

From The President

*Col. Frank Titus (ret.)
Acting Columbus Chapter President*



The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of proposed new officers and directors to provide additional energy and leadership for our UNA-USA chapter. Our annual meeting on June 2, 2007 offers an opportunity for all members of the chapter to meet and vote on proposed new leaders. The competition among non-profits for volunteer leaders is brisk, especially in the Columbus area. It is essential that we attract and retain the best and the brightest in our leadership ranks. This year we are offering a slate with representatives from business, law, academia, public service, and community service organizations.

A. Lisa McSweeney illustrates our chapter's commitment to developing college students for leadership positions. Lisa is a Spring graduate of The Ohio State University in International Studies, and she will be attending Capital University Law School in August. She was an intern with our chapter's President last autumn.

Jennifer Wallace is a student at OSU who gained notice in our chapter during her evacuation from Beirut, Lebanon during the crisis there last summer, which led Jennifer and many other foreign nationals to wade out to U.S. Navy landing craft just off the beach at the Beirut port head. Jennifer has been the Acting VP Membership and now seeks election to that VP position for a two-year term.

Colleen Rosshirt comes to our chapter from Community Refugee and Immigration Services where she continues in her full-time job as Sponsorship Developer and Volunteer Coordinator. I have had the opportunity to appear with Colleen at public speaking engagements on Somalia. Colleen graduated cum laude from The University of Dayton where her majors were International Studies and Human Rights and her minors were Economics and German.

Let us welcome and support these gifted young people who seek to help move our chapter forward.



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The more dramatic structural reform proposals, such as the expansion of the Security Council, have died amid various regional rivalries: China won't allow Japan to join the Security Council; Pakistan blocked its rival, India; Russia blocked Germany; Argentina campaigned against Brazil. So perhaps the new secretary-general and the U.S. representative are wise to focus on incremental and achievable administrative/fiscal reforms.

The new Secretary-General and U.S. representative should also continue Kofi Annan's important work on the new Peacebuilding Commission, which helps countries like the Congo, Bosnia and Sierra Leone re-build after devastating civil wars on solid foundations of democracy and reconciliation.

Unfortunately Annan's other big reform innovation, the Human Rights Committee, sadly seems to have inherited the crippling problem of its predecessor: paralysis by the membership of some of the world's worst human rights abusers, e.g. Libya, Sudan, Russia, China, Algeria, etc. The U.N. can be a frustrating experience for anyone who wants to see global problems of peace and justice actually getting solved. And it has generally failed in the primary mission of its founders: "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

Why then is the U.N. still worth having?

First, it provides the only fully inclusive global forum where all nations can debate issues, argue, and even denounce one another -- but all without weapons or violence. And occasionally they even forge a consensus on common concerns such as global warming, international terrorism and world poverty.

Second, the U.N. family also includes the less publicized, but life-saving work of the World Health Organization, the U.N. Environmental Program, UNICEF, the U.N. Development Program and programs for refugee relief, etc. If you travel through distressed areas of Africa, Asia or Latin America, you will almost always see this crucial U.N. humanitarian work: children being inoculated, refugees housed and fed, human rights abuses documented, elections monitored, conflict areas patrolled by U.N. peacekeepers.

Lastly, for all of its faults and frustrations, the U.N. Charter still represents humankind's most noble and ancient dream: "to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors."

The United Nations is ultimately about our shared vision of human dignity and of one human family striving -- however imperfectly -- to survive together on one fragile and finite planet.

The day we give up on that dream is the day our world begins to die.

Minutes of the 2006 UNA-USA Columbus Chapter Annual Meeting

THE COLUMBUS CHAPTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA
Annual Meeting & Members' Luncheon

May 13, 2006 Fawcett Center Ballroom Columbus, Ohio

The Columbus Chapter of the UNA-USA Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road beginning at 12:30 PM. Guests had time to peruse the International Themed Silent Auction items prior to the buffet luncheon.

Sitar music was performed by Hans Utter.

Keynote Speaker Vince Costello, Director of International services of the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Red Cross, was introduced by Columbus Chapter President, Mory Fuhmann. Mr. Costello gave a very informative talk accompanied by visual presentations of the historical and legal framework under which the American Red Cross and its affiliated International humanitarian organizations carry out their responsibilities.

A check in the amount of \$500 which came from the Friday evening proceeds of the 2005 Columbus International Festival was presented to Mr. Costello for Hurricane Katrina victims relief.

