



USAID Alumni Association

May 2018 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 2:00 pm - Development Issues Committee - **Michael Warsh** will discuss his new book on the **Harvard-USAID Russia imbroglio** at the Pan American Development Foundation conference room.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - 4:00 - 6:00 pm - **UAA Spring Reception** - Please join us for this delightful informal opportunity to see many "old" friends and colleagues at Pat and Alex Shakow's home in suburban Maryland. This event is free of charge to Alumni and their spouse or partner. See below for details. **Please respond today!!**

Monday, May 21, 2018 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - Retired USAID Mission Director **Larry Heilman** will launch his long-awaited book **USAID in Bolivia: Partner or Patron?** as part of the USAID Authors Series led by **John Pielemeier**.

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 several new additions to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- In [Articles](#), there are four items offering differing insights on USAID's reorganization, a centerpiece of Administrator Green's Transformation program. In addition, see other items on: 1) Congressional accusations that the White House is pushing out State officers they feel are "disloyal," 2) balancing the State-USAID relationship and 3) democracy and governance assistance in the age of Russian political meddling.
- There is one new item in the [Forum](#): an Agency notice re. the nomination of a new Deputy Administrator.

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.

RSVP Today for the UAA Spring Reception May 20, 2018 - 4:00-6:00pm

UAA Annual Spring Reception

Sunday, May 20, 2018
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Home of Alex and Pat Shakow
4001 Dresden St. - Chevy Chase View
Kensington, Maryland 20895

Please come to the party and see lots of your friends and former colleagues at this special social occasion in a lovely setting. This event is free of charge to Alumni and their spouse or partner. If you plan to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible and no later than Monday, May 14 to office@usaidalumni.org and copy ashakow@comcast.net - directions will be sent. We look forward to seeing you all there!

2018 UAA Awards Program

The UAA Awards Committee is eagerly awaiting your nomination of a UAA member (or yourself) for the 2018 "Alumni of the Year" awards. The deadline for submission of nominations is July 31. The prestigious awards will be announced at the UAA Annual General Meeting on October 26. The "Alumni of the Year" awards recognize and celebrate new paths taken 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. Don't wait until the last minute to share those stories. All nominees, including the 2018 winner(s), will be featured 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

On May 17, **David Warsh** will discuss his new book on the **Harvard-USAID Russia imbroglio** for the UAA Development Issues Committee. Mr. Warsh is former economics editor of the Boston Globe, author of several books on developments in economics, and author of a weekly blog, economicprincipals.com. The meeting is at the Pan American Development Foundation conference room at 2:00 pm.

UAA USAID History Project Update

As reported in previous Newsletters, the USAID History Project is well underway. Our author John Norris has now completed six of the eighteen months needed to prepare a finished manuscript. He has done vast amounts of research and collected many hundreds of pages of valuable material. He has read every one of the more than a hundred oral histories of retired USAID staff, perused the relevant documents available online in USAID's Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC), read all the relevant USAID-related news clippings he could find, read many - but not yet all - of the many published books on aspects of USAID's work, and

drawn on many other sources as well. He has now begin to refine the material, starting to turn it into chapters while also working on a book proposal to shop to publishers.

As noted last month, Presidential libraries are important repository of key documents. Two UAA members in the Boston area have done valuable research for John in the JFK Library, and Carol Peasley has been in Texas recently to dig into the LBJ and Bush presidential libraries. We repeat our request - if you live near other Presidential libraries and would like to help John's research, please let us know (ashakow@comcast.net).

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 be sure the project can be completed and to 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.

Alumni Profiles - Lloyd Feinberg



Betsy and Lloyd Feinberg

When he left Providence in 1961, Lloyd Feinberg swore he would never move back to Rhode Island. Yet in 2012, a year after retiring from a 27-year career with USAID, he and his wife Betsy Marcotte bought a home on Narragansett Bay in Saunderstown, RI.

Lloyd attributes much of the satisfaction he found in his 45-plus years in international development to having been in the right place at the right time. For example, in the Philippines, he was one of the first Peace Corps volunteers to become involved with rice production and the International Rice Research Institute during the early years of the "Green Revolution."

After long-term assignments with various organizations in Nepal, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Ecuador, Lloyd joined USAID in 1984. As a health

officer in Washington, he spent five years managing the Agency's lead diarrheal disease control project in the "Child Survival Revolution." An official 1991 trip to war-torn Ethiopia (where he had opened PLAN International's first Africa program in 1973/1974) sparked what became a 20-year commitment to assisting war victims, vulnerable children and victims of torture.

While working overseas, Lloyd particularly enjoyed engaging with both local and expat communities. Little did he realize that the move back to Rhode Island would offer an entirely new and enriching community experience.

Lloyd's new passion is his "apprenticeship" with two traditional wooden boat-builders at a nearby shipyard. He spends many hours each week sanding, varnishing and repairing recreational and commercial wooden boats, and listening to fascinating stories about boating and the area's rich seafaring history. He and Betsy are involved with their local yacht club, an active "Indivisible" group, the small but formidable Willett Free Library, a nearby yoga studio, and, most recently, the Kingston Chamber Music Festival (where Betsy is Board Chair). They enjoy riding their "recumbent" bicycles, and Lloyd still dreams (wistfully) of doing a third cross-country ride. He and Betsy first rode across the USA in 2003. Lloyd repeated the trip in 2009 with four old Peace Corps friends.

His return to Rhode Island has also led to more frequent and deeper connections with childhood friends, which he considers a special gift.

Once again, Lloyd feels he is in the right place at the right time. He marvels at his second chance to appreciate the people, place and history of Rhode Island, and to examine his roots and early years in Providence from a different perspective. He would be pleased to hear from old friends and colleagues at lloydjamesfeinberg@gmail.com.

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