

### JOIN US

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF UNA-USA

**WHERE:** CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH  
301 E DRAKE RD, FORT COLLINS

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 11:30 A.M.

#### OUR PROGRAM IS THE

#### KICK-OFF FOR UNA-NOCO'S ADOPT-A-FUTURE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN



UNA-USA, in tandem with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), is working to prevent a lost generation by giving refugee children the education they need to build a better future. UNA-

NoCO and UNA-Denver are raising funds for the Kakuma School in Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya.

#### Our Guest Speaker is Mohamed Abdi Sanweyne

Mohamed was born in Somalia. His family fled from there in 1991 because of the civil war. They lived in the refugee camp in Kenya for 16 years before being resettled in the United States. Mohamed trained as a medical carrier and now works with Lutheran Family Services as a Refugee Case Manager.

#### Potluck Luncheon

We are trying something new this year--a POTLUCK luncheon. Bring a dish to share--and if you have an international dish--that is even better. Or, if you are like some of us who don't like to cook, bring \$5.00 (a person) to cover our costs and to support the Kakuma school.

**PLEASE RSVP by 22 February to Bob Jeffrey at** [Jeffrey2co@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffrey2co@gmail.com) **or** (970) 443-2428.

**Be sure to say HOW MANY PEOPLE are coming and WHAT KIND OF DISH you plan to bring (main dish, side dish, or dessert).**

#### Our schedule has also changed:

11:30 -- Welcome
12:00 -- Potluck lunch
1:00 -- Speaker
2:00 -- Business meeting
2:30 -- Adjourn

**BRING A  
FRIEND**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This has been a couple of very busy weeks for all UNA members and our staff in DC. There are very real threats to the long time US support for the UN. Our lobbyists at the Better World Fund have kept us informed on the situation and suggested action. I have sent many of these messages on to you. I do hope that you responded to our calls for action. As I stated at the time of these requests, "We are the only group in the country dedicated to advocating for the UN and thus we have a great responsibility to speak out." On page 3, you will find some facts about *US Funding for UN* that I hope will keep you informed enough to take action when called upon. The national UNA office has enhanced their web page to help with these questions also (See <http://unausa.org/united-nations> ).

**Congratulations** to Loretta Scott, a UNA member in Greeley, for developing a *Proclamation Supporting CEDAW* (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and Children) to go into the Greeley records as a first step in bringing a Resolution on CEDAW to the Greeley City Council. The Greeley Zonta and Business and Professional Women's Clubs are helping with this. Good work, Loretta! Now we need to do the same thing here in Fort Collins!

**Our Annual Meeting on 25 February** promises to be very interesting. It is the official 'kick-off' for our UNA Adopt-a-Future project. We are adopting the Kakuma School in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. We will be describing the UNA Adopt-a-Future Campaign, which supports the UNHCR by raising funds to support schools in refugee camps. Our featured speaker is Mohamed Abdi Sanweyne, a Somali refugee who lived in the camp for sixteen years before immigrating to the United States. We hope to raise funds at this event toward our commitment to send \$3,000 to UNHCR to support this school, **so bring your checkbook!!** UNA member and potter, Susan Solick, will have some of her work available with all proceeds going to the Kakuma School.

We are trying something different this year. We are having a pot luck lunch which should free us up to make a nice donation to the Kakuma School. So bring a dish -- let us know if it's a side dish, main dish or dessert when you RSVP so we can fill in the gaps. If potlucks are not your thing, please make a \$5 donation (per person) toward additional food we will purchase. Watch for the invitation coming soon.

Also, at the Annual Meeting, we will be conducting the business necessary to run our Chapter for the next year.

Please do come and be prepared to give us your ideas on how to improve our Chapter and what you would like to focus on. We are anxious to find out what program themes and activities you would like to have in 2017.

Pages 4-9 of this newsletter contain the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, the 2016 Treasury Report, 2016 Annual Committee Reports, and the Nominating Committee's slate of Board Members and Officers. Please review in advance of the meeting. **ALSO**, if you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please give me a call – we are always happy to welcome new members!!

