

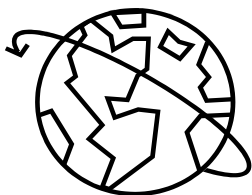
UNA-GKC NEWS

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Up Coming Events in Kansas City and Elsewhere

- July 2, 3, 4, JCCC Model UN Club Fundraiser at the Kansas Speedway, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- July 17, Regional UNA-USA meeting — See details in this issue.
- September 17-18, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Third Biennial Kansas City Conference
- October 14, Kansas City Mayor's UN Day Dinner. Mark your calendar — More details to follow.



Expedite! Ships Statue for United Nations

The United Nations recently called on Expedite! to ship an extremely fragile bronze statue to its headquarters in New York City. The 42" statue is a miniature of the 12.5' original bronze statue entitled "Girl with Dove" that stands in the U.N. Peace Plaza in Independence, MO.

The 60 lb. statue was presented to Gillian Sorenson, Special Advisor to U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan, at the Peace Plaza dedicatory ceremony in Independence on April 25, 2003 and was subsequently picked up in Independ-



ence and carefully moved to NYC. David Camden, Expedite!'s Senior Director of Operations, was delighted to have the opportunity to help: "We are honored that the United Nations would entrust

this original work of art to us. Thanks to our top-notch agents and drivers, the statue arrived in New York City safe and sound."

A gift created by local Kansas City sculptor

Regional U.N.A. Conference Set for July 17

United Nations Association members from the Midwest and Southwest will assemble Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, for their first-ever regional conference. The purpose of the one-day conference is to strengthen chapters and

coordinate their activities and initiatives at a time when the United Nations more than ever needs a firm base of support among Americans.

Mieko Ikegame of the Office of the Under Secretary General and special advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretariat will be the featured

speaker. Ms. Ikegame, who is wife of Takao Shibata, Japanese Consul-General for the Midwest, who is resident in Kansas City, will speak on the evolution of the United Nations and the changing role of Japan in the international community (continued on page 3)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE UN

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The United Nations should project a clear message on the unacceptability of terrorism

Researchers need to study the ways in which education can prevent conflict.

UN Volunteers and human rights

More than 2,000 experienced UN Volunteers have contributed to human rights promotion and protection since the late 1980s. UNV is particularly interested in grassroots, participatory approaches to increasing awareness of rights issues among vulnerable populations and thus promoting respect for human rights to ensure sustainable human development. Volunteer specialists take up a broad range of activities, notably those relating to:

Support to national human rights institutions: In Peru, national UN Volunteers work to strengthen capacity in the National Ombudsman's regional offices to process complaints, conduct consultations and promote human rights.

Support to indigenous people: In the Mekong River area in Asia and in various Latin American countries, UNV stresses local participation in

its support for indigenous people's rights to development.

Other activities include: **Support to human rights and peace education; Support for the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and Mainstreaming human rights**. For more information, please see <http://www.unv.org/infobase/facts/fsrights.htm>

Report on the Policy Working Group on the UN and Terrorism

The Policy Working Group considered that the United Nations should concentrate its direct role in counterterrorism on the areas in which the Organization has a comparative advantage. In general terms, the United Nations should uphold, bolster and reassert the leading principles and purposes the United Nations Charter, the core of which are undermined and threatened by terrorism. The Organization's activities should be part of a tripartite strategy supporting global efforts to:

(a) Dissuade disaffected groups from embracing terrorism; (b) Deny groups or individuals the means to carry out acts of terrorism; (c) Sustain broad-based interna-

tional cooperation in the struggle against terrorism...the United Nations should project a clear and principled message, underscoring the unacceptability of terrorism.

To read the full 18-page report on measures to eliminate international terrorism, please go to <http://ods-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N02/512/97/IMG/N0251297.pdf?OpenElement>.

UNESCO's Strategic Objectives for Education, 2002-2007

There are three strategic objectives: (1) Promoting education as a fundamental right in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (2) Improving the quality of education through the diversification of contents and methods and the promotion of universally shared values; (3) Promoting experimentation, innovation and the diffusion and sharing of information and best practices as well as policy dialogue in education.

There is a need to build up a multidisciplinary network of researchers who study the ways in which educa-

tion can prevent such conflict or its recurrence. Solutions are being sought through diverse macro and micro level programmes, seeking to inculcate universal values of peace and tolerance. For more information, see http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22824&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html.

