

## **Introducing the 2010-11 Centurion Foundation!**

**By Ron Bee**

*Mens sana in copore sano – A healthy mind in a healthy body*

*Centurion – A professional officer of the Roman Army that commanded up to 100 men*

The 2010-11 Centurion Foundation has opened its doors for business, and that important business focuses on supporting the sports programs, student athletes and families of University City High School (UCHS). Sports help create a healthy body essential to learning, the teamwork essential to building a strong community, and the leadership skills necessary to succeed in life. In that spirit, the Centurion Foundation recognizes invites you to join us in making sure these goals flourish for the current and future students at UCHS.

First, the Centurion Foundation as a registered non-profit group, has a board of directors, and we encourage you to join if you have a student or students now at UC High, will have students at UC High, or simply just want to serve as a Centurion for your community. Our primary mission aims to enrich our young adults' extracurricular activities by facilitating tax-deductible donations to various sports teams and activities that support them at UCHS. The 2010-11 board of directors:

Kena L. Galvan, President

Lisa Coffman, Vice President, and Facebook Group Administrator

Rod Coffman, Public Relations

Dawn Yandel, Secretary

Laurence Yandel, Coach Liaison

Carina Wheatley, Club Liaison

Jemma Samala, Cluster Schools Liaison

Ellen Minter, Treasurer

Ron Bee, Communications

Michael Price, *Ex-Officio* Member, Principal of UCHS

Friends, Romans and Community Centurions, lend us your ears and your pocketbooks! You have a host of opportunities coming soon to test your mettle, and provide support for your high school. Come one come all and support the following fun-filled events and projects:

- ***Graduation Day Portraits*** Wednesday, June 16, 2010, from noon to 4 pm at UCHS, and graduation day, Friday, June 18, 2010: Our photographers will capture this special occasion and create memories for you and your family that will last a lifetime. We will offer individual, family and group portraits. Look for the Centurion Foundation photo booth before and after the ceremony.
- ***Independence Day Booth*** July 4, 2010, Standley Park, Governor Dr: Come help us declare our independence from the state budget mess and support our Centurions! Items for sale will include banana splits, baked goods, and UCHS spirit wear. Let us know if you'd like to help out by working a shift in the booth or just come by, say hello, and support the Foundation with your purchase.
- ***Halloween Spooktacular Movie Madness Nites***, October 2010, UCHS Sports Fields, stay tuned, stay scared, and stay generous! Remember, we have nothing to fear but our underfunded schools....
- ***E-Scrip Donations*** Ongoing. A portion of your grocery bill will get donated by Bristol Farms, Pavillions and Vons once you sign up with the Centurion Foundation of UCHS e-Scrip Group ID Number: 500023906. We have three ways to earn credit for UCHS programs at <http://www.escrip.com/program/3ways/index.jsp>. Now there's food for thought, and UC sports programs....Sign up now!
- ***Stadium Lights and Scoreboard Project*** Ongoing. The Centurion Foundation has partnered with the Proposition S Project Management Team to help upgrade and improve the UCHS Sports Complex. UCHS remains among the few San Diego County high schools without lights for its football team—can you imagine a high school experience without “Friday Night Lights”? This project will cost \$600,000 of which we must raise \$300,000 in cash or construction by September 2011. We will need the support of the entire UC community for this project.

So please earn your laurels in any and all of these noble campaigns, join our legion of social networkers on Facebook (Centurion Foundation of UCHS), and type your way to the Apian Way at the UC High School site: [www.universitycityhigh.org](http://www.universitycityhigh.org) (click under the Parents tab). Thank you for your consideration, and your support. GO CENTURIONS!