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## Annual Summer Lunch and Program

### "INTERNATIONAL NASHVILLE: A GLOBAL COMMUNITY"

#### Hear About the Work of Local Organizations with the International Community

#### Featuring a Panel of Four Speakers:

**Sarah Russ**  
**Nashville International Center for Empowerment**

**Nerissa Aquino**  
**Nashville CARES**

**Susanne Bennett**  
**Tennessee Justice Center**

**Jack Willey**  
**The Worker's Dignity Project**

**Saturday, August 27, 2011**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Community Center  
Belmont United Methodist Church  
21st Avenue South at Acklen in  
Hillsboro Village

Reception 11:00 a.m.  
Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.  
Musical Program: 12:15 p.m.  
Panel & Discussion: 12:30

**Reservation Required**  
Call (615) 870-8446 or email [unausa-event@usa.net](mailto:unausa-event@usa.net)  
by noon, **Friday, August 19, 2011**

Cost: \$15.00 (Box lunches by Deborah West Catering)  
Please specify if vegetarian dinner is preferred

*After August 19, persons who cancel must pay dinner costs.  
Program only is free.*

#### Original Myles Maillie UN tee shirts

Nationally acclaimed Nashville artist Myles Maillie, son of past Nashville UNA president Donald M. Maillie, designed tee shirts for our Chapter in 1988 and 1991. We have brought back the 1988 version and plan to have them on sale at the Summer Lunch.

## President's Corner

Our membership has been growing as we seek to engage a broader community of people at all age levels that supports the UN. In response, we most recently established a Young Professionals Group, we have entered into an affiliation with the new MTSU Student Alliance, and we look forward to similar relationships with other universities. (See stories below)

This month's Summer Luncheon brings together speakers from four local organizations that provide essential services to Middle Tennessee's international population. This is another example of how our neighbors help to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals.

We will celebrate UN Day with a very special afternoon event in a very special venue: the Parthenon in Centennial Park. The theme will be "GirlUp," a campaign that works to end child marriage, provide education and open up a multitude of opportunities to adolescent girls worldwide.

Tennesseans who have contributed extensively to the realization of human rights will be honored on International Human Rights Day in December. This program is a joint production of our chapter, the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, Metro Human Relations Commission, Scarritt Bennett and many others.

Finally, our seminar series resumes next month in the Green Hills Library, with Professor Frank Parker, an expert in nuclear energy and nuclear waste storage.

Please join us for all of these wonderful events. [Reserve your place for the Summer Lunch today!](#) If you wish, you can reserve an entire table of eight for your friends at a cost of only \$120.

For more details on the Summer Lunch and all other events and activities, check out our new web site - <http://www.una-nashville.org/>. And, while you are on the Internet, join our Facebook Page, too!

Mary Pat Silveira, President  
Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter, Tennessee

## Upcoming Events

Summer Lunch: International Nashville  
August 27, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Community Center, Belmont United Methodist Church

First Fall Seminar: Professor Frank Parker  
September 15: 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Green Hills Public Library

UN Day Celebration: GirlUp!  
October 23, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Parthenon, Centennial Park

Human Rights Day  
December 8  
(time and venue to be determined)

## Meet Our Speakers

Sara Russ is Assistant Education Coordinator at the Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE), which was established in 2005 by a group of Sudanese refugee men and women who desired to help other refugees and immigrants living in Middle Tennessee. Since its founding, NICE has expanded to serve people from 43 different countries living in the Nashville area, offering instruction in English and other services that facilitate their readiness for employment.

Before joining NICE, Ms. Russ worked closely with refugees in her home state of Minnesota and, as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer.

Nerissa Aquino began working at Nashville CARES in 2006 and is currently an Early Intervention Services Specialist. Nashville CARES, established in 1985, is the leading non-profit organization that provides HIV Prevention Education and support to those living with HIV and affected by HIV in Middle Tennessee.

Ms. Aquino, whose parents immigrated from the Philippines, served an internship in Ghana, worked as an Americorps member in Portland, Oregon, and as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Central Pacific Island of Kiribati.

Susanne Bennett joined the Tennessee Justice Center in 2008 to challenge the systemic barriers to health care for foster children. She is also working to educate immigrant families about their health care options, using the Spanish that she learned as a student in Argentina and the community organization skills she honed during two years with the Peace Corps in Togo.

Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) works for justice for the state's vulnerable populations through the courts, in administrative proceedings and before legislative bodies. Organized by members of the Tennessee Bar Association in 1996, its current focus is on access to health care and the impact of health care reform on Tennessee.

Jack Willey is a high school Spanish teacher and the project coordinator of the Workers' Dignity Project, an organization that empowers low-wage Latino workers to recover stolen wages from unscrupulous employers in Middle Tennessee.

Since the project's founding in April 2010, Mr. Willey has helped coordinate direct-action campaigns and legal efforts that have won \$21,000 in back wages. He has also co-directed monthly workshops that have so far educated 150 Latino workers about their labor rights and effective strategies for improving conditions of labor in their workplaces.

## South Sudan: Newest UN Member

The Republic of South Sudan was admitted as the 193rd Member of the United Nations on July 14, 2011, by a General Assembly Resolution adopted by acclamation upon the recommendation of the Security Council. It is the first country to join the UN since Montenegro in 2006.

Although it is oil rich, it is one of the least developed areas of the world. Only 16% of its women can read and write, and there are very few paved roads in a country larger than Spain and Portugal combined.

South Sudan's independence follows decades of conflict with the north in which some 1.5 million people died.

