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Children of Agape, South Africa, performed during the 2005 Gala.

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## Message from the President

We have made considerable strides at UNA/NY over this past year. Our successful UN-60th Anniversary event in October, spearheaded by Desiree Watson, helped us achieve significant momentum that set us on course. Our exceptional Executive Director, Ann Nicol, has been the catalyst for a myriad of initiatives that have strengthened and expanded our core mission. And we note that the Chapter today is in an unprecedented position of financial strength and fiscal discipline.

All these, and other accomplishments, are the result of the tireless and dedicated efforts of members of the Executive Committee, the Board as a whole, and the rank and file membership of the organization. It's a familiar platitude that any organization is only as good as the people who comprise it. But, nothing could be truer here. Indeed, it's humbling to observe the level of enthusiasm and commitment of so many people, willing to give of themselves, to balance temporal and other constraints, in order to work towards our common goal of supporting the important work of the United Nations.

The various committee reports reflect the fact that we are a vibrant and growing organization. Our Program Chairs must be congratulated for the substantive array of diverse programs that were presented during the year. Our By-Laws Committee did an excellent job of revising and streamlining our by-laws to make them more efficient and workable. Our Development Committee has consistently kept us on track with our development goals, and our Education Committee has actively reached out to students in public and private schools to educate them about the United Nations. Our Communications Chair has vastly improved the look-feel, style, and content of our publications.

Kevin Jefferson and YPIC deserve to be singled out for very special kudos. The various YPIC events throughout the year have been an extraordinary success. YPIC has been an instrumental force in membership development and has injected a youthful energy and vigor into the organization. YPIC's success confirms that what we're seeking to accomplish has enduring consequence and relevance.

Of course there is also room for improvement and far be it from us to rest on our laurels. We have another ambitious gala dinner planned for this October, we hope to extend the reach of our programs into other constituencies and we seek to become more accountable and responsive and as organization.

As common stakeholders, we are all responsible, collectively and individually, for achieving our mutual goals. Insofar as we can set attainable and measurable objectives to accomplish, we become a more effective organization. We welcome your constructive criticisms to help us improve. We have achieved much, but we have Herculean tasks ahead of us in these challenging times.

Thank you for your valuable continued support.

*Peter Rajsingh, President*

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## Executive Director's Report

The last twelve months have been particularly significant for our chapter. We have made great progress gaining new members and expanding our monthly program activities. In 2005 our membership grew by 13%. We are proud to have the United Nations in our city and our chapter is in a unique position to raise the profile of the United Nations and its work.

Many of our programs have been videotaped and are available for viewing on our web site. Programs have had steady attendance with up to 100 members and guests at many events. Our speakers have been distinguished scholars and educators, authors, and experts from the United Nations who have educated our audiences on a vast number of subjects.

In November 2005, our Young Professionals for International Cooperation committee started a very successful Career Event series to inform and familiarize young professionals and students on various international career options. The first two events of this series "Careers in International Finance," and "Careers at the United Nations" were held at the Hungarian Mission to the UN in November 2005 and the Polish Consulate in January 2006, respectively. Our third event, "Careers in NGOs" was presented in March 2006 at the Turkish Mission. These events take place every three months, with panels of speakers who not only inspire young professionals to learn more about international career opportunities but also provide them an opportunity to network with other professionals.

Our latest venture, Student Alliance, engages middle school, high school and college students from all backgrounds, giving them the opportunity to become informed global citizens and support the work of the United Nations. The Student Alliance is a forum through which students can take part and examine and cultivate a sense of global awareness within their communities. This past year, Lyceum Kennedy-French School and The Calhoun School have joined our

Student Alliance. By becoming a member of the Student Alliance in New York City, each student will be a member of our chapter and can participate in all our chapter's activities and receive all the benefits of UNA-USA membership.

Our chapter also sponsored school visits to the United Nations. In February 2006 we sponsored a group of 4th and 5th graders from PS 180 on a tour of the United Nations. Over 70 children took the tour and afterwards participated in a lecture on the current artwork exhibited in the Visitors Lobby, hosted by the UN Curator. Before the UN visit, the students were sent a class curriculum, "Adopt a Mission," introducing elementary school students to the United Nations. By participating in this program, related classroom activities are brought to life by giving the students the opportunity to tour the United Nations.

