

Newsletter

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Human Relations Council of Pomona Valley

8th Annual Police & Community Forum

The purpose of the Human Relations Council of Pomona Valley is to facilitate networking and cooperation among agencies, religious organizations, government organizations and other groups and individuals which seek to promote racial, religious, gender and ethnic harmony in our common life.

The 8th Annual Police & Community Forum: Juvenile Justice Criminals and their Activities, on Saturday, March 13, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., at the Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, in Claremont. The public is invited to attend this FREE dialogue session. This is a chance to ask questions and express concerns

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26th Annual MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration

The Pomona Inland Valley MLK, Jr. Committee is hosting the Pomona Valley's 2008 Birthday Celebration in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. This annual event will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 N. Garey Avenue in Pomona. This year's theme is "Where Do We Go From Here?"

This year's special guest is Pastor Dwight Peace from South Hills Presbyterian Church, in Pomona. The mistress of ceremony will be Dr. Dorothy Shepherd of KPRO 1570 AM radio show "Shepherd's Inspirational Time." The choir performing this year is from Loveland Church in Ontario, under the direction of Robert Cook.

As in the past, the highlight of the event is the celebration of youth through the presentation of the MLK Jr., Youth Social Justice Awards. This year recipients are Ashley Shatola from Diamond Bar and Matthew Bouchard from La Verne.

For more information on this year's event, please contact Gayle Claiborne at (951) 218-7820.

Exploit Renewable Energy, give Middle East a break

Middle East or Holy Land or the Promised Land has the potential to become the Land of everlasting peace and bliss as its blessings are numerous; so are its curses rising from its wealth of material resources and the vying needs of the modern civilization for such resources. Beside its blistering deserts, manifest green foothills, snow capped mountains and the rivers of Kurdistan nurturing a kaleidoscope of cultures, discovery of -OIL- has been one of its modern day curses.

OIL, which at times has been called the excrement of Satan, has a downside in our modern civilization. So, for the modern civilization to rid itself from such an impurity, we must seek and exploit any viable renewable energy resources.

Let's look to the naturally abundant renewable Sun-Energy, as a supporting source for the continuity and sustainability of cultures.

On the average, the transmitted Sun radiation

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE CENTER OF THE POMONA VALLEY ANNUAL DINNER 2008

The Peace with Justice Center 2008 Annual Dinner will be held on Sat, March 1, 2008, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Church of the Brethren, 2425 E Street, La Verne, CA 91750 (corner of Bonita). This year's speaker is David Kinzie, Professor of Psychiatry at the Oregon Health Sciences University And Past Director of the Torture Treatment Center. Prof. Kinzie's presentation, "The Meaning of Torture," will cover not only legal definitions but also the effects of torture on the victims and on the societies that practise it.

Call Dorena A. Wright, (909) 593-4966 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Delicious and abundant Mediterranean dinner with Vegetarian choices available.

Tickets -- \$25 / \$15 Concessions (Students, Seniors, & Limited income)

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to the earth where we build houses is about just over 50 watts per square foot of surface area. This means under an ideal condition of sunlight, one can harness from every square foot of the earth, 50 watts of energy which could light a fifty watt bulb. One recently fabricated device that could harness this free power is known as Photo-Voltaic-Junction or PVJ. When arranged in a panel, they give a substantial amount of power that can produce enough electricity to power an average home. Given the use of materials, manufacturing techniques, latitude position of the house and atmospheric conditions, one can obtain anywhere between 10 to 20 watts per square foot from the currently manufactured Photovoltaic panels.

Although the current state of manufacturing process to produce PVJs is not 100% environmentally friendly, the technology involved is improving. Given the state of modern technology and the need for sustainability, it is worthwhile for every American to consider using Solar Energy as a substitute to the Middle East-OIL-generated-electricity. This change of culture is good for America, for the Global Climate and, after all, it gives the people of the Middle East a break from losing their blood, oil, resources and the environment and its history that has sustained the Western culture.

