

University City

... more than a neighborhood

UC Community Improvement

by Greg Zinser

Following the lead of several San Diego communities, we are currently researching the possibility of forming a University City Community Foundation (UCCF) whose purpose would be to encourage community involvement and raise funds for all types of improvements. This Foundation would be a 501(c)3 corporation, which would allow us to accept tax deductible donations from both individuals and local businesses for specific improvement projects. We would also manage those projects through teams appointed by the Board of the Foundation.

The primary responsibilities of the UCCF Board would include evaluation of qualifying projects brought to them by members of the community, raising funds for those projects, providing project management and oversight, ensuring responsible management of donated funds, and keeping donors and all other members of the community informed as to the status of projects and new opportunities for community improvement. One of the first

Columbus Day
Monday, the 8th

UCPG Meeting
Tuesday, the 9th 6:00 p.m.
Forum Hall/UTC

UCCA Meeting
Wednesday, the 10th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
UC Library

UC Garden Club
Tuesday, the 16th
6:30 p.m., UC Library

**UC Celebration
Planning Meeting**
Wednesday, the 17th , 6:30 p.m.
Standley Recreation Center

**Standley Recreation
Council Meeting**
Thursday, the 25th, 7:00 p.m.
Standley Recreation Center

Halloween
Wednesday, the 31th

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Watch for the Upcoming November Issue for our UCCA Logo Contest. Information & Guidelines to Follow!

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Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately **250 words** typed in a document and attached to email or pasted inside the email. Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors. Type in **plain text format**. **If changes to an already submitted article need to be made, please do not send the entire article again.** Please send an email explaining the change(s) or highlight the change(s) in the new article. Some changes cannot be made due to deadlines.
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- Please no **pre-designed** flyers or announcements.
- The Editor acknowledges every submission. Email any questions.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. Although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month, **the newsletter can fill up before the deadline.** Articles reviewed on a first come basis with priority given to time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited down for allowed space. **For advertising**, please contact uccaADS@hotmail.com. The UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

Message from the Acting President

Barry Bernstein

Summer went by so quickly and cooler weather is here. UCCA has been busy as usual supporting major community events like, "Octoberfest", U.C. High's, "Hall of Fame", Spreckel's "jog-a-thon". Our own UCCA election of officers will be taking place in November, (see separate article on page...), as well as the city wide election of our Board of Education representative. There are two University City residents running for that position. UCCA is planning to invite both candidates to a debate on October 10, 6:30 at our community library on Governor Drive. Mark your calendars ! October also means the Miramar Marine Air Show....impressive and loud ! And don't forget the Standley Park Rec. Center's Halloween party for our kids! Our front page article regarding the effort to establish a University City Foundation is something I hope everyone reads....it can mean a lot to the future of University City. **IMPORTANT: UCCA 2013 membership drive is planned to begin in November. Watch for the attached envelopes and special membership prizes in our forthcoming November issue.**

• *It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our immediate past president, Peter Burch. Peter died Thursday, Sept. 13. He was a long time U.C. resident who served as a community representative to UCPG, as well as his much appreciated contribution of time, effort and accomplishment as president of UCCA. We all will miss his courage, honesty, and leadership.*

IN MEMORY OF:





by Sherri Lightner

University City Update

This month I have several updates on some of the things we're working on in University City:

- We have been carefully monitoring the proposal to build a power plant just east of I-805 at Nobel Drive. In June, we successfully worked with the community to pull the plug on a November ballot measure that would have moved the project forward. I will let you know as soon as we hear any new information.
- We completed the much needed resurfacing of Genesee Avenue earlier last month. Next up: Governor Drive between I-805 and Genesee, and the remainder of Regents Road between SR-52 and Governor.
- City traffic engineers are currently working on the design of safety improvements to the intersection of Genesee Ave and Governor Drive. Construction is scheduled to begin in April.
- I've used savings from my office budget to purchase a pair of speed radar signs to calm traffic on each side of Governor Drive between Cozzens Street and Erlanger Street. City staff is getting the necessary approvals from property owners to place the signs and will install them soon.
- I was fortunate to be able to attend the inaugural induction ceremony for the new University City High School Hall of Fame on September 14th. I look forward to showcasing UC's finest to the rest of the city when we host the traveling Hall of Fame downtown at City Hall in the coming months!