For a second year, this spring we sponsored students from the High School of Art and Design to exhibit selected works of their art at the United Nations. The students chose a theme and explored it in a classroom setting with appropriate discussions. They then created individual works of art that are selected by a committee for the UN exhibit. This program not only offers the students the chance to study the United Nations, but also to have their work exhibited in a public lobby seen by many visitors to the United Nations.

The awareness of our roles as global citizens motivates us and we are eager to meet others from the UN community. This past year in addition to the YPIC events, we also had mission visits and program events at the Turkish and the Pakistan missions. These events are a very positive form of contact between the UN host city and the various missions. Our New York chapter members engage in conversations and meet citizens from all parts of the world with different and sometimes very stimulating points of view.

In October, 2005 for the first time we held a highly successful fund-raising gala dinner. We honored the Links Incorporated, the International Federation of Health Plans and Liya Kebede, WHO Goodwill Ambassador, for their significant work in global health.

Cherie Blair, wife of the British Prime Minister, and Jan Eliasson, the President of the 2005 UN General Assembly were the keynote speakers.

New and on-going activities include working with New York City schools to establish more Student Alliance clubs. We are currently working on a curriculum that the Student Alliance clubs will follow for each of their monthly activities as we have found that there is a need to coordinate efforts across the program. We are also planning to increase the number of student tours to the United Nations for middle and primary grade school students.

We continue to explore new and effective means of engaging and informing the New York public at large on the issues and global concerns before the United Nations body. Our priorities center on education and encouraging frank and open discussion aimed at the development of responsible global citizens. We continue and take pride in our mission as the host city chapter of the United Nations Association, a truly unique position among the global chapters comprising the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

*Ann Nicol, Executive Director*



**Secretary-General Kofi Annan speaks with UNA/NY Executive Director Ann Nicol Board and board member Edward Gray at the Gala.**

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## President's Report, 2005

Dear Fellow UNA/NY Members,

Our chapter has worked hard to make UNA/NY a more effective chapter. We engaged the New York City public in United Nations issues and its role in US society with interesting, informative and well-attended monthly programs. We reached younger members by ensuring the success of our Young Professionals for International Cooperation group. Our membership continues to grow by at least 10% per year, making UNA/NY one of the fastest growing chapters in the country. Achieving our longstanding development goals enabled us to make our part-time Executive Director a fulltime employee. UNA/NY continues to make strides through an active and motivated board of directors. We have exceeded our projections and are confident that our chapter will soon become one of the most effective in the country.

During this annual meeting you'll discover how our outstanding UN Day Gala at the UN in October 2005 helped the chapter meet its development goals and enabled UNA/NY to sponsor several projects in the HERO Campaign of UNA-USA. The event has succeeded in fulfilling our development goals, funding projects in Africa and forging a new relationship with UNA-USA. I am confident that the 2005 UN Day Gala will be known as a defining and singular turning point for the chapter. Our Vice President and Gala Chair Desiree Watson deserves all the praise we can offer for guiding us this year.

I resigned as President in December of 2005 after having the honor of leading this chapter for the past two years. It was my personal goal to leave the chapter in better standing than when I became President and I believe I fulfilled that objective. I left as President knowing that the chapter is in the excellent hands of the new President, Peter Rajsingh, and the current Board of Directors. They stand to do great things in 2006! Of the many other people to thank for the success for 2005, I especially want to single out our Executive Director Ann Nicol. Without her hard work and diligence many of our achievements would not have been possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many current and past members who have helped guide and counsel me during this period and made my life with UNA/NY so satisfying. I encourage all of our members to stay informed, speak out on behalf of our United Nations in our home of New York and to always ask yourself, "Did I do enough to make a difference today?" I'm sure the answer will be yes!