*Ardi Rashidi, Founder and President,
Kurdish American Education Society (KAES)*

CLAREMONT FARMER'S MARKET FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH (Weather Permitting)

PEACE WITH JUSTICE & A.I.M.S. (Alternative Ideas to Military Service)

Team up to host an information table in front of Starbuck's Coffee.

Stop by to say Hello, find out about recent projects & events, and make your ideas known.

PWJ Center is planning a program for May 24, 2008

Jennifer Sarja, Executive Director, YouthInkwell Publishing will bring her Student Group to make the presentation on their effort in alleviating the Drinking Water Shortage in Africa by organizing young students through publishing and selling books to raise funds for Water Wells. A documentary "Thirst" about the struggle against privatization of water in the Central Valley will also be shown.

What: Workshop on Empowering the African Youth to go to School by Alleviating the Drinking Water Shortage in Africa

When: May 24, 2008

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Place: To be announced later.

Information: Imam Ali Siddiqui, 951-734-4599 or Prof. Doreena Wright, 909-593-4966

**To Sign up to receive email information
Email Richard Harris at unacal@earthlink.net**

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Peace with Justice Center of Pomona Valley

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Visit United Nations Association local websites:

UNA — Southern California Division:

www.una-socal.org

UNA — Pomona Valley Chapter:

www.pv.una-socal.org

“Perspectives on African History”

This course is eight Fridays, 9:30--11:30am, beginning January 11, and meets at Claremont Adult School, 170 W. San Jose Ave in Claremont. There is \$15 course fee – use the registration form from www.cusd.claremont.edu/adult_ed. After January 7, contact Bob directly at 909-626-3312, rsmith@wittenberg.edu

This course is a presentation of selected topics in African History: early kingdoms, the slave trade, the partition of Africa, African resistance to imperial conquest, the issue of economic exploitation, and others.

Conflicting perspectives on the various topics will be analyzed.

Bob’s latest Africa course (about modern Africa – fall ‘07) filled the classroom and every class was exciting. Bob encourages discussion and this is a serious opportunity to learn more about African history. This is a bargain price for a superior history course. *See you there!*

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to police chiefs and captains from local agencies. We have requested representations from the cities of Pomona, Claremont, Upland, Ontario, Chino, La Verne and Montclair chiefs.

We are currently recruiting members for the Board of Directors. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m., in Porter Hall at Pilgrim Place.

For more information, please contact Gayle Claiborne at (951) 218- 7820 or Lawrence Jane Penn at (909) 949-7174.

The 2000 to 2015 United Nations Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

UNA Membership Application

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Campus City/State: _____

Membership Category

- \$10 Student (Includes membership in Student Alliance)
 \$25 Introductory (first year only)
 \$40 Member
 \$100 Sponsor
 \$500 Patron
 \$1,000 Lifetime Member
 I wish to become a member of the Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC)
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**UNA Monthly Programs of
Pomona Valley UNA-USA**
at 5:30, every third Tuesday, Pilgrim Place,
Claremont, end of 6th Street

Jan. 15 — Claremont resident Rizek Abusharr will speak on “The Palestine and Israel Issue from inside Jerusalem.”

Feb. 19 — Corona and Norco Imam Ali Siddiqui will present “What Americans Need to Know About Islam.”

Mar. 18 — Founding Director Charlene Martin will present. My Years at International Place.”

Apr. 15 — Distinguished teacher Bob Smith will present “Two Faces of Congo.”

May 20 — Charles Bayer of Progressive Christians Uniting will present “Progressive Christian Teachings in the 21st Century.”

June 17 — Claremont Graduate University Professor Dean McHenry (tentatively scheduled) will present “The Seeds of Ethnic Conflict.”

July 15 — Past So Cal Division UNA president Ardi Rashidi will present “Sustainability Issues.”

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UNA ANNUAL MEETING

Sun, Jan 27 — 5:00-8:00, Potluck, Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place, Claremont (end of 6th St).

Brief business meeting at 6:00 to

1. Elect officers and Board members
2. Vote 2008 budget
3. Honor outstanding UNA volunteers,

followed by program:

*“Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity
Program Highlights”*

by Cyndi J. Torres, Executive Director