

# University City

...more than a neighborhood

# Volunteers

## UCCA Honors Its Volunteers!

by Barry Bernstein

**O**n Sunday, August 18th, at the Sunday concert of the Legends, Barry Bernstein, UCCA president, thanked and congratulated the many Neighborhood Watch block captains and the 100-plus newsletter delivery people. The unsung volunteers who protect our neighborhood and the folks who deliver the monthly newsletters year after year enjoyed a song written by Tom Ventimiglia.

Tom is a long time resident of U.C. who has written and directed musicals at Our Mother of Confidence Church. Tuesday Night Alibi, a barbershop quartet, sang the parody of "Happy Days Are Here Again:" "Happy Days are here once more/Newsletters under every door/ You're the very best and that's for sure/ Happy Days are here again/ "All our troubles are gone/ 'Long as Neighborhood Watch carries on."

A shout out went to Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia for coordinating the event. If you would like to be a Neighborhood Watch block captain, contact Barbara Gellman at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com). If you want to help with the newsletter delivery or be a substitute deliverer, contact Val O'Neill at [voneill95@yahoo.com](mailto:voneill95@yahoo.com).

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Remember: November UCCA Elections are coming up. If you would like to serve, please contact Ginny Charvat at [ginnycharvat@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnycharvat@yahoo.com).

**Labor Day**  
Monday, the 2nd

**UCPG Meeting**  
Tuesday, the 10th 6:00 p.m.  
Forum Hall/UTC

**Rosh Hashanah**  
Thursday, the 5th

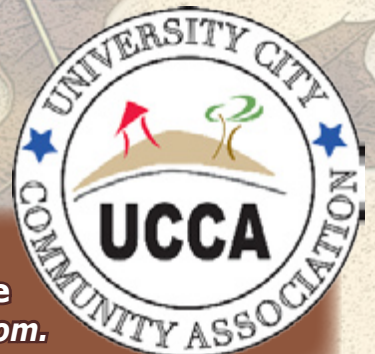
**UCCA Meeting**  
Wednesday, the 11th  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
UC Library

**Yom Kippur**  
Saturday, the 14th

**UC Celebration  
Planning Meeting**  
Wednesday, the 18th  
6:30 p.m.  
Standley Recreation Center

**First Day of Fall**  
Sunday, the 22nd

**Standley Recreation  
Council Meeting**  
Thursday, the 26th  
7:00 p.m.  
Standley Recreation Center



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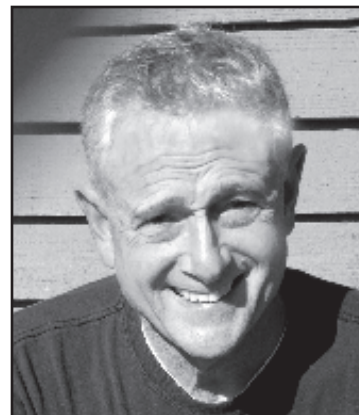
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## Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



Summer is just about over, and I hope you and yours had wonderful times of travel, activities and family. Our UC children and grandchildren are headed back to school so be extra careful and drive safely.

UCCA was very busy supporting the 4th of July "Celebration" at Standley Park and the Sunday in the Park concerts, the "National Night Out" crime awareness evening, and, of course, on August 18th, we had our annual Volunteer Recognition Event. We could not do what needs to be done for our community without our wonderful volunteers. Thank you VOLUNTEERS!

Sandy Lippe and Barbara Mauro have been working with San Diego Park and Recreation to establish the Peter Burch Memorial Fountain at Marcy Park. The formal dedication of the fountain is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st.

Carl's Jr. had their grand re-opening, and work has begun on the 805/Governor Drive on/off ramps in preparation for the lane widening. Padres are still searching for a winning season, and the Chargers' new coaching staff is somewhat optimistic. The San Diego County Fair and the Del Mar Race Track certainly were fun places to be this summer as was the "over-the-line" tournament on Fiesta Island. How could anyone have missed all the national hype with ComicCon!

UCCA should take a bow for sponsoring the "Congress on your Corner" event at our library in July featuring U.S. Congressman Scott Peters. If it weren't for the inappropriate reported incidents involving our mayor, I could say it was a great summer in and for San Diego. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Labor Day holiday and my well-wishes to those who celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Barry

# Help us Improve UC!

by Greg Zinser

As reported in earlier issues, the University City Community Foundation (UCCF) was created through the generous support of the University City Community Association (UCCA) to facilitate improvements in University City. We are pleased to report that we have just received IRS approval of our tax exempt status.