*Au revoir!*  
*Henry G. Sanchez*  
*President 2003-2005*

**YPIC chair Kevin Jefferson celebrates with Henry Sanchez (far right) and YPIC members at a Career event.**



# Treasurer's Report

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April 19, 2006

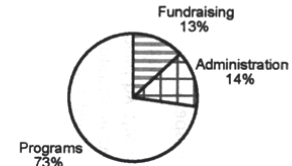
### REVENUES

	Notes	2006 BUDGET	Notes	2005 ACTUAL
UNA-USA Dues Share	4	\$13,800	5	\$14,350
UN Day Event Revenue net		\$20,000		\$115,859
New Fundraising Event net		\$10,000		\$0
Misc. Donations		\$0	6	-\$210
Event Admission		\$2,800		\$2,379
Corporations and Foundations		\$12,000		\$0
Board and Membership		\$29,000		\$14,320
Interest		\$2,000		\$1,850
Outstanding transactions from 2005		\$6,150		\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$95,750</b>		<b>\$148,548</b>
From Board Development Fund		\$27,300		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$123,050</b>		

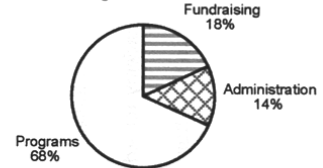
### EXPENSES

	Notes	2006 BUDGET	Notes	2005 ACTUAL
Admin. Support		\$10,000		\$4,950
Postage		\$4,600		\$3,034
Printing		\$3,100		\$2,635
Meetings/Conferences		\$3,800		\$2,409
Program, Membership & Education	1	\$20,500		\$4,883
Communications and Govt. Relations		\$1,500		\$622
Development		\$400		\$0
Executive		\$750		\$991
Grants	3	\$4,000	7	\$24,000
Salary & Expenses		\$71,000		\$31,456
Bank Fees	2	\$2,100	2	\$1,169
Miscellaneous		\$1,300		\$281
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$123,050</b>		<b>\$76,430</b>
Revenue After Expenses		\$0		\$72,118
Addition to Board Development Fund				\$70,268
Net after allocation to Board Development Fund				\$1,850

2005 Actual Expense Percentages



2006 Projected Expense Percentages



Expense Percentages

	2005	2006
Fundraising	13%	18%
Administration	14%	14%
Programs	73%	68%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$76,429</b>	<b>\$123,050</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$146,698</b>	<b>\$94,050</b>

### Notes:

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| 1 Includes funding for the Student Alliance   | 5 Includes 3rd, 4th qtr 2004 and 1st, 2nd, 3rd qtr 2005                 |
| 2 Includes credit card fees   | 6 Memberships collected at events sometimes get registered as donations |
| 3 2006 Grants: Children of Agape-\$2,000; The Links, Safe Motherhood Initiative-\$2,000 | 7 2005 Grant: HERO-\$24,000   |
| 4 4 quarters with a 10% increase in membership  | 8 End of year interest statement  |

### Board Development Fund

The Board Development Fund was established to enable the Association to expand its work by hiring an Executive Director. It was the intent that the fund serve as a cushion while we develop a donor base sufficient to cover the annual cost of programs and operation.

Allocation from	
Investments 2002	\$30,000
Raised 2002	\$5,000
Raised 2003	\$12,000
Deducted 2004	-\$19,088
Added 2005	\$70,268
Proj. expense 2006	\$27,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,180</b>

	Note	Checking	Note	Investments	Total
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS 2005</b>					
Opening balance		\$20,697.68		\$78,164.64	\$98,862.32
Revenues		\$146,697.59			
Expenses		-\$76,428.78			
Program rollover		\$0.00			
Interest			8	\$1,850.23	
Transfer		\$15,000.00		-\$15,000.00	
December 2005 Balance		\$105,966.49		\$65,014.87	\$170,981.36
Difference from Opening Balance		\$85,268.81		-\$13,149.77	\$72,119.04

—Submitted by Charles McKinney, Treasurer

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## Committee Reports

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**Goals:** promote chapter activities to the membership and wider public; produce newsletters, coordinate marketing materials with other committees, produce an annual report, update the chapter's web site.

**Activities:** The Communications Committee produced newsletters, program announcements and invitations, and the annual report. The committee is developing a consistent message to membership and the general public in its copy and look with these materials. The committee has initiated e-mail communication with membership for both newsletters and program materials to ensure faster communication and cut overhead costs. (Members without e-mail access continue to receive printed materials.) The chapter's first use of an e-mail invitation was for the March Pakistan Mission event, and we received over 120 responses, a success. We also received press coverage for this event. The committee plans to expand its use of e-mail with more frequent newsletters, and by developing bi-monthly messages to membership with reminders about programs and recommendations of relevant UN web sites.