## Nashville Chapter Attends 2011 Annual Meeting

With a robust agenda to discuss American support for the UN and how best to engage the American people in the work of the UN, the UNA-USA convened in the nation's capitol June 12-14. The UNA-USA meetings were the first since joining the UN Foundation family.

On Tuesday, June 14, the meetings took place on Capitol Hill, with a luncheon featuring Rep. Russ Carnahan. UNA-USA members spent the day meeting with their Members of Congress to advocate for key policy issues on the Congressional agenda that impact on the UN.

In addition to a keynote address from UN Foundation President Timothy E. Wirth, the Annual Meeting featured a series of speakers including UN Foundation CEO Kathy Calvin, Chair of the UNA-USA Strategy Council Ambassador Thomas Pickering, past head of the UN Population Fund Dr. Nafis Sadik and US Ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice.

In a formal ceremony, Chapter presidents signed the Affiliation Agreement between UNA-USA and the UN Foundation. Several topic-specific workshops were organized, and regional groups took advantage of the time together to meet separately. The Nashville Chapter is a member of the Southeast Region, along with Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North and South Carolina.

Nashville Chapter president Mary Pat Silveira participated on behalf of the Chapter.

## Join Our New Young Professionals Group

The Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter has started a Young Professionals Group for members between the ages of 21 and 40 (more or less). The Group's first activity was a field trip to the Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Park in Brydstown, on August 6, and more events are being planned.

The Group provides an exciting opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals and gives young adults to all backgrounds a unique forum in which to learn about current international issues, the UN and the work of UNA-USA. It is also an opportunity to have fun!

Join us! Call (615) 870-8446 or email [unausa-event@usa.net](mailto:unausa-event@usa.net)

Visit us on the web, at <http://www.una-nashville.org> for more information.

## MTSU Starts Student Alliance Group

A group of students studying political science and international relations at Middle Tennessee State University is in the process of organizing a UNA-USA Student Alliance Group that will be affiliated with the Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter. Students Jason Richard Davis and Mandy Davis, with Professor George Vernardakis as faculty advisor, are spearheading these efforts.

If you are currently at another educational institution -- including middle school, high school and university -- and would like to establish a Student Alliance Group, please call (615) 870-8446 or email [unausa-event@usa.net](mailto:unausa-event@usa.net). More information on the Student Alliance Program is on our web site, at, <http://www.una-nashville.org>.

## General Assembly Sees Youth as Agents of Change

Representatives of over 400 youth groups converged on the UN in New York on July 25 as the General Assembly kicked off a high-level meeting devoted to tackling the challenges facing youth and exploring their potential to bring about change in their societies and in the world at large. Many hundreds more participated via Twitter and Facebook.

The two-day meeting is among the events to mark the International Year of Youth, which comes to a close on International Youth Day, August 12.

"The Facebook generation is showing a growing resolve to change our world -- and a capacity to make things happen," noted the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. "They are bringing their energy and courage to some of the most difficult issues we face." "Failing to invest in our youth is a false economy," he stated.

## In Memoriam: Charles F. Delzell

Charles F. Delzell died in Santa Fe, N. M. on March 28, 2011 at the age of 91. Charles was a long-time and active member of our chapter while he was Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. He was a leading expert on modern Italian political history, particularly the Italian Resistance to Fascism, and received prestigious awards for his 1961 book "Mussolini's Enemies: The Italian Anti-Fascist Resistance". In 1970 Charles was named the Harvie Branscomb Distinguished Professor of History at Vanderbilt. For several years he chaired the Department of History, and received the Thomas Jefferson Award for Distinguished Service in 1985. Charles taught history at Vanderbilt from 1952 to 1989, when he became Professor Emeritus. He also taught during the early years of Vanderbilt's Retirement Learning Program.

He and his wife Eugenia (Gena) Robertson Delzell moved to Santa Fe in 1998 to be close to two of their three children in New Mexico, and lived there until his death. Our UNA member Andrea Maneschi has found recollections of Charles and is particularly indebted to him as the person who first made him aware of our Nashville Chapter and induced him to join it. In the Christmas cards Andrea used to receive from Santa Fe, Charles invariably asked for news of our Chapter. Our members are saddened by Charles's death and grateful for his many contributions to our Chapter.

## Membership Update

The Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter is happy to welcome new members Klint Alexander, Thomas Bednar, Ms. Bernie Berenson, Darrell Bouldin, Will Carpenter, Eben Cathey, Rudrani Devi, Sahara Donaldson, Peggy Dughman, Jason Emert, Lillian Granberry, Jerry Harder, Jan Hartman, Lydia Herbison, Judge William Higgins, Greg Hinote, Charlene & Mike Hosey, Susan Jellissen, Althea Kelly, Hana Khan, Dalton Lauderback, Francis Lloyd, Robert McFarland, Carter Moody, James Perry, Robert Peterson, Amos Powers, Mark Rhodes, Patrick Ryan, Rebecca Scarpati, Alix Sharp, Caitlyn Shelton, Shirley Sims-Saldana, Suha Ahmad-Alsyoufi, Kody Teaford and Jessica Ziegler.

**New member welcome calls:** The Membership Team at the national UNA-USA office is organizing these calls on the second Tuesday of alternate months to discuss chapter activity across the country, current advocacy work and other issues of interest to all. The next call is scheduled for September 13.

## Your Support is Appreciated!

Please renew your membership when it comes due, or consider joining the UNA if you have not yet done so. We also welcome your contribution in any amount. All funds provided UNA-USA are tax deductible.

You can join at our website by going to <http://www.una-nashville.org/contact.html>.

You may also contact our office at (615) 870-8446 and we will send you a brochure. Our main sources of income are a portion of members' dues, and contributions from our members and friends.