The Margaret Rogers Award for outstanding service to the Chapter was given to Daisy Nemzer in absentia.

Mory Fuhmann who was chosen to fill the office of President after Eddie Pauline resigned at the end of 2005 to accept a job in Seattle, WA read a letter of greetings and encouragement from Eddie.

President Fuhmann conducted a business meeting following the program which included:

Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting.

Marlinda Iyer has requested a correction to the published minutes to state her election as V-P Festival to one term instead of one year. No one seems to remember exactly how this difference to the regular term was presented at the meeting. The actual work of the Festival Chairs does not coincide with our June beginning term of office and the Assistant VP Festival and VP Festival cycle is four years. The Assistant VP is elected and in the 3rd of a 4 year term becomes Festival Chair. Marlinda had already served unofficially when the Assistant VP resigned and is willing to serve 3 years of the 4 year cycle, as Chair in 2006 and assisting the newly elected Assistant VP in 2007. It was finally decided no correction to the minutes was necessary but instead the discussion at this meeting be recorded. More accurately, the 2005 minutes would state Marlinda being elected as Ass't VP Festival for one year and VP Festival would not be listed as vacant.

Committee Reports by Membership Chair Marissa Kaloga and Program Chair Simona Vaclavikova.

The slate of officers and Board members were elected by unanimous ballot:

President; Marissa Kaloga; VP Education, Jan Baker; Assistant VP Festival, Florence Odita.

At-Large Board Members: Hoda Bagdady Asal, Kiyoko Nagai, Joseph Sophia, Frank Titus and Jean Williams.

Vacant offices are VP Membership, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, and up to 3 At-Large Board Members.

Jan Baker nominated Jennifer Wallace, an Ohio State University student, to a position as an At-Large Board member and Jennifer was approved.

Peggy Hollenbeck said she would serve as Secretary when she was in Columbus (April-November).

Named to the Nominating Committee for 2006-2007 were John Ertmann, Lisa Evans and Frank Titus. However, as a Board member Frank Titus is unable to serve and Cornelia Ferguson was elected to fill this position instead.

Newly elected President Marissa Kaloga gave a brief acceptance speech to end the meeting at 3:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Hollenbeck, Acting Secretary

Slate of Officers Term Year 2007-2008

Pursuant to Article VI, Section C of the Columbus Chapter Constitution, the following is the slate of officers for term year 2007-2008. All persons listed need to be voted upon by the general membership, either individually or as a slate:

For Chapter President: Col. Frank Titus (ret.)
 For Vice President, Advocacy: David Hansen, Ph.D.
 For Vice President, Membership: Jennifer Wallace
 For Vice President, Programs: Jessica Vllasi, JD
 For Chapter Treasurer: Kiyoko Nagai
 For Chapter Assistant Treasurer: Joseph Sofia
 For At Large Board: Chad Alger, Ph.D.
 For At Large Board: Len Baldwin
 For At Large Board: J.S. Jindal, DDS
 For At Large Board: Mory Fuhrmann
 For At Large Board: A. Lisa McSweeney
 For At Large Board: Colleen P. Rosshirt

The following positions were unfilled at press time, and are open to floor nomination during the meeting, in accordance with chapter bylaws:

Vice President, Communications
 Vice President, Development
 Vice President, Finance
 Assistant Vice President, Festival
 Secretary of the Board
 Up to (15) At Large Board Members

In accordance of Article VI, Section D of the chapter constitution, any floor nomination for any position is welcomed. Such a move requires the nominee to be present and with a written letter of acceptance of the nomination from the nominee.

Additionally, the following resolution was passed at a May 2, 2007 Emergency Session of the Board of Directors:

“... the Board send a resolution to the General Meeting for approval, that the current Nominating Structure be abandoned and be replaced by annual nominations of the Board of Directors, to be sent for approval to the general membership at the Annual Meeting....”

If the inferred resolution is approved, it would strike Sections A, B, B-1, and B-2 of Article VI from the chapter constitution. A quorum of 15% of the general membership is required, and a majority voted needed to pass the resolution.



