

## From The President

*Eddie Pauline*  
Columbus Chapter President



Welcome to the late-summer edition of the UNA-USA Columbus newsletter. I trust all of you have been coping with these hot and humid days! I am very excited about this upcoming season for our chapter. Not only have we elected a new board of directors with some new faces and some familiar ones, but we have also been hard at work planning some great programs and initiatives for our general members to enjoy.

I realize that many of you have been long time members and I am certain you have some high expectations of this chapter. That said; you can expect an extra special international festival this year. It is the FIFTIETH anniversary of our festival as well as the SIXTIETH anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Each organization has a rich history and its own share of challenges so you can be sure that we want to highlight each one appropriately. Our program committee, specifically Jan Baker, Simona Vaclavikova and Frank Titus have been working hard on our upcoming Adopt-a-Minefield initiative and International Forum to be held the Saturday of the festival. We have some very interesting topics to discuss at this year's forum so please stay tuned for more information.

I am also very proud of our revitalized internship program lead by Bridget Corson. Each day the office is staffed by hard working interns and two in particular, Lauren Hines and David McGraw have taken on extra duties beyond their standard intern responsibilities. Each of them has made our chapter even more successful. I would encourage you to please stop by our office and say hello, especially if we haven't heard from you for awhile. I am continuing to focus efforts on outreach and working with other internationally minded groups in Columbus. We have had some wonderful partnerships with the Columbus Council on World Affairs in regards to a young professional group and even co-hosted a delegation of Iraqi dignitaries in Columbus with the International Visitors Council.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you should you want to be involved more in our chapter or simply have any questions. Your membership is important to us!

## UNFPA:

### Promoting Women's Rights and Health Worldwide

*Jane Harrison*  
UNFPA Intern

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has begun to institute itself as a strong organization in central Ohio. Last Spring, the Ohio Advisory Board of Americans for UNFPA was created by the UNFPA's central advocacy group, Americans for UNFPA. Members include such notables as Lisa Perks, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood, and Bridget Corson and Eddie Pauline from UNACOL.

Americans for UNFPA has also established a field coordinator position for central Ohio. Currently, Jane Harrison, a student from The Ohio State University, serves as the coordinator. She's engaged in lobbying local representatives, driving up moral support with local religious leaders, and planning events to publicize the UNFPA's work.

As the world's largest international source of funding for the rights and health of women, the agency has provided nearly \$6 billion in assistance to lower and middle-income countries since its inception in 1969. UNFPA works with governments and non-governmental organizations in nearly 140 countries, at their request. The programs help women and young people undergo pregnancy and childbirth safely, avoid sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, and combat violence against women.

Americans for UNFPA raises moral, political and financial support in the United States for the work of UNFPA. Unfortunately, the United States is the only country in the world withholding funding for UNFPA for political reasons. Although Congress has continually appropriated \$34 million each year for UNFPA (with the exception of 2003 when \$25 million was appropriated), the Bush Administration has withheld the money since 2002, weakening our traditional role as a global leader for the rights and health of women.

If interested in working with the UNFPA or supporting the organization, please contact Sarah Hemingway, National Outreach Coordinator of Americans for UNFPA, at [shemingway@americansforunfpa.org](mailto:shemingway@americansforunfpa.org).

## Education Update

Jan Baker  
VP, Education

### WE CAN HELP LANDMINE VICTIMS!

The UNA-USA has a wonderful program, A Night of A Thousand Dinners, that enables you and me to remember victims of landmines and help them with funds to clear the fields, educate and give financial help to our young men and women who need care and prosthesis. The idea is to have individuals host a dinner, luncheon or even a have group of friends over to watch a football game, with each person donating to the minefield program what it would have cost them to go to a nice restaurant instead.

The Columbus Chapter has decided to have ongoing programs to support our soldiers who are victims of the war in Afghanistan and the eradication of landmines. The specific sites will be designated when we send in the funds.

Life has not changed much for many of us during this war while others are paying very high prices. Here is an opportunity for us to get involved and do something that seems small, but as we all pitch in together, it could be very consequential.

We are asking each of you who are committed to the values of the United Nations to sponsor A Night of a Thousand Dinners and/or help others to do so. It will give purpose to those tailgate parties and fun gatherings we so enjoy.

Just call our office at 487-1300 or e-mail [dancer74@wowway.com](mailto:dancer74@wowway.com) for more information. There will be party-packs with information and any other support we can give you.

