



USAID Alumni Association

September 2017 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Monday, September 18, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **David Steinberg**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and a USAID alumnus, will speak on "**Erroneous Estimates: How South Korea and Burma (Myanmar) Upended Early Development Expectations.**"

Postponed to Thursday, September 28, 2017- 2:00 PM - UAA Development Issues Meeting at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). **Amb. John Simon** who will lead us in a discussion of the **recent CSIS Task Force report on reforming and reorganizing U.S. foreign assistance**. See below for additional information.

RSVP! Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm **UAA 6th Annual Picnic** at Fort Hunt in Alexandria. See details below

Monday, October 23, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Join us as **Mr. Inder Sud, President, World Bank Alumni**, will present the findings of his recent book in a provocative talk entitled "**Reforming Foreign Aid: Reinvent the World Bank (and more).**"

Friday, November 3, 2017 - 8:30-4:00 PM - **UAA Annual General Meeting** at Center for Global Development, 2055 L St NW, 5th floor. Watch for details in next month's Newsletter.

Monday, December 4, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Long-time USAID and World Bank colleague **Jerry Wolgin**, will speak about a subject he knows very well - "**African Economic Growth: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.**"

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** The [In Memoriam](#) page has a couple of new entries.
- The [USAID Alumni Bibliography](#) has been updated and includes a number of interesting new additions.
- In [Articles](#), read items on: 1) Administrator Green's humanitarian/political travel to Darfur, 2) a possible corruption-related cut to aid to Guatemala, 3) 13 recommendations from the Heritage Foundation for reforming US foreign assistance, 4) a hold up of US aid to Egypt for human rights issues, 5) five recommendations for the new USAID Administrator, 6) NGO officials unhappy after discussing the future of foreign aid with Administration representatives, 6) former diplomats warn against a State/USAID merger, 7) a John Norris history of

American public opinion on foreign aid, 8) whether the 800 lb. Hillary Clinton plaque will be removed again from the USAID entrance, 9) a Deputy SecState town hall meeting that reflects unlikelihood of a State/AID merger, 10) an op-ed that ponders major disappointments with Rex Tillerson, 11) the importance of the role of development organizations in achieving diplomatic policy objectives, 12) more analysis in two articles from alum Diana Ohlbaum on the battle over foreign aid reorganization and some good ideas to consider, and 13) a Washington Post profile of Mark Green.

- [Web Links](#) include the latest editions of Frontlines and the USAID Impact newsletter.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to office@usaidalumni.org or, better still, post it on the [Forum](#).

Looking for someone with a USAID alumni background and skills to hire or as a volunteer? If you would like to post a job or volunteer opportunity, please email us at office@usaidalumni.org, Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

6th Annual UAA Picnic

**RSVP TODAY! JOIN THE FUN!
6th Annual UAA (Summer) Picnic**

**Fort Hunt Park, Alexandria, VA
Picnic Site B-001
Saturday, October 7, 2017
Noon - 3:00 pm**

In order for us to have adequate water and soft drinks available, **please let us know that you are coming and with how many adults and children.**

[Respond by clicking here.](#)

Details:

The rescheduled date for the UAA annual picnic is Saturday October 7 at Fort Hunt picnic area. Our get together is scheduled from noon till 3:00pm, in the same picnic shelter we've used in prior years. We hope everyone will come and bring other Alumni, children, guitars, games, etc. Weather should be great! The generous parking lot is a very short stroll to the sheltered picnic area so we will proceed rain or shine.

Based on the enthusiastic response the last two years, we decided to repeat our successful pot luck so that people can bring dishes to share. We will provide non-alcoholic beverages and water, table covers, paper goods, cups and plastic ware. Please bring your own wine and beer - and some to share. The area has a liquor license, but for wine and beer only.

Please bring one dish sufficient for 6 to 8 people. If you have a special dish that would be great. Otherwise, bring a dish according to the following categories...please note that assignments have changed from our previous July menu.

People with last names between A and G are asked to bring a main dish.
People with last names between H and L are asked to bring a salad or side dish.
People with last names between M and R are asked to bring a dessert.
People with last names between S and Z are asked to bring an appetizer.

Directions: Fort Hunt is South of Alexandria and just north of Mount Vernon. From Interstate 395, take exit 10B for the southbound George Washington Memorial Parkway. Merge onto the parkway and continue for about 12 miles. Turn right onto Fort Hunt Road and continue to the Park. For further details, [click here](#).

Development Issues Committee Meeting

Note: Date Change for UAA Development Issues Committee Meeting.

The Development Issues Committee has rescheduled its next meeting for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday the 28th of September at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) located at 1889 F Street, N.W. Our guest will be **Amb. John Simon** who will lead us in a discussion of the **recent CSIS Task Force report on reforming and reorganizing U.S. foreign assistance with an emphasis on private sector participation**. Several USAID alumni are on the Task Force. The report is a product of the CSIS Project on U.S. Leadership in Development and can be found on the CSIS web site (www.csis.org).

Those interested in attending should so indicate to Co-Chairs Steve Giddings at sjiddings5@gmail.com or Jim Fox at jameswfox@cox.net no later than **COB Tuesday September 26** so that PADF can clear you for entrance at the lobby security desk.

Vermont Development Wallah's Annual Picnic

Although our D.C. Alumni picnic was postponed due to the heat, the Vermont Development Wallahs enjoyed great weather for their Annual Picnic on August 9. The event which attracted over 20 USAID Alumni and colleagues was hosted this year by Nils Daulaire and Mary Taylor in South Royalton, Vermont. See how many of the USAID retirees below you recognize!



USAID History Project Underway! Additional Support Needed!

Many months ago we sought pledges from UAA members to finance the writing and publication of an independent and objective history of USAID. About 140 people generously pledged \$180,000, and we have now asked them to fulfill their pledge by September 30, 2017. While short of our original goal, we decided we could not delay any longer, especially given the current threats to USAID's very existence.

But even as we move forward with the project, we need your help to expand the list of contributors and increase total donations.

We urge many more of our fellow USAID alumni to join the effort and make a tax-deductible contribution now. Please send your check payable to the "UAA/USAID History Project" as soon as possible. Contributions should be mailed to the UAA/USAID History Project, c/o DACOR, 4th Floor, 1801 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. You will receive a grateful acknowledgment from the UAA and a receipt for tax purposes. Unless you specify otherwise, your name will be listed among contributors in our Newsletter and on the UAA website (www.usaidalumni.org).

We are very pleased that John Norris has agreed to author the book. John is an experienced development professional who has held senior positions in government and non-government organizations and is a successful published author. Although John will continue at the Center for American Progress, the UAA will contract with him directly, and he will also become a Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for Global Development. A UAA Advisory Group will assist the author.

Please donate as much as you can to help us record the critical place of USAID in global development. If you have any questions, please write Alex Shakow (ashakow@comcast.net) or Carol Peasley (cpeasley@starpower.net).

Public Outreach - Encouraging USAID Alumni to Seek Public Speaking Opportunities

On September 29, UAA member Suzanne Olds will address an audience of Osher LifeLong Learning Institute (OLLI) members at John's Hopkins University in Rockville, MD. Suzanne will speak about her experience as the first USAID mission director to the politically sensitive West Bank/Gaza starting in the early-90's.

OLLI has 119 university-affiliated institutes and satellite offices in all 50 states. We encourage UAA members interested in engaging the public on the role of USAID and its global development mission to reach out to OLLI and its partner institutions. If you have questions, please contact John Champagne, co-chair of the UAA Public Outreach Committee.

2017 UAA Annual General Meeting

The 2017 UAA Annual General Meeting will be held on **November 3, 2017**, at the **Center for Global Development headquarters in Washington, DC**. This year's meeting theme is:

"USAID Partnerships: Commercial and University Collaboration."

The program will feature morning panels on:

USAID partnerships with the private sector, moderated by **Jim Michel**, with **John Sanbrailo**, **Dan Runde**, and **Sean Jones**, and

USAID university partnerships moderated by **Montague Demment**, with **Gebisa Ejeta**, **Dennis Carroll**, and **Ticora Jones**.

After lunch, alumni awards will be presented, and **USAID Administrator Mark Green** has been invited to speak about his priorities.

The final panel will focus on

"REFORMING USAID" a panel discussion among **leaders of the development community knowledgeable** of "reform of USAID" proposals, moderated by **Scott Morris**, CGD.

To register for AGM, please click here: [2017 UAA Annual General Meeting](#)

Finding Unregistered Alumni

We need YOUR help! To make the UAA Alumni Directory and website even more valuable to all, we need to encourage more of our unregistered alumni to register. That includes recent retirees and the scores of eligible PSCs and hundreds of former FSNs!!

As of July 31, the UAA had 969 registered alumni in its Directory and that number continues to grow every month. Our goal is to have no less than 1,000 registered alumni by the time we meet at the Annual General Meeting on November 3.

Please be an advocate for the UAA with the Alumni community members, encouraging them to register, to become contributing members, and to participate in UAA events and as volunteers. This Association belongs to all of us and will be strongest if we all contribute to its activities and participate. This starts with ensuring that eligible alumni register, contribute and are active in the work of the Association.

Alumni Profiles - Barbara Kennedy

Working for USAID was always in the cards. A California native, Barbara received a bachelor's in nursing at the University of California San Francisco and then promptly packed up and drove East with no money, no experience and no plan. She landed a job at Boston City Hospital in their Women's Health Clinic, followed by a position at the Pathfinder Fund. After a few years designing reproductive health programs, she got her MPH at the University of Michigan, where she was delighted to find over half the class was international students on USAID scholarships. This international exposure led her to USAID, where she was USAID's first Regional Health Officer for REDSO/ESA, attended the National War College, and launched her senior management career as Deputy Mission Director in Peru and AID Rep in Cape Verde and Paraguay. She survived attempted coups, office bombings, droughts and floods, cholera outbreaks, election rigging, kidnappings, and civil-military skirmishes.



Barbara retired early from USAID and moved to Chapel Hill North Carolina where she currently resides. For the next 15 years she worked for various implementing partners. Then, a bit weary of new business development she went to work for Mott MacDonald (engineering firm based in the UK) where she led their global

development efforts. Next up was International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

Then in 2014, Barbara returned to USAID to work on the DCHA Bureau's CS3 Firehouse team to provide TDY assistance to field missions. Back to where she began, Barbara is happy to be with USAID for short-term assignments.

Barbara is married to Diego, a Paraguayan and professional field hockey player and coach who travels home 2-3 months each year to advise the national team. She has two children: Lindsay lives in Miami and works for AirBus in their Latin America operations, and Kelby is a senior and Criminal Justice Major at Western Carolina University.

Barbara's latest retirement this year brings lots of plans and aspirations. The family bought a small motorhome to explore the US and hike the National Parks. This summer they drove to Zion, Bryce and Arches in Southern Utah. She is also getting back in the saddle and next spring will join a seven-day ride through Utah's Red Rock Canyon. The one thing Barbara is still trying to determine is where she can become locally involved. Once you have worked for USAID, helping others "is in our DNA."

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