—Submitted by Polly Franchini, Chair

### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Goals:** develop relationships with the donor community that will secure the ability of the organization to fulfill its mandate; secure corporate sponsorship, seek out endowments, apply for grants and other sources of income, seek annual funding from the Board and Advisory Council.

**Activities:** The Development Committee plans and executes fund raising activities to support the Executive Director and the activities of the chapter. Planning for the current and future needs of the chapter necessarily involves coordination with the Treasurer and other committees engaged in fund raising or financial planning activities. Fund raising enterprises vary from year to year; however, there is one annual constant: The Board Development Fund Drive. The goal of that drive is to

reach the challenge goal: this year \$15,000 and, no less importantly, to demonstrate Board support for the direction of the chapter, through 100% Board participation. The Development Fund reached one of its goals by attaining 100% contribution while falling short of the monetary goal. The total amount contributed was \$12,250. Note: this fundraising reflects 2005 calendar year activities.

Members of the Development Committee are currently in conversation with two foundations with the objective and hope that this dialog will result in the underwriting of the Executive Director's salary. This is a goal for the 2005-2006 year of chapter activities.

—Submitted by William Karg, Chair

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Goals:** work with New York City educational institutions; organize the High School of Art & Design annual art exhibition at the UN; introduce Adopt-A-Mission program to three elementary schools annually; start four Student Alliance groups in high schools annually; work on the new Student Alliance curriculum; arrange two UN field trips for area schools; work with local libraries to plan a yearly event showcasing the UN.

**Activities:** The Education Committee has been actively involved with the public schools in New York City with the goal of bringing students to the United Nations to learn about the various activities of the UN mission.

In February 2006, we organized two UN visits for 4th and 5th graders from PS 180 in Harlem. The program we developed consisted of a tour of the United Nations by a personable, child-friendly guide and a talk with the UN Curator of Art Jan Arensen. The students were also escorted through the various art exhibits currently on display in the Visitors Lobby. They were given posters and books about the UN and heard about our chapter and what we do.

In April 2006, we mounted our second annual art exhibit in the Visitor's Lobby of the UN. The theme of the exhibition was "Natural Disasters: Their Happening, Effects and Prevention Strategies." The students who



**Students from the High School of Art & Design, New York City in the Visitor's Lobby of the UN show their art work on the theme "Natural Disasters: Their Happening, Effects and Prevention Strategies."**

participated were all from the High School of Art & Design, New York City. We co-sponsored the event with Friends of Art & Design. Over 30 pieces of art work were displayed and we held a late afternoon reception on April 26. Students, parents, FAD members, faculty from the school and NYC board of education personnel were present. Again, Jan Arensen, Art Curator of the UN, participated in the program and congratulated the exhibiting students and faculty. It was a fun day and we discussed next year's expanded event. The exhibition was on display for the last two weeks of April.

The Education Committee looks forward to expanding both of these programs to engage other schools in the forthcoming months.

—Submitted by Rosemary Clemens, Chair

### **Student Alliance**

The Student Alliance program (SA) of the United Nations Association of New York (UNA/NY) is making progress. Within the last four months three schools have embraced the program. Work is being done to develop a comprehensive SA curriculum to enhance the program. UNA/NY members have expressed a desire to expand it through personal outreach. SA presents fantastic oppor-

tunities to engage young people and foster in them a desire to be agents for change.

SA outreach has been conducted through PowerPoint presentations at area schools. In the presentation SA is promoted as a means through which students can become involved in the work of the United Nations with humanitarian and advocacy projects. SA gives students the opportunity to learn about pressing global issues and the means to become change agents.

As of April 1, 18 students from the Lyceum Kennedy-French School have joined SA as paid members. The Lyceum is home to the children of UN diplomats and employees. These students are eager to get their SA club started. Consequently, UNA/NY now is working to develop a partnership with the school to meet the needs of the students and provide opportunities to learn more about the UN. Eight students from the prestigious Calhoun School have formed their own SA club and are creating an advocacy agenda.

On April 24, SA will do a workshop at Churchill School's annual Diversity Fair. The school has invited SA to talk about opportunities for volunteerism.

We are actively working with both Lyceum Kennedy-French School and Calhoun School to ensure that their clubs become an enjoyable and memorable experience for the schools. Part of this effort includes developing a comprehensive SA curriculum in addition to constant follow-up calls.

