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**Special Summer
Luncheon and Plenary**

August 11, 2007

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**“Sister Cities: Promoting Peace
through Citizen Diplomacy”**

Featuring

**Douglas Berry,
President, Sister Cities of Nashville**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
3201 Hillsboro Pike • Nashville • TN • 37215**

Reception - 11:30 AM -12:00 Noon

Lunch – 12:00

Program – 12:30

Reservation Required

Please note that the United Nations Association has to pay the caterer based on the number of reservations. Those who make a reservation and do not show up will be asked to make a donation to the chapter to cover the cost.

Call the UNA-USA office at (615) 321-1200
by Wednesday, August 8
(Vegetarian plates available)

Cost: \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students
(Scholarships available)

Sister Cities of Nashville is an active volunteer organization connecting Nashvillians with friends around the world through cultural exchange and community partnership. It is a chapter of Sister Cities International, which developed from a program begun in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to promote international goodwill through citizen diplomacy.

Nashville's official sister cities are Belfast, Northern Ireland; Caen, France; Edmonton, Canada; and Magdeburg Germany. They are also developing partnerships with cities in other countries, including Turkey, Argentina, South Korea, Italy, and Spain.

Sister Cities of Nashville was incorporated in 1990 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation.

President's Corner

I hope that everyone is having a great summer and finding a time to take at least a little break from the routine. The UNA Board has been busy planning some wonderful opportunities for our members and our community.

We're very pleased that Doug Berry, President of Sister Cities of Nashville will be joining us for our Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 11. He will be speaking on "Promoting Peace through Citizen Diplomacy", certainly a relevant topic in this day and age.

We also have some articles that hopefully will interest you and perhaps spur you to action. If you haven't done so recently, take time to explore both the UNA-USA website, www.unausa.org, and the Nashville Chapter's website, www.una-nashville.org. While you're visiting our site, take time to join our chapter if you're not already a member.

Have a great rest of the summer, and I hope to see you at the Summer Luncheon August 11!

Best Wishes,

John Miglietta

It's Time for the Law of the Sea Treaty

Joe Sills, UNA Nashville Chapter,
Government Relations Co-Chair

The international treaty which creates a legal regime for the earth's oceans and seas - the Convention of the Law of the Sea - has been ratified by 155 nations, but (surprise!) not by the United States. President Bush, however, (second surprise!) has asked the Senate to give its advice and consent to the treaty. (The Clinton administration had also called for ratification.) Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Richard Lugar, former chairman and ranking minority member, strongly support the treaty, as do the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and especially the U.S. Navy. **Tennessee Senator Bob Corker** is a member of the **Foreign Relations Committee**, which will initially consider the treaty.

What does the treaty do? It sets standards for numerous maritime issues, including:

- civil and military navigation
- protection of coasts and the maritime environment, including
 - control of pollution
 - rights to resources in the sea and on and below the seabed
 - maritime scientific research

The basis of the treaty is that all problems of ocean space are closely related and need to be addressed as a whole. Thus, the treaty in a single comprehensive instrument codifies traditional rules for the use of oceans and develops new rules on emerging concerns. Its key provisions are:

- Twelve nautical miles as the limit of a nation's territorial seas
- Coastal nations' jurisdiction over an "exclusive economic zone" up to a limit of 200 nautical miles
- Their jurisdiction of resources of the continental shelf extending beyond the limits of that zone
- Right of innocent passage through the territorial sea and right of transit passage through narrow straits used for international navigation

The resource provisions are extremely favorable to the United States, with its long coastlines. The guarantee of navigational rights is the major reason the U.S. Navy, which relies on full freedom of navigation on the seas, is supportive of the treaty.

Who opposes a treaty which is so clearly in our national interest? First, of course, there are those who oppose any international agreement as a limit on U.S. sovereignty. The fact that the Bush administration supports the treaty should silence all but the most paranoid of these unilateralists. A few on the far right are misrepresenting the treaty by asserting that it calls for UN taxation (there is no such language in the text) and for UN control of the seas (the treaty actually creates an International Seabed Authority, made up of those nations who have ratified the treaty, for management).

