

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of the United States of America AND THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS



## San Diego Chapter — Spring 2009

### Message from our President

By Mary M. McKenzie

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Greetings UNASD Members!

As I write my first presidential missive for UNASD, I am filled with great hope that we are entering a new era for the United Nations, especially concerning its relations with the United States. At the same time, the world is facing an economic crisis, the scope of which most of us have never experienced before. Recently, the World Bank forecasted that 46 million more people in the world will be living on less than \$1.25 a day than was expected prior to the crisis. Additionally, if this situation continues unabated, the World Bank estimates that 1.4 to 2.8 million more children than earlier predicted will die. The only solution, it suggests, is the redoubling of efforts to provide assistance on the part of the developed world. Robert Zoellick, World Bank President, has suggested the creation of a “vulnerability fund” for this purpose.

These statistics are more than disheartening, but we cannot let them discourage us in our efforts to strengthen the United Nations by strengthening support for it right here in San Diego. In the new political climate, it is more vital than ever that UNASD build support for international efforts to ease the global effects of the economic crisis and to build peace. It is here where our chapter can play an important role in international developments.

In this spirit, I am pleased to announce a very active spring for UNASD. Anne Hoiberg, with Bettina Hausmann and the Women’s Equity Council, will once again be leading a group to the annual session of the UN’s Commission on the Status of Women in New York. Debbie Blum will jump start our advocacy efforts with our local legislators. Ruthi Solari, YPIC Co-Chair, is designing an innovative project to commemorate UN World Health Day in April. UNASD also will participate in EarthFair at Balboa Park, co-sponsor the San Diego Model UN for high schools, lead International Career Day, continue its school programs and outreach, and conduct its new monthly kids’ programs in the Park. Additionally, we plan to institute quarterly Members’ Nights, so that UNASD members can become more involved and get to know each other better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Katharine (Kubichan) Maliachi for all she has done to serve our chapter. She has set a high standard for our organization, and I am honored to be the new president of UNASD. I appreciate your support, and I look forward to serving our chapter. Please continue all you do to support our efforts.

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## New Officers' Introduction



### President, Dr. Mary McKenzie—

Mary McKenzie has served on the USASD BoD since 2002. Since 2004, she has led our MUN committee and, since 2006, she has served as head of the Education Committee. In 2008, she also served as Vice President. In her other life, Mary teaches international politics and MUN at the University of San Diego, and serves as Chair for Pan-American Model United Nations, a nonprofit which organizes five MUN conferences in the southwestern U.S., including San Diego.



### Vice—President, Mr. Enrique Meza—

Enrique Meza has been a UNA member for just over a year, but has been active with YPIC since 2007. He serves on the YPIC San Diego committee and assists with the planning and implementation of events. By day, he works as the Director of Programs at the Citizen Diplomacy Council of San Diego and oversees various public diplomacy programs involved in the realm of professional, cultural and educational exchanges.



### Treasurer, Mrs. Elena Brisard—

Elena Brisard has been a UNA member since 2003. She has been serving as treasurer since 2008 and is pleased to continue her service to UNASD as treasurer for 2009. She is a CFA Level II candidate and she currently works as a Financial Analyst with American Specialty Health.



### Secretary, Ms. Elyssa Jeter—

Elyssa Jeter has been a UNA member for just over a year, but she has been active with YPIC since late 2006. She co-chairs the YPIC San Diego committee with Ruthi Solari and works with her, and their committee, to plan YPIC events for the year. During the day, she works as an Education Manager for Junior Achievement.

## Visitors from Afar...

In late February, Enrique Meza, Anne Hoiberg, and Rhoda Gilbert met with a delegation invited to the United States under the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program in our Eleanor Roosevelt Global Classroom. Enrique, Anne, and Rhoda described to the guests the many programs and activities of UNASD. The visitors, from Egypt, Gaza, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan, are participants in HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS, a Regional Project for the New East and North Africa.

The delegation is having a busy time in San Diego—meetings with a varied group of organizations for two days, a day of sightseeing, and a day for home visits. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with them, and hope we have contributed something meaningful to their experience in San Diego.



