



United Nations Association
of Utah

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Join us for our General Meeting of UNAU

Tuesday February 24th at Millcreek Community Center

6:00 pm Dinner \$17 (RSVP)

7:30 pm Speakers/presentation

(There is no fee to hear the speakers at 7:30)

Millcreek Community Center 2266 E. Evergreen Ave (3400 So) - SLC

Speakers Victoria Baird and Elsie McConkie

**will speak to us about United Nations Women
and the United Nations Utah Women's group in Salt Lake City and
women's issues worldwide.**

We look forward to this very important information and open discussion.



**RSVP for dinner reservation by phoning
Maxine Haggerty at 801-277-7493 by Friday February 20th**



President's Message

By Don Wilkerson – UNAUA President

The "Day of Remembrance" program, which we cosponsored with UCAN and 2 other groups last month, as so well described by Marsha Pilgeram in this newsletter, was an impressive and meaningful experience. We look forward to a very interesting program on UN Women on Feb. 24 which, as it turns out is well-timed, as International Women's Day will be celebrated on March 8. Please note that the dinner will start at the usual time of 6:00PM but the program will not start until 7:30 because the meeting rooms will be in use by Girl Scouts until 7:30.

One of our newest members, Barbara Hayes, has accepted our invitation to join our board and serve as acting recording secretary. We look forward to working with you, Barbara. Welcome.

New members are always welcome. I encourage our members to think about who you might invite to attend our monthly dinners and programs. Some of those guests will welcome the invitation and the opportunity to become a member of an organization which supports the UN and all of the amazing contributions it makes to the world.

Lastly, Model UN conferences will soon be here. Northern Utah Model United Nations at Weber State University-Davis Campus towards the end of March and Utah High Schools Model UN at University of Utah toward the end of April. We will give more exact information in the March newsletter. UNAUA will be at each of these conferences with an information table and volunteers to answer questions and interact with the students. UNAUA will again provide flags from our international set of flags cared for and stored by UNAUA member and past-president, Oren Nelson.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Feb. 24.

Don Wilkerson
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Advocacy Committee

Advocacy Committee has reached out to Congresswoman Mia Love and is waiting for her response on the nuclear ban treaty. We plan to write more representatives, especially our senators, on ratifying the treaty.

Sincerely,
Taylor Hartley

General meeting update

Our General meeting in January was coupled with the Interfaith Round Table of Salt Lake, The Parliament of World Religions and the Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. It was an exquisite meeting that really touched every ones heart that was there. The singing by Kate MacLeod and the Lutheran Zion Church Choir was a pure gift. There were speakers that were directly affected with the Testing at the Nevada test site.

It brought awareness to everyone present of how dangerous and a totally unacceptable thing to do to people.

Thank you Deb Sawyer and Chris Meecham especially for chairing this committee.

Marsha Pilgeram

- See more at: <http://www.onlinenevada.org/categories/nuclear-nevada#sthash.eCgChdQC.dpuf>

We would like to welcome UNAU new board member Barbara Hayes.

Barbara Hayes was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She has two sisters who reside in Michigan. Barbara married John Hayes in 1956 - he passed away in 2009. She has three children: John Hayes Jr. living in New Hampshire, Ann Hern living in California, and Amy Kennedy living here in Salt Lake City. She has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A third great-grandchild is due in June. Her granddaughter, Amanda, attended Tampere University in Finland and is currently living in Berlin, Germany. Barbara and her husband moved to California in 1970 and they lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for 31 years and the San Joaquin for 9 years. Barbara worked for 20 years the Fremont Unified School District in California. She first worked as a school secretary and then moved on to the School District Office and worked for 10 years as the secretary to the Director of Facilities, a department which was responsible for the maintenance and operations of 53 school sites.

Barbara moved to Salt Lake City in 2010 to be closer to her youngest daughter. She resides in the Waterbury Condo Complex in Murray and is a member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City. She heard about our organization from Don Wilkerson, who resides in the same building in the Waterbury Complex. She attended one of our meetings and then signed up to become a part of the U.N. Association. She has always enjoyed history and follows with great interest the things that are happening in our world today.

“There’s still time to Join!”

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES?

GREAT DECISIONS IN SALT LAKE CITY – 2015

The Salt Lake City Great Decisions Group will be meeting this year at **Sprague Library, Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m., beginning February 11**. The study program will last for 8 weeks. Great Decisions, a community-based program of the Foreign Policy Association, provides a way for us to learn about current world issues and problems. Each member of a study group uses a study guide that presents the topics and provides questions for discussions. Members of the group lead the weekly discussions. In addition, the meeting begins with members watching a video discussion of each topic.

The Briefing Book places the thematic or geographic issue in historical context and provides background, current policies and alternative policy options. Photographs, maps, charts and editorial cartoons illustrate the text. Discussion questions, annotated reading suggestions and additional resources, including websites, are provided. An opinion ballot for the National Opinion Ballot Report

The video comprises a discussion with experts on each topic, usually presenting different views, in addition, to featured guests.

If you would like to participate in the program in 2015 or order a copy of the briefing book, please contact Kathy Horvat at kbhorvat@comcast.net or 801-323-0675. The cost of the book this year is \$20.00.

2015 TOPICS

- 1. Russia and the Near Abroad**
- 2. Privacy in the Digital Age**
- 3. Sectarianism in the Middle East**
- 4. India Changes Course**
- 5. U.S. Policy toward Africa**
- 6. Syria’s Refugee Crisis**
- 7. Human Trafficking in the 21st Century**
- 8. Brazil’s Metamorphosis**

More information about the program can be found on the web site, www.fpa.org