

**Pomona Valley Chapter UNA-USA February Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2015 7:00 PM**  
**Hahn Hall, Room 101 420 N. Harvard Avenue, Claremont**

**Introduction:** Mel Boynton, Chapter President, welcomed approximately 37 members and guests. He thanked Katie Gerecke for her many efforts on behalf of our Chapter: creating the exhibit in the Claremont Public Library, coordinating the Earth Day booth and providing the refreshments at tonight's meeting. Carolee Monroe was thanked for the interactive map on display in the Earth Day booth. Visitors to the booth marked 44 countries as places of their family origins. Mel next urged those not yet members of UNA to join and members to renew. Handouts included: (1) an agenda of UN and UNA programs through June and (2) a card noting the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN and summarizing its work. Our Chapter interns, Julius Kellinghusen and Sharon Musa, were recognized, as was Zachary Wakefield, President of the Claremont High School Model UN Club.

**Essay Contest:** Sharon Musa, as coordinator of this year's essay contest, introduced the winners, Andrew Brown (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Diana Chao (2<sup>nd</sup> Place). Andrew read aloud his essay in which he responded to the question of the effectiveness of the UN Security Council and reasons for it being amended. Using recent events within Syria, the genocide in Rwanda and the invasion of South Korea by North Korea, Brown argued that the United Nations should have intervened but was prevented from doing so by the use of their veto power by members of the Security Council. Thus, Brown concluded, the need for removing the veto authority from the five Security Council permanent members.

**Program:** Bertil Lindblad, UNA PV Chapter Board Member and Senior Advisor, International Initiatives at Pomona College, who will speak at the SoCal UNA Board Meeting on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>,

introduced Dr. Karl Haushalter, a staff member at Harvey Mudd College, City of Hope and Foothills AIDS Project. Haushalter commended the UN Global Fund for the money it provides for research and treatment of AIDS. Some of the points he made:

- HIV/AIDS is preventable and treatable.
- HIV is seen mostly among young people
- 2 million people each year contract the HIV infection.
- With early and continued use of antiretrovirals, life expectancy for people with the disease can be the same as for the regular population.
- Medicine does not cure the person who must remain on it, it just suppresses the disease.

Haushalter then went on to describe current practices and studies. He also discussed two programs that address the disease, PEPFAR which helps enable 13.5 million people to be treated and FAST-TRACK which contains goals for 2020 and 2030.

A question/answer session followed.

### **UNA Events:**

**May 2, 11:00 AM – 3:00 SoCal UNA Board Meeting**, Napier Conference Center, 660 Avery Road, Claremont. \$30 RSVP [Melbourne.boynton@gmail.com](mailto:Melbourne.boynton@gmail.com). Bertil Lindblad will speak.

**May 19, 5:30 – 7:00 PM May Chapter Meeting** “Model United Nations Report from Cal Poly MUN Team” Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place. Free, open to the public and refreshments served.

**June 7 – June 9 Annual National Meeting of the UNA-USA** National Education Association building in Washington, DC. All UNA members welcome.

**June 16, 5:30 – 7:00 PM June Chapter Meeting** “Report from the National UNA-USA Meeting” Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place. Free, open to the public and refreshments served.