Finally, I will be stepping down as president of our Northern Colorado UNA Chapter at our Annual Meeting. I have enjoyed being president of this wonderful group. The work is rewarding, interesting and challenging. I will still be on the Board. I will also continue as Chair of the Membership Committee and hope to improve my efforts there. I welcome everyone to help with this.

Bob Jeffrey will be our new president. Bob has a nearly full time job and will need help from us all to keep our organization running smoothly. Please do step forward to help out even if not called upon – it's called VOLUNTEERING :-). Bob, thank you for taking on this role. We wish you luck!

Peace,

*Eleanor Dwight, President  
UNA/USA Northern Colorado*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**UNA NoCO 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING.** Saturday, 25 February, 11:30 am, Christ Methodist Church, 301 E. Drake Rd, Fort Collins. Kick-Off for our Adopt-A-School campaign. See announcement on page 1.

**BOARD MEMBERS POT LUCK.** Monday, 6 March. Time and location TBD. Welcome to new Board Members and their partners.

## ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

### DEMOCRATIZE ADVOCACY IV

This month there is one overriding issue to address, Senate Bill 107. As Eleanor's e-mail of 14 January stated, that bill would defund the US contribution to the UN, covering both the general budget and peacekeeping efforts. Since our country contributes 22% of the general budget and more than that to peacekeeping, passage of that bill would cripple vital UN work and alienate our country from most other UN members. So, if you haven't already done so, **please call, write or e-mail** Senators Bennett and Gardner to urge a vote against S.B. 107. See attached box for addresses/numbers. **If you have never before contacted a congressperson for the UN, this is the time!**

*Dick Rush*

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

For several years now, our committee's main function has been the conducting of school contests, essays at the high school level, writing for middle schools and art for elementary school students. As previously reported, last fall was a no exception, and planning for next year's contests will be done later this spring.

With our chapter board's approval, we are now taking on a new responsibility, to educate our membership on vital issues of the day. We will try to do that by presenting programs throughout the year, and to start off we'd like to ask your help. What topics would you be interested in learning more about? At our Annual Meeting on February 25th, we will ask you to tell us by providing written comments about topics and people we might want to consult. Then we'll cull the responses and set up a program schedule to the best of our abilities and of available resources. The first step has been taken. The next step lies with you, so please consider and let us know your ideas on the 25th or e-mail Dick Rush at [crush@frii.com](mailto:crush@frii.com) if that is a better choice for you.

*Dick Rush, Education Co Chair*

*Recently several UNA members have submitted articles about their UN-related experiences, which have been well-received by our readers. If you have an UN-related story to share, or a UN cause you would like to highlight, please send it to Susan Solick at [sudisolick@gmail.com](mailto:sudisolick@gmail.com). Please put **UNA NEWS** in the subject line.*

*Susan Solick, Newsletter Editor*

## CLIMATE CHANGE

The Earth's climate has changed many times since our home planet has been in existence. However, the most pressing environmental issue of the 21st century is global climate change due to increased levels of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the Earth's atmosphere caused by human activities. The primary causes of these increases are burning of fossil fuels; coal and oil, to support industry and provide energy, and deforestation and the accompanying land use change.

Levels of GHGs have increased at alarming levels. Prior to 1950, these levels have been either at or below 310 parts per million (ppm) for at least 400,000 years. Since 1950, GHG levels have exceeded 310 ppm and in 2016 reached 400 ppm.

Effects of climate change have been underway at least since the 1950's. These include rising temperatures, rising sea levels, warming oceans, shrinking ice sheets, retreating glaciers, extreme weather events, acidification of oceans and decreased snow cover. Global temperatures for November 2016 and for each of the preceding 14 months have been at record highs.

Can anything be done about human-caused climate change? Two approaches are recognized. One is to adapt to changing conditions such as altering agricultural practices to accommodate changing conditions or to move human settlements inland as ocean levels rise. The other is to mitigate climate change via reducing our dependence on fossil fuels by developing alternative energy sources such as wind and solar. In addition, because trees and forests, via photosynthesis, remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in woody tissue, increasing forest cover and managing the world's forests can reduce levels of GHGs in the atmosphere.