As a first step towards selecting and prioritizing projects, we are conducting an on-line survey you can access at our new website address [www.ImproveUC.org](http://www.ImproveUC.org).

In addition, we will be holding two town hall meetings; the first on Monday, September 23rd at our Mother of Confidence Church on the West end of Governor Drive, and the second on Thursday, October 3rd at the First Baptist Church on the East end of Governor Drive. Both meetings will be held from 7:00-8:00 pm, and we welcome all those who would like to provide input that will help us in selecting our first projects. We will also be answering questions about UCCF, our relationship to UCCA, and our short term and long term vision for improving our community.

To help us realize that vision, we are currently searching for individuals with experience in the following areas:

- Architectural design and city permit requirements;
- Fundraising, including capital campaigns, donor recognition and deferred giving;
- Branding and creating public awareness; and
- Website design and creation of collateral materials.

Finally, we wanted to let you know that we will be holding a public contest to create our new logo. Details will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please let us know of any thoughts or suggestions by email at [info@ImproveUC.org](mailto:info@ImproveUC.org).

## Youngest Guest at UCCA Meeting

by Sandy Lippe



Jackson Crittenden brought his dad Jack to a July UCCA meeting at our library.

You may also join UCCA by going to our website at [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org).

# The Scene in University City

by Jemma Samala

**Backpack. Check. Folders. Check. Pens and pencils. Check. Mobile phone. Check.**

**Ah yes, the last minute preparations for school. Gotta love it. New haircuts, new clothes and getting used to a new schedule. The getting up at noon business is over boys and girls. It's time to get down to real work, and for the youngsters, that is school.**

**I agree, the summer went by too quickly, but ready or not, it's time to return to a "normal" schedule. In our UC community that means PTA meetings, sporting events, scouting events, planning for and attending school fundraisers, and oh yes, trying to get homework done too. Those who have children past the school age can relax and think "oh yes I remember when." Those who have yet to have your children start school make use of your Disneyland annual passes now because life gets busier as the kids get older!**

*Make sure to keep in mind the UC school times:*

- Curie Elementary: 7:50 am-2:10 pm;  
Wednesdays end at 12:15 pm
- Doyle Elementary: 7:20 am-2:00 pm;  
Wednesdays end at 11:45 am
- Spreckels Elementary:  
9:05 am-3:35 pm;  
Wednesdays end at 12:30 pm
- Standley Middle: 8:05 am-2:50 pm;  
minimum days end at 12:49 pm (new times)
- UCHS: 7:24 am-2:12 pm;  
Wednesdays end at 12:54  
(and, yes, high school kids are out early every Wednesday)

What does this mean? Plan your driving routines accordingly. Wednesdays will be packed at the luncheon establishments, and you will find your high-schooler at the UTC food court. Also, please remember that the school Safety Patrol kids are volunteers. Please do not yell at them for making sure you do not run over a child trying to get their education. Which brings me to remind the community to volunteer for school needs. Parents, grandparents, neighbors are volunteers always welcomed and needed.

The community as a whole can get into the school spirit by attending Friday Night Lights Football games at UCHS. If you haven't seen the new stadium or attended a game, you are missing out on the excitement and community spirit. The Centurion Foundation is kicking off a UCHS Loyalty Program, and those families who donate at least \$100 will receive two adult passes and one student pass to regular season home UCHS Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball games. (Students under age 10 are admitted free.) Go to [uc-centurionfoundation.com](http://uc-centurionfoundation.com). Donations will also be accepted at the football games on Friday, August 30th, and September 13th, 6:30 pm at UCHS.

One thing I admit is from the first day my older son entered kindergarten, to the first day my younger son starts high school this year, I shed a tear wondering where did the time go, and why are they growing up so fast. It must have been those smartphones we gave them! Darn technology!

To volunteer with anything or to donate to any group, contact me at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

## Neighborhood Watch News Update

by Barbara Gellman

**A review of who to call for various problems.** When you have attended a neighborhood watch street meeting, a more complete listing of additional phone numbers is distributed.