The Senate should, after appropriate consideration, approve the Law of the Sea Treaty. Senator Corker has consistently supported President Bush. I trust he will continue to do so on this treaty, which will further U.S. national interests and security, and which creates a fair and comprehensive international regime for the seas.

Additional information about the Law of the Sea Treaty, can be found at the following sites:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_overview_convention.htm

<http://www.state.gov/s/d/2007/86345.htm>

You may contact Senator Corker to voice your support for the Treaty at:

The Honorable Robert Corker
185 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON DC 20510
(202) 224-3344
<http://corker.senate.gov/Contact/index.cfm>

UNA-USA E-Action Network – “Take Action”

UNA-USA uses the E-Action Network to alert members and other UN supporters via e-mail when action is needed on important UN issues. The E-Action Network allows users to "take action" quickly and easily by providing them with a sample letter which they can personalize and send to their elected officials by fax or regular mail.

Current Action Center issues:

[Support the Treaty for the Rights of Women!](#)

The United States stands nearly alone in its failure to ratify the UN Treaty for the Rights of Women (CEDAW). Take a minute to help strengthen US international leadership in the fight to end discrimination and violence against women.

[Help Ensure US Participation in Global Climate Change Negotiations!](#)

The Senate is soon expected to consider a resolution calling for the United States to return to international negotiations on climate change. Help restore essential US leadership on the crisis of global warming by urging your Senators to support this bipartisan resolution - S. Res. 30.

[Remind Congress: UN Peacekeeping Works](#)

The United States continues to approve new peacekeeping missions at the United Nations in New York while failing in Washington to pay our share of the costs. Congress needs to be reminded of the contributions of UN peacekeeping to providing a safer, more secure world. You can help by urging your House member to cosponsor H. Res. 489, commemorating the work of UN peacekeepers.

To join the E-Action Network, visit the UNA-USA website at

<http://www.unausa.org/site/apps/ka/ct/contactus.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=1633303&en=gfLGLSOyH5JKJ4OvE5LPKXNrH7KELTPAIIIXIaI>

“Take Action!”

The Model United Nations Program at Tennessee State University

The Tennessee State University International Affairs Society has competed for the last seven years at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. The NMUN is one of the largest Model UN conferences in the world. It features over 3,000 delegates from all over the world. Students have the opportunity to learn about international issues, how international organizations function, as well as learning about the nations they are representing. TSU has represented the following countries over the years:

- Eritrea
- Libya
- Colombia
- Kazakhstan
- The Republic of Malta
- The Solomon Islands
- The Republic of Sudan

In addition to attending meetings with their fellow delegates students are also able to visit the missions of the countries they are representing. At these meetings students are able to ask questions and learn more about the issues facing their respective countries. Tennessee State University students have learned a great deal from their participation at the National Model UN. The students are eagerly awaiting next year's conference which will take place in April 2008. If you are interested in learning more about the Model UN program at TSU, contact Dr. John Miglietta. jmiglietta@tnstate.edu, 963-5515 jmiglietta@tnstate.edu.



UN Association Seminars
(Formerly UNA Brown Bag Luncheon)

Please note the new time for these interesting and informative foreign affairs seminars, another educational service of your Nashville Chapter, UNA-USA:

September 20, 2007

"The United Nations Millennium Development Goals: What they are and what we can do about them" - Mary Pat Silveira, recently retired Chief of Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations

October 18, 2007

TBA

All Seminars are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. South, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Parking is available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18th Ave.

Beginning with the November Seminars, location and time will be changing. Please check our website, www.una-nashville.org for the latest information.

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Please be sure and renew your membership when it comes due, or consider joining the UNA if you haven't already. You can join at our website, <http://www.una-nashville.org>, or contact our office at 615-321-1200 and we'll send you a brochure. Our main sources of income are a portion of each member's dues, and annual contributions from our members and friends.

As always, we welcome donations any time throughout the year. Please send your contribution directly to the UNA, P.O. Box 121745, Nashville, TN 37212. Do not send a gift for our Nashville Chapter with your dues to New York. Thanks to everyone who is supporting us in this way.

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