Paul McCartney will be in Columbus Oct. 22. As a thank you for the thousands of dollars he and his wife Heather Mills have given to the United Nations' Landmine Program, we are in the process of planning a reception on Oct. 21. Each year Paul performs with a guest at his own Night of a Thousand Dinners Concert. This year it will be in November in California. We too will have our own Night of a Thousand Dinners on Oct. 21 partnering with several other organizations who share our dedication to educate our people regarding the need and promoting programs to give financial aid to the UN Landmine program. Keep an eye on our website, [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org).

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Also, don't forget to stop by at our booth at the International Festival on Nov. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We are right inside the door of the main entrance. We will have all kinds of information regarding our many programs and opportunities. Try to get through a "field" without stepping on a landmine. Watch our film on "Child Soldiers" in Uganda. Sign up for speakers for your organizations or classrooms. Take your children upstairs to have opportunities to experience and learn about the United Nations and Landmines while you attend the Forum.



## UNA-USA Responds to Bolton Appointment

Amb. William Leurs  
President, UNAUSA

"...The United States has been playing an integral role in shaping policies on UN reform and as the chief American diplomat at the UN, we hope Ambassador Bolton will continue this constructive approach. As the UN moves forward on reform issues, it is imperative that we work together in building a strong UN for the future. The new threats facing the US and the international community, including terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and international atrocity crimes, urgently require greater American engagement with the world.

During his confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Ambassador Bolton said he would 'strive to work with all interested parties to build a stronger and more effective United Nations.' We at UNA-USA encourage Ambassador Bolton to apply his full energy to engaging other UN member states and Secretariat officials in a common effort to strengthen the UN and to work to advance American interests through this vital organization...."

The full text of Amb. Leurs's remarks can be found at [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org)

## N1KD

Ania Kucharski  
Columbus Chapter Intern

You have heard the stories before, and every now and then see its victims on CNN. It is difficult not to feel compassion for the victims of landmine accidents, most of whom are civilians, many of whom are children. It is fortunate that we live in a country in which we do not have to live with this day to day struggle, yet at the same time it is unfortunate that many of us often forget about those around the world who do.

The sad truth is that there are still between 45 to 50 million landmines throughout the world, contributing to 15,000 to 20,000 accidents every year--- many of which result in death. Not only do landmines affect those who are physically injured, but they create lives of constant fear and struggle, and create limits on where people can live. As a consequence, landmine fields take a huge toll on the economic growth of the countries in which they reside, many of which are just getting over or still dealing with conflict. Although the landmine problem may seem foreign and far away, there are still ways to contribute to de-mining efforts worldwide.

A Night of A Thousand Dinners (N1KD) is a charity event that began in 2001 with the intention of raising money and awareness for this cause. The annual event is hosted by Adopt-A-Minefield, an organization formed by the UNA-USA, in partnership with the UN, Ted Turner's Better World Fund, and the U.S. State Department, with all proceeds going to the Adopt-A-Minefield Campaign. N1KD is designed to be an event in which individuals from all over the world can participate in.

In essence, the event is what its name states: many dinners hosted throughout the world on the same night, with the purpose of gaining awareness for the cause, promoting discussion on the subject, and raising money through donations. It can be as large or as small as one wishes--- a small gathering among friends and colleagues or a large charity banquet (many of which have been hosted and attended by well-known celebrities). Many times, a film about the Adopt-A-Minefield campaign is shown, dishes from the cuisines of countries affect by landmines are served, and a speaker is asked to come and provide information about the cause.

## CIF50: One Small World



The 2005 Columbus International Festival will be held at Franklin County Veterans Memorial on November 4-6. This year's festival, the 50<sup>th</sup> annual celebration, will be held Friday from 6-10pm, Saturday from 10AM-10PM and Sunday from 11AM-6PM. Approximately 200 booths representing nearly 60 ethnicities will be featured during the three day event. Among the featured events and areas at the festival include ongoing performances on 2 stages, the Parade of Nations, held Saturday and Sunday, an International Health Fair with health screenings, a Children's Area featuring fun educational games and activities, and the International Community Forum, held this year in conjunction with the festival. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and seniors, \$2.00 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free. Further information is available at the chapter website, [www.unacol.org](http://www.unacol.org), or by calling the Columbus Chapter office, 614-487-1300.

**50th Annual  
Columbus  
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**One Small  
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November 4-6, 2005  
Fri 6-10PM Sat 10AM-10PM  
Sun 11AM-6PM

## New Partnership with One Campaign

*Simona Vaclikova*  
VP, Programs

The ONE Campaign unites us with important partners and provides opportunities for local grassroots action.