Please contact me at (619) 236-6611 or sherrilightner@sandiego.gov if you have any concerns, comments or questions.



by John Lee Evans

Football, Academics & Community Spirit in UC

The dedication of the football stadium on September 14 was a great milestone for University City. It took a long time. Many of the supporters are parents of kids who have already graduated. Upon joining the board in 2008 as the UC representative, finishing the stadium became one of my top priorities.

It is an outdoor classroom for marching band, JROTC, PE, football and other sports. It is also a gathering place for our community. Friday Night Lights have finally arrived. This was paid for by Proposition S funds, to which we all contributed through our local property taxes.

We also had great news for the start of our school year. Our scores on state tests have risen significantly over the past four years. At UC High, for example, the number of students proficient in English Language Arts in 2012 was over 20% greater than 2008. At Standley there were over 30% more proficient students by 2012. All of our schools showed significant gains. Across the district there were 56% more students proficient in science. Of course, these scores show only a small part of the success of our full curriculum, including music and the arts, technology and career tech programs.

These improvements are due to two simple "reforms" instituted by the Board of Education: 1) Keeping the teachers we need in the classroom over the last four years. Last summer our teachers agreed to concessions that returned 1,500 teachers to our classrooms. 2) Getting out of the way of the teachers. We let our teachers collaborate with each other and strategize as to the best way to teach our students. In University City we also have stellar principals who lead their teams.

Our public schools are worth the investment. In these hard economic times we are still improving our schools. Our community can see the results of the investment we have all made. Many thanks to our teachers and staff, as well as all of the dedicated parent and community volunteers.

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July – September 2012 UCCA Memberships

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Tish & Tom Berge
 Marie Bilyeu Dirks
 Victoria Campbell
 David & Hilli Christopherson
 Mary Perez – Lamari Optimal
 Health Systems
 Mike & Amy Sheridan
 Ann L. Wood, Ph.D.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

Linda & Chris Beresford
 Betty Bunton
 Tim & Wendy Gentner
 Patricia & Alexander Kelley
 Stephen McNeil
 Terry Watkins - Climatec

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Tom & Sherry Coffey
 Tim & Cheryl Creagh

COMMUNITY ANGEL

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Fred & Gail Shatsky

Lucky 2013 for You and UCCA

University City is the best kept secret in San Diego. However, locals know what a great community we have and how important it is to build the spirit of U.C. Your community association, UCCA, keeps up the communication through the UCCA newsletter and website, gets the weeds pulled and neighborhoods safe. UCCA membership drive is about to launch its 2013 campaign to increase the anemic number of members to a robust number so that UCCA can continue to underwrite activities to promote our neighborhood... like the EdUCate! Oktoberfest. Please start saving your pennies and dimes so that you will be among the first folks to join or rejoin UCCA in January. Membership is for the calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 1st. If you join in October for the first time, you get an extra three months free. If you join each year, why not rejoin now before the holidays are upon us?. Let's make 2013 the luckiest year for U.C. with at least 50% of families becoming members. Contact Beth at uccamembership@gmail.com.

University City Community Association 2012 Membership Application

General Member \$20 Community Supporter \$40 Community Angel \$60
 Silver Membership \$50 Gold Membership \$100

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Individual and Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed. Do NOT list my name.