The UN has been proactive in calling attention to global climate change. In 1988, the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) chartered the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). IPCC provides the world with a clear scientific view on climate change and its environmental and socio-economic impacts. Thousands of scientists contribute to the work of the IPCC, which issues periodic assessments of the state of knowledge of climate change. The most recent assessment was released in 2013 and 2014. In addition, in 1992 the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was chartered at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Under this framework, a number of agreements have been developed that commit signatory countries to reduce carbon emissions. The most recent was the Paris Agreement of December 2015. To date, 193 countries have signed this agreement and 115 have ratified it.

Unfortunately not everyone agrees that climate change is real. Representatives of the coal and oil industries, who feel threatened by climate change initiatives, deny that the issue is real. Moreover, a leading US politician has

referred to climate change as a "hoax" and could reverse initiatives currently underway to reduce GHGs.

Can the present trend of increasing GHGs in the Earth's atmosphere be reversed? The answer is a qualified "maybe." With increasing levels of human population and increased standards of living in third world countries, resulting in greater demands for food and energy, climate change skeptics and uncertainties associated with development of alternative energy sources, the challenges are many and complex.

William M. Ciesla

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## US FUNDING OF THE UN

The events of the past month have made me even more aware of the need for our UNA to exist.

Senators Lindsey Graham and Ted Cruz introduced a bill to completely defund the UN unless it reverses the vote regarding settlements in Palestine. This bill will eliminate the U.S. participation in the UN weakening America's ability to achieve vital economic foreign policy and national security goals. Because the US provides significant funding to the UN's humanitarian assistance network, vital programs will be slashed, including the World Food Program, UNICEF, UNHCR, and UN peacekeeping missions, among many others. Instead, I link you here to a very good article in the New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/25/us/politics/united-nations-trump-administration.html>

In addition to the above, President Trump is establishing a committee to review *U.S. Support for the UN* and other international organizations. The end goal appears to be reducing voluntary contributions to international organizations by 40%. That would include family planning programs and "mandated US contributions" (i.e., the legal obligation of membership).

Something to keep in mind when we write our officials: One percent of the federal budget goes toward both bilateral and multilateral foreign aid--an exceedingly small portion of the federal budget.

The US does pay the largest share (22%) of the UN *Regular Budget*. Dues are based on a formula taking into account the size of a country's economy and its per capita income. Based on those criteria, the US is actually underpaying. ***It is the only developed country not subject to the normal formula.*** Other countries are larger donors to individual agencies and programs. (For example, Japan contributes \$355 million to UN Development Program; the US contributes \$266 million). Other donor nations find US complaints of "burdensome" contributions difficult to swallow.

Being in good financial standing facilitates US diplomacy at the UN. Top donors tend to get seats on UN governing bodies. If we are not there, cooperation in fighting terrorism will be much more difficult. Rising powers such as China can step in where the US has ceded influence.

Eleanor Dwight



*The following pages contain the minutes from the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, held 20 February 2016, the 2016 Treasurer's Report (and 2017 Budget), the 2016 Annual Committee Reports, and the Nominating Committee's slate of Board Members and Officers for 2017. Please review in advance of the 2017 Annual Meeting.*

## **2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

### **12TH ANNUAL MEETING NORTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION 20 FEBRUARY 2016 PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, FORT COLLINS**

President Eleanor Dwight called the 12th annual meeting to order at 11:05. A quorum (37) was present. Eleanor welcomed everyone and explained that the minutes of the 11th Annual Meeting, 2015 Treasurer's Report, 2015 Annual Committee Reports, and the 2016 Slate of Officers and Board Members had been posted for review in the UNA NoCO Newsletter on 5 February and copies of all reports were available for review on each table.

