Program Director for BruinHope, an international philanthropy organization and Assistant Director for Project BRITE, an organization which mentors incarcerated youth.

She enjoys combining her love for various cultures with her work in community development projects; as she spent the last year of her undergraduate study living in Thailand, both as a student in Bangkok and a researcher in the rural northeast, studying economic development within a rice-farming town. Her passion for travel has led her to

study anthropology in South Africa and archaeology in Peru in addition to backpacking in over 18 countries throughout her undergraduate career. She has served under a number of roles throughout her college career, including interning as a research assistant for National Geographic.

In addition to her valuable work with the UNA-USA Orange County Chapter, Jaclene is a Quality Systems Coordinator at B. Braun Medical and a frequent volunteer for Orangewood Children's Foundation. Her future goals include serving

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TRIBUTE AWARDS

The Pasadena/Foothills Chapter honors Meghana Frenchman



It is with great respect and appreciation that Meghana is being honored this year. Meghana was born in Mumbai, India and raised in Tennessee. She went to Vanderbilt University for college, then attended medical school and internal medicine residency in Memphis. Meghana was a physician with the Veterans Administration for almost a decade and is now in San Marino in private practice with the Huntington Medical Foundation. Meghana is married, with two young sons, who are her “sweethearts.”

Meghana has a long history of volunteerism beginning with tutoring young women in jail, while she was in college. While in medical school she mentored urban youth through Girls Inc., regarding career opportunities, their health and family planning. She also traveled to South Dakota to paint homes and learn about the Lakota Indian culture. She is currently a physician for Young and Healthy in Pasadena. Meghana began her journey with the UNA three years ago when Rebecca Haussling, from Pasadena Magazine

and a current board member, told her about the organization. She then met Sherry Simpson-Dean, the Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Executive Director at the time and in her own words, says “ I was hooked. I love what the UNA stands for in our efforts to help the United Nations and remind Americans what the UN does and why it is vital to the world”.

Meghana began as an active board member and soon was elected Secretary and for the past two years has co-chaired the Women of the World Awards with Fifty/Fifty Leadership. She has contributed tremendously to every UN Day celebration and represented the chapter with eloquence and grace at the UNA Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia in June of this year. Meghana is currently serving as the President of the Pasadena Chapter and has exhibited outstanding leadership which is benefitting the chapter and community now, and will be felt for many years to come.

TRIBUTE AWARDS

The Whittier Chapter UNA-USA Gives Tribute to Hans Holborn

*for his outstanding leadership as Chapter
President
and gracious host of numerous fund-raising
United Nations Association-USA events*

Beynon: Hans, a retired United Methodist minister, has a lifelong commitment to the United Nations that is deep and personal having been born in Germany but raised in the US during WWII. He continues to be an inspiration to our members, and his guidance helped create a course of action for our programs. The Whittier Chapter salutes his dedication to our mission, and his tireless devotion to the pursuit of peace and justice.

San Diego Chapter UNA-USA Salutes its Women’s Equity Council

Advocating for Gender Equity and the Empowerment of Women



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Women's Equity Council Tribute (Continued)



A program of the United Nations Association of San Diego, the Women's Equity Council was established in the early 1970s. The WEC advocates and monitors the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action from the UN's 4th World Conference on Women in 1995 and supports the work of several United Nations agencies such as UNICEF and UN Women. As a delegate to the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

(CSW) at the UN Headquarter in New York City, the Council strives to become a true partner in removing the obstacles that exclude women and to advance laws and policies that promote women's rights, opportunities, and participation. All members of the council are professionals from different walks of life volunteering time and expertise. Three annual milestone events engage the local community in the discourse of gender equality: International Women's Day; Women's Equality Day; and the 16-Day Campaign Against Gender Violence. *"Prioritizing*

"Prioritizing women is not a choice. It is a necessity."
~Michelle Bachelet, UN Women

Southern California Regional Council of Organizations Salutes Suzanne Burger



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SCRCO Tribute (Continued)

Retired from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona as Associate Vice President for Student Support Programs, Suzanne also served as the Educational Equity Officer for the campus. Prior to the time at Cal Poly Pomona, Suzanne was the Director of Institutional Research, California State University Los Angeles. While serving these campuses, Suzanne was Chair of the United Ministries in Higher Education of Southern California, and Chair of California Women in Higher Education.