*Visitors and volunteers in deep discussion*

# UNASD Microcredit Craft Market

By Megan Oliver & Alessandro Zolla

UNASD and the UNICEF committee organized the first Microcredit Craft Market on Sunday, February 8. The event was held in support of the Instituto Madre Assunta in Tijuana, and to promote microcredit and the application of this idea in the San Diego-Tijuana region.

The event was primarily organized by UNASD intern, Alessandro Zolla. Microcredit craft vendors, twenty in total, came from all over the region to sell their goods. Eight microcredit companies also attended. These companies set up information booths to educate the public about the worldwide benefits of microcredit loans. The event was located in the Eleanor Roosevelt Global Classroom as well as on the lawn outside.

In addition to the craft market, UNASD interns ran a Kids' Recycling workshop. Children designed and created crafts such as maracas and masks using all recycled materials. The purpose was to show children the many fun items they can create using materials found around the house. Further, in the Eleanor Roosevelt Global Classroom, a small but stunning photo exhibition displayed microcredit vendors at work across the globe. UNASD's and the San Diego Art Institute's *Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Art Project* also garnered much attention.

The weather, which had been rainy all week, remained sunny for the duration of the craft fair and attracted community members and tourists alike to Balboa Park. Numerous people were strolling around the international cottages. Hundreds of visitors spent time at one or all of the many parts of the UNASD event; about 35 children from ages 2-12 enjoyed the craft workshop run by our interns.



Children and interns getting creative

Microcredit innovation originated in Bangladesh where it has successfully enabled large numbers of extremely

impoverished people to engage in entrepreneurial projects that allow them to generate an income and, in many cases, become self-sufficient. The creator and director of the most famous Microcredit bank, Muhammad Yunus, received a Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his efforts in the field. Many experts think that microcredit can be useful for achieving some of the MDGs.



Microcredit recipient with her scarves

Microcredit is considered one of the most important tools in the international cooperation arena. The UN has confirmed this, declaring the 2005 "The Year of Microcredit". Two UN MDGs are particularly aided by microcredit loans: Goal One, to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, and Goal Three, to promote gender equality and empower women. Goal Three is pertinent because the majority of persons worldwide who receive microcredit loans are women since women are the least empowered group as a whole. Our chapter sees this topic as one of great interest. All over the world, those living in poverty are receiving these small sum loans to help them start entrepreneurial businesses and generate income. Microcredit loans are a "bottom up" instrument of economic development.

Recipients of microcredit loans lack collateral, steady employment and a credit history.

Hence, they do not meet qualifications to gain access to traditional forms of credit. Microcredit is a subset of microfinance, the provision of financial services to the very poor. Due to the success of microcredit, many in the traditional banking industry have taken notice and are interested in changing their qualifications for credit receipt in the cases of beginning entrepreneurial ventures. Microcredit is increasingly gaining credibility in the mainstream finance industry and many traditional large finance organizations are contemplating microcredit project development.

UNASD hopes that this fun, successful and informative event will lead to similar events in the future, as well as an increased level of knowledge and awareness in the San Diego community about the benefits of microcredit loans.



Visitors browsing the booths

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, with its theme for 2008 of ***Human Rights for Women–Human Rights for All: UDHR 60***, began on November 25<sup>th</sup>, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. It ended on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Human Rights Day, the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The date of November 25<sup>th</sup> was selected by the United Nations in 1999 to mark the anniversary of the assassination in 1960 of three political activists, the Mirabal sisters, who had formed the *Movement of the Fourteenth of June* that opposed the brutal Rafael Trujillo regime and supported women's rights in the Dominican Republic.