**11th Annual Meeting Minutes.** Eleanor explained our practice of having two volunteers review the minutes after the meeting for corrections rather than wait until the next annual meeting. Last year's volunteers were Bill Ciesla and Eleanor Dwight. Eleanor asked if there was any discussion on the minutes. There was none. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the 11th Annual Meeting minutes as written. Mary Kay Gardner and Eleanor Dwight volunteered to review the minutes this year.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Don Heyse walked us through the 2015 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Proposed Budget, copies of which were available on the tables. The bank balance as of 31 December, 2015 was \$2201.22. Don drew our attention to the negative balance in the Final Essay Fund. The Essay and Art contests are funded solely by individual donations. It has been our practice to solicit donations at the Annual Meeting (a donation basket is located on the sign-in table). Don explained that thus far we have not needed to 'dip into' our regular account to supplement the Essay Fund but it was a possibility.

Heidi Nash Cross, who is catering our luncheon, came forward and donated her reimbursement to the Essay Fund. She challenged all attendees to 'match' her donation and add a few dollars to the donation basket on the sign-in table.

Don explained a new item on the budget: Member Travel Subsidy. Attending the National UNA Convention is beneficial to both the individual attending and to our organization. The travel subsidy is intended to help defray costs of one member every other year. Beginning in 2015, \$250 has been budgeted each year for this trip with the understanding that every other year (even years) someone will receive \$500 to go to the convention. Eleanor asked that anyone wishing to apply for this stipend should let her know.

With no other questions or comments on the proposed budget, it was moved and seconded and passed to accept the 2015 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Proposed Budget.

**Nominating Committee Report.** The Nominating Committee consisted of Bob Jeffrey, Eleanor Dwight, and Marty Tharp. Eleanor reported on the committee's work and Bob Jeffrey announced the Nominating Committee's slate and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Nominating Committee's Report. Eleanor then asked for a vote on the Slate. The Slate passed unanimously.

The 2016 Board Members are:

Eleanor Dwight, President  
Robert Jeffrey, President Elect  
Elissa Tivona, Vice President  
Susan Solick, Secretary  
Don Heyse, Treasurer

Ed Archer  
Glenn Blanc  
Thaddaeus Chambers\*  
Heidi Nash Cross  
Christinia Eala  
Kelsey Easton\*  
Debbie Hamilton

Norm Illsley  
Gretchen Johnson\*  
Daniel Owen  
Dick Rush  
Namuyaba Temaju  
Bill Timpson  
\*new members

**U.N. in the News.** Our custom to begin every meeting with a brief discussion of U.N. in the news. Eleanor apologized for forgetting to do this earlier and asked if anyone had any news to report.

Bill Ciesla reported that the U.N. Secretary General's term ends this year and four candidates have been announced: Irina Bokova current UNESCO Director General, from Bulgaria; Vesna Pusic, Deputy Speaker of Croatian Parliament; Srgjan Kerim, Former President of U.N. General Assembly, from Macedonia; Danilo Turk, Former President of Slovenia; Igor Luksix, Foreign Minister of Montenegro; Natalia Gherman, Former Minister of

Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova. This is the first time in their history that women have been nominated.

Margaret Smith reported that UNHCR is the 2016 winner of Arab American Institute's Kahlil Gibran Spirit of Humanity Award for their work with Syrian refugees. She reminded us that UNHCR is a very worthy organization and could still use donations for Syria.

**Membership Committee Report.** Eleanor Dwight serves as Membership Chair. She reported that we have approximately 80 members. This is down from 2014; however, part of the reduction is because many of our GenUN student members did not renew their membership. She encourages each of us take a few of the UNA membership flyers and invite a friend to one of our programs. The National UNA has raised dues for the first time in many years. Regular membership is now \$50 a year. She reminds us that half of this comes back to our own chapter. Eleanor would like to have more people helping with Membership. Pat Ciesla has done tremendous work, particularly on the technical side, especially with the Membership Booklets, but it would be great to have additional helpers. Please see Eleanor if you would like to volunteer.

