

## UNA-USA East Bay Chapter 2012 Programs

January 22	Annual Meeting (Business/Keynote): <i>Controlling Global Diseases</i> , Donald Francis
February 18	Annual Board/Advisors Retreat
February 23	Dinner-Forum: Human Trafficking: <i>Tougher CA Legislative Needs</i> , Daphne Phong
March 11	International Women's Day: <i>Women's Rights &amp; Combating Human Trafficking</i>
March 20	United Nations, conveying the message in video, at UC International House
March 29	" <i>Children of the Amazon</i> " (film re protecting people, culture, environment), Lafayette
April	Northern California 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inter-generational Model UN, Alameda
May – June	High School Model UN in Oakland and other East Bay Cities.
June 10 – 12	UNA-USA Annual Meeting and Advocacy visits on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.
August	World Humanitarian Day, program
September	14 <sup>th</sup> Run/Walk for Peace
October	UN Flag Raising Ceremonies, annual event at Jack London Square, Oakland
October 21	67 <sup>th</sup> UN Day Celebration Dinner & Global Citizens Awards, MDGs, International House
December	International Human Rights Day programs at East Bay high schools

### **Participation of high-school and college students**

The chapter sponsors many programs for youth throughout the year. The April, May and December programs above include the participation of high school and college students. The International Human Rights Day Programs which, in 2011, included students from Berkeley High, Castlemont High and ..... have been especially successful in providing youth with an introduction and understanding of issues and the role of the UN in helping to achieve goals agreed upon by the international community..

### **Monthly Dinner Forums**

Three years ago we introduced our monthly dinner forums in response to member indication that they desired increased opportunity to discuss current issues related to the UN and the opportunity for additional interaction. These dinners have been very well received regularly attracting 35 to 45 attendees to a variety of outstanding ethnic restaurants in the East Bay. The dinner is followed by a 40 minute presentation and 30 minute discussion.

### **2012 Scheduled/Planned Dinner Forums**

January 11	Indigenous Peoples - Berkeley
February 23	Human Trafficking - Oakland
April	Non-violent Civil Disobedience – Contra Costa County
April	Arab Spring, Occupy, Global Reforms – Alameda County
May	Rio-20 Environment Development Status After UN Meeting in Brazil – tbd
August	UN Humanitarian Day Focus
September	Nuclear Proliferation: Risks and Abuse, Update after UN Meeting in Vienna
December	Human Rights Day Focus

**Additional Dinner Forums will be added with topics to be selected from these and other current issues:** Why Fund the UN; UNESCO & the US; Mid-East Peace and the UN; Weapons, Warfare and the UN; International Understanding, peace and cross-cultural communications; Global Hunger and Poverty, land and water grabs;

### **Advocacy**

The Chapter works throughout the year on current priority advocacy issues. Advocacy Committee members have meetings annually in the local offices of the Senators and Representatives from the East Bay. Then during the UNA-USA National Meeting in Washington, DC, in June, we meet with staffers at their offices on the Hill (If fortunate we meet with the Senators and Representative in person