



GREENING THE EARTH DAY
Saturday, April 21, 2007

On Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 10 am to 4 pm, the City of Pasadena and the Armory Center for the Arts presents

Greening the Earth Day and Family Arts Festival at Memorial Park and the Armory Center for the Arts at 145 N. Raymond in Pasadena. UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter is a proud supporter of this celebration featuring exhibits, entertainment, organic food, community gardens, art exhibits and activities, sustainable design, "green" transportation, solar exhibits and more. The event is free and open to the public!

MAY COFFEE TALKS:
'Pasadena's Green Plan'
Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Join us to learn more about the City of Pasadena's Plan to Go Green by 2012. The Green City Plan for Pasadena is based on the UN Environmental accords signed in June 2005.

Tickets at the door are \$10.00 or online at www.unapasadena.org

"GO GREEN"

UN World Environment Day
Honoring Mayor Bogaard and the
City of Pasadena - Sunday, June 3, 2007



Join the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter in celebrating UN World Environment Day honoring Mayor Bogaard and the City of Pasadena. The event will be held at the Western Justice Center at 55 S. Grand Avenue in Pasadena at 4 pm on Sunday, June 3, 2007. Hundreds will gather and enjoy live music, delicious appetizers and fine wines as we learn about the exciting things the

United Nations and specifically the City of Pasadena is doing to promote sustainability. Visit www.unapasadena.org for the many exciting sponsorship opportunities we are able to offer.

Tickets at the door are \$60.00 for members, \$75.00 for non-members. Register on line at www.unapasadena.org by April 30 at a discounted cost of \$50.00 (members only).

JUNE COFFEE TALKS: TBD
Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Tickets at the door are \$10.00 or online at www.unapasadena.org

PASADENA PLAYHOUSE "CAN CAN"
Thursday, June 28, 2007



The summer musical event of 2007 will be a world premiere re-envisioning of Cole Porter's musical CAN-CAN with a new book by David Lee and Joel Fields.

CAN-CAN centers on Pistache, the only woman in Paris who owns a café that features the sexy and provocative Can-Can. During this dazzling, if not naughty, evening of musical theater, Pistache faces both a fervent attempt to shut down her business as well as her own complications in love. The UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter invites you to attend a special preview / dress rehearsal of the musical, and to attend a private VIP reception prior to the event. VIP event begins at 6 pm, the musical begins at 7 pm.

Tickets at the door are \$40.00. Register on line at www.unapasadena.org by June 10 at a discounted rate of \$35.00 (members only).



WISH LIST 2007

Thank you for your on-going support of the UNA. We are a

growing organization and there are many things needed to support our expansion. We greatly appreciate your donations and in gratitude we will feature a thank-you on our website and a note in our next Newsletter. Items we currently need are:

- * One (1) laptop computer
- * One (1) large UNA banner
- * Printing services

A special thanks to our 2006 donors:

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To make a donation, please contact us at (626) 449-1795 or email nfo@unapasadena.org. Visit us on line at www.unapasadena.org!

UN MDG #7 TIPS...FROM MR. MDG

UN MDG #7 is Ensure Environmental Sustainability by the year 2015.

By now we've all heard the phrase "Think Global, Act Local". But what does it really mean? I think we can all agree that now more than ever, it's important for us to make some changes in how we as a people live on this planet and how much longer she, Mother Earth, will support us in our "over consumption" lifestyles. Public awareness of phrases like "global warming", "going green" "holistic lifestyles" "sustainable resources" is key; however the big question is what can each of us do to make this world a better place to live?

I like to equate the analogy of throwing the pebble into a pond and the ripple effect that occurs. Make a change in the things and people closest to you, practice "daily activism" for lack of a better phrase. Even the smallest thing can make a big difference.

Recycling is an easy way to get started. Be aware of your consumption. If your work-place doesn't recycle, explore how you can help change that. Start researching. Lists always work for me and there are lots of them out there. Visit the website www.unapasadena.org to see some ideas the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter and the City of Pasadena have in store to reduce global warming.

If you haven't seen the film, "An Inconvenient Truth", make a point of seeing it. If you have seen it, visit the website

www.climatecrisis.net to buy the DVD and invite friends over for dinner and a movie.

Afterwards, engage the group in a discussion and brainstorm on ways to apply messages from the film.

And of course, another quick and easy way to get involved is to become a member of the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter. The UNA is a group of individuals dedicated to making a difference on a grass roots level. Visit our website www.unapasadena.org to renew your own membership or to tell a friend!