More than 2,000 civil society groups in 156 countries have participated in this campaign since 1991, when it was established by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University. Since 2003, the UNA's Women's Equity Council has spearheaded events during the 16-day campaign. In 2008, the program on the 25<sup>th</sup> included a tour of the San Diego Family Justice Center where professionals and services are housed "together under one roof to help victims of family violence." National Family Justice Center Alliance President, Casey Gwinn, described the FJCA's work of not only establishing the "one stop shop" centers in the U.S. and worldwide, but also the three facilities located in San Diego County.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the second event, *A Culture of Violence? Encouraging Dialogue between Men & Women*, brought together four speakers (David B. Wexler, Ph.D., Emelyn de la Pena, Dilkhwas Ahmed, and Crystal Green, Ph.D.) who shared their experiences about the causes, cycles, and impact of violence on the individual and society. The discussion concluded by focusing on violence prevention, empowerment,

and advocacy.

The program on Human Rights Day, *"The Highest Aspiration: Looking Ahead on the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,"* began with an appearance of "Eleanor Roosevelt," who headed the U.N.'s Human Rights Commission that led to the creation and subsequent adoption of the UDHR on December 10, 1948. After she introduced the audience to the importance of this universally accepted document, three experts on human rights (Law Professor William Aceves, Law Professor Marjorie Cohn, and Human Rights Activist and Attorney Dustin Sharp) discussed the six major human rights treaties (e.g., torture, women's rights, rights of the child) that have been adopted since 1948.

In addition to the 16-day campaign, two others have been implemented:

1. ***Say No to Violence***, a campaign initiated November 25, 2007 by UNIFEM's Good Will Ambassador Nicole Kidman, who supported the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women. Lists of 5,066,549 names of individuals who pledged to "say no to violence against women" were presented to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on November 25, 2008.

2. ***UNiTE to End Violence against Women***, a campaign instituted by Ban Ki-Moon in February 2008, urges all nations and men and women to stop violence against women and girls. Reviews are to be presented at the U.N. each year, with the "final" version reported in 2015 to show that all forms of violence against women have been eradicated!

**Through these efforts, with all of us working together, we will make violence-against-women history.**

## Calendar of Events for March

### International Women's Day Celebrations:

**Saturday, March 7** – UNASD, UNA's Women's Equity Council, and TJSJL present ***No Way to Treat a Treaty***, a workshop to learn about treaties not ratified (e.g., Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)) by the U.S., 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 2121 San Diego Avenue, Rm. 101, in Old Town. Christie Edwards, Adjunct Professor of Law, leads a discussion on the current status of three international treaties. Free; light refreshments. Questions/RSVP: 619.233.3970 or [una@unasd.org](mailto:una@unasd.org)

**Sunday, March 8** – Women from Iraq, Somalia, U.S.A., Iran, Philippines, and Venezuela discuss their ***Roles, Realities, and Hopes***, presented by UNA's Women's Equity Council, 10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, #107, Golden Hill. Free; coffee and muffins. RSVP: 805.403.4773 or [bettina.hausmann@gmail.com](mailto:bettina.hausmann@gmail.com)

**Sunday, March 8** – American Association of University Women, Cabrillo-Diego Branch, presents ***Women in America***, a DVD of photographs, music, and poetry celebrating the Women's Movement in the U.S.A., followed by an interactive discussion, 2:00 P.M., Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, #107, Golden Hill. Free; light refreshments. RSVP: 619.223.8074 or [ahoiberg@aol.com](mailto:ahoiberg@aol.com)

**Wednesday, March 18** – The Fifth Annual International Women's Day Breakfast celebrates ***Powerful Voices in Peacebuilding***, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego. Registration and buffet breakfast begin at 7:00 A.M., followed by program from 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. \$22 regular price/\$8 subsidized student price to be purchased by calling 619.260.2727. Questions: 619.260.7509 or <http://peace.sandiego.edu>

A bouquet of tiny flags from countries all over the world topped several tables draped in bright blue tablecloths for UNASD's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony Luncheon held on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

A diverse group of close to 100 UNASD members gathered in the Garden Ballroom of the Handlery Hotel and Resort for the occasion. Amidst the lively atmosphere, beautiful garden views, and tasty food, a select few managed to capture the attention of the crowd with their outstanding contributions to the community and global arena. The recipient of the Carroll and Nona Cannon Outstanding UNA Member Award was Jelena Cingel, a familiar name to the UNASD family. As a member of the Board of Directors and chair of UNASD's Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) since 2006, Jelena was chosen for the award based on her dedication to building a stronger YPIC presence in San Diego. Her zeal, coupled with her deep-rooted passion to empower young professionals and foster international cooperation, helped turn San Diego's YPIC into one of the most successful chapters in the country.

