



# USAID Alumni Association

## June 2018 UAA Newsletter

### UAA Newsletter Publication Notice

During the July-August period, the UAA newsletter publication will be every 45 days instead of each month. Thus, the next two issues of the newsletter will be scheduled for July 16 and September 4."

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

**Monday, June 11, 2018 - 10:00 to Noon** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue  
- **World Bank** Vice-President for Development Finance **Axel van Trotsenburg**  
- "**Financing Development: The Catalytic Role of the World Bank**".

**Saturday, September 8** **UAA Annual Picnic** at Fort Hunt in Alexandria, Virginia

**Friday, October 26** - **UAA Annual General Meeting** at the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington, D.C.

### New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** There are couple of new additions to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- In [Articles](#), read items focusing on: 1) the special IG's latest update on assistance to Afghanistan, 2) some lessons learned from the Agency's largest ever procurement, 3) Warren Wade's parting thoughts on the Agency's evolving role, 4) the Congressional Research Service's report on U.S. foreign aid, 5) the USAID IG's "autopsy" of the Tillerson State/USAID redesign project, 6) George Ingrham's testimony on development finance (i.e. the BUILD Act), 7) a progress update on the BUILD Act, 8) the bipartisan collaboration in support of foreign assistance, and 9) concerns about the sustainability of democracy in the Americas.
- In [Job & Volunteer Opportunities](#), find out how you can have an article published in *American Diplomacy*.
- In [Web Links](#) take the opportunity to peruse the increasingly large number of USAID officer oral histories located on the site of ADST, The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training.
- The [Bibliography of USAID Authors](#) has been updated and includes a number of intriguing additions.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org), Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

## UAA Spring Reception

On May 20, nearly 80 UAA alumni and guests enjoyed the annual spring reception, graciously hosted by Alex and Pat Shakow at their lovely Kensington home. The rain held off, providing perfect weather for an afternoon outdoors with bountiful food and drinks, and the company of many friends to share the highly successful get-together. We encourage everyone to come to the next fun event, the annual picnic at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, September 8. Here are some pictures taken at the spring reception.



Nancy Tumavick - Alex and Pat Shakow - Bette Cook



Peter McPherson with Margaret Carpenter and Ann VanDusen



Peter McPherson, Mary Huntington and George Hill



Malcolm Butler and Anne Dammarell



David Steinberg and Mike VanDusen



Pat Sommers, George Hill, et. al.

## We are your UAA Volunteers...Join Us!

Many of you have spoken about the increasing impact of the UAA as an organization. That has happened only because of the dedicated work of many volunteers who have helped steer the organization, including those who serve on the Board (seven elected officers) and the Executive Committee (the Board plus the appointed Co-Chairs of seven committees). Those currently serving in these roles are listed here on our Website: ([link to website list](#)). By serving on the UAA Board or the Executive Committee, you get the chance to re-engage with former colleagues - and make a difference. It is also fun!!

Later this month, the UAA will send our annual email seeking expressions of interest by members to serve on the Association's Board for the 2018-2020 term. Remember: the UAA is only as strong as its volunteers. So, please consider volunteering!!

## 2018 UAA Awards Program

Only a short time remains for submission of nominations of a UAA member (or yourself) for the 2018 "Alumni of the Year" awards. Please send your nominations now until July 31 to: [awards@usaidalumni.org](mailto:awards@usaidalumni.org). The prestigious awards will be announced at the UAA Annual General Meeting on October 26. The "Alumni of the Year" award recognizes and celebrates new paths taken in retirement by USAID alumni to provide service to their communities and improve the lives of others at home and abroad. There are impressive contributions among our alumni community waiting to be recognized. Example categories of service that are appropriate, but not limited to, for consideration include:

- Service with nongovernmental organizations and other groups (profit or non-profit) that work closely with communities with special needs, at home or abroad, or both (e.g., legal services or advocacy for disadvantaged groups, foster parenting, medical service in underserved areas, etc.).
- Service with groups that promote education (at any level), the arts and sciences (e.g., museums, community theater, music appreciation, etc.).
- Support for civic programs of any kind (e.g., scouts movement or projects promoted by groups such as the Lions, Rotary, or similar).

- Leadership excellence, including contributions to intellectual development and implementation (e.g., for sustained extraordinary achievement, dedication and passion in a leadership role).
- Service by alumni, including retirees and their spouses or partners, who are UAA members and actively support contributions in furtherance of social and economic development and humanitarian relief at home or abroad.

Don't wait until the last minute to share those stories. All nominees, including the 2018 winner(s), will be profiled in future editions of the monthly UAA newsletter. For full details about the award and how to make nominations, [please click here.](#)

## Development Issues Committee

The Development Issues Committee will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday the **6th of June at 2:00 P.M.** at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), 1889 F St NW, Washington, DC 20006. The guest discussion leaders will be **Adva Saldinger** and **Michael Igoe**, senior reporters/researchers at DEVEX. New members are always welcome. Please advise Committee Co-Chairs Stephen Giddings ([Sgiddings5@gmail.com](mailto:Sgiddings5@gmail.com)) and James Fox ([jameswfox@cox.net](mailto:jameswfox@cox.net)) by Tuesday June 5th if you wish to join the Committee and will be able to attend the session on the 6th of June.

## UAA USAID History Project Update

The USAID History Project continues to proceed on schedule. Our author John Norris has now completed seven of the eighteen months he needs to prepare a finished manuscript. He has just produced his first two draft chapters for the Advisory Committee members (Jim Michel, Carol Peasley, Dan Runde, John Sanbrailo and Alex Shakow) to review. John will also now begin to explore the possible interest of publishers as he continues to produce additional draft chapters.

These first two draft chapters suggest John is drawing extensively on oral histories of AID staff - and other relevant parties - in telling the AID story. This highlights the value of the collection of oral histories found on the website of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training - [www.adst.org](http://www.adst.org) - where there are now nearly 150 interviews of AID staff on file. Based on a grant of \$150,000 from USAID to ADST 18 months ago, four UAA members - Carol Peasley, Ann van Dusen, John Pielemeier and Alex Shakow - are helping ADST add to this collection by interviewing more recent retirees, including for the first time a number of Foreign Service Nationals with long experience at USAID missions. We urge alumni to explore the list - you will be sure to find lots of interesting interviews from former colleagues.

Once again, we want to thank our generous UAA members for their tremendous support for the project. About \$210,000 has been received from more than 150 donors. We continue to encourage contributions to help us promote various post-publication educational activities drawing on the book. Moreover, we believe that the widest possible UAA member participation - at whatever dollar level - in this important project is a key to its ultimate success.

If you have not contributed, please do so now by sending a check payable to the "UAA/USAID History Project" 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 co-chairs and a receipt for tax purposes.

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