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Membership Growth Awards

The following UNA-USA chapters/divisions achieved an increase of at least 10 percent in their membership between January 2009 and January 2010. Congratulations! Good job!

New York City Chapter
 Detroit Chapter
 Denver Metro Chapter
 Southern Illinois Chapter
 Centre County Chapter

Arnold Goodman Award

The Arnold Goodman Award is presented by the UNA-USA to recognize and encourage outstanding leadership among its chapters and divisions. The award is a tribute to the late Arnold Goodman of Racine, Wisconsin, who, by his example and service as chair of the then Council of Chapter and Division Presidents, set a standard of excellence and commitment to the work of the UNA-USA.

Arnold Goodman served as president of the Wisconsin Division of UNA-USA and chairman of the Governor's Commission on the U.N. His commitment to justice led to service in the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Civil Liberties Union. He was gentle, yet firm in his resolve.

Past Recipients

1981 Judge Sarah Hughes, Dallas TX	1998 Betty Sandford, Monrovia CA
1983 Estelle Linzer, New York NY	1999 Margaret Bruce, Mount Kisco NY
1985 Mary Langford, Pasadena CA	Ruth Steinkraus Cohen, Westport CT
1986 York Langton, Minneapolis MN	2000 Nadine Bell, Dallas TX
1987 Robert Ryan, Daytona Beach FL	Marj Manglitz, Lincoln NE
1988 Nona & Carroll Cannon, San Diego CA	2001 Rosemary van der Laan, Lafayette CA
1989 Dorothy Schramm, Burlington IA	2002 Lee H. Bloom, Larchmont NY

1990 Florence Schott, Washington DC	2003 Sally Kiester, Palo Alto CA
1991 Evelyn Pickarts, Pasadena CA	2004 Patricia DiGiorgio, San Francisco CA
1992 Ann Fouts, East Lansing MI	2005 Jonathan Dean, Washington DC
1993 William Miller, Frankfort KY	2006 Edison Dick, Washington DC
1994 Mary T. Hall, St. Louis MO	Mary Granholm, Mountain View CA
1995 Dorothy Paul, Iowa City IA	2007 Daniel Luu, Sarasota FL
Ved P. Nanda, Denver CO	Dot Baker, Birmingham AL
1996 Shirley Quisenberry, Asheville NC	2008 Pat Arnold, Santa Cruz CA
Andy Rice, Washington DC	Jerry Berke, West Triangle Chapter NC
1997 Daniel Cheever, Boston MA	2009 Irving J. Stolberg, New Haven CT

Arnold Goodman Award 2010

Rev. Richard Harris
Co-President, Pomona Valley Chapter and Vice-President,
Southern California Division



Richard Harris was born in 1925 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. Harris has three graduate degrees and taught for over 40 years in four universities. He served as a pastor in local Congregational churches in Massachusetts; Connecticut; Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; California; and Hawaii.

Harris began his involvement with UNA-USA in Southern California and was Santa Barbara United Nations Association president from 1981 to 1984 and executive director from 1984 to 1988. He was the producer of a weekly Cable TV show on the U.N. for seven years, and served on the Southern California Division Board of Directors.

In Hawaii, Harris taught about the U.N. to Roman Catholic seminarians at St. John’s Seminary, Camarillo. With the Hawaii UNA, he served on the board in Honolulu and worked from 1988-1994 with the University of Hawaii–Hilo faculty, staff & students on U.N. and UNICEF issues. He formed a new UNA Chapter in Hilo.

Harris remains in leadership positions in his current chapter, Pomona Valley UNA, and served as chapter secretary in 1994 and 1998, president for the terms 1995-6 and 2000-2001, and vice-president from 2002 to 2009. He is currently co-president of the chapter.

Harris was UNA-USA Southern California Division secretary from 1994 to 1995, president for the years 1996-97 and 1998-99; and is currently vice-president. He attended the U.N. 40th Anniversary Celebration in New York in 1985 and the U.N. 50th Anniversary in San Francisco in 1995.