The UNA Global Corporate Citizenship Award was presented to Benetech. The organization's Human Rights Program successfully uses modern technology to improve lives – specifically, the program collects and collates data to provide strong evidence that can be used to advocate for political and criminal accountability for mass atrocities. No other organization dedicates itself to applying technology and scientific methods exclusively to human rights.

Ann L. Craig, the much-accomplished Provost and Associate Professor of Political Science at UCSD's Eleanor Roosevelt College, received the UNA Eleanor Roosevelt Human rights Award. Provost Craig was selected not only for her valuable contributions to the UNA, the community, and the global arena, but for continuously encouraging her students to think globally and interact on an international rather than local level.

In addition to recognizing Provost Ann Craig, Mrs. Jelena Cingel, and Benetech, outgoing president Katharine Maliachi, the host of the day's festivities, was poignantly honored for her service to UNASD.

Topping off all these festivities was an exciting lottery for two very coveted prizes: two tickets to the San Diego Symphony and an overnight stay for two at Harrah's Casino complete with a buffet pass and spa treatments. The much sought-after prizes were a steal; tickets for the lottery were a mere dollar apiece!



*Attendees socializing and enjoying the meeting*

## Letter from Laura Logan, 2008 UNASD MUN Scholarship

Dear United Nations Association of San Diego,

Some of you may remember me from the United Nations Association of San Diego's annual Charter Day commemoration banquet, last June. For those of you who were not at the event or don't recall—my name is Laura Logan. I was one of the three very fortunate recipients of last year's UNASD annual scholarship. The intention of this letter is to update you on my progress at my chosen educational institution—the American University in Cairo (AUC Egypt).

Let me first say- before I left for Egypt, I had no idea what to expect. What little I knew about Egyptian culture had been absorbed through the vague descriptions from an aged edition of Lonely Planet, other assorted travel guides, as well as a wide variety of online blogs written by sandbox expatriates.

I have now been a resident and student in Cairo, Egypt for a little more than five months. What I've learned and gained from my experience in Egypt (both on and off campus) thus far goes virtually unparalleled by any other experience I have had in my lifetime. As a Political Science major in the Middle East, I've chosen to focus my studies on two specializations: International Relations and Middle East Politics.

I've made an effort to balance my academics with a few extracurricular activities. For example, I am currently serving on the Student Government at AUC Egypt. I am also now a proud member of AUC Egypt's Model United Nations program and will be participating as a delegate in the International Court of Justice committee at Cairo International Model United Nations (CIMUN) this March!

The vast number of breaks given by the university (it celebrates Egyptian, American, and various other international holidays) has allowed for a large degree of travel, and I have been able to visit many historical landmarks and regions across the Middle East. My first Eid vacation at the end of September was spent in Israel (Eilat, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem), and Christmas break was spent in Bethlehem. I left West Bank just hours before the first missile strike on Gaza!

I am now back in Cairo and looking forward to the Spring semester at AUC Egypt. I want to thank the United Nations Association of San Diego immensely for choosing me as a scholarship recipient and contributing to my education. I am doing my very best to take full advantage of this great opportunity, and I appreciate it more than can be expressed in a simple letter.... I would love to show pictures at any UNASD event when I return to San Diego this summer. **Thank you once again.**

*(Editor's note: Stay tuned for an opportunity to meet Laura and see her pictures this summer!)*

**Saturday, March 7**— Call for all women artists to participate in a juried exhibition by the Women's Caucus for Art show, with a theme of *Herstory*, to "create revolutionary art exposing our *her*storical and hysterical diverse creations." Art drop off from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M., Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, #107, Golden Hill. Questions: 619.233.7963.

