

District 4

UN Day Visit

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Arrival in Front of UN



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UN Co-Chairs
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Zonta Buffalo – Mary Vacanti,
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Tour of UN



In groups of 20, UN Tour Guides took us through the General Assembly, Economic/ Social and Trusteeship Council. Zonta International has consultative status with the Economic/Social Council.

Lunch in UN Delegates Dining Room



A three course, fixed price menu included daily features that celebrate culinary trends and classics from across the globe. The Dining Room is open to the Public, Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Reservations are necessary. Cost \$44.99 (beverage, taxes and gratitude's extra)

Briefing 1- Climate Change – UN Sustainable Goal 13



Omar Hernandez, Information Officer, UN Department of Global Communications with the Agenda for Sustainable Development.

His climate change message was directed at the lack of resources affecting the most vulnerable – women (trafficking), migrants (victims of natural disasters, war,

developing countries) Proposed Solution: breakdown disposable society by creating a social perspective narrative that is personal rather than social consciousness for “me” generation. Action Plan should partnerwith stakeholders, Higher Education and Corporations with a Social Responsibility Perspective.

UN 17 Sustainable Goals (to be achieved by 2030)



1. No Poverty; 2. Zero Hunger; 3. Good Health and Well Being; 4. Quality Education; 5. Gender Equality; 6. Clean Water and Sanitation; 7. Affordable and Clean Energy; 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth; 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; 10. Reduce Inequality; 11. Sustainable

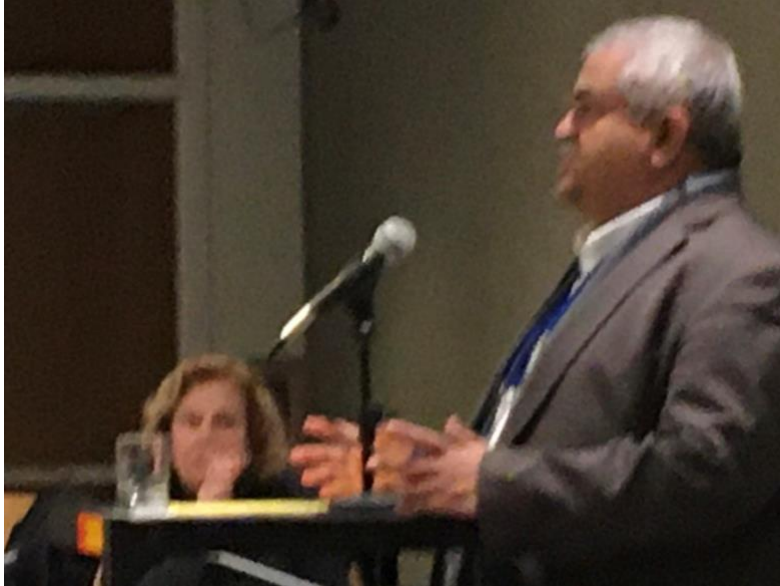
Cities and Communities; 12. Responsible Consumption and Production; 13. Climate Action; 14. Life Below Water; 15. Life on Land; 16. Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; 17. Partnerships to Achieve the Goals.

Question Period



The focus of questions posed related to advocacy to reduce the use of Styrofoam for packing meat products and Plastic wrapping and bags by super markets. Solution: protest in front of super markets, write political leaders

Briefing 2 – Climate Change



Satya S. Tripathi, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office at UN Environment. During the presentation by Satya S. Tripathi, he talked about how things would not change until big business/manufacturing was feeling an effect on their bottom line. He discussed talking with our

portfolio managers to determine where they are putting our money and to divest investments from fossil fuels.

On Monday, December 7th, the Toronto Star published an article in their Business Section reporting that Canada's second largest pension fund - has made a fundamental change in how the \$326 billion Quebec pension fund treats the climate-related risks by diverting 50% of funds away from carbon emitters and making low-carbon investments. This has been extremely successful so that now 80% will be invested in low carbon going forward. An example is Geo-climatic Farming.

Satya S. Tripathi believes that the greatest solution is to put women in positions of power. Men have made the decisions to ignore/deny Climate Change. It will be Women in power who will make the decisions that will reverse the process of Climate Change.

Nancy Peacock and Margaret Geare, D4 UN Co-Chairs have a power point with the complete trip for presentation to D4 clubs upon request. This power point will be available on the website later in 2020.

Our next report will contain the information on the CSW 64. If you are interested in attending, please contact Megan Radavich (mradavich@zonta.org).

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