

## **International Hospitality Committee Meeting**

**Date and time: August 17, 2022 2:00 P.M.**

**Town Hall, Rm 201**

Bill Hass, Joan Hass, Barbara Jay, Aye Aye Thant, Gloria Nussbaum, **Robert Simmon**, Michaela MacColl, Dennis Wong, Maggie Mudd, Mieko Ikegame, Derick DeMarche, Marge Neuwenhuis

President Bill Hass opened the meeting at 2:05.

The International Hospitality Committee and the UNA-USA are working together on the following projects:

### **The Ruth Steinkraus Cohen Memorial Lecture October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bill reviewed the speakers we have contacted, including the Secretary General, Ian Bremmer, etc. Aye Aye and Mieko discussed speakers from the UN. Michaela mentioned the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. It was decided to pursue potential speakers based on personal contacts. There will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday 8/31 to update the committee on progress. Note that Ruth Steinkraus Cohen was the founding member of the International Hospitality Committee.

### **The UN Nuclear Non-Proliferation meeting**

Dennis gave a report on the 10<sup>th</sup> Non-Proliferation meeting which he has been attending at the UN. There was a particular stress on getting young people and women interested in the issue. He was dismayed by a lack of a sense of urgency. He discussed lack of enforcement and the need for trust in international conduct. This led to a spirited discussion.

### **Thanksgiving hospitality**

The International Hospitality Committee has traditionally invited guests from the Fulbright program and the UN for thanksgiving. The program has been in abeyance for the past two years due to Covid. We'll see where we are in October.

### **UNASWCT Sponsored Author event in December**

We received a grant for \$5000 – starting to work with Westport Library and we've invited Westport schools. The grant covers the speaker honoraria and expenses and the cost of supplying books to classrooms that use the book in their class. A subcommittee of Michaela, Joan, Marge and Karen will be working on this project.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela MacColl  
Secretary