**Saturday, March 14** – San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women presents the *2009 Forum on the Status of Women and Girls in San Diego County*, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego, 7:30 A.M. – noon. \$15 for attendees/\$10 for seniors/\$5 university students/\$0 for high school students. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:30 – 8:00 A.M., followed by forum. [lovettecolyer@sandiego.edu](mailto:lovettecolyer@sandiego.edu)

**Saturday, March 21** – Dr. Gail Dimitroff discusses memoir writing and her memoir, *Mandel!*, for the Authors' Series, Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, #107, Golden Hill, 3:00 P.M. Free. 619.223.8074 or [ahoiberg@aol.com](mailto:ahoiberg@aol.com)

**Saturday, March 28** – Mark your calendar for the annual San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame, honoring six San Diego women! Questions: 619.233.7963 or [info@whmec.org](mailto:info@whmec.org)

## EdCom—The Year Ahead By Rhoda Gilbert

The Education Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Mary McKenzie, just wrapped up another great year continuing and expanding its ongoing programs and introducing new ones.

Continuing as a "Partner in Education" with SDUSD's Balboa Park Program (BPP), we welcomed seven 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes per week in our Eleanor Roosevelt Global Classroom. The program is directed by Rhoda Gilbert, who trains and supervises the university students who teach as part of their UNA internship experience. We hosted both a variety of independent student groups in our classroom and took our classroom presentation to classrooms in several schools whose students do not participate in the BPP. During the 2009 school year we will continue our collaboration with the Balboa Park Program and expand our Classroom Outreach Programs. Efforts will also continue to expand Model United Nations (MUN), beginning with an MUN simulation at the invitation of High Tech High Middle School, presented by Dr. Mary McKenzie.

Bettina Hausmann and Ronnie Diaz are in the process of developing an interactive program for middle and high school classes to be launched early in 2009. A new elementary assembly program was developed by Rhoda Gilbert and Retna Shaw. The program includes an hour of story telling and activities for grades K-3 and an hour long PowerPoint presentation of our classroom program for the upper grades. The program was presented successfully in late 2008, and will be expanded in 2009.

The 2008 elections sidelined our Legislative Advocacy effort with our national legislators, who were busy campaigning. In 2009, we will renew advocacy, and be more active with public efforts, including membership involvement in "letters to the editor." Under the leadership of Cy Chadley, our Workshops on the UN & UDHR will continue during 2009, with

two already scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway to expand the committee's public education efforts.

The Scholarship Committee has been focused on endeavors which will heighten interest in the UNA-USA, High School Essay Contest, and the Annette Baughman Scholarship. Already, as a result of the efforts, there were a record-breaking 16 entries in the essay contest. Our chapter selection, Jordan Wong of Scripps Ranch High School, has made the list of national semi-finalists. We hope for similar results on April 15<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for the Baughman Scholarship.

In addition to promoting its Trick or Treat program, the UNICEF Committee visited a small orphanage (Casa Hogar Cuna Sion) and a shelter for migrant women and children (Instituto Madre Assunta) in Tijuana. Following the visits, supplies were donated to both.

Among the major accomplishments of Art Miles in 2008 are: an article in *Q*, the Oprah magazine, receipt of the MY HERO Peacemaker Award, 4,000 murals in 125 countries, 35 exhibitions and 32,000 pairs of shoes sent to needy citizens in Africa and Mexico. The outlook for 2009 is as bright and ambitious as the successes of 2008. Four and a half miles of murals will be installed in March in the Philippines! Further, the World Water Forum is to be held, an Emergency Housing Project in Gaza is about to be underway, 5000 pairs of shoes will be sent to the needy in Bangladesh, continuation of the International Children's Orchestra, and Children's Mural Tribute to President Obama on his 100<sup>th</sup> day in office. These magnificent EdCom projects are all coming soon, so keep an eye out!

Committee Co-Chairs Rhoda Gilbert and Bettina Hausmann look forward to 2009. They are committed to working together to better the world and increase public awareness of the work of the United Nations.