This year, UNA-USA officially joined The One Campaign, a national education and advocacy effort to rally Americans to fight global crises like AIDS, hunger and poverty. UNA-USA becomes the newest of The One Campaign's partners, which include some of the most respected US-based humanitarian organizations. World Vision, Bread for the World, Oxfam America, Save the Children, DATA, CARE USA and the United Nations Millennium Campaign are already members.



This new partnership strengthens UNA-USA's ongoing efforts to educate the American public about the importance of international cooperation and the role of the United Nations.

The One Campaign takes its name from its priority to push for the US government to earmark an additional one percent of the federal budget to be dedicated to the needs of the world's poorest, including education, hunger, poverty, clean water, children's health and AIDS treatment and prevention. Bono—the lead singer of the rock band U2—and a co-founder of The One Campaign, is one of many celebrities that have become supporters of this national effort. Appearing in a recent "One.Org" Public Service Announcement, which aired on MTV and ABC Networks, Brad Pitt, Tom Hanks, Cameron Diaz, Al Pacino, Alfre Woodward, George Clooney and more added their voice to the battle to end extreme poverty as part of The One Campaign.

UNA-USA, Columbus Chapter will partner with The One Campaign to develop projects and communications campaigns that our members, student activists and other grassroots leaders can participate in.

### *How You Can Make a Difference...*

#### **1. Volunteer with our Humanitarian Campaigns**

The goals of the One Campaign are in keeping with the missions of UNA-USA's two humanitarian campaigns, *HERO* and *Adopt-A-Minefield*. Both campaigns address Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) such as child health and survival, education, poverty and hunger reduction, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

##### HERO

HERO (Help Educate at-Risk Orphans and vulnerable children) raises awareness and funds to

support the education and basic needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa.

##### AAM

AAM (Adopt-A-Minefield) saves lives, puts land back into productive use, and revives economies by clearing landmines and assisting survivors around the world.

Please contact our local UNA chapter for additional *ways to take action and support the Millennium Development Goals*.

#### **2. Sign the One Declaration**

We invite you to take a moment to sign the One Declaration to "Make Poverty History".

For more information on the *One Campaign* visit [www.one.org](http://www.one.org).

## Forum To Be Held at Festival

*Genevieve Baer  
Columbus Chapter Intern*

The 2005 International Community Forum is this year being organized in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus International Festival. It will provide a unique opportunity to discuss a variety of UN and international topics with distinguished speakers.

Registration is required and includes admission to the Columbus International Festival. Please visit our website [www.unacol.org](http://www.unacol.org) for more information, or call our office at 614-487-1300

DATE: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2005

HOURS: 10:30am till 6pm

LOCATION: Second Floor, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 300 West Broad Street, directly above the International Festival.

### Anticipated topics include:

UN Millennium Development Goals

The ONE Campaign

International Human Rights

Jobs in the UN

Terrorism, locally and internationally

The UN at 60

Global Warming

The UN in public schools and education system

Adopt-a-Landmine

Nuclear Weapons Proliferation

And many more...

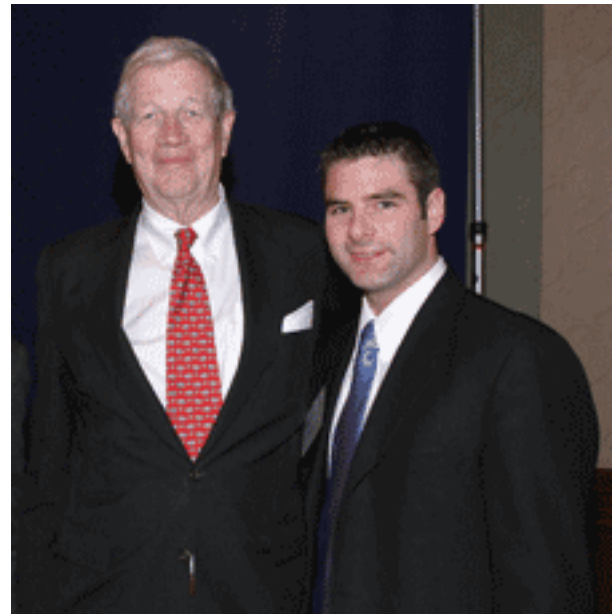
Please stay tuned for more updates on the 2005 International Forum. A registration form will soon be available for download from the Columbus Chapter website, [www.unacol.org](http://www.unacol.org), or email [intforum@unacol.org](mailto:intforum@unacol.org).

## New Challenges

*Marissa Kaloga  
VP, Membership*

The national headquarters of the UNA-USA has challenged all chapters to a membership renewal challenge. We are to renew as many lapsed memberships as possible before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The challenge also includes renewing current memberships early. So please, all current members, renew your memberships early, and help us show the national headquarters the support that the Columbus Chapter has from the community.

