



# UNA-USA East Bay PROGRAM PLANS 2010 – provisional calendar of activities

## Monthly Dinner-Forum

(see reverse side for upcoming programs)

## International Women's Day

**March 7, Sunday, 3:00**

**Celebration at International House of UCB**

*“Women's Human Rights: Turning Principles into Practice”*

**Speaker: Aileen Hernandez**, human rights and women's rights leader, a founder of **NOW** and its second president. Appointed in 1965 as only woman member of the US's first **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**. Currently chair: **California Women's Agenda (CAWA)**, a state action alliance of 600+ organizations. 2006 honoree of the **National Women's History Project**.

**March 24, Wednesday**

**UNA Dinner-Forum, Prof Malcolm Potts, UCB,**

*“Access to Family Planning Services: Key to Maternal Health and Population Sustainability”*

(see info on reverse side)

## UN International Day of Peace

**September 10**

Community forum/seminar

**September**, weekend morning

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Peace and Peace Festival**, Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley

## UN Day, 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN

**October 23, Saturday**, late morning

**Annual UN Flag Raising Ceremony, Parade of National Flags**, at Jack London Square, Oakland

**October 24, Sunday**

**East Bay Chapter's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner at International House**

*“Food Security and Reducing Global Starvation” (UN's MDG #1)*

Presentation of Chapter's **5<sup>th</sup> Global Citizen Awards** (related to combating hunger)

## International Human Rights Day

**December 10**

School programs, community event

**Also:** Advocacy activities, Center sales and information, youth and school programs and internships, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, High School Essay Contest, promotion/tabling at International House's Spring Festival, Solano Stroll and elsewhere, co-sponsoring other events with partner organizations, fund-raising to support UN organizations actions (Haiti etc)

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## UNA-USA Monthly Dinner Forums Timely World Issues and the United Nations

In May 2009 the UNA-USA East Bay chapter introduced an exciting new series of Dinner Forums. The program has received a wonderful response from UNA members and the community. Between 25 and 40 people attend including a substantial number of non-members, usually filling the space available in local restaurants.

- ✓ *Dinner Forum topics are selected for their current international significance and participants' interests*
- ✓ *Forum focus on a particular country or an issue of global significance usually affecting international cooperation and the United Nations.*
- ✓ *First topics were about Afghanistan, Iran and Zimbabwe, with presentations and animated discussions.*
- ✓ *Recent programs featured excellent presentations about Climate Change and Nuclear Non-Proliferation.*

The upcoming Forums, on one of the last Wednesday's in February, March and April, are listed below. Dinners start at 6:30 pm, discussions finish by 9 pm with at least an hour of interactive Q&A. Cost is \$20 (Students \$10). Space is limited: make advance reservations with Mary Steiner <[me.steiner41@gmail.com](mailto:me.steiner41@gmail.com)> or at 510-269-0144

**Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 pm**

*Traditional Diplomacy—Contribution or Hindrance to  
Peaceful Resolution at the UN and Anywhere*

**Speakers:**

**David C. McGaffey**, career US State Department diplomat,  
teacher and specialist in cross-cultural negotiations

**Stewart Levine**, instructor of negotiations and conflict resolution,  
nationally recognized author, advisor-practitioner

**Location: Everest Café Restaurant, 1645 Solano Ave., Berkeley**

**Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 pm**

*Access to Family Planning Services:*

*Key to Maternal Health and Population Sustainability*

**Speaker: Professor Malcolm Potts**, Obstetrician and Biologist  
Founder, Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability, UC Berkeley

**Wednesday April 28, 6:30 pm**

*Landmines: Human Tragedy in Afghanistan  
The UN Treaty and Global Landmine Ban*

**Speaker: Andrew Lyons**, Vice President (West), HALO Trust USA,  
the world's largest humanitarian landmine clearance organization

**Future topics under consideration:**

- ✓ *The world's refugees, challenge to the UN's High Commission of Refugees*
- ✓ *UN peace-making and peace-keeping, what the UN "can and cannot" do*
- ✓ *The UN in natural disaster emergencies: UNICEF, World Food Program, and others*
- ✓ *Tibet, its history, and what if any role of the UN*

Informal discussion and delicious international foods at local restaurants add enjoyment to each Dinner Forum. Cuisines so far: Afghan, Iranian, Indian, Thai and Indonesian. Past Forums have been held in Berkeley and Oakland; with interest, we will hold Forums elsewhere. We appreciate suggestions on topics and ethnic restaurants. For information or suggestions, contact Mary Steiner or Jerry Weber <[jerconsult@comcast.net](mailto:jerconsult@comcast.net)>.

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