



UNA ★ USA
Johnson County Chapter

News and Events

c/o JC UNA
308 E. Burlington St, #245
Iowa City, IA 52240

February 2020

Night of 1000 Dinners

International Dinner to Mark International Women's Day



Wednesday,
March 11, 2020
5:30-7:30 PM

Robert A. Lee Recreation Center
220 S Gilbert St, Iowa City
Join us as we celebrate

The annual Night of 1000 Dinners, hosted by the Johnson County Chapter and UI Campus Chapter of UNA-USA, and cosponsored by many community groups and businesses, will honor three local organizations advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

*High School Climate Strikers
Johnson County League of Women Voters
Combined Efforts Theater*

Tickets:

Advance:

\$25 general

\$12 student

At the door:

\$30 general

\$15 student

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Jim Olson — jimolson921@gmail.com or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) — enter "Night of 1000 Dinners" in the search box.

From the President

by Jim Olson

2020 promises to be a landmark year. It is the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the start of the Decade for Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). And, of course, it is an election year.



Here are three ways you can advance our mission of linking Johnson County residents with the life-saving work of the United Nations.

- Attend Night of 1000 Dinners on March 11, as announced on the front page of this newsletter. This annual event recognizes local groups founded by, led by, or serving women who advance the SDG. It also raises funds for our work, UN agencies, and local projects that help women.
- Urge our congressional delegation to push back against cuts in U.S. funding for the UN likely to be proposed by the Trump administration this month.
- Stay tuned for new information on the UN75 consultation this spring, as described at right.

We have already been active in this New Year. Thanks and congratulations to chapter members Maureen McCue and John Rachow, leaders of Iowa Physi-

UN75 Global Consultations

To mark its 75th anniversary in 2020, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has announced that the UN is planning to host a worldwide conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want.

Throughout this year, UNA-USA will engage its chapters and members to produce a set of policy recommendations to achieve a sustainable future by 2045.

The UN is asking three big questions: What kind of a future do we want? Are we on track to secure a better world? What action is needed to help us achieve a brighter future?

Here in Johnson County our chapter has started planning our UN75 consultation tentatively scheduled for late April, with a focus on climate change. We will be working with the UI Campus Chapter and with the UI Office of Sustainability.

The results of community-level consultations this spring will be compiled by UNA-USA for presentation to members of Congress at the UNA-USA Global Leadership Summit in Washington in June.

More details to follow.



cians for Social Responsibility, who worked with other groups to sponsor an issues forum on “U.S. Leadership in an Interconnected World” on January 25. I also want to thank chapter members who introduced resolutions on the UN at the February 3 precinct caucuses.

And lastly, thanks and all best wishes to the UI Campus Chapter

of UNA-USA. Under the leadership of Carolina Herrera, the UI Campus group has reorganized with a full calendar of activities for this semester, including participation in Night of 1000 Dinners. (see next page)

I am looking forward to working with you during this landmark year.

The World Is Aging

by Austin Uhl

Around the world, including here in Johnson County, we are experiencing growth in the number of older adults. This growth will be one of the biggest societal changes of this century. It is important to be aware of this change and prepare for it. Older adults are the driving contributors to development. The growing number of older adults will generate economic changes, political pressures to help deal with the change, and high demand for health care and other services for older persons.

Data from *World Population Prospects* show that by 2050, one in six people in the world will be an older adult (age 65 or older) and in the United States one in four people.

Awareness of this demographic change and supporting policies to help older adults will benefit all people. Aging is something that all humans must go through but being

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able to age successfully depends on our outlook on the matter and the structures we have in place to promote it.

The United Nations General Assembly took notice of this issue back in 1982, producing its 62-point “Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging.” This plan was the first global call for action on issues facing older adults including employment, education, social welfare, housing, and healthcare. As a result, the UN and non-governmental organizations convene international aging conferences and promote the observance of the International Day of Older Persons each October 1st. Increased awareness around the world, including here in Johnson County, will help ensure we are ready for an aging world.

(Austin Uhl is a senior at the University of Iowa and an intern with the Johnson County UNA.)

Students Revive UI’s United Nations Group

(Taken from the Daily Iowan, Feb. 11, 2020)

Carolina Herrera, president of the United Nations Association at Iowa, created an active organization this year with a clear mission devoted to supporting the ideas of the United Nations. She said, “We want to promote the importance of the United Nations, what they believe, and what they want to accomplish.”

“We focus a lot on sustainability goals, gender roles and climate change, because those are the most timely.”

The United Nations Association at Iowa adheres to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, Herrera said, working hard to educate students at the UI on their importance and how to fulfill these goals. The SDGs include far-reaching targets such as ending poverty, achieving food security for all, and ensuring a quality education.

Herrera attended a United Nations leadership summit, advocating for the U.S. to fully fund the UN. Actively participating in the summit was a rewarding experience, she said.

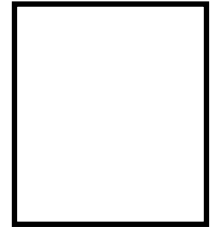
“Being there, we can see what we can do to make things better, and then we pitch our ideas to Congress,” she said.



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As a founding member of the United Nations, the United States plays a vital role in promoting peace and upholding human rights around the world. Urge your members of Congress to support strong U.S. leadership at the UN.

Johnson County United Nations Association Membership Renewal Form

Please be certain your membership is up to date!

The expiration date we have for your membership is on your mailing label above. Please be sure it is up to date so you will receive future mailings from the Johnson County UNA, the Iowa UNA, and UNA-USA. If your membership has lapsed, please return this form with payment of your dues:

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