



# USAID Alumni Association

## August 2015 UAA Newsletter

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

#### **Saturday, August, 15 - Vermont [and nearby] Alumni Get-Together**

The Vermont chapter of the USAID Alumni Association will hold its annual summer pot-luck get-together on August 15 in Rochester, Vermont at the home of Anne Aarnes/David Sprague. If you are in Vermont or passing through on that date and would like to attend, please let David know ([spraguedavid@hotmail.com](mailto:spraguedavid@hotmail.com)).

**Monday, September 14, 10:00 am to Noon** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **Emmy Simmons** speaks on "**Transforming Food and Ag Policy: How US Decision-Making Might Shape the Future of Food at a Global Scale**". Simmons, now an independent consultant focused on food, agriculture and Africa, in 2005 completed 30 years at USAID as Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade.

**Friday, October 9, 11:30 - 2:00** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **Lester Brown** will speak about "**The Great Transition: Shifting from Fossil Fuels to Solar and Wind Energy**". In his long career, Brown, who founded and headed the WorldWatch Institute and the Earth Policy Institute, has focused on food production, population growth and climate change. His latest book and powerful advocacy are directly relevant to the forthcoming December Paris meetings on climate change.

#### **\*\*\*Save the Date! 2015 UAA Annual General Meeting\*\*\***

The 2015 UAA Annual General Meeting will be held on **October 23, 2015** at the **Center for Global Development headquarters in Washington, DC**. This year's meeting theme is:

**"Building a new consensus for development and the role of foreign assistance."**

### New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** A number of recent obituaries have been added to the [Tributes](#) page. Recent obituaries (those appearing since the previous UAA Newsletter) are marked as "**New!**"
- A comprehensive new **Bibliography** of USAID authors has been prepared by members of the USAID Alumni Association with assistance from the USAID Knowledge Resource Center. It contains books written by current and former

USAID employees and their family members. Check it out [here](#).

- Take a look at the newly created [Perspectives](#) page. Developed by the UAA Development Issues Committee. **Perspectives** will contain brief think pieces on current development topics and invite others to provide related commentary.
- The ever-popular [Where in the World](#) section of USAID transfers, promotions, retirements, etc. is now updated through February.
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), there are several newly posted opportunities.
- We have had two fascinating sessions of the **UAA/DACOR Development Dialogues**:
  - On July 24, 2015, **Masood Ahmed**, IMF Director for the Middle East and Central Asia, spoke at a UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue on **The Arab Spring Four Years On: Has the Bloom Faded?** Listen to it [here](#).
  - On July 6, 2015, **Bill Hammink, USAID Mission Director in Afghanistan**, provided a fascinating account of how USAID is managing a very large program in a very difficult security environment where the population has suffered from decades of war. Listen to the full presentation [here](#).
- In the [Forum](#), view 1) information on the OPM data breach and what you can and should do about its possible consequences, and 2) an overview of the new "self plus one" federal health care option likely to become available next year.
- Read [Articles](#) about 1) thoughts on shaping USAID to better meet its future responsibilities; 2) the snag that has caught the Gayle Smith nomination to be AID Administrator; 3) the relationship between effective taxation and development; 4) the Alan Gross claim that, since his release, he has not been interviewed about the experience by the USG; and 5) how the US is allowing its best foreign aid tool (aka USAID) fall apart.

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 Picnic

The UAA Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, July 25. We returned to last year's outstanding venue at Fort Hunt Park, near Mount Vernon. The fun was shared by over 60 Alumni, family members and friends who enjoyed the congenial gathering along with the clear weather and refreshing breeze. The first experiment with a potluck affair was a total success. [View additional photos here](#). (Photo credit: Barbara Carter-Garms)



A Great Turnout and a Good Time!

## Economic Growth Discussion Club

Would you be interested in book-club type luncheons to discuss economic growth issues in development?

