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OUR VISION:

We envision a future in which countries work together to abolish war, protect our rights and freedoms, and solve the problems facing humanity that no country can solve alone. This vision requires effective democratic global institutions that will apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of national and local communities.

OUR MISSION:

We are a membership organization working to build political will in the United States to achieve our vision. We do this by educating Americans about our global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and developing proposals to create, reform and strengthen international institutions such as the United Nations.

REFLECTING ON WORLD LAW DAY

Joe Schwartzberg, Outgoing Chapter President

The following statement, originally drafted by **Dick Bernard** and with later editorial input from **Dennis Dillon** and me, was sent (over my signature) to the **Star Tribune** and was printed on May 1.

May 1 is Law Day in the United States, as it has been since being so proclaimed by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958.

In Minneapolis, the first formal observance of Law Day was in 1964, with an event organized by several civic leaders, Dr. Asher White, Martha Platt and Lynn Elling.

On Law Day, 1968, a remarkable ceremony took place at City Hall in downtown Minneapolis. A large group of dignitaries, including at least 28 Mayors of Hennepin County communities, the County Board of Commissioners and the Minneapolis City Council then gathered at City Hall to hear former Governor Elmer L. Andersen speak about a Declaration of World Citizenship jointly adopted by Minneapolis and Hennepin Counties on March 5 of that year. The United Nations flag was then raised alongside the U.S. flag on what later became the Hennepin County Government Center Plaza. Gov. Andersen was rightly proud of that speech and in 2000 highlighted it in a chapter on World Citizenship in his book, *I Trust to Be Believed*.

But 1968 was also a turbulent time in the United States and the World: Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were assassinated; a riotous Democratic Convention in Chicago doomed Hubert Humphrey's Presidential candidacy. The USSR snuffed out any pretense to freedom in Czechoslovakia. Well over 500,000 American personnel were deployed in Vietnam. Our country was divided and there was scant hope for peace in an increasingly turbulent world.

But political leaders in Minneapolis and Hennepin County came together on May 1 to send a different message. The 1968 World Citizenship Declaration, likely the first in the United States, echoed hundreds then circulating worldwide. It proclaimed "*the sovereign right of our citizens to declare that their citizenship responsibilities extend beyond our city and nation. We hereby join with other concerned people of the world in a declaration that we share in this world responsibility and that our citizens are in this sense citizens of the world. We pledge our efforts as world citizens to the establishment of permanent peace based on just world law, and to the use of world resources in the service of man and not for his destruction.*"

The United Nations flag was raised alongside the U.S. flag as a symbol of Americans being a part of the world family. There was bi-partisan unity in their determination.

The resolution, proposed by Minneapolis businessmen Stanley Platt and Lynn Elling in 1967, was unanimously endorsed by the Hennepin County and Minneapolis City Councils. Three years later, the State

of Minnesota also proclaimed our world citizenship.

In his May 1 address in 1968, Gov. Andersen quoted Dwight Eisenhower: "*We see as our goal not a superstate above nations, but a world community embracing them all, rooted in law and justice and enhancing the potentialities and common purposes of all peoples.*"

A few Law Day observances continue, but seldom attract much public attention. Yet, we could all benefit this year by taking time to learn more about Law Day and to reflect on the importance placed on world citizenship by Minnesota leaders in 1968 and on observing Law Day nationwide.

2013 LAW DAY OBSERVANCE IN MINNESOTA

On the evening of Law Day this year more than forty Minnesotans gathered at the Gandhi Mahal restaurant (highly recommended) in South Minneapolis to take part in the "First Annual Lynn and Donna Elling Symposium on World Peace through Law." (Lynn, now 92, was in attendance). The program, organized by Dick Bernard, was co-sponsored by A Million Copies Initiative, GlobalSolutionsMN.org. and World Citizen. The principal speaker for the event was David Brink, whose illustrious career included the Presidency of the American Bar Association in 1981-82. David's presidential address, calling on the ABA to adopt a new goal, "to advance the rule of law throughout the world," was a major success and was covered by the national media. His Law Day presentation this year, "Peace and the Rule of Law," was in the same vein. The program also included a preview screening of Arthur Kanegis' film, *My Country Is the World*, documenting the remarkable career of world citizen Garry Davis. (The film was also previewed in Minneapolis in January and now incorporates changes based on feedback from that screening.)

THIRD THURSDAY GLOBAL ISSUES FORUM

Free and open to the public.

Where? Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church,
511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis (at Lyndale & Hennepin). **Park** in church lot.