We would like to take a moment to introduce our four new interns for spring 2009. Last semester's interns will be greatly missed, but we are very excited to welcome the new team to UNASD. **Jane Brezhnev** is a senior at UCSD as an Economics major. She brings a unique aspect to UNASD, as she grew up in Eastern Europe until she was 10 years old. Interested in attending graduate school in

## Intern Feature



*Fall and spring interns with Projects and Office Manager, Retna Shaw (front, center), after the February microcredit fair*

International Relations, Jane is excited to be working at UNASD. **Shayan Barmand** is a junior at USD achieving his BA in International Relations with a minor in French. He is a first generation Persian-American and has traveled and volunteered during his extensive world travels. He is helping with International Career Day and Earth Fair. **Megan Oliver** is a senior at USD as a Media Studies

major with minors in both Italian and International Relations. She has spent the past month as co-editor, contributor and assistant layout designer for the UNASD quarterly newsletter. **Kevin Shannon** is a junior at SDSU with a major in ISCOR (International Security and Conflict Resolution). He also has a minor in Spanish. Kevin has been working on updating the member list and is taking over the flag rental operations.

UNASD Projects and Office Manager, Retna Shaw, gave birth to her first child, a girl, on February 25. Congratulations to the Shaw family!

## Elementary School Named After Former UNASD Leader

*By Mary McKenzie*

In 2003, Mr. Harry Smith solicited and received the support of UNASD to name a school after his grandmother, Mary Lanyon Fay. These efforts were successful, and the Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School is a reality! In the fall, Jackson Elementary was closed, and the entire student body and faculty were transferred to MLF Elementary.

Mary L. was a long-time member of the San Diego chapter of the American Association for the UN (AAUN), which merged with the U.S. Committee for the UN in 1964 to become the United Nations Association. In 1953, Mary Lanyon Fay was honored with the creation of an annual scholarship fund in her name which gave college students the unique educational opportunity to go as observers to UN Headquarters in New York. Among her numerous volunteer activities for the Chapter, Mrs. Fay served as President in 1959. Mary L. contributed to the San Diego community in other ways as well. She helped organize the San Diego League of Women Voters; served on the San Diego Park and Recreation Commission; and was elected to the San Diego School Board. In 1954, Mrs. Fay was named "Citizen of the Year" by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Teachers Association (now the San Diego Education Association).

UNASD is proud to be a small part of honoring this great world citizen of San Diego. Like UNASD, Mary L. believed that "education is the best weapon for peace." Mary Lanyon Fay passed away in 1974 in Salinas, California. Her life-long contribution to society was summarized best by Betty Pengelly of the League of Women Voters: "Mary Fay was a concerned citizen and she spent her 83 years demonstrating this—her love of people and her belief that life could be improved through active participation of people and with people for the good of their total community, the World."



*Portrait of Mrs. Mary Lanyon Fay*

In 2002, the United Nations established eight daunting goals for the world to accomplish by 2015. They created the Millennium Development Goals Project in the hopes of reversing challenging issues affecting our world today.

Combining the art of design with an aspiration for social change, the United Nations Association San Diego has taken a creative step towards helping accomplish the UN Millennium Project. Graphic designer and UNASD Media and Public Relations Chair, Jeff Sylva, his students at the Art Institute of California, San Diego and photography instructor, Claire Schneider worked together to design a unique and innovative series of eight images, each representing one of the Millennium Development Goals.

Each of these stunning images is framed by a clean design and a single word which encompasses that goal. When all eight images are displayed in order (below), the first letters of each word spell out *possible*. Enquire today about procuring a poster collection or the postcard set of each image. Support the MDGs with your purchase by emailing [una@unasd.org](mailto:una@unasd.org) or calling (619) 233-3970.

Silva hopes that the series will serve as a vehicle for raising awareness of the MDGs throughout San Diego schools, the community and beyond. He strongly believes that through education and unity we can accomplish the goals in full by 2015. The Millennium Development Project strives to bring people from all walks of life together and unite them to a cause that ultimately makes our world a more peaceful place to live. Through one small group's unique, artistic talent more people will be able to render these goals—possible.