Meagan Kahler
 UNA-USA Columbus Chapter

HERO, a UNA-USA Campaign, in partnership with The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is an awareness building and fundraising initiative dedicated to providing comprehensive, school-based support to orphans and vulnerable children living in HIV/AIDS-affected communities in Africa. Statistics show that more than 12 million African children have lost either one or both parents to HIV/AIDS and the numbers are expected to escalate up to 20 million by the year 2010. Children who have lost parents are often susceptible to a higher risk of being malnourished, sexually and physically abused, stigmatized, and forced to work to support themselves. It is HERO's hope to alleviate the burden the HIV/AIDS epidemic has brought these children in Africa by providing a safe haven for them to learn and prosper, in order to live healthy, successful lives. Currently, HERO is working in 38 schools within Ethiopia, South Africa, Namibia, and Zambia, with hopes to spread the campaign into various other African countries. As UNA members, we strive to present forums to encourage understanding about internationalism. It is our duty then to help aide this campaign and to spread the word about the situation and growing solution with these children. You can help by participating in some of the fundraising programs HERO offers, such the 'change for change' program and in Columbus' HIV/AIDS 5K run/walks in September. You can also help jumpstart new programs with your local chapter in order to help raise more funds. To learn more, visit <http://www.heroaction.org>, or contact MKahler@unacol.org.



USAID
 FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



The 2006 HERO Youth Ambassadors, who worked in Namibia and South Africa.

Red Light Children Project

Advocacy VP David Hansen is working with a group of interns on establishing a local chapter of the RLCC. Below is an overview of the organization.

The Red Light Children Campaign is the latest phase of a journey that began in 2002 with New York Lawyer Guy Jacobson. While traveling in Phnom Penh, Jacobson encountered a barrage of young girls, some just 5-years old, aggressively soliciting prostitution. The horror was not lost on him. Shortly thereafter, he began gathering together a passionate group of advocates determined to protect young children in danger of becoming part of the global sex trade. Their efforts include The K11 Project - three films created and produced by an ambitious group of filmmakers, stars and activists. Each film is based on real-life experiences in the underage sex trade.

Today, "Expose it. Fight it. End it." is our rallying cry. It inspires us as we raise awareness via mass media, emboldens us as we pressure governments for more effective legislation; and reawakens us during our never-ending search for additional public and private resources. It reminds us to never stop stirring up active opposition to child sexploitation in all its guises in every part of the world.

These three films are the product of The K11 Project and thus bear the mark of talented and passionate filmmakers, stars and high profile activists. Each has its own approach to exposing the truth about children forced into the world of child trafficking and prostitution. They would not exist in their present form without help from major international human rights organizations and other numerous grassroots NGOs.



Holly

A feature length narrative film based on the true stories of abducted children and their fight for freedom. Starring Ron Livingston, Virginie Ledoyan, Udo Kier, the late Chris Penn and introducing 14 year-old Thuy Nguyen.

The Virgin Harvest

A feature length HD documentary following victims in real time as they tell their stories in their own words. Directed by award-winning documentarian Charles Kiselyak.

The K11 Journey

Follow the exhilarating and ruthless journey of filmmakers from The K11 Project as they try to document an explosive subject in one of the most dangerous and corrupt places in the world.

www.redlightchildren.org



Marysville HS in partnership with Bishop Hartley HS attended the National HS Model United Nations Conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City March 7-11. Of the 28 students and 8 adults in the program, 19 made the trip. For the first time ever a student from Ohio and from Marysville introduced the First Committee Resolution to be considered on the floor of the United Nations General Assembly Hall and it passed. Sessions went from 8:30am to Midnight daily. At the conclusion everyone enjoyed New York attending the Broadway Play 'Beauty and the Beast', visiting Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, the Times Square Diner, and the subways. The organization as a part of OURMUN is continuing to raise funds to cover the trip expenses. Thanks to Marysville Kroger and local Patrons the deficit is reduced.

Student Delegates: Adam Allen, Sara Angle, Bill Babeaux, Shane Bracy, Lindsay Brown, James Darbee, Crissy Day, Aileen Curtin, Brittini Gamble, Catherine Graham, Andy Greene, Samantha Groeschel, Justin Hanson, Juan Gabriel Heredia, Alyssa Lazau, Corey Lewis, Yoshi Martin, Amanda Maxfield, Mandy Nichols, David Rappleye, Jessica Riley, Alex Rosenberry, Lisa Schlagheck, Cara Stinson, Henry Thomas, Lauren Vorisek, Daniel White, and Greg White.