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 – 8:45 pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE ENVIRONMENT: KEY ISSUES, FRAMEWORKS AND POSSIBILITIES

This presentation will discuss social scientific research on social inequality and the environment, presenting specific case studies of struggles over environmental inequality. It will be guided by three questions: How are social inequality and environmental quality linked? What is the role of social inequality in shaping environmental policy? How can we improve quality of life and yet promote ecological sustainability?

Presenter? DAVID N. PELLOW. Holder of the Don Martindale Endowed Chair of Sociology at the University of Minnesota, is an "activist scholar" with primary interests in the intersection between social equality and environmental conflict, transnational social movements, labor studies and immigration. He is the author or co-author of numerous books, among them *Garbage Wars: The Struggle for Environmental Justice in Chicago* and the *Slums of Aspen: Immigrants Against the Environment in America's Eden*. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Urban Transformation, Greenpeace USA and International Rivers.

THANKS. This is the last time I will write to you as President of the Minnesota Chapter of GlobalSolutions.org. I feel privileged to have been able to interact with you in that capacity and to have met with so many wonderful Minnesotans working for a better world. Thanks. Among those whom I held in especially high regard was my colleague, Professor Harlan Smith. I hope you'll read the well-deserved tributes to him on page 5. If Harlan's steadfast dedication motivates you, we would welcome your presence at our annual dinner and your membership in our organization. **Joe Schwartzberg** (schwa004@umn.edu)

CGS MN ANNUAL MEETING INVITATION

Thursday evening, June 27, 2010, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Social Hall, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis

ABUNDANT FREE PARKING IN CHURCH PARKING LOT

**SCHEDULE: 6:00 Social Hour; 6:30 Served Dinner (you may request a vegetarian option);
7:15 Program; 9:00 Adjournment.**

**COST: \$30 per person; \$15 for students and those with limited income.
Reservations should be made by June 10. QUESTIONS? Call at 612-307-1854.**

Keynote Speaker:

ERIC SCHWARTZ

**Dean, Humphrey School of Public Affairs
University of Minnesota**



**THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL MIGRATION:
PROMOTING OUR IDEALS AND INTERESTS**

Dean Schwartz came to Minnesota after a 25-year career of senior service positions in government, the United Nations, philanthropic and other non-governmental communities. In 2009, President Obama chose him as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration. From 2006 through 2007 he worked with numerous prominent foundations (Ford, Rockefeller, etc.) on responsible U.S. engagement overseas. Previously, he served as UN Deputy Special Envoy for tsunami relief, on a task force on UN reform, at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and in other challenging roles.

When Dean Schwartz served as Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, also known as PRM, one immigration analyst credited him with putting the M back into PRM.” He initiated high-level U.S. involvement in the inter-governmental “Global Forum on Migration and Development,” arguing that governments had an obligation to provide humane policies, especially to protect vulnerable migrants. Generosity, he argued, would serve our national interests; and he observed that immigration has largely enabled the U.S. to avoid labor shortages that have threatened social insurance systems in other parts of the world.

MEETING RESERVATION FORM AND BALLOT

RESERVATION: Please reserve _____ places for (indicates names of those who will attend):
_____ My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

VOLUNTARY DONATION: I would also like to contribute \$ _____ to promote the work of the Minnesota Chapter of Citizens for Global Solutions. A check is enclosed.

**Please send checks, payable to GlobalSolutions.org. ” to Andrea Lewis,
2433 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55405.**

BALLOT (for members only): Check the following spaces as you wish. I hereby cast my ballot for:
____ all the candidates listed for the officers’ posts and Board of Directors (see list on reverse of this page):
____ all of the candidates except for the following: _____
____ the following write-in candidates (please state position): _____

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GS.org, MN CHAPTER

N.B. One must be a member to vote, but does not have to attend the dinner to do so. Ballots appear at the bottom of reverse side of this page and should be sent to Mary Rose Goetz at 2433 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55405.

PRESIDENT: GAIL HUGHES. Gail, presently Vice President of GS.org., has a diverse and eclectic background. She currently teaches, designs courses and advises doctoral candidates in post-secondary courses in global studies, sociology and interdisciplinary social science at St. Cloud State University. In earlier years, Gail served as a program evaluator for the Minnesota Community Colleges. She taught English as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho and development studies as an independent volunteer in Botswana.