**Advocacy Committee Report.** Eleanor gave the report for Chairman Ed Archer, who is out of the country. Other members of the committee are Bill Ciesla and Daniel Owen. Eleanor reported that the committee collaborated with Denver and Boulder UNA Chapters in lobbying our representatives to support funding for UN Peacekeeping, support USA payment of UN dues, and encourage USA approval of the climate change resolutions in Paris meeting on Climate Change. The committee also sent letters to our Congresspersons thanking them for voting for full funding of the UN and the UN Peacekeepers and signed a letter to President Obama along with 30 other organizations asking him to tackle the root causes of the Syrian crisis. Eleanor explained that the committee also has written letters to the editor, but they don't ever seem to get published. She drew attention to one letter that was published, "Ordinary People Key to Sustainable World Peace," written by UNA member Bill Timpson. Copies of it are available on each table.

**Outreach Committee Report.** Chair Elissa Tivona, who is also pleased to serve as Vice President, explained that the Outreach Committee is the best 'job' to have. Traditionally, the committee is responsible for selecting the International Humanitarian Award and organizing the IHA program. Although we used to hold the IHA program in the spring, last year we used it as our fall kickoff meeting in September. The 2015 IHA winner was Loveland Rotary Club for their health and dental services to rural villages in and around Tehuacán, Mexico. This year, the committee will focus on Young Humanitarians. Anyone wishing to nominate a person or organization for this award, should see Elissa for an application form.

The committee also worked closely with Department of International Studies at CSU. They conducted a "UN 101" program, moderated by Dick Rush and Eleanor Dwight. Also, they cohosted (with Boulder and Denver UNA chapters) a field trip to the Posner Center in Denver. The Posner Center is home to some 60-odd business and organizations focusing on international development, with work encompassing agriculture, community development, education, energy, health, infrastructure, microfinance, and various other fields. The attendees, students and UNA members, were so enthusiastic that another trip is planned for the near future. Elissa asked that anyone interested in helping on the Outreach Committee contact her.

**Education Committee Report.** Dick Rush, Jane Thompson, and Bob Jeffrey each lead one of the student contest subcommittees: Dick leads the elementary school art contest subcommittee; Jane leads the middle school writing contest subcommittee, and Bob heads up the high school writing contest subcommittee. Dick reported for the group. In 2015, there were 152 entries in the elementary art contest and 72 entries for the middle school writing contest. When you consider the number of students, teachers, families and friends involved, then it seems that the Education Committee is fulfilling our mission to education people about the UN. During a regular year, our three contests require \$570 for awards. We have three options: to continue to count on the good will of our members to donate to the Essay Fund, to roll the Essay Fund into the General Fund, or the cancel some of the contests. The committee will be bringing this to the Board at their spring meeting.

**Indigenous Concerns Committee Report.** Eleanor noted that our chapter is one of very few to have an Indigenous Concerns Committee. Chair Christinia Eala reported that the committee has been actively supporting Tiyospaye Winyan Maka, a non-profit organization whose mission is to create housing on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

In the fall of 2014 Dan Fink, Owner/Director of Buckville Energy conducted an alternative energy workshop to build a solar array panel for the Fast Horse Homestead in Wounded Knee. In May, UNA members Christinia Eala, Elissa Tivona and Glenn Blanc; a 9-person crew from Engineers Without Borders at Colorado State University (EWB/CSU); Dennis Warren, a 25-year supporter of Tiyospaye; and two volunteers from the Colorado Springs area, traveled to Wounded Knee to build the foundation for the battery house for the solar array panel and install

a 350-gallon water tank. Additional plans are to construct an underground greenhouse, reinforce the outdoor kitchen, construct additional outhouses and a solar shower, and maintain the campground.

In August, members of the committee traveled to Green Grass on the Cheyenne River Reservation to support the Sundance Ceremonial. UNA member Susan Solick donated a supply of medical supplies and food, which were received with gratitude by the medic and the chief cook who cooks for at least 600 people every year.

