



USAID Alumni Association

June 2019 Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Monday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- At a UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue, **William "Bill" Reese**, CEO Emeritus of the International Youth Foundation USA, will speak on "**Addressing the Youth Bulge - Is it all about Youth?**" Come hear this very experienced NGO leader discuss the latest enlightened thinking about how the development community can help countries deal within this enormous challenge. Reservations are required by clicking [here](#) or emailing intern@dacorbacon.org, with copy to ashakow@comcast.net.

Thursday, June 13, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. The UAA Development Issues Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday the 13th of June from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the conference room of Arizona State University, 1800 I (eye) Street, N.W. The guest discussion leader will be **Michael Pillsbury**, head of Chinese Studies at the **Hudson Institute**. Pillsbury has written three books on China and has advised several administrations on Chinese policy and authored an unpublished book on *AID's Secret Success* focusing on USAID's work to improve economic policies in Korea, Taiwan and a number of other countries. Please let Committee Co-Chairs, Jim Fox (jameswfox@cox.net) and Steve Giddings (Sgiddings5@Gmail.com) know if you will be able to participate no later than **June 11**.

Wednesday, June 19, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. -- The **UAA Book Club** will meet at the BISTRO 1521 Restaurant, 900 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22203, which is near the Ballston Metro Stop. **Jim Elliott** and **Clarence Zuvekas** will lead a discussion of Vargas Llosa's *La Ilamada de la Tribu (Call of the Tribe)*, Alfaguara, 2018, 320 pages. This book is in Spanish, but Jim and Clarence are preparing a written review in English that will be distributed beforehand. Please let StuCallison@yahoo.com know if you plan to participate.

Friday, July 12, 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. -- At a Development Dialogue buffet lunch at DACOR, **Liz Schroyer**, President and CEO of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, will address **Foreign Policy and the 2020 Elections**.

Wednesday, July 24, 11:00 a.m. -- The **annual New England "Development Wallahs" picnic** will be hosted this year by Steve Sinding and Monica Knorr in Bondville (near Manchester), Vermont. If you are in the area and want to attend, please contact Steve at ssinding@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 7, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. - **UAA Annual Picnic** will be held at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Virginia.

Friday, October 25, 2019 - **UAA Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington, D.C.

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** There are a few new additions to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- In [Articles](#), check out a number of newly added topics: 1) foreign aid from official donors in 2018 fell 2.7% from 2017; 2) State's Level 4 "Do Not Travel" Countries; 3) increased global dissatisfaction with democracy; 4) an idea for a GI Bill for Diplomacy; 5) House appropriators' defense of the International Affairs Budget; 6) Palestinian leaders left out of the peace negotiation process; 7) the proposal of a Foreign Service Families Act; 8) USAID sanctioned in a disability and age discrimination case; and 9) Senate confirmation of two new USAID AAs.

- The [Forum](#) page offers the following additions: 1) a tribute to John Sanbrailo from Dan Runde and 2) a notice of the annual New England USAID alumni reunion.
- On Monday, May 20, before a large crowd at DACOR, Kristin Lord (CEO of IREX) and George Ingram (Brookings Senior Fellow) engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of "Where is Global Development Headed?" based on their recent interviews with 94 of the sector's leaders. Their report, entitled "Global Development Disrupted," contains lots of different answers and very little consensus, which made the session particularly interesting and thought-provoking. Listen to the presentation and the Q&A's [here](#) and look at their slides [here](#).
- On May 29, the UAA Book Club met at the BISTRO 1521 Restaurant in Arlington, VA, for a discussion, led by Peter Amato, about "Nationalism - What went Wrong?" This was based on four Foreign Affairs articles and one Washington Post column on the subject, which had been distributed to Development Issues Committee members earlier. Peter had also circulated his own review of these articles, a copy of which is available at the UAA Book Club Reviews section of the UAA website on Book Reviews page. Click [here](#) to see it.
- Want to **check if you paid your 2019 UAA membership contribution?** Easy to do. Just click [here](#).

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.

UAA Annual Spring Reception



Alex Shakow, Patricia Sommers & George Hill



Peter Amato, Ceta Amato, Celita Amato, Tish Butler (hostess) & Ken Lanza



Woody Navin and Eva with Chris Holmes and Caitlin

The annual Spring Reception, hosted by Malcolm and Tish Butler on May 26 at their beautiful home and gardens in McLean, was a huge success. Their home was perfect for entertaining, and many of us were disappointed to learn this would be the first and last chance to experience the beauty of the house which will not be available for next year's reception because Malcolm and Tish plan to downsize soon. Over 60 UAA alumni, their guests, and USAID officials enjoyed the food, refreshments, and good friends and colleagues. The weather, although a bit warm, cooperated with no rain as had been forecast. If you were unable to join us at this fun event, make a note to come out in September for the UAA annual picnic at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria. Enjoy seeing your friends in some pictures taken at the reception. Also, if anyone lost a pair of earrings, a pair was left behind at the reception and can be retrieved by contacting Tish at tish.butler@mac.com.



Kerry Pelzman, Barbara Seligman, Irene Koek, Joy Riggs-Perla & Susan Fine



Ray Martin, Malcolm Butler (host) & Pete McPherson



Chris Crowley & David Oot



Tom Nicastro, Carol Dabbs & Bette Cook with Dinah doggie at Registration



Connie Michel(back), Patricia Shakow & Antoinette Almaguer



Pamela Mandel & Barbara Bennett

UAA Board – Volunteer to Serve!