VICE-PRESIDENT: DICK BERNARD. Dick joined the World Federalists in 2003, and has since been a member of the Board and participated in activities of WFA and successor organizations, including GlobalSolutions.org. Dick became a peace activist following his retirement as teachers union field representative in 2000. The precipitating event was the bombing of Afghanistan in 2001. He was President of Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers www.mapm.org for three years, 2005-2007, and is current Vice President of World Citizen www.peacesites.org. His personal blog is www.outsidethewalls.org/blog

SECRETARY: BARBERA GERTEN (incumbent). A graduate from the U. of M.'s Carlson School of Management, Barbara worked as a CPA for 10 years before switching to "human services." She was a co-founder of the MN Restorative Services Coalition and of Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (visited in 2003) and serves on the boards of Friends for a Non-Violent World and Minnesota Peace Team. Her new endeavor is as an organizational development consultant with Isuroon, a local nonprofit serving Somali women.

TREASURER: DENNIS DILLON (incumbent). Retired after 38 years of work on educational testing and survey research and a co-founder of two companies, Dennis is currently active in peace, justice and sustainability pursuits for the Basilica of Saint Mary parish, the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (including chairing the Peace Island project) and People of Faith Peacemakers.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

NANCY DUNLAVY. Nancy holds a BA in humanities from the U. of M. and has completed work toward an MA in library science. She has been a member of Soka Gakkai, a socially engaged Buddhist community for over 40 years. She has initiated community events at numerous venues in the Twin Cities area in relation to the Earth Charter, a Culture of Peace and other causes. Since 2002 she has been quite active in the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers.

MARGARET ESSLINGER. Margaret, a former elementary school teacher, has a BA in economics and is also interested in politics and world affairs. She has traveled in Europe, Israel and Japan; is active in Middle East Peace Now, the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers and the Minnesota Peace Project, and frequently attends the Third Thursday Global Issues Forum.

KRISTI RUDELIUS-PALMER. A specialist in human rights education and training, Kristi teaches courses on human rights and the rule of law at the U. of M., where, since 1989, she has been Co-Director of the U. of M. Human Rights Center. She has coordinated, written for and edited the Center's *Human Rights Education Series*. She has presented papers at numerous international, national and local conferences and has designed and taught human rights courses for communities and at the primary, secondary and university levels.

MARYAM YUSUFZADEH. Maryam, a musician, came to the US in 1975 to further her education. She has subsequently been an educator on Iran, Persian history, politics and culture, drawing often on her musical background. She actively promotes peaceful resolution of Middle Eastern political problems, is an advocate for natural health practices and various environmental causes and has been a Board member of the United Nations Association.

Thanks to OUTGOING OFFICER: Joe Schwartzberg (going from President to Board); **CONTINUING OFFICERS** (for positions see above); **CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS:** Jason Johnson, Andrea Lewis, June Parrott; **OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS,** Hossein Akhavi-pour, Jim Allen, Lyle Christanson, Bharat Parekh.

IN MEMORIAM: HARLAN M. SMITH

October 24, 1914 - January 21, 2014

With great sadness, we note the death of Harlan M. Smith, a dear friend and a former President and leading figure of the Minnesota chapter of the World Federalist Association. Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and educated at Harvard, Brown and the University of Chicago, Harlan taught economics as a social science at the University of Minnesota for fifty-nine years, even past his ninetieth birthday. This is probably the longest teaching career in the history of the university. Harlan is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret, and their children Bob, Brian and wife Andrea, and Beth. Memorials may be sent to the Harlan Smith Builders of a Better World Scholarship Fund of GlobalSolutions.org, 418 7th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003 or to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, 245 2nd St. NE, Washington, DC 20002. In what follows we provide edited (largely abridged) remembrances of Harlan by persons privileged to have known him.

In the early 1990s, Harlan established the Builders of a Better World Fund, originally providing for annual undergraduate scholarships for student members of WFA who showed “leadership, seriousness of purpose and service to others.” Following 2004, when Citizens for Global Solutions was formed, the Fund was used to provide more modest cash awards to creative students presenting their ideas on addressing global issues via various electronic media. Many thousands of students have competed under this new system.