In addition to the UNA-USA's request, I am including another challenge: that the Columbus chapter will grow by 50% in the next 6 months. I will do all that I can to expand our membership base during this time. I hope that each board member and chapter member will try to get at least one new member to join in this time period. Remember, the UNA-USA is a grass-roots organization which finds its voice in the power of the people. The more people we have the louder our voice will be.



*Columbus Chapter President Eddie Pauline receives congratulations from UNA-USA President William Leurs on the chapter's increase in membership during the National Meeting in March.*

# MDG Crossword

David Hansen  
VP, Advocacy

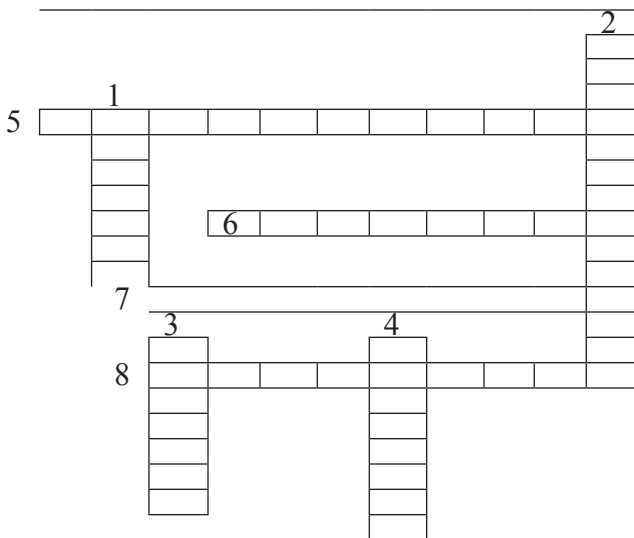
Here is another United Nations Crossword Puzzle for all of you who like a challenge. See if you can find eight keywords to help you learn and remember the eight Millennium Development Goals. To find clues that will lead you to the answers, you can go to [www.un.org/millenniumgoals/](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/) on to the internet. This puzzle is just to help you learn what the goals are. The REAL puzzle is figuring out how we each make a difference in achieving them. Good luck.

**DOWN:**

1. Eradicate \_\_\_ poverty and hunger.
2. Ensure environmental \_\_\_\_.
3. Promote gender equality and \_\_\_ women.
4. Improve \_\_\_ health.

**ACROSS:**

5. Develop a global partnership for \_\_\_\_.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, \_\_\_\_, and other diseases.
7. Achieve \_\_\_ primary education.
8. Reduce child \_\_\_\_.



*The answers will be published in the Nov/Dec newsletter. The UN Millennium Goals are a mandate from the United Nations. All member nations have pledged to meet the goals by 2015.*

# Remembering Two Friends

Lauren Hines  
David McGraw  
Columbus Chapter Interns

Margaret Sadler Burger Rogers was a member of the Columbus Chapter for several decades, having served with distinction in several board positions, including Board Member At Large, VP Membership, and Chapter President. Margaret also chaired many committees and sub-committees during her tenure with the chapter, and most recently served as a member of the Board Nominations committee. Her level of community service involvement singly surpassed what many organizations accomplish, as Margaret was also active in the Church World Service CROP Program, the Ohio Council of Churches, the Columbus District of the United Methodist Women, and the OWL Program at Westminster-Thurber. Sadly, Margaret passed away May 19th, just 3 days before the Nominations Committee was to present the slate of officers at the chapter's annual meeting. Margaret Sadler Burger Rogers was preceded in passing by her husband, Rev. Clyde Newton Rogers, also an active member of the local community.

While remembering Margaret's contributions, we were again saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Sneh Lata Jindal on June 6. Dr Jindal was a pillar in the local Hindu community, and we came to know her through her husband, Dr. Janardan (J.S.) Jindal, whose quick wit and mustache-driven smile drew a laugh at every turn. Dr J.S. Jindal served several terms with the Columbus Chapter Board, and has been involved at the Columbus International Festival, serving on the event's planning committee several times. Through J.S., we came to know his wife, and learned of their large extended family, including 8 siblings, who in turn became our extended family. Dr. Sneh Lata Jindal leaves behind three children, Bipender, Sudhir, and Sadhna, and a large extended family.

As the chapter moves forward with events celebrating the 50th Columbus International Festival and the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations' founding, we pause to remember the memories and contributions of Margaret Rogers and Sneh Lata Jindal, both members of our family, whom we dearly miss. They will not be soon forgotten.