The UAA Board is seeking expressions of interest by members to serve on the Association's Board for the 2019 – 2021 cycle. By serving on the UAA Board, you have the opportunity to make a difference. Remember, only an active and committed Board can sustain UAA for years to come. Please contact Terrence Brown (t4brown99@aol.com) by Friday, July 19 to express your interest. The full Notice can be found [here](#).

2019 Annual UAA Awards Program

Only a short time remains for submission of nominations of a UAA member (or yourself) for the 2019 "Alumni of the Year" awards. Please send your nominations from now until July 31 to awards@usaidalumni.org. The prestigious awards will be announced at the UAA Annual General Meeting on October 25. The "Alumni of the Year" award recognizes and celebrates new paths taken in retirement 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. Example categories of service that are appropriate, but not limited to, for consideration include:

- Service with nongovernmental organizations and other groups (profit or nonprofit) that work closely with communities with special needs, at home or abroad, or both (e.g., legal services or advocacy for disadvantaged groups, foster parenting, medical service in underserved areas, etc.).
- Service with groups that promote education (at any level) or the arts and sciences (e.g., museums, community theater, music appreciation, etc.).
- Support for civic programs of any kind (e.g., scouts movement or projects promoted by groups such as the Lions, Rotary, or similar).
- Leadership excellence, including contributions to intellectual development and implementation (e.g., for sustained extraordinary achievement, dedication and passion

- in a leadership role).
- Service by alumni, including retirees and their spouses or partners, who are UAA members and actively support contributions in furtherance of social and economic development and humanitarian relief at home or abroad.

Don't wait until the last minute to share those stories. All nominees, including the 2019 winner(s), will be profiled in future editions of the monthly UAA newsletter. For full details about the award and how to make nominations, [please click here.](#)

Public Outreach

On May 29th, Public Outreach Committee Co-Chair Jim Bever had an encouraging exploratory meeting with a USAID HQ senior officer about four possible new initiatives for partnership between UAA and USAID, which were reviewed in advance by the UAA Board and Executive Committee. These proposed initiatives include: 1) UAA co-hosting annual retirement ceremonies at USAID/W for USAID officers; 2) UAA and USAID/W cooperating to launch overseas in-country local UAA-affiliated chapters of former FSNs; 3) UAA supporting USAID/W-encouraged mentoring of more Mission Directors and Deputy Mission Directors to benefit from UAA's Mentoring Program; and 4) UAA supporting USAID/W to examine a possible fast-track in-service Masters Degree program in international development policy and practice for USAID officers and other selected professional peers. These may be discussed further during the planned meeting between senior UAA officers and the new Deputy Administrator later in June.

Alumni Profile: Ted Weihe



Ted Weihe, after serving six and a half years (1976-1982) as a political appointee in USAID's Legislative Affairs office, continued his chosen path of successful accomplishments in the international development arena. He founded U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development (OCD) and led the coalition of cooperative groups for 23 years, during which time he developed and promoted cooperative projects in 35 countries to lift the economic and social lives of the disadvantaged in such diverse fields as agriculture, insurance, rural electrification, health, and telecommunications. During this period,

Ted co-founded several foreign aid advocacy organizations, including the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, and also served on ACVFA for 17 years. Some examples of his successes include:

- In Chile, the formation of the largest USAID-funded voter education program credited with the country's return to democracy;
- In Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union, the promotion of cooperatives and private enterprises, especially in dairy, meats and vegetables;
- In Barbados, the design of a credit union-based insurance company for low income members;
- In southern Uganda, pre-paid health insurance to protect infants from malaria;
- In South Sudan, bringing an electric coop to the rebel liberated town of Yei; and
- In El Salvador, extension of funding for a rural electric coop as a "peace dividend" for former guerrilla towns in the mountains.

After retiring from OCD, he served as consultant for Land O'Lakes and Equal Exchange, a workers coop with a focus on cocoa and coffee coops in the Ecuador, Dominican Republic, and Peru. The program successfully introduced member equity plans - the first in LAC - that were described in the publication, *Not Too Poor to Invest: The Case for Smallholder Farmer Ownership Programs*. Among the seven self-published books he has written is his memoir entitled, *Transitions: American Values of Democracy and Free Markets in the Post-Cold*

War World. All of Ted's books can be found [here](#) in the UAA's Bibliography of USAID Authors.

Ted and his wife, Judy, enjoy traveling and the culture of Sarasota, Florida, which he says is the "best sailing venue in the United States." He races small sailboats and is restoring a 1939 Chesapeake 20 sailboat. He looks forward to becoming commodore of his sailing club in 2020. He may be contacted at picardy210@gmail.com.



Newsletter schedule

During the July-December period of this year, the UAA newsletter publication will generally be every 45 days instead of each month. Thus, the next five newsletters are scheduled for **July 15** (covering June 3-July 15), **September 9** (July 16-Sept 9 post-holiday), **October 7** (Sept 9-Oct 7 focused on pre-AGM), **November 18** (Oct 8-Nov 18 focused on post-AGM), and **January 6, 2020** (Nov 19-Jan 6). The UAA newsletter is usually sent the first Monday of the month or early in that week if Monday is a holiday.

If you have information you would like to share with your fellow alumni, your contributions are welcomed. Please send the information, with a picture and caption of the event, date, and people shown to office@usaidalumni.org.

[**Make your 2019 UAA Membership contribution here**](#)

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