

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

25 November – 10 December 2008

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The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, with its theme for 2008 of *Human Rights for Women--Human Rights for All: UDHR 60*, begins on November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day, the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The United Nations designated November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to mark the anniversary of the assassination in 1960 of three Political Activists, the Mirabal sisters. The sisters formed the *Movement of the Fourteenth of June*, a group that opposed the violent Trujillo regime and supported women's rights in the Dominican Republic.

The Women's Equity Council of the United Nations Association is participating in the 16-day campaign with a series of events. AAUW, LWV, and other organizations are also cosponsoring the following:

5:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 25th: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is commemorated with a tour of the **San Diego Family Justice Center** where professionals and services are housed "together under one roof to help victims of family violence." We will meet first in the office of the National Family Justice Center Alliance at 707 Broadway (corner of 8th and Broadway; metered parking on 7th or 8th Avenues), 9th Floor. **Casey Gwinn**, President of the FJC Alliance Board of Directors and **Capt. Guy Swanger**, Interim Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center, will discuss the FJC model, a brief history, and the international FJC movement. Then, we tour the San Diego FJC on the 2nd floor. Please RSVP to Anne at 619.223.8074 or ahoiberg@aol.com. There is no charge for this event.

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7:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 3rd: Please join the WEC in partnership with USD's and UCSD's Women Centers in presenting an open forum and community dialogue on

A Culture of Violence? Encouraging Dialogue between Men & Women in honor of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Speakers from diverse backgrounds share their experiences about the causes, cycles, and impact of violence on the individual & society:

Emelyn de la Pena, Director, UCSD Women's Center
Marisa Ugarte, Executive Director, Bilateral Safety Corridor
Coalition

Dilkhawz Ahmed, Founder, License to Freedom, Azadi Center

The discussion concludes by focusing on violence prevention, empowerment, and advocacy.

**School of Leadership & Education Sciences, University of San Diego
Mother Rosalie Hill Building, Room 142**

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7:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 10th: Please join the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, International Museum of Human Rights at San Diego, United Nations Association of San Diego, and Voices of Women in celebrating Human Rights Day, the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice with a program,

***“The Highest Aspiration: Looking Ahead on the 60th Anniversary
of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”***

An appearance of “Eleanor Roosevelt,” who headed the U.N.’s Human Rights Commission that led to the creation and subsequent adoption of the UDHR on December 10, 1948, introduces the audience to the importance of this universally accepted document. Following Eleanor Roosevelt, panelists **William Aceves**, Associate Dean, California Western School of Law; **Marjorie Cohn**, Professor, Thomas Jefferson School of Law; and **Dustin Sharp**, Senior Program Officer, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, will examine how far human rights have come since 1948, and what the future is for their fuller implementation globally.

Also joining the celebration: AAUW-SD’s International Interests Committee, Amnesty International, California Western School of Law, Human Rights Watch, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, League of Women Voters’ International Relations Committee, Peace Resource Center of San Diego, Survivors of Torture International, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, United Nations Association’s Women’s Equity Council, USD School of Law Human Rights Club, and San Diego World Affairs Council.

Special thanks to Rosina Reynolds for bringing Eleanor Roosevelt to life and to Harle Montgomery for making it possible through her generous support.

The FREE event is at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Peace & Justice Theatre, 5998 Alcalá Park - University of San Diego campus. Space is limited; refreshments served. RSVP by Wednesday, November 26 at [IPJ Website](#) and scroll down to the event.

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Please join the “Say **NO** to Violence against Women” campaign by adding your name to the petition at www.saynotoviolence.org to be presented to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on November 25th! Almost 704,000 people have added their names—296,000 more to go! S-G Ban urges us to end all forms of violence against women by 2015! We can do it!