- For life threatening emergency or to report a crime in progress please call 911.
- In non-emergency events such as suspicious behavior, noise complaint, a crime not in progress but discovered after it occurred (get incident number) call 619-531-2000 or online: [sdpdfilemypolicereport.org](http://sdpdfilemypolicereport.org). Our University City Community Relations Officer is Larry Hesselgesser/858-552-1631 or [lhesselgesser@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:lhesselgesser@pd.sandiego.gov).
- For CAPP (party houses) contact Fred Zuckerman at 858-552-1717. Find out the phone number of the owner/landlord to call them first. It's important for many neighbors to call/complain especially if after two hours it is still going on or gets worse.
- For abandoned vehicles (over 72 hrs.), report car description/ license plate to 858-495-7856.
- The National Do-Not-Call Registry number is 1-888-382-1222 or contact their website at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).
- The Poison Control number is 800-222-1222.
- The Burn Institute in San Diego will install free smoke alarms for seniors (62 yrs.+). Call 858-541-2277 to make an appointment for your free alarms and installation.
- For additional San Diego contact numbers go to [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov).
- Call 911 if you are at home and think someone might be breaking in. If you return home and suspect someone has broken into your home, go to a neighbor's and call, do not go in. Keep all doors and windows locked or use pins or dowels inserted in the tracks if you want to leave windows open a few inches for ventilation. Lock gates, garages and sheds after each use, especially gates to your back yard. Store bikes, ladders, children's outside toys in a locked area.
- Add a lock to your outside fuse box to prevent your electricity from being turned off.
- Don't leave keys in mailboxes or planters or under doormats.
- Leave an extra key with a neighbor. If you have an alarm, use it. For solicitors, do not open the door. You should talk through your door and say, "no thank you, not interested". Never let a stranger into your home to use your phone. Offer to make the call yourself. Never say you are not at home on your answering machine.
- Do not leave outgoing mail clipped to your mailbox as anyone can steal your identity if there are checks or personal information enclosed.
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your car if parked outside. Keep your vehicle registration, proof of insurance or any other personal papers in your wallet or purse and not in the glove compartment.
- Post a "Beware of Dog" sign on a gate even if you do not have a dog.
- For lights, it is recommend to use LED lights for outside as they are brighter and last longer. Use motion detector lights or dusk to dawn style. Lights on timers where they can be seen from the outside should be used inside your house. Homes with high bushes in front of windows are invitations to burglars. Ask neighbors to check outside your house and pick up papers or deliveries if you are away. Make sure they know how to turn off your main water valve in case of emergency. Leave a contact number and have their number also.
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously, checking cars on the street, looking into neighbors windows or driving up and down the street slowly, just looking around, call the police non-emergency number at 619-531-2000. They could be casing the area. Be sure to ask for an incident number. Just remember that when you get up to go to work or run errands you are at risk.



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Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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## The Charter School of San Diego Offers Free Fall Enrollment

by Veronica Ballman

The Charter School of San Diego welcomes all parents and students to visit any of its learning center locations to learn more about its unique way of navigating students through their education. The learning center locations for The Charter School of San Diego are as follows: North San Diego, Clairemont, Poway, Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, UTC Central/Downtown San Diego, City Heights, East Village, Horton Plaza, North Park, Point Loma East County, El Cajon, La Mesa South/Southeast San Diego, Logan Heights, Paradise Hills and Spring Valley. Additionally, The Charter School of San Diego would like to welcome their newest learning center location, the Plaza Bonita to the South/Southeast San Diego Region!

The Charter School of San Diego has been an educational option for students in grades 7-12 for the past 20 years. Its instructional design is based on a "university model", where students work independently and attend classes, labs, or tutorials two-to-five times per week. Students attend at scheduled times, ensuring that there are never more than 20 students on site at one time.

The Charter School of San Diego is thrilled to offer even more educational pathways to its students. These include honors classes and blended-learning options. Additionally, these courses are UC A-G approved, so college bound students are able to utilize them on their transcripts for the credit and course requirements of a four-year university. These options, combined with the choice of a morning or afternoon schedule, allows The Charter School of San Diego to offer and promote a truly unique and individualized learning experience for all their students.

CSSD is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It is in good standing with its granting district and has documentation demonstrating exceptionally positive student outcomes. Student work is governed by a course syllabus that is consistent with the standards prescribed by the California Department of Education. The course syllabus contains lessons developed by subject-matter experts who hold a California Credential.

The Charter School of San Diego is now offering fall enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year. If you would like to learn more or enroll your student, please contact us at 858-678-2020 or e-mail us at [info@charterschool-sandiego.net](mailto:info@charterschool-sandiego.net).