Following retirement from the University, Suzanne was President of the Board of Directors, Southern California Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ (2 terms) and served as Moderator of First Congregational Church of Pasadena, UCC. Further service included President of the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches and continuous board membership on the Southern California Ecumenical Council. She also provided leadership among several civic organizations in the Pasadena Area: President, Zonta Club of Pasadena, President Council of Women's Clubs of Pasadena, President of the Women's City Club of Pasadena, Vice President of the Blinn House Foundation and President of the San Marino Guild and Volunteer Leadership Council of Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena.

In 2006 to 2008, she assumed the Chair position in the Southern California Regional Council of Organizations, an affiliate of the UNA-USA Southern California Division. "These NGOs bring a different perspective on advocacy and the concept of connectedness and balance in the effort for peace and justice. What a joy to serve this organization and the United Nations."

The Long Beach/South Bay Chapter Salutes More than 40 years of All-Volunteer Service at our Global Gifts Shop in San Pedro!

Gonzales: In our new location on Western Avenue, we provide our loyal customers with beautiful, unique hand-crafted items, many one-of-a-kind, from all over the world. Proceeds from our sales have gone to fund special UNICEF projects, UNA programs, and many, many other worthy causes. **Pay tribute to the world's neediest children with UNICEF Holiday Cards** In stock and ready for the holiday season right now! We hope that you will visit us soon and meet our wonderful, caring volunteers. Everything that comes from our shop has a bit of heart. By shopping with us for your holiday gifts, you will be doing double service...giving a beautiful, fair-traded gift, and contributing to our mission of serving the world's poorest children. Call us at (310) 548-1762 for more information.

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Southern California Division UNA-USA Distinguished Achievement Award: Barry W. Simon



Boynnton: Barry was born and raised in Portland, Oregon the youngest of three sons. After attending the University of Oregon and graduating from Portland State University, majoring in business and psychology, he moved to California. The events of the 60's and 70's (assassinations, war, poverty, etc) moved him to want to make a difference, to improve the quality of life for all people. To that end, he began a career in financial services to assist his clients in achieving their financial goals. In 1983 he joined Morgan Stanley (formerly Dean Witter). There he endeavored to provide high quality investments and services to his clients as an independent investment consultant through Wedbush Morgan Securities, Inc. His investment expertise has allowed the Southern California Division to maintain the organizations assets in a profitable account with Wedbush.

Not willing to limit himself to improving his clients financial health, he began providing Venting Events in 1997 to give participants an opportunity to express their views, concerns and solutions to the issues of the day, thus contributing to making the world a better place. Venting Events, Acknowledgement PLUS workshops and Speak Out America forums are currently produced throughout Southern California. Building on his desire to enhance peoples' lives, Barry has combined his life and career experiences to provide unique and effective personal coaching that inspires his clients to get into action, achieving their goals in record time. Barry's work providing the highest quality personalized investment services as well as facilitating cutting edge corporate/community forums and workshops, creates an environment allowing individuals and organizations to maximize their potential in new and exciting ways.

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Distinguished Achievement Award (Continued)

Boynnton: While serving as the Southern California Division Vice President of Resource Development, Barry created the West Coast Global Forum. 2011 was the 4th in a successful series of public meetings exploring the pressing issues facing the world. Barry has brought together experts on subjects such as women's rights, environmental sustainability, and peace and justice. These forums provide the public with a better idea of the work of the United Nations, and create an exciting medium for encouraging an internationalist perspective to the policy debate on world issues.

Barry Simon is an active, dedicated member of our association, and we salute his leadership and commitment to the work of UNA-USA.

CHAPTER REPORTS

WHITTIER—Beynon: We'll hold our 2nd Annual Whittier Unites for Human Rights. If you are in the field see the UN, NGOs (Non-Governmental Non-Profit Organizations) all talk to each other. Our same goal this year in Whittier is to focus on poverty. We will focus on two organizations 'Food Share' and 'Whittier Unified School District' In April will be our Annual meeting where we will focus on birth rights and I am looking for members of the CCP on Climate Change Panel to speak.

