



# BOULDER COUNTY CHAPTER

United Nations Association of the United States of America

January - April 2019 recap

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## UNA BOULDER COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for chapter members and guests was held on Saturday, 16 February at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Boulder. The event featured the formal business meeting, comments by national council member from the Denver chapter, Evans Kwesi Mensah, our guest speaker, career diplomat Stewart Devine followed by a buffet of delicious appetizers and sweets.

**Business meeting.** Chapter president Robert McNoun opened the meeting with a summary of the chapter events during the year: bimonthly library discussion series covering a wide range of topics on international affairs; the E.K. Smith dinner/lecture in June with guest speaker Dr. Jill Baron who spoke on the impact of nitrogen pollution on climate change; the Human Rights Award and reception for Rotary Club recipients Kathy Stutzman and Tinbet Tinstman for their leadership in supporting education of refugee children in Kenya; UN Day celebration in October with guest speaker Kathy Stutzman who shared the recent visit to the Dadabb Refugee camp and school in Kenya that we are supporting.

Treasurer Judy Green reported on chapter finances and fundraising, nominations committee chair Bill Kellogg read the names of new and renewing board members—all were approved. Bill also introduced changes to the UNA/BC by-laws. These changes bring our by-laws in line with the National Office regarding clarification of officer's jobs, meeting logistics, and legal issues when a chapter is dissolved. The refugee education fundraising committee chair Susanne Stadlbauer described fundraising activities over the year, and future events.

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### **Business meeting, continued.**

Ambrosia Pardue-Lee reported on the work of the advocacy committee and Cities for CEDAW, followed by comments from Bill Kellogg. Our focus on environmental sustainability was updated by chair Meghan White. This year we are focusing on building stronger roots in our community. We have developed a partnership with ELPASO to bring environmental education and adventure outings to at-risk, low income, and immigrant families. By connecting Boulder youth to their environment and highlighting their part in it, we hope to build a stronger, more sustainable future from the ground up.

**Guest speaker.** The presentation “U.S. State Department and the Foreign Service” took us around the world with the career of diplomat Stewart Devine. Devine described his work and travels with inspiring stories and a close-up look inside the diplomatic service—and a glimpse of the U.S. compound in Bagdad. This work, Devine said, is all about human relations.





# Discussion Series

## at the Boulder Public Library

We continue to present discussions at the library from 1 to 3 on the third and LAST Thursday of each month. Topics this winter ranged from a discussion on Culture and Human Behavior to one on Libya. A recent discussion focused on the crisis in Venezuela with four Venezuelan natives as guests. It was a very educational and emotional discussion, that as always reached no conclusion but presented a large amount of current and background information. Another very thoughtful presentation was on the "US Border Crisis" when three guests, one from Honduras and two from Guatemala presented their perspectives on both the current situation in their own countries and the so-called "Border Crisis." They agreed the situations at home were difficult - sometimes as a result of US policies - and the border crisis was a failure by the US to understand the changing immigrant population as a result of the domestic situation in the home countries.

On April 18 the topic was Colombia and the resource person was a reporter who has returned from five years reporting on the Civil War in that country. On April 25th four students from the Watson Institute in Boulder came and spoke about growing up in their countries and the entrepreneurial projects they are working on. The students come from Algeria, Haiti, Guatemala, and Rwanda.



## Discussion Series at the Boulder Public Library

**Thursday May 16** - Topic: *China's One Belt One Road*

Resource Person - **Dr. Michael H. Glantz**, author of "One Belt One Road" published April, provides a perspective on China's Belt and Road Initiative announced in 2013 as China's new international infrastructure and trade initiative.

Dr. Glantz was a Senior Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), where he researched from 1974 to 2009. Since then, he has been the director of the University of Colorado's Consortium for Capacity Building (CCB). His research publications relate to understanding how extreme climate, water and weather affect societies and how societies affect climate. In 2013 he was recognized by China as a pioneer in desertification studies. Dr. Glantz is a member of the Advisory Committee of the International Integrated Risk Governance Program, headquartered at Beijing Normal University. He has lectured on the Climate Affairs concept in several Chinese cities at universities and meteorological centers.

**Thursday May 30th** - Topic: *International Sport, Geopolitics, and Social Influence*

Resource Person - **Sarah Hartley** is a member of the International law firm, Bryan, Cave, Leighton, Paisner headquartered in London and with offices around the world. She specializes in International Sports Law and she teaches courses at CU Law School on the topic. She currently lives in Boulder.