The committee continues to monitor and support a number of indigenous initiatives, such as the Cheyenne River Mni Water Project; Earth Tipi at Manderson, SD; Four Winds American Indian Council, Black Mesa Caravan, CO; and, Earth Guardians.

**New Business.** Eleanor announced that we are losing two of our very best, most active couples on the Board: Margaret and Paul Smith, who had been on the Board since the beginning—Margaret, serving as first President and the Membership Chair for many years; and Paul, serving as secretary. Also, Bill and Pat Ciesla, who have provided much support to the Advocacy and Membership committees. Although they will no longer be serving on the Board, they intend to continue participating in UNA activities. Eleanor presented each with a memento in appreciation for their many years of service.

Eleanor then took a moment to discuss the status of our chapter. She was pleased to report that our chapter is healthy and viable. We have sufficient funds to conduct our programs and we have fulfilled our charge as advocate for the UN. Our priority now is to bring in new members.

Last year, we had a UNICEF Help Syrian Children Campaign fundraising dinner at our Annual Meeting. We received quite a bit of coverage on that, as well as raising over \$3,000. For UNICEF. Our International Humanitarian Award and our student art and writing contests have enabled us to develop good connections with educators throughout the community. However, we have not been able to get a Model UN going. Jane Thompson commented that she thought Tod Huckaby may be doing a Model UN. She will check with him and let us know.

Eleanor urged members to sign up for the UN Wire [[un\\_wire@smartbrief.com](mailto:un_wire@smartbrief.com)], a daily e-mail report about what is happening in the world, and the Dawn's Digest blog by Mark Goldberg [<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/partners/dawns-digest/>]. Mr. Goldberg was our featured speaker at our 2013 International Human Rights Program. Eleanor also encouraged everyone to watch their e-mail for announcements of the monthly National UNA Conference Calls, which involve experts and top UNA personnel and provide opportunities for listeners to ask questions and enter the discussion.

Susan Solick announced that the Colorado ACLU has reorganized and disbanded its local chapters. So the Northern Colorado Chapter of ACLU, who have long been our partners for the December International Human Rights Program, is no more. The State ACLU will still maintain its Speakers Bureau. They have a number of excellent speakers who can be provided at no charge. For information, see <http://aclu-co.org/in-the-community/speakers-bureau/>

Eleanor asked if there were any additional comments or announcements. There being none, the meeting was adjourned. Members and guests then enjoyed a lovely buffet luncheon, courtesy of UNA member Heidi Cross and a number of other volunteers, and listened to an enlightening presentation on "The United Nations and Peace and Security in a Troubled World," by Ed Elmendorf, former President and Chief Executive of UNA/USA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Solick, Secretary

## 2016 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT:

UNA-USA Chapter 339 Northern Colorado Budget for 2017					31-Jan-2017
Reserved Funds				2016 Final Bal	2016 Budgeted
Line Item	Funds donated and reserved for specified purposes				
7	Essay	Art and essay contest sponsorship fund		\$280.00	\$750.00
	Contingency	Contingency fund		\$500.00	\$500.00
	Current Reserved Funds Total			\$780.00	\$1,250.00
2016	Expenditures and Receipts				Actual
	1 Jan 2016 Balance Carried Forward				\$2,201.22