Please make your check payable to UCCA

Payment is also accepted through Paypal on our Website: www.universitycitynews.org

Questions? Beth Crawford, Membership Chair, UCCAmembership@gmail.com

Which UCCA activities are you willing to help us with?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> UC 4th of July Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> UC 4th of July Parade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Counting/Sorting or Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Tree Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification/Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club |

Comments or Suggestions: _____

Mailing Address: UCCA, 3268 Governor Drive, Box 121, San Diego, CA 92122

UCCA November Elections

On Wednesday, Nov. 13th, a major event will happen in University City. It will be the night to elect Board Members for the University City Community Association! Residents with interest, vibrant ideas and caring who want to make our community a more enjoyable, beautiful and crime free place to live are asked to step forward and run for election to the Board of Directors. Four positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Each office has a one year term. I will gladly explain the duties and responsibilities of these offices upon request by phone or email. The only requirement for these offices is that you be a dues paying member of the University City Community Association. If you know of a worthy candidate, please send his or her name on to me and I'll be pleased to contact them and ask them to run for office. This is a marvelous opportunity for service to our community.

**September 2012 Events
at your University Community Library
4155 GOVERNOR DR. (858) 552-1655**



Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur.
Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.

Neighborhood Watch

by Barbara Gellman

It is my pleasure to introduce the current neighborhood watch captains. The majority have met with their neighbors and others will be meeting soon. If you DO NOT see your street mentioned, it is because someone is still needed to assume that responsibility.

Adrienne Bledsoe-upper Bloch
Barbara Gellman-Villanova Ave.
Barbara Henshaw-lower Bloch
Dan & Elizabeth Linder-S. Radcliff
Debbie Warner & Madeline Barlow-Galloway
Diane & Tony Villone-Ohm Ct.
Don Hotz & Steve McNeil-Curie Place
Don Danner-Dalen Ave.
Jack & Cindy Warren-lower Scripps & Carnegie St.
Jennifer Mares-San Clemente Terrace
Ken Curtis-partial Governor
Merle Berman-Tamilynn Ct.
Michael Orenich-Welmer Place
Monica Ferraro-Dennison St.
Susan & Steve Foster & Nancy Powell-Mercer Lane
Nora Adderson-Buisson
Pia Montovani-Sud-Cather
Richard Woods-Stetson
Richard Quinonez-Ducommon Ave.
Robert Moscato-Zenako, Agee(partial), Charae
Hallie Burch & Sandy Lippe-Angell
Terry Brandes-Earlinger & Ferber St.
Teri Cabo-Bragg St.
Bill Gahan-Weller
Linda Driver-Fisk

I applaud their enthusiasm for the position and concern for the neighborhood and know there are more of you out there who feel the same, so, don't hold back, jump right into the loop, it is most rewarding for everyone. Our goal is to have a captain on every street along with the new signs.



This is a picture of some OLD Neighborhood Watch signs. When you spot them hanging, please email me at bggellman@yahoo.com so they can be removed. The old beat up, discolored, rusted signs tell an intruder that we aren't serious and don't really care. As soon as someone signs up to be a captain of a street, they will install one or more of the new signs.

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STREET CAPTAINS
MINOR EFFORT, MAJOR REWARD

Please email:
bggellman@yahoo.com
for further information
University City Neighborhood
Watch Coordinator

CORRECTION: The wrong phone number was listed in the September newsletter for smoke alarms. Below is the information with the corrected number.

The Burn Institute in San Diego will install free smoke alarms for seniors (62 yrs.+). They recommend that each bedroom, dining/living room, hall areas have an alarm. Call 858-541-2277 to make an appointment for your free alarms and installation; volunteers will come out to install.

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Saturday, October 27th 9:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.: Halloween Spooktacular!
Bring the little ones for music, storytelling, crafts, face-painting, treats and more!
See a special holiday show by RAGGLE TAGGLE 10:30 a.m. Wear your costume!

Project Debt Relief: Attorney Mark Miller's office provides legal information:
 Tuesday, October 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Preschool Craft with Ms. Catherine: Bring your preschooler to enjoy a simple, easy craft!
 Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Zumba Gold: Latin-inspired dance fitness. Ideal for beginners, boomers, active seniors, and new mothers.
 First and Third Wednesdays of the month.

Page Turners' Book Club: Second Wednesday, October 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Family App Sharing: Special event! Learn about the best apps for your children:
 Saturday, October 13th @ 10:45 a.m.

