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"A LOCAL VOICE FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION" Spokane Chapter Vision Statement

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Unitarian Universalist Church in Spokane
4340 West Fort Wright Drive

Dr. Ted Nitz

International Studies Director and Assistant Professor of History
Gonzaga University

"United States and It's Relationship to the United Nation".

In 2003, our chapter was privileged to have had Dr. Nitz as our guest speaker. His topic was "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East". Dr. Nitz stated at the time: "I believe that the United Nations has an important role to play here - indeed may be the only possible honest broker in a difficult situation."

February '07, brings Prof. Nitz back to us. His presentation will point out how the United States played a central role in the formation of the United and has been an important part of that body ever since. This presentation will survey the origins of the UN in the past World War II era and then examine how the relationship between the United States and the UN has evolved over time. The presentation will use selected international issues in order to see how the relationship has worked. He will conclude with an assessment of the current relationship and prospects for the future.

Dr. Ted Nitz teaches world, Middle Eastern, Islamic, and modern European History, and is the Director of International Studies for Gonzaga University. He specializes in German history, the modern Middle East, and Islamic civilization and history.

Before beginning his doctoral studies at W S U in 1991, he served in the US Air Force for 23 years and had the opportunity to live in Germany and the Republic of Turkey, while traveling throughout Europe and parts of the Middle East.

HOPES AND DREAMS

President's Message Golie Jansen

Good bye to Jo Stowell.

This is my first message as president of the UNA-USA Spokane board. In the three years I have been part of the board, I have come to appreciate the work of this small, but dedicated organization. One of the people who deserves a lot of credit for the efforts to continue to educate the Spokane community about the importance of the UN in world affairs is Jo Stowell, the president of the last three years. Jo and I joined the board at the same time and shortly there after she became president. During her time as president we have seen many positive changes. We have seen growth, especially in recruiting young people to the board and programs. We have seen an increase in attendance at our monthly programs, as well as greater collaboration with other groups in Spokane, such as the Peace and Justice Action League. All of those positive changes are to a very large extent because of Jo.

You as members, come to monthly programs, receive a newsletter and attend our yearly United Nations Day dinners and “Adopt-a-Minefield” programs.

What you do not see is the enormous work behind the scenes: the phone calls, the reminders, the conversations with people in the community to get involved, the recruitment of new board members and committee members. Jo brought a wonderful personal atmosphere to our meetings and all our work together. She stayed in touch with board members and often invited them to her house for lunch or tea. She truly kept us motivated and working, and was a warm and patient support!

The UNA-USA Spokane organization is not an ‘attractive’ organization, we do not do ‘good works’ in the community and do not offer status or fame attached to being involved in this organization. What we are, and what was embodied so beautifully and seriously in Jo Stowell, was to be a “local voice for global cooperation”. A small effort in an often dreadful and scary world. A very necessary effort to keep up our hopes and dreams about a world in which people prefer peace over war and justice over self-interest.

Jo, through her work as president has consistently voiced these convictions. ***Thank you JO!***

My hopes and dreams for our UNA-USA Spokane are three fold:

1) Our current board is very promising and we continually look for board members that are willing to contribute for the duration of their board term and help expand the activities of this organization. My hopes and dreams to further expand our work is for the board to recruit more members from the international community and have our organization look more like the United Nations.

2) Attractive programs: The last two years we have offered very educational programs with mostly positive responses. Last year our presentations related to the Millennium Development Goals, and this year the focus is on international security. For the program series for next year, we hope to focus on the international character of the United Nations and invite speakers that could educate us to what happens in other parts of the world. Through doing so we hope to 'showcase' the work of the United Nations in terms of disaster relief, children's programs or refugee resettlement to mention a few.

3) The involvement of younger people is a priority and vital to communicate a vision that a different world is possible. Through outreach and our monthly programs we must focus on attracting students and others in the younger generation, to carry on this important work. You can all be involved in this effort.

See you on Monday, February 12! Dr Ted Nitz: Director of International Studies Gonzaga University will speak about: "The Relationship Between the US and UN".

Spokane Chapter Calendar

February 12, 2007

United States and Its' Relationship to the United Nations.

March 12, 2007

"Night of a Thousand Dinners" Potluck and Program
Adopt-A-Minefield

April 9, 2007

Non-Proliferation Treaty

May 14, 2007

Peace Building Committee

We meet at 7:00 P.M., Second Monday of the Month, at the Unitarian Church, on 4340 West Fort Wright Drive

You are cordially invited to join us.

UNA-USA SPOKANE CHAPTER

Membership in UNA-USA is your gateway to greater participation in world affairs. Together we can ensure that with the support of the United States, the United Nations can continue to be a driving force toward a more humane, healthy and prosperous world.

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