UNA-USA Chapter 339 Northern Colorado Budget for 2017					31-Jan-2017
	2016 Final	Total Expenditures (Feb 2016 - Jan 2017)			\$1,330.87
		Receipts (Feb 2016 - Jan 2017)			\$1,440.00
		Reserved Fund Balance	\$780.00		
		Operating Fund Balance	\$1,530.35		
		Total 31 Jan 2017 Bank Account Balance			\$2,310.35
2017	Planned Expenditures		Individual Items	2017 Planned	2016 Actual
Line Item					
1	Business				Jan - Dec
	Business operations	Mailing, supplies, web, hospitality, facility fees		\$900.00	\$393.11
		Includes business expenses for all committees			
		Annual Meeting Luncheon			
	Committees				
2	Education			\$200.00	\$0.00
		Model UN & UN Day	\$100.00		
		Essay & art contests (see Essay Fund)			
		Other Education	\$100.00		
3	Advocacy	International Human Rights Day		\$200.00	\$0.00
4	Indigenous Concerns	Development & Awareness		\$200.00	\$200.00
5	Membership			\$850.00	\$0.00
		Member travel subsidy (rollover from 2016)	\$550.00		
		\$300 additional for 2017	\$300.00		
6	Outreach			\$1,350.00	\$250.00
		General Outreach	\$75.00		
		International Humanitarian Award	\$150.00		
		Global Village Museum	\$100.00		
		Hour of Peace	\$25.00		
		Refugees: Adopt-a-Future	\$1,000.00		
7	Essay Fund	Reserved fund for essay contest donations		\$750.00	\$420.00
		Committee Budgets and Essay Fund subtotal		\$3,550.00	
		Business subtotal		\$900.00	\$393.11
	2017	Planned Expenditures Total		\$4,450.00	\$1,330.87
	2016	Planned Expenditures Total			\$3,150.00
2017	Projected Income			2017	2016
				Projected	Actual
	Members	35 Members @\$25.00 Allocated dues		\$875.00	\$515.00
	New members	10 Members @\$12.50 Allocated dues		\$125.00	(incl above)
	Donations	Additional donations from members		?	\$423.00
	Fundraiser	Refugees: Adopt-a-Future		\$1,000.00	
		Projected Income		\$2,000.00	\$938.00
2017	Budget Summary				
	2016	Final Bank Account Balance		\$2,310.35	
		Final Essay Fund Balance	\$280.00		
	2017	Projected Income		\$2,000.00	
	Without additional donations	Projected Expenditures		\$4,450.00	
		Projected Dec 2017 Bank Balance		-\$139.65	

Don Heyse, Treasurer

## **2016 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Daniel Owen and Eleanor Dwight, Ed Archer (former Chair)

At the beginning of the year, Chairman Ed Archer attended an advocacy strategy meeting with other area chapters. He resigned from the chairmanship last spring. Committee members again wrote letters to our Congress persons urging them to support funding for the UN dues and Peacekeeping. Congress did budget for full funding. This year will be much more challenging.

Committee members signed on with other organizations supporting the Paris Climate Agreement in April. This fall, we joined with the Denver and Boulder Chapters in visiting our Senators' offices in Denver. Throughout the year, Daniel and Eleanor visited with Fort Collins City staff to explore ways in which we could implement the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Children (CEDAW) treaty in Fort Collins. The committee is preparing a resolution or statement for the Council to sign.

UNA NoCO member, Loretta Scott, has developed a Proclamation Supporting CEDAW to the City of Greeley in partnership with Zonta club and BPW. They are currently refining the language in it.

Eleanor Dwight

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## **2016 EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dick Rush, Jane Thompson, Bob Jeffrey

The 2016 autumn contests are over, with mixed results. The elementary art contests, on the topic, The Roots of Peace, saw 184 entries from six schools, three in Fort Collins and three in Loveland. As usual, the judges were delighted with drawings and the students' comments, which emphasized 'tolerance' and 'kindness' as roots, over and over again. In both the K-2 and 3-5 grade categories, prizes were \$25, \$20 and \$15 for first, second and third places, respectively. All entries will be on display at the Annual Meeting.

The high school and middle school writing contests were both on the topic of UN Peacekeeping, the Blue Helmets. In spite of our good efforts, and possibly due in part to a short lead-time, there were no entries at the high school level and there were few middle school papers. We will try again next year!

Thanks to UNA member support and contributions throughout the year, our contest fund has been replenished.

Dick Rush

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## **2016 INDIGENOUS CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Will be presented at the Annual Meeting

Christinia Eala, Chair

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## **2016 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Eleanor Dwight and Pat Ciesla

The membership committee has not been very successful in recruiting new members. We only added five new members this year and we lost the same number.