So Say We All Workshop: Join us for a very special event – Develop your skills as a writer and learn what others have to say about the writing process: Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Preschool Crafts: Join Ms. Catherine to make a fun and easy craft for kids that are inspired by our YoYoung Young Artist Series. Every Saturday we showcase the talent of a local young musician.
 Every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Halloween Craft at the Rec Center!: Wednesday, October 31st, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. join us for a special event at the recreation center for crafts and spooky stories!

Halloween Trick-or-Treat!: Include us on your trick-or-treat route and we will be handing out goody bags all day! 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Jesse Mays, Council Representative for Council member Sherri Lightner, has provided this information for University City residents:

Emergency (police, fire, medical): 911

Graffiti Control Hotline: 619-525-8522

Streets (potholes, lights, drains): 619-527-7500

Neighborhood Code Compliance: 619-236-5500

Police (non-emergency): 619-531-2000

Traffic division: 858-495-7800

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Reading Tutors Needed

by Carol Parham

Want to make a difference in the life of a child in University City? Doyle Elementary is looking for reading tutors to work with elementary students who have been identified by their teachers as needing help. Once you are trained you will tutor about an hour and a half one day working with the same students each week. Tutoring times are during the school day in the morning.

For more information visit our website <http://www.sdcoe.net/lret2/media/?loc=ear> or call 800-711-READ. For Doyle Elementary information, contact Carol Parham at cjparham@gmail.com.

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The Scene in University City

by Sandy Lippe

On a quiet Sunday in September, a car flipped over at Stresemann on the corner of Governor in front of UC United Church of Christ. A woman hit a parked car and suddenly the car was upended, according to vigilant Jemma Samala. Jemma writes in her blog that the woman walked away unharmed. Send Jemma other news, hopefully happier, at her UC blog at jemmasamala@gmail.com.

Patricia Rice is a big fan of her Italian teacher, Consuelo Endrigo-Williams, at Nobel Recreation Center. In 8 classes, Patricia is ready to take on Italy with her new second language. Next class begins on November 5th and it ends Christmas Eve. Website is www.Parlitaliano.com. Ciao.

If you can't get enough of politics, why not watch a live debate between Councilwoman Sherri Lightner and her opponent, Ray Ellis on Tuesday, October 4th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. sponsored by Voice of San Diego. Check VOSD for location.

On October 11th, a district-wide candidate forum for San Diego Board of Education will be presented at Marston Middle School, 3799 Clairemont Drive, and is sponsored by the PTA. The 6.p.m. event will include Mark Powell and John Lee Evans.

University City High School's Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honored some outstanding professionals in diverse fields: Matt Brock, a professional football player, first UCHS graduating class of 1984; Kevin and Ken Dow, class of 1991 and 1989 respectively, professional musicians; Jenny Gross, a professional basketball player and college coach, Class of 1993; Wayne Lee, Chief NASA engineer, Class of 1986; Felix Sanchez, Olympic Gold Medal athlete, Class of 1995. Go to the website www.sandi.net/universitycity and scroll down to Hall of Fame on the left side. You will be in awe of this tribute and those who did the work to make it happen.

Finally, our former president Peter Burch passed away September 13th after a battle with cancer. British born Peter was also a devoted USC fan. He will be remembered for his love of his family, his USC slippers as he headed out for the morning newspaper, his English garden, and courage in adversity. Peter leaves behind his loving family, including his wife Hallie, and his devoted Golden Retriever, Barkley. "Fight on!"

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by Greg Zinser



UC resident Mark Powell, MA.Ed, is running for Board of Education representative for San Diego Unified in the November election. His website is www.markpowellforschoolboard.com.

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projects that could be undertaken by the new Foundation is the improvement of our medians on Governor Drive, Genesee and Regents.

Back to the Foundation, the first step in the process of moving forward is to incorporate and appoint the first Board of Directors. While there will be many opportunities for anyone willing to devote time and effort to either the Foundation or particular projects it may undertake, we will also need folks with particular skills and experience to get it going. An attorney who will handle the initial incorporation would be the first order of business, followed by volunteer board members for the new Foundation. Consistent with the responsibilities of that Board outlined above, it would be helpful to have volunteers with experience as a board member of a not for profit entity, not for profit program management, fund raising, investments management, and legal and tax issues relating to not for profits.