Moreover, Hunter College High School, the city's preeminent public high school, has been very receptive to the SA program. An SA presentation was delivered to the head of the Social Department, Ms. Betty Kleinfeld on February 10. Ms. Kleinfeld was exceedingly enthusiastic about the program and wants to add it to the school's International Relations curriculum for Fall 2006. This is in addition to starting an SA club. SA could also be incorporated into the school's volunteer service requirement. Each student at the school is required to complete 75 hours of volunteer service in order to receive their diploma. SA can satisfy this requirement through a wide range of humanitarian projects. The school is also interested in holding a film festival on international issues in partnership with UNA/NY, once an SA program has been established there.

UNA/NY members are an integral part of our outreach efforts and they have expressed the desire to assist. 12 members volunteered to help the SA program on February 16. These individuals can contact schools and use their personal connections to facilitate more presentations in New York City. In fact, our presentation at Hunter College High School was arranged through the efforts of a dedicated UNA/NY volunteer with connections to that school. UNA/NY needs to explore ways of incorporating member volunteers into outreach projects, because they want to be more involved.

26 new student members, an enthusiastic school administrator and the membership-base eager to volunteer, all give cause for optimism. UNA/NY is headed in the right direction to sustain and enhance the Student Alliance program.

—Submitted by Daniel Gregoire, UNA/NY Office

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Goals:** manage our financial portfolios and investments.

**Activities:** vacant committee

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Goals:** advocate for effective US leadership in the UN and facilitate cooperation with the US Mission to the UN; conduct two annual letter writing campaigns to address issues in US domestic or foreign policy as it relates to the UN; conduct an annual "Bilateral Dialogue" to feature two country's viewpoints on a pressing global issue.

**Activities:** During this past year, the Government Relations Committee directed its efforts toward reaching out to local officials and opinion leaders and exploring ways to advance the redevelopment program for the United Nations' headquarters facilities. At the same time, the Committee explored ways of cooperating with Manhattan-based organizations whose programs align with the Chapter's mission of enhancing public awareness of the United Nations and improving its effectiveness. The Committee intends to continue these efforts in the coming year.

—Submitted by the Committee

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Goals:** develop strategies to expand and deepen the membership base and increase its involvement with the chapter's stated mission; liaise between board and membership; study membership behavioral patterns with a view to enhancing program; provide strategies for increasing and retaining members; coordinate the development of our database in terms of its structure and functionality.

**Activities:** vacant committee

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Goals:** Select and interview potential board members to fill vacant and newly created positions.

**Activities:** no submission

## PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

**Goals:** organize monthly programs that raise awareness of important global issues and examine issues currently being considered at the UN.

**Activities:** For several years, the Program Committee has had two parallel goals: to help our members be better informed about important issues in foreign affairs and to offer them a fuller understanding of the workings of the UN and its satellite agencies, the NGOs.

Among the global issues addressed during our 2005–2006 year was the changing nature of terrorism, discussed at our June program by Giandomenico Picco, Special Advisor to Secretary General Kofi Annan. Mr. Picco explained how both cyber security and energy security have become such easy targets for terrorists that even “small” perpetrators can wreak enormous havoc, creating an asymmetry between target and terrorist and inspiring, by necessity, new alignments of power to combat this new terrorist strategy.

Our November program focused on “The Regional Consequences of Misplaying North Korea” and our speaker was area expert Leon Sigal, Director of the

Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project at the Social Research Council in New York. Mr. Sigal highlighted the foreign policy challenge involved in dealing with North Korea, while balancing the national interests of China, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

In April our program was devoted to an ever-increasing global threat, “The Challenge of Avian Flu,” with similar perspectives from two highly qualified speakers. Dr. David Nabarro, Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza, described UN efforts to prevent and also to prepare for a pandemic that could take many millions of lives if the bird flu virus mutates and jumps to humans. John Rennie, editor-in-chief of *SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN*, cited data on the historic pandemics of 1918, 1957, and 1968, made comparisons with the impending pandemic without actually predicting it in any specific time period, explained why no effective vaccine has yet been developed, and gave sound advice on what precautions should be taken by the federal government, local community groups, and each individual person.