Among his many contributions to the UNA-USA, Richard Harris has served UNA chapters and arranged for many U.N. speakers. He coordinated a book of Children's Peace Poetry for the U.N. International Year for the Culture of Peace 2000. He serves as host/producer for a weekly TV show on Claremont Public Access Television.

*We could not ask for a more energetic, loyal
and gifted leader than Rev. Richard Harris*

Global Young Advocate Award

To honor the work that young professionals contribute to the mission of UNA-USA, including the revitalization of the Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) program, UNA-USA inaugurated in 2003 the "UNA-USA Global Young Advocate Award." This award recognizes the commitment of one young adult (under 35) to the goals of the United Nations Charter, either in a volunteer or a professional capacity.

Past Recipients

- 2003 Elizabeth Latham, National Capital Area
- 2004 Fernando Corredor, San Francisco Chapter
- 2005 Sultana Ali, Greater Orlando Chapter and Florida Division
- 2006 Jennifer Vasquez, Greater Miami Chapter
- 2007 David Tuckman, San Fernando Valley Chapter
- 2008 Abdul Bakar, Greater Kansas City Chapter
- 2009 Anastasia Shown, Philadelphia Chapter

Global Young Advocate Award 2010

Latha Nehru



Latha exemplifies the spirit of the United Nations by thinking and acting both globally and locally. Her commitment to poverty reduction and alleviating suffering has helped many in great need and her efforts to further partnerships have strengthened UNA-USA. Latha's creativity, leadership, and passion have been an inspiration in her hometown of Dallas and around the globe.

Latha has participated in Rotary International's polio eradication efforts in India. In late 2010 she will return to India to provide hope and encouragement to slum children. As a certified American Red Cross humanitarian worker, it is clear that Latha will continue helping those in crisis for a long time to come.

In her local community, Latha is active with many organizations including Network of Indian Professionals and ONE. In 2007 she was elected as the youngest UNA Dallas Chapter President ever and has reassumed the chapter Presidency in 2010. Latha's leadership has strengthened UNA-USA's programs as well. She has worked to expand the Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) and has ensured YPIC has had a presence at World Federation of UNAs meetings and conferences.

Latha has been a dedicated volunteer, advocate, teammate, mentor, and friend. We are proud to award her the 2010 Global Young Advocate Award.

UNA-USA National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations

The National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations inspires students to engage on global issues and the work of the UN through scholarship and critical thinking. Each year UNA-USA publishes a topic and question of particular importance to the international community. Students then conduct research and write a response to the question, based not only on the information they have found, but also on their own views and opinion. It is vital to engage high school students in learning about the United Nations' role, especially as it becomes ever more apparent that all people must think of themselves as citizens not only of a particular town or country, but of the world as well.

The 2010 National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations focused on Millennium Development Goal Eight, and asked students to tackle the challenge of promoting development through international partnership. The theme of this year's contest was "A Global Partnership for Development." Students wrote letters to the President of the United States answering the questions:

1. How can the U.S. build an international system that promotes good governance, development, and poverty reduction?

2. How can the U.S. promote sustainable development and economic growth in developing countries?

This year's contest yielded 22 semifinalists and the top three national winners are:

First Place: Huong-Kathy Pham (San Jose, California)

Second Place: Vijay Menon (Saratoga, California)

Third Place: Nicole Chi (Scarsdale, New York)

As in years past, UNA-USA chapter leaders and staff faced the difficult task of choosing between hundreds of inspiring and thoughtful submissions by talented high-school students from across the country. Thanks to all who submitted essays, and congratulations to our winners.

UNA-USA National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations Winner 2010

Kathy Pham



Kathy Pham is a junior at Andrew P. Hill High School in San Jose, California, where she is pursuing an International Baccalaureate Diploma. Kathy volunteers for the Red Cross and participates in Model UN, and she particularly enjoys the Model UN Conference committee simulations. After learning about the United Nations diplomatic structure, she was inspired to participate in the UNA-USA National High School Essay Contest.

In addition to Kathy's school work, she distributes first-aid kits to teachers and hosts monthly book sales at her local library. She is committed to web design and writing and handles the HTML coding for Mochi Magazine. Kathy enjoys community service and hopes to continue her volunteer work in the future.