Establishing this type of Foundation for University City is a legacy project that will provide benefit to our community for many years to come. However, making it a reality will depend in large part on our ability to recruit a team of volunteers with the skills essential to create and maintain it. If you have experience in any of the areas mentioned above and would like to be a part of this effort, please let me know by email at gregzinsler@gmail.com.

The Importance of Recycling

Kiehls Store in UTC honored the Spreckels Garden Club on September 20th, for the students' environmental efforts in their active recycling program, according to Lee Ann Anderson and Trista Silvia, parent coordinators. Congratulations! Check out the Spreckels' website and learn from the children about the importance of recycling: www.sandi.net/spreckels.

Barbara Henshaw puts finishing touches on the 9/11 display at Standley Park on the 11th anniversary.



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Spreckels Elementary Fundraiser!

by The Spooky Sprint Jog-a-thon Committee

The 3rd Annual Spreckels Spooky Sprint Jog-a-thon!

Friday, October 19, the Spreckels PTA will host its 3rd Annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. Can you or someone you know sponsor the event? Your tax-deductible donation contributes to enhanced educational opportunities for Spreckels' students. Big thanks to our early sponsors, The Law Offices of Morris Sullivan & Lemkul, Marrokal Construction, Duckor Spradling Metzger & Wynne and Klassen Painting. Sponsors at various support levels will have their company logo on the Jog-A-Thon t-shirts, company banner on Spreckels' fence facing Governor Dr., and recognition in the school newsletter. Please contact us for more information.

Tara Milbrand, tmilbrand@san.rr.com
Meredith Kennedy, sdkenedy5@san.rr.com

See you on the track
Friday afternoon, October 19th!



BOO!

San Diego Kids

San Diego kids, (11 and under), will be admitted free to major attractions in the month of October including the San Diego Zoo, Safari, SeaWorld, Legoland, and many others. Go to: SanDiego.org/KidsFree for details.

Standley Recreation Center

Halloween Carnival

Friday, October 26, 2012

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Costume Contest Times

6:00 p.m. Non-Walking

6:10 p.m. Walking to 2 years

6:20 p.m. 3 to 4 years

6:30 p.m. 5 to 7 years

6:40 p.m. 8 to 10 years

6:50 p.m. 11 to 12 years

7:00 p.m. Adults

Child appropriate costumes only!



FAMILY NIGHT OUT WITH SPRECKELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

by Laura Ravine

Come join the Spreckels Elementary community at our Family Night Out Events! One night of each month we meet at a local restaurant, and that restaurant generously donates a percentage of proceeds to the Spreckels Elementary PTA. Our October event will be held at Red Robin at UTC on Wednesday, October 24, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Flyers are available for download on the school website at www.sandi.net/spreckels and will be available in the school office the week before the event. You must present a flyer for Spreckels to get credit for your participation. Other upcoming dates include:

- **Wednesday, November 14th at Rubio's (Towne Center and La Jolla Village Drive)**
- **Tuesday, December 18th at California Pizza Kitchen at La Jolla Village Square**
- **Wednesday, January 30th at Souplantation in Kearny Mesa**

Thank you for your support!



Youngster in costume at the Standley Recreation Center Halloween Carnival.

Public Comments Wanted About Proposed Bridge

by Kelly Makley

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition has received a grant to improve San Diego's Regional Trail Network. They are working to build a bicycle and pedestrian bridge under Highways 5 and 52 that would connect riders and walkers in Rose Canyon and San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear Memorial Park) to the Rose Canyon Bicycle Trail. Currently, users are forced to detour or cross the railroad tracks illegally. Ultimately, this bridge would enhance the ability for riders and walkers from University City and Clairemont to reach Mission Bay.

