

United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)
Southern California Division (SCD) – Region 11 (So. California/Las Vegas)
Division General Meeting

Baileys Kitchen—13010 Bailey St., Whittier, CA 90601
Saturday, May 11, 2013

MINUTES **APPROVED TO POST: (on 09/25/13)** **LAST REVISION: 09/25/13**

Members Present:

Jim Stanbery-----Division Treasurer
David Tuckman-----Division Secretary YP Chair/SFV-ChapterCo-President/Regional Rep.-CCR
Carl Mariz-----Orange County Chapter, Division Advocacy Chair
Lavon Mariz-----Orange County Chapter
Lyn Harris Hicks-----Orange County & SFV Chapters, Chapter Director govt. Relations
Joy Adama-----Orange County & Council of Organizations (COO)
Kathy O'Neil-----Orange County Chapter, Chapter VP-Programs
Jon Charles-----Pasadena Foothills Chapter Co-President
Ike Khamisani-----Inland Empire Chapter President
Mel Boynton-----Division President, UNA CCR National Steering Committee Vice-Chair
Barry Simon-----Division Vice-President Resource Development
Art Sutton-----Pomona Valley Chapter President
Margaret L. Soderberg, M.D.---Division Global Health Initiative (GHI) Chair, Pasadena Chapter
Judith Harris-----Division Vice-President Program
John Beynon-----Division By-Laws Committee Chair/Whittier Chapter President
Valerie Beynon-----Whittier Chapter
Nicole Beynon-----Whittier Chapter
Jim Mills-----Whittier Chapter
Bill Miller-----Whittier Chapter
Pat Ormsby-----Whittier Chapter
Tamara Hardy-----Whittier Chapter
Ellen Pavitt-----Whittier Chapter
J. Mills-----Whittier Chapter
Brian Bise-----Whittier Chapter
Owen Newcomer-----Whittier Chapter, Mayor of Whittier
Sheila Hartfield-----Whittier Chapter
Ginny Hatfield-----SFV Chap Co-Pres. So-Cal Regional Council of Org. (SCRCO) President
Diane Gonzales-----Division VP Communications/ Long Beach South Bay Chap. President
Sherry Simpson-Dean-----Occidental College Faculty
Era Thompson-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Kumy Karam-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Sonia Amin-----Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Carol Urner-----

Call to Order/Meeting Opened: 11:47 AM

LUNCH: Noon

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: *Mel Boynton:* Welcome all Chapters. Thanks to John Beynon and Whittier Chapter for hosting us today. *Beynon:* Today is the 126 anniversary of Whittier and in her honor we have a donated pound cake for our dessert made by a 1st generation Korean, and Iranian, 2nd Generation Mexican and a Blond from LA. The cake makers are as diverse as we are and the UN is. **OUTGOING MAYOR OF WHITTIER:** *Owen Newcomer:* Greetings from the City of Whittier. On an aside, I'm the past Whittier UNA Treasurer and a 38 year teacher at Rio Hondo College. I have a lifetime interest in politics and international relations. What better organization to support organizations and activities of the UN to help refugees, end disease and solve world problems. The UN is the hope of the world and UNA is their Champion.

SECRETARYS REPORT: *Tuckman* – Good afternoon. I am pleased to join you all for our May General Meeting at Bailey's Kitchen in beautiful Whittier, California, especially in celebration of Whittier's 125th Anniversary. Mayor Newcomer, Thank for your kind words in support of UNA and the UN. We are now going to approve the division annual meeting minutes for the meeting held at the Mediterranean Grill in Valley Village, CA on Sat. Jan. 26th. Women's City Club of Pasadena, of Saturday November 3, 2012. All officers were e-mailed a copy of the DRAFT minutes a week after their completion for review and to submit revisions. Then a week prior to today's meeting a 10-page copy was sent to each meeting attendee, Division & Region officer and each Chapter President to print out and bring with you as part of our Paper Reduction Project. (Tuckman passed out 1 courtesy hard copy of the minutes to each table.)

MOTION: 1st: Diane Gonzales. **2nd** Ginny Hatfield to approve Division Annual Mtg. Minutes.

MOTION PASSES—unanimously

Division Annual Meeting Minutes were passed around and reviewed and approved.
Division Contact Sheet passed around for opportunity to make corrections and updates.
Tuckman reminded everyone to please be careful to return the contact sheet and sign-in sheet because in the past the sheets were taken home by members/guests by accident.

TREASURERS REPORT

Stanbery – [Presented UNA-USA SCD financial statement/Treasurer's Ledger for 1-26-13 to 5-11-2013] On page-1 Ln:22 our total deposits are \$525.00. We have a gain in Wedbush Ln:27 Wedbush Mutual Funds account at \$497.29. Ln: 39 Period Expenses are \$1,125.00. Ln:42 shows principal checking account at \$2,844.51 which is prior balance plus deposits less expenses. Ln:43 is Wedbush cash account at \$31.22 & Ln:44 is Wedbush Mutual Funds at \$9,717.35. Ln:45 is our effective total, all accounts at \$12,593.08 that includes deposits and checks yet outstanding.