**The Economic Growth Subcommittee** of the UAA Development Issues Committee is considering holding **occasional encounters for exchanging ideas** on economic growth developments and literature. We are proposing to meet at a convenient restaurant - perhaps in Chinatown or Rosslyn areas close to a Metro station - for lunch. One member would summarize in some 10 minutes a relevant article or book, with personal commentary on the material, and then open the table for discussion. **The frequency of the luncheons and the specific topics would depend on your response.**

In order to assess potential interest in these events and to gather information relevant to the arrangements, please let us know:

- If you would be interested in participating.
- Suggestion for frequency of get togethers
- Preferred location (Virginia, Maryland or D.C.)
- Suggestions for initial topics for discussion

Send your responses to **Juan Buttari** at [jbuttari@verizon.net](mailto:jbuttari@verizon.net)

## Alumni Profiles: Mary Lee McIntyre

# MARY LEE MCINTYRE



Prior to her USAID life, Mary Lee McIntyre was a researcher with the historian, Dr. Richard Hewlett, at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, working on the history of the first A-bomb and taught government and history at Western High School and George Washington University.

After marrying USAID William R. McIntyre, she began a twenty-year stint as a "USAID spouse" that included tours in India, Pakistan and Lebanon. While overseas, Mary Lee taught at the American International School in New Delhi, India and at the International School of Islamabad, Pakistan. In Beirut, she taught at the American University of Beirut, Haigazian College, and Maqassed. Tragically her husband, Deputy Director of Lebanon, was killed in the bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut on April 18, 1983. Left with three children to support, Mary Lee joined USAID and served

as a Pop and Health Officer in USAID/Bangladesh for three and a half years. Upon returning to Washington, she worked in the Private Voluntary Organizations Office and the Europe and Eurasia Bureau until 2000.

Mary Lee continues to lead a busy life. She is active in the local Democratic Party, reads for the blind, has studied conflict resolution, and acts. She is currently a member of the Playwrights Forum and writing stage plays with roles for older women. She is presently writing on suffragist Belva Lockwood's fight to achieve "equal pay for equal work" for women civil servants legislation that passed in 1870. In addition she teaches Legacy of the Middle Ages for Encore Learning in Arlington County.

Mary Lee's love of travel hasn't lessened. She has cruised the Nile, taken art trips, with a Wellesley Art Professor, in Egypt and Italy, and visited Russia - Stalingrad, Moscow and St. Petersburg. Each spring she tries to visit her beloved Bologna, Italy, where she did graduate work for a M.A. in Political Science from Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies.

In January 2010, she married her college sweetheart who passed away in December 2010. Now a grandmother of nine, four grandchildren of her own and five step-grandchildren, Mary Lee feels blessed.

This past year, Mary Lee sold her house in McLean and moved into Vinson Hall Retirement Community. She welcomes hearing from USAID friends: 703-970-3954; cell 703-470-1223; e-mail [mlmbox1@aol.com](mailto:mlmbox1@aol.com). (MLM not MIM).

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Alumni are not only in the D. C. area but scattered across the country and overseas. We would be pleased to share your latest news with former colleagues in the upcoming newsletters. Brief and breezy is the style we enjoy. Alumni interested in sharing what they are up to are encouraged to send a paragraph or two to [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org)

## It's time to make your 2015 Membership Contribution

Thank you to everyone who has already made their 2015 UAA Membership Contribution. Your support allows us to continue strengthening the array of services and programs of interest to alumni. No matter where you reside, we need your active

participation, ideas, and generous financial support.

If you've not already made your tax-deductible contribution to the UAA for calendar year 2015 (January 2015 - December 2015) we encourage you to do so today. You can **[make your contribution electronically through our secure payment system by clicking here.](#)**

Or, if you prefer, you can mail a check to

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**Contribution amounts for 2015** are:

- \$75 Those who live within 50 miles of Washington, DC
- \$50 Those who live elsewhere in the United States
- \$25 Residents of foreign countries AND Former FSNs wherever they live

And, of course, we welcome you to join with UAA's other "angels" who have generously contributed \$100 or more as "Friends of UAA."

So don't delay! Make your 2015 annual membership contribution today, and encourage your friends and former colleagues to sign up and contribute to UAA as well!

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have questions or comments for us, or if you know of other alumni who should be on our mailing list. Everyone is welcome -- former FSOs, Civil Servants, FSNs, PSCs and other contract personnel, and political appointees.

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