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition is seeking ideas and comments about the proposed bridge. Please join them at the upcoming Open House Meetings: Friday, 9/21 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Saturday, 10/13 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The meetings are tentatively planned to take place at the proposed bridge site on the Rose Canyon Bicycle Trail. To get there, park at the end of Santa Fe Avenue and walk or ride a quarter-mile north to the site. Please check the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition's website at www.sdcbc.org for more information and to confirm the location prior to the date. Or, contact the Rose Creek Watershed Coordinator at kelly@rosecreekwatershed.org with questions or comments.

This project is part of a comprehensive effort to enhance the Rose Creek Watershed, which includes both Rose and San Clemente creeks which drain into De Anza Cove at the north end of Mission Bay.

Invasive Plants; Problems in Rose Canyon

Did you know that weeds are a significant threat to Rose Canyon? According to the organization PlantRight, the control of invasive species costs California \$85 million every year.

Invasive plants create fire hazards and crowd the native plants that provide homes for wildlife. They also lead to flooding, landslides and poor water quality. Their seeds move in the wind and water, making them difficult to control unless a comprehensive approach is taken.

Fortunately, a local organization, the Chaparral Lands Conservancy, has received a grant to conduct an Invasive Plant Control Project throughout Rose and San Clemente Canyons starting in October 2012. The methods/products will be used by licensed contractors have been approved by agencies that protect California's wildlife.

Here's how YOU can help:

1. Remove any invasive plants.
2. Plant native or non-invasive plants.
3. Remove new sprouts before they become a problem.

Learn more about both projects at www.rosecreekwatershed.org or www.facebook.com/rosecreekwatershed.

Hello University City Neighbors

My name is Nicholas Misleh. I am a sophomore at University City High School and a boy scout from Troop 271. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout rank, which will include a detailed leadership project that will benefit everyone in our community.

My project will consist of making and placing seven-mile markers at every half mile starting at 0 for 3 miles in Rose Canyon. It will begin across the street from University City High School west of Genesee through the scenic habitat to Bothe St. Currently, there is only one old mile marker remaining, leaving hikers without proper guidance of distance through the trail. The new mile markers will help hikers, runners, bicyclists, and UCHS athletic students (e.g. Cross Country) determine their location in case of an emergency.

I plan on executing the project this fall around the end of October or possibly the beginning of November. I would like to ask for the kindness of my neighbors in contributing to this project by sponsoring the mile markers for \$75 each.

If you would like to donate; please make checks payable to Boy Scouts of America Troop 271. In the memo line please write: Nick's Eagle Scout Project Fund. No donation is too small. Our troop website is www.troop271.com. You can contact me at nickseaglescoutproject@yahoo.com. Your donations are tax deductible; our sponsors non-profit tax ID# 99-2219569. Send checks to the address below please:

**Nick's Eagle Scout Project Fund
6655 Red Deer St.
San Diego, CA 92122-2526
(858) 729-8210**

Please leave your contact information so I can confirm your donation and sponsorship.



Editor's Note: Nicholas Misleh was born and raised in University City and is 15 years old. His father has been in UC since he was nine, and is a graduate from the first graduating class at University City High School where Nick attends class now.

Help Support the UCHS Music Program!

by Bonnie MacRitchie

The UCHS Music Program is gearing up for another exciting year. Last year we revamped the program, expanded Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir, and Colorguard and launched a new Orchestra and Pep Band. We increased performances and activities for all ensembles as well as participation in community events. This year, we are pleased to welcome our new director, Mr. Brandon Corenman, a talented and energetic young professional. Under his leadership, we plan to further expand the program, especially our fledgling orchestra.

The Music Program needs your support! The program receives minimal funding from the school. It relies on the generosity of parents, community members and company sponsors. Fundraising efforts pay for the majority of expenses including music coaches, competitions, sheet music, equipment, and extracurricular activities. Please help us sustain this program. Donations in any amount will help. We can offer sponsorship recognition on our website and in our concert programs. Donations are tax deductible with a 100% going directly to support the students.

Mail donations to: UCHS Music Boosters, 6949 Genesee Ave, San Diego, CA 92122. Make checks payable to "Centurion Foundation" (write "Music Boosters" in the memo line). Contact uchsmusic@gmail.com or visit our website, <http://uchsmusic.com>. Thank you for your support.