ORANGE COUNTY—McNenny: The UN film Festival was October 9. We are gearing up for the January 9 Annual meeting in Santa Ana with members of the UN Environmental Committee as keynotes and a focus on sustainability.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY—Tuckman: This year we have been very active in programming and advocacy, sending delegates to the National Meeting in Washington, D.C., active members on Division committees, advocacy for human rights, women's issues and the environment. We were active on the national conference calls on UN Funding and Peacekeeping and our YPIC was active in service projects on hunger and poverty. Our latest program was on International Human Rights Standards and the Right To Health Care with special speaker Amnesty International Board Member Dr. Alireza Azizi, held at the Village Mediterranean Grill in Valley Village on Oct 15th.

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SFV Chapter Report (Continued)

(Special Recognition of Lyn-Harris Hicks)

Tuckman: I'd like to take a moment in my report to provide special recognition to Lyn Harris-Hicks who is not only our Chapter Government Relations Chair but also Division Advocacy mentor. She has been active at the local, state and national levels in advocacy on so many issues from human rights to peace keeping to women's empowerment and as a leader on resolutions at conventions. She is a truly remarkable woman, leader and friend. Lyn, could you please stand up for an ovation. We are so very proud of you and your dedication to service in the UNA-USA.

PASADENA/FOOTHILLS—Frenchman: Our Coffee Talks Series are fantastic. We had Michael Gotleib who discovered AIDS and heard from CAL TECH on

Environmental Sustainability. Our Film Festival was a first. We are very proud of the films showcased. Our Human Rights Day Festival will be held on December 10 at Pasadena City College, with, as our speaker, the Director of “Who Killed the electric Car.”

POMONA VALLEY—*Gerecke*: He had our UN Day in cooperation with International Place students at the Claremont Colleges and we are starting s high school group and cooperating with the local Claremont Sustainability Committee on a sustainability conference. In October we had a display in the city library that included our work with that committee. January 22nd is our Annual Meeting and our theme is empowering women.

LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY—*Gonzalez*: Our UNICEF Shop near San Pedro is the place to go to buy UNICEF cards and holiday gifts and all the proceeds go to UNICEF. December 9 is our UNICEF Wine & Cheese Party where you can meet Fair Trade artisans and merchants. Fair Trade means that all the money goes directly to them and they are coming here all the way from Argentina & Columbia.

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PACIFIC/LOS ANGELES: *Tebyani*: We put on two large events during the year. For International Women’s Day in March at the Matrix Theatre on Melrose. We had two panels on women’s rights. We had a video and performances. December 9 is Human rights Day at the LA Baha’i Center with speaker and founder of 34 Million Friends of The Women of The World—Jane Roberts and lots of music and dance. We do a lot of informal community events where we inform the public of the MDG’s (Millennium development Goals).

NEW BUSINESS—*Boynton*: I call on Lyn Harris Hicks to speak on the UN at 60.

***Harris-Hicks*:** I encourage you to all circulate and promote the extended celebration of the UN’s 60th Anniversary to December 10th date and the chapters to all fit this into their planned program and to support UNESCO and the UN goal to stop the scourge of war.

[RESPONSE TO EARLIER INQUIRIES ON DUES PAYMENTS TO THE DIVISION]

Boynton: I have in front of me the Chapter Handbook which says on page-14 that if a Division exists, to facilitate development, Chapters ‘SHALL’ not may, make a dues contribution.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 PM

POST-ADJOURNMENT REPORTS:

Boynton: greeted Ike Khamisani upon his arrival and wished him well on behalf of the Division and chapters. **Khamisani:** I thank all members and the participants for their kind prayers and best wishes.

INLAND EMPIRE: Khamisani: Our chapter has been very active in advocacy and in numerous programs on human rights and the MDGs. We are planning many more exciting events for 2012.

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary

**NEXT MTG: Executive Committee SoCal UNA-USA Meeting, Saturday, December 10, 2011
From 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. near LAX Airport at Flower Drum Restaurant,
4843 W. Century Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90304.**

(Executive Committee members expected, chapter leaders welcome)

—THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE—