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60th Annual Dinner and Plenary Meeting

Featured Speaker: Dr. Reinhard Wesel
(Professor of Political Science,
Otto-von-Guericke University, Magdeburg, Germany)

Germany and the UN: A 60 Year Retrospective

Belmont United Methodist Church
(Corner of Acklen Avenue and 21st Ave. South,
Hillsboro Village)

Tuesday March 29, 2005

Reception 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Program 7:00 p.m.

(no charge for program only)

Price: \$16

Student Price: \$12

(scholarships available)

RSVP by Friday, March 25 to the UNA Office, 615-321-1200.
(Vegetarian meals available upon request when making a reservation.)

Please note – We purchase food based on the number of reservations.
If you are unable to attend at the last minute, a donation to cover our costs is appreciated.)

Dr. Reinhard Wesel is a specialist on Political Theory, Research Methodology, and Political Culture. His research focus is language, symbolism, and ritual in politics. His dissertation was entitled “*Summit*” *Rhetoric: The World Conferences of the United Nations as Rituals of International Symbolic Politics*. Dr. Wesel has previously served as a member of the board of the German United Nations Association, as well as Vice-President of the Bavarian Chapter of the German UNA.

Dr. Wesel's visit is made possible through collaboration of Tennessee State University, The Office of International Business Programs at Tennessee State University, The Vanderbilt University European Studies Program, Vanderbilt University Model UN student organization, Sister Cities of Nashville, as well as the United Nations Association of the USA, Nashville Chapter.

President's Corner

University of Magdeburg Model UN Students to Visit Nashville

The University of Magdeburg Model UN delegation will be visiting Nashville the week of March 28. The students are visiting the United States to participate in the National Model United Nations Conference being held in New York City from March 22-26. There are 25 students representing Zambia and the Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent. Their visit to Nashville is being sponsored by Tennessee State University, The Office of International Business Programs at Tennessee State University, The Vanderbilt University European Studies Program, Vanderbilt University Model UN student organization, Sister Cities, as well as the United Nations Association of the USA, Nashville Chapter. The students will attend a number of programs at Tennessee State and Vanderbilt Universities. The visit has largely been arranged by Dr. Joel Dark department head of the History, Geography, and Political Science Department at Tennessee State University. Dr. Dark is a specialist on 20th century European history with a particular focus on modern Germany.

The students will be spending the week attending various history and political science classes at Tennessee State and Vanderbilt Universities. The students should be able to provide valuable insights to the classes on contemporary German politics and history. Among the topics that will be discussed at Tennessee State University include German reunification as experienced by the first post-division generation as well as German political parties since reunification. The students will also participate in Dr. Matthias Schulz's classes on European Society and Culture, and European Unification at Vanderbilt University, topics to be determined.

The students visit to Nashville ties into the UNA-USA Nashville Chapter's Spring dinner which is Tuesday March 29, 2005 at Belmont United Methodist Church beginning at 5:30 PM. The students will be the guests of the UNA at this dinner. Their faculty advisor Dr. Reinhard Wesel will be the featured speaker. (See the first page of the newsletter for more info.) In addition to our hosting the Magdeburg students at our spring dinner the Nashville Chapter of the UNAUSA is also contributing \$400 towards the students lodging while they are in Nashville.

On behalf of the UNA-USA Nashville chapter we are looking forward to Dr. Wesel's talk and we welcome the visit of the University of Magdeburg Model UN delegation to Nashville. We hope to see you at the dinner on March 29th!

John Miglietta
President
UNA-USA, Nashville Chapter

Women and AIDS U.S. Tour: Empower Women, Save Lives Featuring: Kathleen Cravero, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS

A UNAIDS Initiative

The Global Coalition on Women and AIDS

The U.S. Women and AIDS Tour is bringing influential and inspiring women from around the globe to five American cities, including Nashville, to discuss the impact of AIDS on women and support for programs responsive to women and girls. Members of this international coalition will join local leaders in a dialogue about prevention and curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS here and abroad.

The following events will be held on **Friday, March 4** and are free and open to the public:

Religious Leaders Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast and a discussion on women and HIV/AIDS, how it affects the Nashville religious community and what the congregation's role should be in preventing the spread of this deadly disease.

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Interdenominational Church –
2128 11th Avenue North

Panelists: Sharon Crawford, Shiela Ladson,
Rev. Becca Stevens, Rabbi Ken Kanter

Moderator: Rev. Ken Swanson

Public Health Luncheon

Topics for this panel discussion will include HIV prevention approaches that address the health risks faced by women and how to build support among the public health establishment.

Lunch will be provided

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Theater –
2200 Children's Way

Panelists: Dr. Colleen Conway-Welch, Dr.
Stephen Raffanti

Please RSVP for both events to (615) 259-4000, Ext. 150 by March 1.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Pack a light lunch and join us for these “brown bag” foreign affairs seminars, another educational service of your Nashville Chapter, UNA-USA:

March 17, 2005

TBA

April 21, 2005

TBA

May 19, 2005

TBA

All Luncheons are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. South, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.. Parking is available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18th Ave.

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