International Singing Star to Perform at OMC

Mark your calendar for Wednesday,
October 17th - 7:00 p.m.

World renown singer/songwriter Tajci (TY-Chee) will perform "Let It Be-Mary's Story" at Our Mother of Confidence. Since the spring of 2000, Tatiana (Tajci) Cameron has shared her spiritual programs in over 900 concerts building a nationwide following for the artist who, as a teenager, was a pop music superstar in Communist Central Europe. There is no charge. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Anything Goes

by Glenn J. D'Abreo

The Music Ministry of Our Mother of Confidence Church will present a Dinner Show, entitled, "Anything Goes", on Saturday October 27th, 2012. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

The music will be a wide variety of Broadway and Opera, including a medley from "The Music man" and a Patriotic Medley. This will be the sixth such show the Music ministry has produced. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Knights of Columbus: Light & Life Organization.

You may call 858-736-4128 or e-mail glenn@dabreo.us for tickets or more information.

UCHS Graduate Living His Dream

by Rojielynn Fay

At 8 years old, UC High Class of 2011 graduate Eric Fay saw STOMP for the first time. That's when the dreaming began. "That would be so cool. I would like to do that," he thought to himself. He loved the rhythm, the humor, and the non-stop high energy displayed by the cast. Every time STOMP performed in San Diego he would see the show and dream.

Six weeks before graduation, he got the chance. STOMP was auditioning for new cast members. Eric stood in line with approximately 2000 other hopefuls on the streets of New York.

On September 9, 2011, Eric was performing in his first show. In November 2011, Eric joined the tour cast which performs throughout the US, Canada and South America. His dream had come true.

Watch Eric live his dream of performing with STOMP at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido, October 5th - 6th.

Visit www.stomponline.com for cast bios, news, videos. Go to www.artcenter.org/performances/ or call (800) 988-4253 for tickets.

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Stacked high with text books awaiting students to claim them for the new school year and replaced with tables and chairs, the University City High School Media Center was converted on Friday, September 14th, to accommodate the Inaugural Hall of Fame induction ceremony of six extraordinary alumni.

After multiple meetings over several months, the Hall of Fame committee nominated, discussed, narrowed down, vetted and ultimately came up with six past Centurions, who exemplified the qualities that warranted this honor. The goal was to induct UCHS alumni, who had, through deed or accomplishment, achieved recognition on a national or international level.

The six inductees were Matt Brock, Class of '84, Professional Football Player; Ken Dow, Class of '89, Professional Musician; Kevin Dow, Class of '91, Professional Musician; Jennifer Gross, Class of '93, Professional Women's Basketball Player; Wayne Lee, Class of '86, Chief NASA Engineer; Felix Sanchez, Olympic Gold Athlete.



Above, left to right: Jennifer Gross, professional basketball player, UCHS Class of 1993; Matt Brock, professional football player, First UCHS graduating class, 1984; Ken Dow, professional musician, Class of 1989; Wayne Lee, Chief NASA engineer, Class of 1986.

Not Shown: Kevin Dow, professional musician, Class of 1991 and Felix Sanchez, Olympic Gold Medal athlete, Class of 1995

Matt, Kevin, Jennifer and Wayne could not have been more humble or gracious when introduced to the crowd of 150 family, friends, students and community members in attendance. Each gave a heartfelt speech, highlighting how special their years at UCHS had been.

Ken and Felix were unable to attend; however his brother Kevin was able to read Ken's letter of gratitude to the crowd, and Felix, in the Dominican Republic, sent his cousin Jennifer Rivera in his honor.

The newly inducted Hall of Fame recipients were subsequently introduced to the 'Friday Night Lights' football fans in the stands, preceding the Ribbon Cutting and Field and Lights Dedication, in the beautifully upgraded football stadium and track.

For more information go to the website at www.sandi.net/universitycity and click on Hall of Fame; to donate to the HOF fund click on Centurion Foundation.