Regional U.N.A. conference set for July 17 (from p. 1)

nity. Ms. Ikegame's address will take place during the afternoon session, at 3:00 p.m.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a panel and chapter interaction to discuss "what works, what doesn't" in the building of U.N.A. chapters and membership. Conferees will explore possibilities in sharing

resources in efforts to recruit new members, establish new chapters and revitalize existing ones.

Staff of the Truman Library will address the conference and escort participants on a tour of the facility.

The afternoon session will include discussion of educational issues, the U.N.A. Global Classrooms

initiative, and building U.N.A. Student Alliances on high school and college campuses. Working with and promoting Model United Nations will be given great attention.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to visit the United Nations Peace Plaza, which is dedicated to U.N.

peacekeepers.

An evening reception will cap off what promises to be an exciting and important step toward building support for the United Nations in the heart of America.

We encourage all members and supporters of the UNA-GKC to attend.

For further information, email jaysjerven@aol.com.

Peace Plaza Memorial Bricks for Sale

The Peace Plaza in Independence, Missouri, is a lasting tribute to people around the world who desire peace and justice for all. You can become a part of this commemora-

tive creation and in a personal way, you and your family can become part of history by purchasing memorial bricks. Single 4" x 8" or double 8"x 8" bricks can be placed on the Plaza

Floor surrounding the Peace statue, "Girl with Dove." One, two or four lines of engraved text will last into the future. The bricks would be a great gift for your loved ones.

A contribution of \$100 provides a single brick and \$200 for a double brick. Your contribution is tax-deductible. For more information on the Peace Plaza memorial bricks, please contact Jim Everett at 816-373-6422.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Third Biennial Kansas City Conference is entitled, "Building A World Fit for Children: The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child." It will be held September 17, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and September 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Kauffman

man Foundation Conference Center. Keynote speakers include Mr. Marty Scherr, Senior Associate for Child Rights and Protection, International Social Service-USA Branch; Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D., President, Partnership for Children, Kansas

City; MO; Mr. Lewis W. Diuguid, Vice President and Member of Editorial Board, *Kansas City Star* and Mr. Martin S. Rendon, Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy of the US Fund for UNICEF. Small group discussion topics include:

- Session 1. Promoting Healthy Lives;
 - Session 2. Promoting Quality Education;
 - Session 3. Protecting Against Abuse, Exploitation and Violence;
 - Session 4. Arms and International Conflicts
- For more information call 816/960-1546 or visit www.kcglobalconcepts.org

Statue is Shipped for United Nations (from page 1)

Kansas City sculptor Tom Corbin, the statue will be on permanent display at U.N. Headquarters in New York City, NY (pending the U.N.'s acceptance of the gift).

The UN Peace Plaza in Independence, Missouri,

was a project that began as a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. The magnificent original 12.5 foot "Girl with Dove" statue stands at the Peace Plaza at the corner of Lexington and Walnut.

Tom Corbin has been sculpting since the late 80s and now has work appearing in over 20 galleries and showrooms as well as public and private collections. Some of his pieces can be seen in several major motion pictures. You can see

can see more work at CorbinBronze.com.

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**On This Day in
History**

- July 4, U.S. Independence Day.
- July 7, UN Convention on the Political Rights of Women became effective, 1954.
- July 20, Neil Armstrong and crew of spacecraft Apollo 11 walked on the moon, 1969.
- July 26, World Assembly on Ageing in Vienna 1982, leading to International Year of Older Persons, 1999.
- August 3, First World Arms Commission established by League of Nations, Spain, 1920.
- August 5, USSR, USA and UK signed treaty to ban nuclear tests in the atmosphere, 1963.
- August 9, International Day of the World's Indigenous People.
- August 22, First UN Conference on Crime Prevention, 1955.



UNA-GKC MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to become a member of the UNA-USA, Greater Kansas City Chapter, please use the form below or register online at www.unausa.org. If you are already member, we thank you for your continued support.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: _____ Bus Phone: _____

I am interested in a new membership

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I am purchasing a gift membership

Chapter: Greater Kansas City Area Chapter

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\$ 500 Patron

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\$ 25 Senior

\$ 10 Student

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