Panel: Judge Charlotte Eufinger, Attorney John Eufinger, Attorney Dennis Schulze, and Pastor Barry Scott; Moderator: Len Baldwin

Staff: Len Baldwin, UNA-USA Model UN Advisor & OURMUN Director; Chrystal Schrock Montgomery, Model UN Coordinator; Mike Graham, Model UN Advisor; Jennefer Wallace, UNABOARD, Gabriela Vega, OSU Intern; Becky Brown, Jean Baldwin, Stacy Montgomery, Associate Personnel.





UN Millennium Development Goals

Keep the promise
Millennium Development Goals



In the coming newsletter editions, we will give an overview of each UN MDG. Presented in this edition are goals 5 and 6: to improve maternal health and to combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Many people consider the day their child was born the happiest day in their life. In the world's wealthier countries, that is. In poorer countries, the day a child is born is all too often the day its mother dies. In high-fertility countries in sub-Saharan Africa, women have a one in 16 chance of dying in childbirth. In low-fertility countries in Europe, this number is one in 2,000 and in North America it's one in 3,500.

Goal 5 of the Millennium Development Goals sets out by the year 2015 to:

- Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio.

Did You Know...

- More than half a million women die in pregnancy



and childbirth every year - that's one death every minute. Of these deaths, 99 per cent are in developing countries. In parts of Africa, maternal mortality rates are 1 in 16.

- Only 28 in 100 women giving birth are attended by trained health personnel in the least developed countries.

What You Can Do...

It's time for us to end this gross inequality in basic human health. Childbirth should be something to look forward to everywhere in the world, not just in rich countries. And we can make it that way. The world now has the financial resources and know-how to end extreme poverty. All that is lacking is the political will to change the status quo.

Malaria, together with HIV/AIDS and TB, is one of the major public health challenges undermining development in the poorest countries in the world. Malaria kills an African child every 30 seconds. Many children who survive an episode of severe malaria may suffer from learning impairments or brain damage. Pregnant women and their unborn children are also particularly vulnerable to malaria, which is a major cause of perinatal mortality, low birth weight and maternal anemia.

Goal 6 of the Millennium Development Goals sets out by the year 2015 to:

- Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- Halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

Did You Know...

- 5 people die from AIDS every minute.
- AIDS experts estimate that it will cost more than \$10.5 billion a year to fight AIDS globally - that price tag will escalate to more than \$15 billion a year by 2007. Wealthy countries currently spend less than \$4 billion on global AIDS.
- Every day in Africa, 6,500 people die and another 9,500 contract the HIV virus - 1,400 of whom are newborn babies infected during childbirth or by their mothers' milk.

What You Can Do...

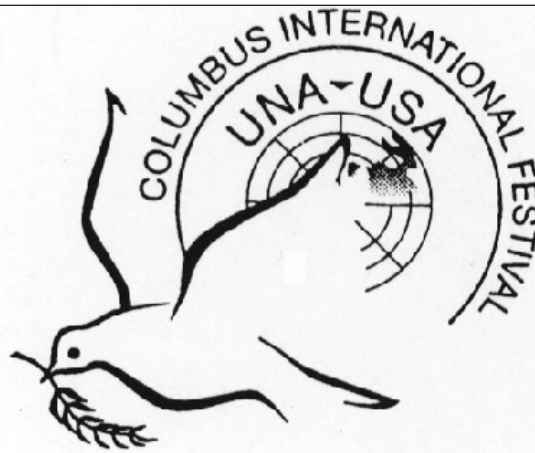
Governments in the North and South have promised to do their part to accomplish all eight Millennium Development Goals by 2015. We must hold them to those promises. We must make it clear to them that we refuse to miss this historic opportunity!



MILLENNIUM CAMPAIGN

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52ND ANNUAL COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



Nov. 3-4, 2007 Veterans Memorial Hall
300 West Broad St.

POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: **PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING**

Submission Deadline: **September 14, 2007**

The top 25 entries will be displayed at the following:

Columbus City Hall

Columbus International Festival on November 3-4, 2007

Poster Contest: Open to all K-12 Students

First, Second and Third Prizes will be awarded

Essay Contest:

Category 1: Open to all K-12 students

First, Second and Third Prizes will be awarded

Category 2: Open to all College Students

First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded

Please send all entries to: **Columbus International Festival**

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Email: festival@unacol.org

Phone: 614-228-4010

For further questions call: 614-421-7293 or email MIyer@unacol.org



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