Pat Ciesla and Eleanor printed out the little blue reminder cards announcing our meetings. We have kept our membership list up to date and reminded people who have not renewed their membership to please do so. Pat also has produced the 2017 blue membership directory. If you have changes to the directory please let us know. The last page of our UNA NoCO newsletter contains a membership application as well as the website address for joining on-line. That has proved to be a helpful way for people to join.

As I have said many times before, we need every member to bring in new members. Don't be bashful--ask your friends.

Eleanor Dwight



## 2016 OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

One of the central tasks of the Outreach Committee is to identify candidates for the International Humanitarian Award (IHA). At the 2016 UNA NoCO annual meeting, the Outreach Committee decided to focus attention for 2016 on GenUN Youth initiatives in recognition of the important work being done by millennials in service to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Over spring and early summer, the Outreach committee solicited and reviewed all 2016 nominations. Finalists included such notable candidates as the CSU Chapter of Engineers Without Borders, Earth Guardians, an internationally recognized NGO; and the Global, Social, and Sustainable Enterprise (GSSE) MBA Program at the CSU Business School.

The 2016 winner was Meagan Cain, a graduate student in the Colorado School of Public Health at the UNC Community Health Education Master of Public Health (MPH) program in Greeley. She was nominated for her work establishing the *Girls Moving Mountains* program in Nepal; organizing a fund raising to supply textbooks and school uniforms for Igodivaha Primary School in Njombe, Tanzania, and her work as volunteer health educator at the Global Refugee Center in Greeley.

The Outreach Committee organized the presentation of the 2016 International Humanitarian Award to Meagan Cain and featured an impressive program of her international humanitarian work in September.

I am honored to have served as Outreach committee chair and vice president for the chapter, but regret that I will be stepping down from these roles as of 2017. I look forward to continuing on to assisting the new chair for the Outreach Committee and to working with Christinia Eala in her capacity as chair of the Indigenous Concerns committee.

*Elissa Tivona, Chair*

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## 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Eleanor Dwight, Bill Timpson, Bob Jeffrey, Danial Owen

Board of Director Members are elected for two-year terms, with (approximately) half elected in even years and half in odd years. New terms begin and old terms end at the end of the Annual Meeting (although for simplicity's sake, we refer to the terms by year only). The Committee confirmed that 7 Board members whose terms do not expire until 2018 will be continuing on the Board and determined that five Board Members whose terms expired this year are willing to continue on the Board. The Committee also identified one new Board Member. The full slate of Board Members and Officers is given in the table below. This slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Note that the Committee identified candidates for all offices except that of President Elect. Persons interested in this position should contact Bob Jeffrey. Additional candidates for the offices and additional board members can be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting on 25 February.

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE 2018	BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE 2019
Kelsey Easton	Heidi Cross
Debbie Hamilton	Eleanor Dwight
Daniel Owen	Don Heyse
Bill Timpson	Bob Jeffrey
Christinia Eala	<i>Ed Levering*</i>
Norm Illsley	Dick Rush
Susan Solick	<i>*new member</i>
OFFICERS FOR 2017 - 2019	
<b>President:</b> Bob Jeffrey	<b>President Elect:</b> VACANT
<b>Vice President:</b> Daniel Owen	<b>Secretary:</b> Susan Solick
<b>Vice President:</b> Eleanor Dwight	<b>Treasurer:</b> Don Heyse

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**Our World 2.0**—a web-magazine produced by the UN University: [ourworld.unu.edu/en/](http://ourworld.unu.edu/en/).

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**UNA of Northern Colorado,**

**Eleanor Dwight, Membership Chair**

**907 Sailor's Reef, Fort Collins CO 80525**

Your form and payment will be forwarded to the national office after being recorded locally. *Your dues include membership in both the local and national UNA-USA, which is a part of the Better World Foundation.*

Please make check payable to: *BWF/United Nations Association of the USA.*

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### Select Appropriate Dues Category (US\$):

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Is this a membership renewal? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Member Name (please print) ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Dr

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Questions? Contact our Membership Chair at 970-377-0863, [Eleanor@dwrightcentral.com](mailto:Eleanor@dwrightcentral.com)

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