Boynton: Thank you Jim [Stanbery]. The minutes will be posted. David gave a copy of the National Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The SOPs will be amended to be better with the Chapter Handbook. Please, all, attend the National meeting in June.

Pomona Valley will have 2 young professional reps in college So, I encourage more YP reps to go. Sat. Nov. 9th is our Division annual mtg. which will be held at the Women's City Club of Pasadena at which time we will elect Division officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VP PROGRAM: J. Harris: The Annual Mtg. is Nov. 9th at the Women's City Club of Pasadena. We will line us a keynote in a few weeks.

VP COMMUNICATIONS: Gonzales: At issue has come before the Communications Committee that communication to National, the Division is by e-mail/electronic nature and some members cannot use electronic means to communicate and would like a printed newsletter. **Boynton:** At the chapter level print out a copy of Division events. Print out what's been posted on the web and tell those who need it to know what's happening. I want to make sure those who rely on paper get the key info they need.

VP RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: Simon: the 6th Annual West Coast Global Forum will be held 9/26 Noon-4pm at the California Endowment. Keynote will be Kathy Calvin CEO of UNF invited. 3 Global Citizen Awards will be presented. 1. Mayor Bogaard, Pasadena 2. Silvia Midlock, Dist. Governor, Rotary International (She broke the glass ceiling for women to be allowed as members of Rotary.) Evites out soon. Forward sponsorships info. Hard Copy invites being sent to Chapter Presidents. Boynton: The Endowment, it's a great venue close to the trains station. We expect a big turnout.

GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: Soderberg, M.D. [chair]: We have had 3 Global Health Initiative Conferences, covering the Global Burden of Disease. Our Last Conference was April 2012, ad our next will be held in 2014. I've researched articles on Global Health in the New England Journal of Medicine on the challenges of 'World Health & Population'. It covers injuries by war, globalization and climate change leading to pathologies and bacteria exposure. I've also looked at new vaccines, Governance challenges to global heath with under-nutrition and the challenge rising from globalization itself. Different societies have different plans to distribute health. We have the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN. The big conference is 2014

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: J. Beynon [chair]: We have asked all chapters to submit suggestions. So far our parlmaraitian Chris Fennessy sent in extensive suggestions. In 2 weeks we'll send our second set. You have until the ebd of May, May 30 to get them in. Do not worry if you are not a lawyer, jut tell us what you want changed, what's the rule and why? **Boynton:** Anyone elected to the National Steering Committee (UNA-USA CCR-SC) should be on our Division executive Committee. It's a change I'd like to see added.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE: C. Mariz [chair]: 3 weeks ago there was an public advocacy event in Whittier with Orange County advocating to Senators on UN issue. If you send a letter it takes weeks of screening so send a postcard to the local office. California Senators Barbara Boxer & Diane Feinstein will meet all of the California Delegation together in Washington, D.C., Wed., June 4th. We had no luck meeting with Congressman Ed Royce. He does not want to meet with us. To attend the Constituent Breakfast with our Senators you need to RSVP by e-mail to Senators Boxer & Feinstein.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Jérôme Sauvage, Deputy Director– UNDP (Washington, D.C. Office)

Jérôme served UNDP as a Young Professional in Vietnam from 1983-85, when the country embarked on its successful economic reform program. Subsequent UNDP postings took him and his family to Madagascar, Cambodia, India, and Pakistan, and twice to UNDP Headquarters in New York. He served most recently as UN Resident Coordinator in Pyongyang from 2009-2013.

"I am delighted to return to the United States, which has been a critical development partner for many years, and I look forward to learning more about US development goals and priorities," he said. "I am pleased to be able to share my experiences and observations from working in development over many years of transformative change."

Jérôme was educated in law at the Sorbonne in Paris and in international affairs at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington. His areas of expertise include aid coordination, democratic governance, disaster risk reduction and recovery, poverty reduction, and change management. A French national, Jérôme is married to Carolyn Sauvage-Mar, a US national and also a graduate of SAIS. Jérôme spoke on the work of UNDP in north Korea under his leadership where he worked on MDG-! To reduce extreme poverty by ½ by 2014 in N. Korea. He explained how extreme malnutrition is sited the famine in the 1990's with the soviet Union collapse. N. Korea is the only urban country to experience famine, Sauvage explained.. UNICEF estimates ¼ of children are stunted in their growth. He said this is a way of government control as they control the rations you receive. The UN provides 2 drugs 1 for bleeding. We spent \$500,000/yr for this drug in NK. Diarrhea is a water/sanitation disease we are battling. The UNDP provides food to NK with enriched flour and local factories make biscuits for school and porridge for moms. He ended his lecture noting that we train 200 N. Korean doctors/yr outside the country and praising the Global Fund set up by President Clinton to fight TB/Malaria in N. Korea.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF [NON-PROFIT] ORGANIZATIONS (SCRCO)/[NATIONAL]

COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS (COO): Hatfield [SCRCO Chair]: NO REPORT. Hatfield has been asked to join the COO subcommittee to form local councils of organization with local UNA-USA Chapters. The COO is a coalition of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) with interest in health, women's issues, human rights and strengthening the US/UN relationship. Their goal is to educate their respective members. For ex., Hatfield Is a representative of the AAUW (American Association of University women), and others are religious organizations, service societies such as Rotary Foundation (active in combatting Polio thru Polio Plus) to collaborate and mobilize advocating for UN policies. The United States has not signed on to CEDAW (Convention to End Discrimination Against Women) so the COO have pushed the US toward it. Orange County is in formation to develop their area council. San Diego is working on it. The SCRCO was established in the 1990s.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

INLAND EMPIRE: *Khamisani*: March 2 was International Day of Women and Gillian Sorensen, former Assistant Secretary General of the UN was our speaker. The 18th granddaughter of King Edward of England is a sponsor and will be a life member of UNA-USA. We are sponsoring an event around the International Convention on Human Rights and we expect will have global participation.

LONG BEACH: *Gonzales*: Our Global Gift Shop for UNICEF (UN International Children's Emergency Fund) is now located at CRAFTED and has moved to the Port of Los Angeles and will sell fair trade goods to benefit UNA-USA and UNICEF.

DIVISION: *Boynton*: announced upcoming Division meetings:

6/01 National CCR Steering Committee Mtg.— Washington, DC

6/02 Annual UNA-USA Business Mtg.— Washington, DC

6/02 Region 11 (S. California/Las Vegas) — Washington, DC

6/03 National CR Steering Committee Mtg. — Washington, DC

6/27 Exec. Committee Mtg., loc. TBA

9/22 West Coast Global Forum & Div. Exec. Board Mtg., in Los Angeles, California
Endowment

10/12 Exec. Committee Mtg.

11/16 Division annual Mtg.—Pasadena (tentatively)

12/7 Exec. Committee Mtg., loc. TBA

Simon: A New Chapter is forming in Hollywood. We have 20 members so far including representation in Hollywood Chamber of commerce.

Boynton: GenUN is a push for high school ad college student membership. They can now join the UNA-USA for fre online. Put the link on your chapter websites and we'll amend our Division By-Laws to show that we will not be taking a portion of their dues from chapters because student members membership is free.

ORANGE COUNTY: *Mariz*: We participated in the Orange County Writing Campaign with 51 Non-Governmental Organizations asking Congress to support the vital work of the United Nations.

LOS ANGELES: NO REPORT

PASADENA: *Charles*: 50/50 Organization and the Chapter sponsored Women of The World (WOW). It was held at La Canada Country Club. April was our model United Nations event. 5/31 is Pasadena City College Model UN Conference with 300 students to participate. 10/20 will be our 3rd Annual United Nations Day Film Festival. Our Coffee Talk Series will be on the Millennium Goals (MDGs) on 6/18. Pasadena City College (PPC) Model United Nations will be hosting students from China for a Model UN Debate.

POMONA VALLEY: *Sutton:* Our next speaker is former U Executive Ardi Rashidi who will speak on Kurdistan.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: As for Recent chapter events, on April 13th our Chapter YPs invited the Los Angeles World Affairs Council Young Professionals to a special one-night screening of the Award-Winning Documentary "CHILDREN OF WAR" at Aero Theater in Santa Monica. The film was the first film to have its World Premiere in the UN General Assembly Hall. On May 10th the SFV Chap. YPs had a social VIP Party Fundraiser at Howl at the Moon club at Universal Citywalk with a Mexican buffet dinner, \$1 drink tickets and 5 dueling piaasts, a saxophonist and guitarists performing. We raised \$110. There was a Benefit Concert for the Documentary about black listed actress-activist, Marsha Hunt on Friday, April 19, 2013. This special evening was a fundraising and community awareness event paying tribute to the extraordinary 95-year old blacklisted actress-activist, Marsha Hunt at the Talking Stick Coffee Lounge, 1411 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA

WHITTIER: *Beynon:* We have 2 Great Decision Groups and Bill Miller has organized a teleconference with Representative Linda Sanchez. We are tryng to reach Congressman Ed Royce office and they have added us to their e-mai list. We are bringing the UN to Whittier with a World Conference on the Environment

SANTA BARBARA/TRI-COUNTY: NOR EPORT: note: The new chapter president is Barbara Gaugh Muller, the widow of Assistant Secretary General of the UN Robert Muller.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:15 PM

MEETING MINUTES BY: David Tuckman, Division Secretary