Don Kraus (CEO of GlobalSolutions.org): During his sophomore year in high school Harlan won second place in an essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. His essay, “Heroes of Peace,” concluded that world government would be desirable to bring peace to the world. As a student at the University of Chicago he joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation a religious pacifist group and took the Oxford oath not to participate in war. After Pearl Harbor he obtained conscientious objector status and entered a conscientious objector camp run by the American Friends Service Committee. There he joined a world federalist organization and began a lifetime commitment to the promotion of limited world federalism. In 1946 he returned to Harvard; but due to his wartime pacifism was unable to secure a teaching position. He took a position at Brown University in 1947 and, after completing his doctorate, came to the University of Minnesota in 1950. Soon after his arrival, he contacted local peace groups and proposed the establishment of a Consultative Peace Council to reconsider their respective strategies. He joined the state’s Fellowship of Reconciliation and helped found the Minnesota Turns toward Peace movement. He chaired the Minneapolis and Roseville chapters of WFA and was active in the UNA, SANE, Nuclear Freeze movement, War Resisters League, and Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.

Jim Nelson (long-time World Federalist and a past-President of the Minnesota Chapter): I remember Dr. Smith as an academic practitioner of economics, the so-called “dismal science.” As a university student, I took several stimulating courses from him during the mid-1960s. “Money and Banking” and “International Economics” were among my favorites. Despite his publishing duties, Harlan’s first love was engaging students in the classroom. He used economic principles to make a case for a preferred future where the excesses of the business cycle could be tamed and regulated international trade could be a great benefit to all mankind. Far from being a dismal science, economics could provide the tools to achieve a more hopeful and humane world.

Rather than offering simplistic solutions, Harlan would advocate working with a long-term vision and with strengthened international institutions. I had the good fortune to bounce ideas off him in school and later as a member of the United Nations Association and WFA. I was one among many that received encouragement to build a better world. I can best honor Doctor Smith’s memory by continuing his life-affirming work.

Heather Hamilton (former WFA staff worker): I was one of the very first winners of the Builders of a Better World contest. In 1992 I was a college sophomore dreaming of world peace and active in model UN, which is how I first learned of the WFA at a UN Charter Review Conference. While I was skeptical of the seemingly late calls for “one world government,” the idea that the world needed enforceable international law capable of solving the most pressing problems - genocide, climate change, pandemic disease - made me look closer into the organization. But it wasn’t until I was invited to apply for the Builders scholarship that I really got involved, an involvement that spanned the past 20 years of my life. Harlan’s scholarship set me on a path that led to student activism, board membership, and not one, but two, stints as a staff member of WFA and CGS, including a period as Executive VP and Chief of Staff in the 2000s. Thousands more young people in this world are inspired to think about world peace and global challenges because of Harlan’s inspirational leadership example.

BOOK BLURB

As many readers of this Newsletter are aware, my book, *Transforming the United Nations System: Designs for a Workable World* -- six years in the making -- is to be published by the United Nations University Press later this year. The Press recently requested me to approve their cover design (it's beautiful) and prepare a 150-word blurb for the Fall Catalogue of their North American distributor, The Brookings Institution Press. Trying to distill the essence of a book likely to exceed 400 pages proved no easy task. Here is what I came up with. I hope some of you will be among my early readers.

Global problems require global solutions. However, the United Nations, as presently constituted, is incapable of addressing many global problems effectively. One nation – one vote decision-making in most UN agencies fails to reflect the distribution of power in the world at large, while the allocation of power in the Security Council is both unfair and anachronistic. Hence, nations are reluctant to endow the UN with the authority and the resources it needs. Extensive reform is required.

This book is rooted in the proposition that the design of decision-making systems greatly affects their legitimacy and effectiveness. It proposes numerous systemic improvements, largely through weighted voting formulae that balance the needs of shareholders and stakeholders in diverse UN agencies. It indicates ways by which the interests of regions can supplement those of nations and by which the voices of civil society and ordinary citizens can also be heard. In numerous contexts, it promotes meritocracy and gender equity.

The aim is not to create an unrealistic utopia, but rather to establish a workable world, a world in which the force of law supplants the law of force, a world committed to justice and continuous, yet sustainable, development. Given the many existential threats now confronting our planet, the time frame for decisive action is short. The task before us is daunting and success is not guaranteed. But, given the urgency of our situation, we must and can find ways of mustering the will, imagination and other resources to do the job.

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All power is originally vested in, and consequently derived from, the people. ... The people have an unalterable right to reform or change their government, whenever it be inadequate to the purposes of its institution.

James Madison (from his original draft of the 1st amendment to the US Constitution, with thanks to John Sutter.)

Mark the Date!

June 27

G.S.org. Annual Dinner

Keynote Speaker

ERIC SCHWARTZ

Dean, Humphrey School

of Public Affairs

**“The Challenge of
Global Migration”**