Several 2005–2006 programs were also devoted to exploring the work of various NGOs, because they are



On May 6, members and friends visited the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park.



so important in supporting the mission of the UN. We had presentations by the HERO (Help Educate At-Risk Orphans) campaign initiated by UNA-USA to help HIV/AIDS children in Africa; by the founders of 34 Million Friends of UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activities); and by the founder and colleagues at Lawyers Without Borders.

Special programs in 2005 commemorated the 60th anniversary of the UN by looking back at important developments in its history. In September, The United Nations Intellectual History Project cited major contributions to global development thinking by people who helped shape the UN, ranging from Kofi Annan and Boutros Boutros-Ghali to Richard Gardner, Brian Urquhart and Connor Cruise O'Brien.

Our December program recalled the crucial role played by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in the founding of the UN in 1945. We were honored to have as our speakers Anna Roosevelt, their granddaughter, and Christopher Breiseth, President Emeritus, Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (FERI).

On May 6, 2006, FERI invited members and friends of UNA/NY to visit the Roosevelt home at historic Hyde Park. The all-day excursion included a screening of the film, "Rendezvous with Destiny," a tour of the Roosevelt home and the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, and a box lunch. Stephen Schlesinger, World Policy Director, The New School gave the luncheon talk entitled "The UN: Will It Survive the New Century."

—Submitted by Sherrie Murphy and Kathy Kline,  
Co-chairs

#### AD HOC BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

**Goals:** ensures that the by-laws adequately accommodate and represent the governing structure of the organization; provides legal oversight and guidance, annually reviews by-laws, recommends additions, deletions and enhancements.

**Activities:** at a monthly Board meeting in the spring of 2005, it became apparent that the chapter By-laws, last revised in October 2001, needed some updating. An ad hoc committee, consisting of Board Members Dick Romney, Catherine White, Maureen Basquill Ruf, and Joan Levy, was formed to consider how to amend and restate the existing By-Laws.

The committee met many times during the summer and fall of 2005. At each monthly Board meeting, we discussed proposed changes with the group. The final version was approved in April 2006. It will be sent to the membership for a vote at the May 2006 Annual Meeting.

Some of the changes include:

- Reduction of the number of classes of Directors from six classes to three.
- Elimination of term limits for Directors.
- Expulsion from the Board for those Directors who miss six yearly meetings whether or not they have called in to be excused.
- Addition of Conflict of Interest statement re: Fund Raising
- More definitive statements re: Financial Administration.

The ad hoc By-Laws Committee concluded its work at the Board meeting in April 2006.

—Submitted by Joan Levy for the Committee

#### AD HOC GALA COMMITTEE

**Goals:** produce a fundraising gala.

**Activities:** UNA/NY's benefit gala dinner commemorating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations took place on October 21, 2005 at the United Nations and 300 guests attended the event.

The gala evening was opened by Secretary-General Mr. Kofi Annan who, in his usual gracious manner, spoke encouragingly and in an up-beat manner about the work and growing membership of our chapter. He was also very positive about the potential of UNA chapters to fur-



**Cherie Blair, president of the Loomba Trust, chats with Gillian Sorensen, UN Foundation senior advisor, and Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the UNA/NY Gala.**

ther the aims of the United Nations. The Gala dinner was held in the UN Delegates Dining Room. General Assembly President Jan Eliasson, Ambassador of Sweden, gave an inspiring keynote speech followed by an address by our president, Henry Sanchez. Harry Smith of the CBS Early Show acted as master of ceremonies. During the evening, we presented United Nations Day awards to the International Federation of Health Plans, The Links, Inc., and Liya Kebede, a Goodwill Ambassador for the World Health Organization for Maternal and Child Health—all for their outstanding contributions to bettering global health and education.

We also recognized The Loomba Trust, an organization that supports the families of widows in India and many other countries. The president of The Loomba Trust, Cherie Blair, wife of the British Prime Minister Tony Blair, together with Raj Loomba, founder of the Trust, gave short addresses to launch the Trust in the United States.



**Master of Ceremonies Harry Smith with Dinner Co-chair Desiree Watson.**

Out of the over \$100,000 raised at the Gala, \$24,000 was donated to UNA-USA's HERO campaign, supporting the education of children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. Funds directly support four schools in Namibia.

The guests were entertained throughout the evening by an international group of musicians from Trinidad/Tobago and Mexico, by Morley, a jazz singer from the US, and by the Agape children of South Africa. We are grateful to our corporate sponsors for their generous contributions that will ensure that our programs are funded this year. We thank our guests and donors for supporting this event so willingly and for the dedicated efforts of our team of volunteers who collectively made our gala a huge success.