All discussions are held at the main Boulder library's Boulder Creek Room  
from 1pm to 3 pm.



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF BOULDER COUNTY



The United Nations Association of Boulder County is happy to partner with ELPASO (Engaged Latino Parents Advancing School Outcomes) to provide Adventure Outings for children 16 and older (we're flexible on what age groups can join). These outings will focus on different aspects of the natural world, highlighting various direct connections that we have with our environment. Focusing in science and ecology, Adventurers will engage in many hands-on activities to learn and explore the diverse and inspiring facets of nature. The idea is to get Boulder (and surround areas) youth out and in the environment, teaching them what their roles are.

If you are interested in helping with planning, logistics, or volunteering the day of, or if you have any knowledge of who has extensive knowledge of the history of Boulder Creek, please shoot Megan White an email [MEGHAN.A.WHITE@ucdenver.edu](mailto:MEGHAN.A.WHITE@ucdenver.edu)).

Read more about ELPASO here <https://www.elpasomovement.org/>

*Adventures with Flora and Fauna*

9AM | JUNE 22  
PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE BY 8:45 AM

JOIN EL PASO AND UNA-BC FOR AN ADVENTURE OUTING!

OUR LEADERS WILL HELP YOU EXPLORE AND LEARN THE TRAILS, WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS AND WILDLIFE OF BOULDER

BRING A WATERBOTTLE, BACKPACK, BROWN BAG LUNCH (SANDWHICH & SNACKS)

Gregory Canyon, Range View and Flagstaff Trail Loop  
Gregory Canyon Rd,  
Boulder, CO 80302

**WHEN**  
JULY 13, 10:00 AM

**WHERE**  
RED ROCKS TRAILHEAD

**BOULDER ROCKS! ADVENTURE OUTING WITH ELPASO AND UNA-BC**

**WHAT**  
BRING YOUR HIKING SHOES AND SENSE OF ADVENTURE. WE WILL EXPLORE WHAT MAKES THE ROCKIES SO ROCKY!

**BOULDER WATER**

Join ELPASO and UNA-BC for an Aquatic Adventure Outing! Learn how the creek was formed, and how it helped shape life in Boulder.

**WHEN**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**WHERE**  
BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
101 ARAPAHOE AVE, BOULDER CO 80302

**WHAT**  
BRING SOME SHOES AND CLOTHES YOU DON'T MIND GETTING WET! WE RECOMMEND BRINGING WATER BOTTLES AND A BAGGED LUNCH.





Colorado CEDAW's website is now housed under the United Nations Association of Boulder County's website

<https://www.unaboulder.org/cities-for-cedaw>

- ❁ Cities for CEDAW had a table at the *International Women's Day* at the *View of the World Art Gallery* on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❁ The finished Proposal to the City of Longmont is coming soon! Stay tuned for how you can help present the Proposal to the Longmont City Council!!
- ❁ Intern Aliya Cowie is coordinating a meeting with former Lafayette City Mayor Christine Berg to discuss furthering the Lafayette Proposal.

the brand-new bookmark!



*THE BUDDHA WAS SAID TO HAVE ACHIEVED ENLIGHTENMENT WHILE MEDITATING UNDER A BODHI TREE. IN WHAT MODERN COUNTRY DID THIS OCCUR?* If you can answer this question, you are a good candidate to compete in a future UNA-BC Trivia Night. (The answer is hidden in this news item.)

On April 7 UNA-BC members and friends returned to the Upslope Brewery for another trivia night, contributing to our campaign for the education of refugee children in Kenya. Thanks to our quiz-master, Lauri McNown, the game was great fun and the players contributed to a very worthy cause. The evening was a great success with over \$850 raised towards equipping a classroom and purchasing school supplies and textbooks for refugee children in the huge refugee complex of Dadaab, Kenya. UNA-BC is partnering with the Boulder Valley Rotary Club in this campaign, which will be implemented in cooperation with the Thika, Kenya Rotary Club and the Lutheran World Federation.

The top teams won gift certificates contributed by local merchants: Le Peep restaurant, Big Daddy's Bagels, and Upslope Brewery itself. The staff at Upslope were helpful and accommodating, and we really appreciate their wonderful hospitality in hosting us again. Please thank our supporting merchants with your patronage. (Answer: India)

Because these trivia nights contribute significantly to our fundraising campaign, we will certainly hold more of these events. Please watch our website for announcements of future fundraising activities and support our campaign for refugee education.