## YPIC EVENTS, SPRING 2009

YPIC-San Diego is off to a running start this year with many opportunities for young professionals and members of the local community. Below is a list of our upcoming opportunities - we hope to see you there!

**February 25th, 6:00-8:00:** We are collaborating with the Women's Global Network to host a networking wine tasting at Hacienda de las Rosas, Plaza del Pasado in Old Town San Diego. Included in the wine tasting experience will be appetizers, 5 different wines, and a complimentary Old Town wine glass - all for only \$25. If you are interested in attending please register at <http://www.wgn-global.com/clubportal/EventDisplayNew.cfm>

**March 13th, 7:00-9:30:** It's already time for our 3rd Annual Night of 1000 Dinners to raise funds to clear landmines and assist landmine survivors. This year it's taking place at Hostelling International in Point Loma - 3790 Udall St. San Diego, CA and will include an international "pub quiz"! Please feel free to put together a team of 3-4 people or come on your own and we'll introduce you to some wonderful teammates. The cost is \$5/person or \$15/team if you put together your own team. All of the money will be going to Adopt-a-Minefield. Check out our evite at <http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp> and we hope to see you there!

**April 7th:** In recognition of World Health Day, YPIC is working to coordinate a Superfood Drive. The mission is to provide nutrient-rich superfoods to those who would not otherwise have them, and, as a result, raise awareness in both those donating and those receiving about the benefits of superfoods. We are also posting everything online and hosting a virtual Super-Food Drive so that people all over the world can participate and contribute. Please check out our website at [www.superfood.com](http://www.superfood.com) for more information. More information will be coming soon!

All are welcome to our events and we really hope to see you soon!

- March 26, 2009**      **Member Appreciation Night.** Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room. 6 P.M.
- March 29, 2009**      **UNASD Culture Day and Kids' Workshop (FREE for kids aged 4 - 12)**  
Event includes a FREE Polynesian dance performance and fun activities for the kids!  
  
UN Building, Balboa Park. 1 pm—2:30 pm. Contact Megan to register (moliver@unasd.org) your child today!
- April 19, 2009**      **San Diego Earth Fair.** Balboa Park. 10 am—5 pm. World's LARGEST environmental / Earth Day fair. Vendors, live music, and much more!

## Facebook: Get Connected!

It seems like everyone these days is on Facebook and you may be wondering what it takes to get your own account. Luckily for you, the process is super simple and takes just a few minutes to set up. After you set up your Facebook account, you could be chatting with old friends from high school, co-workers and organizational members in no time! UNASD recognizes that Facebook can also be used as a networking tool to help us get in touch with you on a more personal level! There will also be regular updates on events and happenings in our chapter so you will never miss out. 2009 will be a year of change for all of us, so let us use technology to our advantage and keep up with the times!

**Step 1** Start at the homepage. When you go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), you see a screen that asks you to login or sign up for a free account. Click on "Sign Up," which takes you to an online form.

**Step 2** Fill out the form that asks for your full name, your current status, email address, a password and your birthday. You'll also have to type in a series of letters and numbers for a security check as well as check a box saying that you understand and agree to the terms of use and privacy policy. Click the "Sign up now!" button when you have completed the form.

**Step 3** Wait for your confirmation email. Facebook sends this email to confirm your registration. When you get the email, click on the link in the email to confirm that you did in fact register for a Facebook account. You will then be logged into Facebook.

**Step 4** Search for friends, co-workers and other members. When you first set up a Facebook account, you have the opportunity to search your email address book for possible friends and contacts. Type in your email address and password to do a search, or try searching by school or company.

**Step 5** Search for UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION – SAN DIEGO and join our group!



## Attention All Members!

We have noticed that some of our recent newsletters have been returned with "Unknown Recipients" marks. We don't want our precious members to miss out on all the great happenings at UNASD! So, if you have moved in the past year and these newsletters are being forwarded to you (or if you plan to move within the next quarter) please just take a minute to fill out this form, tear it out, pop it in the mail, and next time our UNASD newsletter will arrive right to your new doorstep!

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