I, Mr. MDG, will continue to share some easy and simple things you can do to make the world a better place - right here, right now.

Note: UNA Pasadena / Foothills Chapter does not necessarily endorse the views of Mr. MDG. We do however think he's really keen!

SECOND QUARTER 2007

Welcome to the new "Our World" Newsletter of the United States of America a publication of the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE Sherry Simpson-Dean

This year's UNA-USA Biennial Convention took place February 28 through March 4, 2007 at the Roosevelt Hotel in NYC and featured more than 300 members representing UNA chapters from around the country. Our Chapter was represented by First Vice President Carol Chenoweth and me, along with national representatives Rene and Tom Wilson. Members participated in panels with topics ranging from Globalization to Darfur. On Friday morning, along with Washington D.C. Chapter President Ed Elmendorf, I addressed a filled plenary session entitled Global Policy Project: Implementing the UN MDGs through Ads, Education and Engagement.



The presentation focused on coalition and community involvement with the UN MDGs. I specifically cited the Africa Conference Coalition that was spearheaded by our Chapter over the last year to advocate on behalf of Africa's humanitarian and development issues including, health, humanitarian aid and economic development. I also presented our newest initiative - Pasadena Mayor Bogaard's Green City Action Plan. Ms. Chenoweth also shared about our upcoming June 3 "Go Green" event and our intention to move the Mayor's plan forward at the grassroots level. At the conclusion of the panel, we were approached by the Tampa, Dallas, Santa Cruz and Washington D.C. chapters. We all met collectively about new trends, resources and developing new ways to work together. UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter former President Ellen Snortland's one woman show Now that She's Gone - Unraveling the Mystery of My Mother was a hit at conference, and drew a large crowd at a Saturday evening performance at the Roosevelt Hotel.

As a result of these new connections, UNA New York City Chapter has committed to introducing the Pasadena's Green City Action Plan to NYC's Mayor Bloomberg. As a first collaborative UNA Chapter effort, we have submitted a Federal funding proposal to expand the Model UN program to Pasadena inner city schools. The proposal was written at the request of Congressman Adam Schiff's Office in Washington D.C. and in consultation with veteran Model UN experts June Gorman, UNA Santa Cruz Chapter; Rome Friesen, UNA Southern California Division Representative and Professor Brice Harris, UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter Board Member. When funded we will work together to ensure the success of the growth of the Model UN programs in our areas.

Thank you to our Chapter's newly elected Board of Directors for getting the year off to a brilliant start!

EVENTS For April Coffee Talks featuring Sherry Simpson-Dean on the UN MDGs Tuesday, April 17, 2007



Join us on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7 pm at the Coffee Gallery at 2029 Lake Avenue in Altadena for Coffee Talk featuring Sherry Simpson-Dean, Human Rights Activist, Film maker, Executive Director of the UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, Sundance and Emmy Award-Winning Producer of *Amandla: A Revolution in Four Part Harmony*.

Sherry Simpson-Dean will speak on the Millennium Development Goals - the United Nations' road map to a future that works for everyone. She will use film clips to show communities in the Dominican Republic, Mexico and South Africa peacefully progressing towards specific UN Millennium Development Goals. Tickets at the door are \$10.00 or online at www.unapasadena.org

By 2015, all United Nations Member States have pledged to fulfill the 8 UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). As you may know MDG #7 is Ensure Environmental Sustainability. In 2006 under the leadership of Mayor William Bogaard, the City of Pasadena instituted a Green City Action Plan ([visit www.cityofpasadena.org](http://www.cityofpasadena.org)) designed in accordance with the UN Urban Environmental Accords of 2005. This plan works in tandem with MDG #7. Our UNA Pasadena/Foothills Chapter instituted a Green Initiative in February 2007 to support and educate our community around the City's Plan. In support of this initiative, our Chapter will host a "Going Green" Celebration June 3, 2007 endorsing the City's plan, celebrating Mayor Bogaard and honoring UN World Environment Day and the anniversary of the UN Urban Environmental Accords. As part of our initiative we will also incorporate a green agenda into some of our monthly "Coffee Talks" speaker series, and work to raise awareness of green events in the Chapter area. On an international level, the World Federation of United Nations Association is focusing on helping governments understand the connections between environmental sustainability and economic progress ([visit www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org)).

UN MDG #7 UPDATE



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