—Submitted by Ann Nicol and Desiree Watson, Dinner Co-chairs



**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** is a nonpartisan, national network of professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 that works to promote effective U.S. involvement in international affairs and in the United Nations. As part of UNA-USA, YPIC provides emerging leaders with access to resources and contacts that allow them to act on issues of national and global importance.

YPIC New York is a committee of the UNA/NY chapter.

*Activities:*

- Coordinated efforts of six committees: Economic Development, European Affairs, Humanitarian Affairs, Human Rights, Latin American Affairs, Marketing Communications
- Produced May 20 Global Festival, 300 attendees, raising \$10,000 for UNA/NY and HERO
- Launched the “Careers” series: Careers in NGOs, Careers at the United Nations, Careers in International Finance
- Launched YPIC quarterly newsletter
- Revamped YPIC web pages
- Grew YPIC distribution list to 1,680 contacts

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- Careers at the United Nations
- Turkey’s European Future
- The Chinese Economy: Prospects and Potential Risks
- The Return of the Grand Coalition: Angela Merkel and the 2005 Elections in Germany
- Careers in NGOs
- YPIC Global Festival
- Looking Towards the Préval Presidency: Reading & Discussion on Haiti’s Future with journalist and author Michael Deibert

**2005**

- The Millennium Development Goals in the Face of United Nations Challenges
- The Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development
- Women's Rights and the Middle East
- Kosovo and Moving Towards a Final Status
- The Millennium Development Goals and Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women
- The Plight of Children Orphaned by HIV/AIDS: Practice, Policy, Possibilities & Passion
- The Millennium Development Goals and Maternal Health
- 3rd United Nations Association Traveling Film Festival Presents: Promotion of Universal Respect
- France and America—Partners at Odds?
- Is Latin America's Economic Expansion for Real? What about its Politics?
- Careers in International Finance
- Crisis in Sudan—What is the World Doing?
- The Orange Revolution: Political, Economic, Democratic, and Social Implications of Ukraine's Presidential Elections
- A Tasting of Wines from Around the World: Chile, Australia, Italy, and Argentina

**2004**

- The International Criminal Court Takes Its First Cases: How Will the United States React?

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## Appendix B

### Programs 2005–2006

#### 2006

##### Visit to Historic Hyde Park

May 6

*Speaker:* Stephen Schlesinger, World Policy Institute Director, The New School ([www.worldpolicy.org](http://www.worldpolicy.org))

##### The Challenge of Avian Flu: Strategies for an Impending Pandemic

April 20

*Speakers:*

Dr. David Nabarro, Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza  
John Rennie, Editor-in-Chief, *Scientific American* magazine

##### 34 Million Friends: Americans for UNFPA

March 16

*Speakers:* Jane Roberts and Lois Abraham who established 34 Million Friends of UNFPA

##### Lawyers Without Borders: Global Engagement in Rule of Law and Capacity Building

February 16

*Panelists:*

Christina Storm, LYOB Founder and President  
Roger Pugh, UN/ECOSOC Liaison, New York Representative  
Theresa Loken, President, LYOB NY Student Division  
Harpreet Mann, recipient of LYOB's Gold Globe volunteer award

##### HERO: Addressing the Emergency Needs of Schools in Namibia

January 19

*Speaker:* Susan Fox, Program Manager, UNA-USA Hero Campaign

#### 2005

##### The Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's Involvement with the UN

##### Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations

Co-sponsored with the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies

December 1

##### The Regional Consequences of Misplaying North Korea

November 17

*Speaker:* Leon Sigal, Director of the Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project at the Social Research Council in New York

##### The Power of People and Ideas:

##### The Intellectual Contribution of the UN to Development Thinking As Told Through the Life Experiences of 73 Key Participants

September 22

*Speakers:*

Thomas G. Weiss, Director, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies and Co-Director, United Nations Intellectual History Project  
Tatiana Carayannis, Research Manager, United Nations Intellectual History Project

##### Alignment, Asymmetry, and Ideologies:

##### A New Environment for Terrorism

June 16

*Speaker:* Giandomenico Picco, Chairman and CEO, GDP Associates and Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General