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MANNY'S CORNER

June 2005: Two Personal Milestones

For the past few weeks, my focus has been on two major events. First, celebrating a personal milestone in my own life, the fiftieth anniversary, since my arrival in the United States as a foreign student with the goal of finishing my Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. Thanks to Sara Pedram, G.A.M.E.



Hand painted card by
Jim & Jan Grebe

co-director, and several friends, this celebration brought approximately 100 people on a Sunday afternoon to share a half century of my life.

And what a celebration it was! The second event that has paralleled my fiftieth anniversary with great impact is that of the United



Photo, courtesy of
Helen Black

Nations. As I was compiling pictures and clippings Sara had requested for my fiftieth celebration, I realized how the United Nations has paralleled my life, my education and my thinking since my early college years. Among many clippings I have collected for the past 50 years, one dates back to 1958, titled "UN's 13th birthday draws faculty and student comments." In this University of Kansas student newspaper, and as a part of the 13th anniversary celebration, I was quoted to say

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Gregory Brown, Ph.D.

Greetings to our members, friends and other interested supporters. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board members. Joining the G.A.M.E. Board are Haumana Johannsen, Vice-President and Secretary; Teri Chu, Vice-President for Membership, Matthew Westra, Linda McNicholas, and George Saller. And many thanks to those who have served and are now leaving the Board: J'Noel Gardiner, Jim Everett. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

A couple of projects are on the drawing board, which you may not be aware of. G.A.M.E. will be offering merit badge training in October for Boy Scouts in the community.

This is a collaborative effort in conjunction with Midcontinent Library. We will be using the expertise of our members to



Citizenship in the
World Badge

teach Scouts about world citizenship. And we have just submitted a grant application to a private foundation to develop curriculum and computer technology for middle school teachers. This too involves a collaboration, but with the Center School District. If you have an interest in either of these projects or anything else that G.A.M.E. is involved in, do contact either Manny or myself.

Best,
Greg

The Changing Leadership at UNICEF

The UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on January 18, appointed Ann M. Veneman, the outgoing Secretary of Agriculture in the Bush Administration as the next Executive Director of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. She succeeded Carol Bellamy, who led UNICEF for 10 years until May 2005.

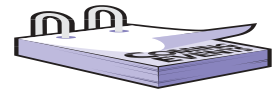
Secretary-General Annan in appointing Ms. Veneman stated that she is "a long-term and steadfast supporter of programs to advance the welfare of children, both at home and abroad," adding, "Ms. Veneman's extensive experience, as well as her personal commitment to UNICEF's values and mission, make her an eminently suitable person to lead UNICEF."

In accepting the appointment, Ms. Veneman stated: "The plight of children around the world is enormous.

Children today must face issues that no child-no human being should have to confront: malnutrition and hunger, illiteracy and disease, especially the scourge of HIV/AIDS, exploitation and suffering, wars and natural disasters. The challenges are imposing, but there is also a vast reservoir of will to solve them. I am committed to tapping into that potential." Ms. Veneman is the fifth chief of the 60-year-old United Nations Children's Fund. and promised that UNICEF would play a key role in helping countries meet the Millennium Development Goals to reduce or eliminate major socio-economic ills by 2015. The Millennium Development Goals reflect the wishes and the will of governments around the world and the importance all nations place on the well-being of children .



Upcoming Events Local and National



July 17, 2005, 1-5 p.m. Sister City Committee, Celebration of the French National Holiday, Cafe des Amis, Parkville, MO.

July 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Colbern Midcontinent Library, GAME committee for World Citizenship meeting.

September-18, 2005, 2:00 p.m. G.A.M.E. Board of Director's meeting.

October 1, 2005, 9:00-3:00 p.m. Citizenship in the World, Boy Scout's badge, Colbern Midcontinent Library.

October 24, 2005, Annual Mayor's UN Day event: Speaker, Jan Egeland, UN Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs. Location soon will be announced

November 4-6, 2005 Peace Colloquy. From Fears to Friendship: Exploring Religions of the World. Community of Christ.

May 17-20, 2006, Washington CRC Coalition Summit

G.A.M.E. Plans for 2005-2006 To Build A World Fit for Children

Biennial Conference

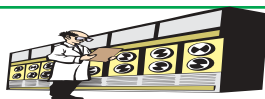
Friday, November 17th, 2006

Conference on U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.



...The wild dream is the first step to reality by which we set our highest goals and discern our highest selves.
Norman Cousins

Recent Email News and Events



UNICEF URGES G8 LEADERS TO FOCUS ON NEEDS OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN

New York, Jul 1 2005 6:00PM

The head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) today challenged the leaders of the world's richest countries ahead of next week's G8 summit to summon the collective leadership, resources and political will needed to improve the lives of more than 1 billion children living in poverty.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND UN REFORM FOCUS OF STUDENTS' DIALOGUE WITH DIPLOMATS

New York, May 24 2005 5:00PM

Human rights in the context of United Nations reform was squarely on the minds of student leaders who engaged members of the UN diplomatic community today in a unique dialogue on global issues.

During the third annual Youth Leadership Awards Summit at UN Headquarters in New York, students queried Ambassadors Gerhard Pfanzelter of Austria, Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury of Bangladesh and Abdullah M. Alsaidi of Yemen on the range of ideas being discussed to improve the international system and the United Nations, particularly human rights.

Could the G8 summit on July 6th be an historic opportunity for America to lead the world - and save millions of lives?

Nelson Mandela thinks so: He's calling on the world's leaders to act now to end AIDS and extreme poverty.

In a new video on **ONE.org**, the former President of South Africa and hero in the struggle against apartheid asks the G8 nations for an unprecedented deal on debt, aid and trade for people in the world's poorest countries to fight global AIDS and poverty.

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"It is significant that the UN has lasted 13 years, because it is the only organization in the world which can work on the world's problems." A year later in 1959 I finished my Master's thesis at the University of Kansas with a study of social studies teachers in first and second class cities of Kansas concerning the "role of the United Nations in school curriculum." Now, as I celebrated my 50th and in writing this column, I find myself eagerly watching with a great degree of interest and expectation as the United Nations has recently ended its 60th birthday celebration on June 26th in San Francisco. The next major United Nations event is scheduled for September 2005, when the 191 member nations are scheduled to discuss the future of the United Nations and its revalidation. The September 2005 World Summit focus will be on Secretary General Kofi Annan's proposal, to review the challenges of the "new millennium" -- "the need for new development, debt reduction, fair trade opportunities for poor countries, and reiteration of the principle of the international community's responsibility to protect the weak when their own States are unwilling or unable to do so." In addition, the member states are asked to affirm the need to agree on "a comprehensive legal convention on terrorism, ending the political debates over its definition; and a call for wide-ranging institutional reform to create more credible UN human rights mechanisms." Such an agenda, if agreed upon, will be making history at the 60th UN anniversary and is truly a framework for transforming the United Nations as a world organization... one that has an enormous impact upon the world community.

We were born to unite with our fellow men, and to join in community with the human race.

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