## 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. Training is available through San Diego County Office of Education at community sites. The tutoring commitment is about two hours, one morning a week during the school day, October through May. Materials are provided and you'll be working with the same students each week.

For more information visit our website <http://www.sdcoe.net/iret/la/ear> or call 800-711-READ. For information specific to Doyle Elementary, please contact Carol Parham at [cjparham@gmail.com](mailto:cjparham@gmail.com) or (c) 858-864-3141.

## National Night Out on Cascade Court

by Ginny Charvat



A good time was had by all with no crime in our neighborhood. The lights were on everywhere and we had the youngest fighter against crime at just four months old! Our visitor was Lt. Misty Cedrun.

**More to follow on the National Night Out in the next issue (October) of this newsletter.**

## "SLOW DOWN" SIGNS

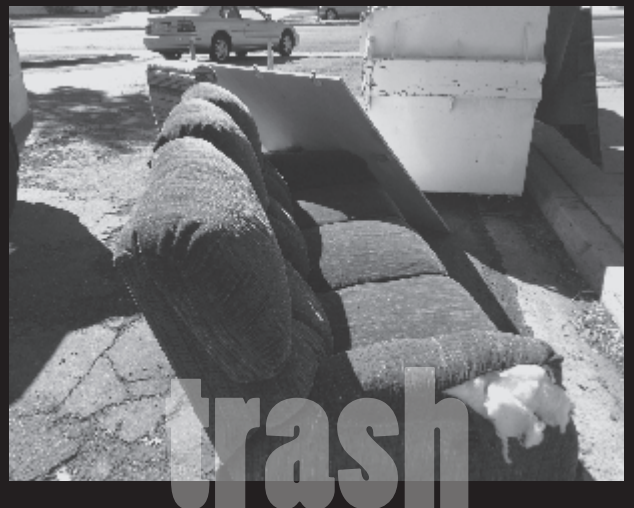
by Clare Eckhart & Lois Cross

You may have noticed the 60 new "slow down" signs throughout our neighborhood. This is an effort to help us all become aware of the speed we travel while on our streets. Janay Kruger, with UCPG, provided funds for the signs, and Kris Kopensky, with the Irvine Company, contributed signs for our cause. We want to thank Camil Saab, from the Postal Annex, and Annex Copy Center for printing the signs at a discounted rate to contribute to our community. Thanks, also, to Carole Pietras for advising us along the way. Let's all heed the signs, and SLOW DOWN!

## Recycle Area Near Swanson Pool

by Sandy Lippe

Please do not dump items at the recycle dumpsters in the Swanson Pool parking lot. There is a \$1,000 fine.



## **SAN DIEGO CLARINET SOCIETY CONCERT**

One of Southern California's premiere clarinet ensembles—they are among San Diego's musical elite. They have performed with national touring civic theater productions; Starlight Opera, Old Globe Theater, internationally renowned chamber music festivals, and have each appeared as a featured soloist. They enjoy relating to their audiences on a personal level, adding levity and knowledge through interaction.

*Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 pm*

## **MOVIES FOR ADULTS**

Join us as we sleuth through the mysteries of the movies. Movies will be shown the second Wednesday of every month.

*Wednesday, September 11th at 2:00 pm*

## **TIDEPOLS AUTHOR VISIT**

Linda Tway, local author of *Tidepools: Southern California: A Guide to 92 Locations from Point Conception to Mexico* will be speaking.

*Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm*

## **LEAH PANOS HARP CONCERT**

Harpist Leah Panos is very active in the San Diego music community. She serves as an Artist-in-Residence at SDSU and performs regularly at recitals, weddings, receptions, hotels and formal events.

*Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm*

## **INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES**

Learn about invasive species in San Diego with Susan Lewitt.

*Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30 pm*

## **ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING**

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper. Materials provided for first timers.

*Tuesday, September 3rd at 12:30-3:30 pm*

## **ACCORDIAN CLUB**

New members are always invited to join!

*Saturday, September 14th and 28th at 9:30-11:30 am*

## **ZUMBA GOLD**

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music.

*Mondays and Thursdays at 12:00 pm*

## **SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA**

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs.

*Mondays at 1:00 pm*

## **YOGA FOR TEENS AND ADULTS**

Gentle exercises aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.

*Tuesdays at 4:30 pm*

## **KNITTING AND CROCHET CIRCLE**

Do you love to knit and crochet or have you always wanted to learn? All levels welcome. First timers' materials provided.

*Friday, September 6th at 1:00-2:30 pm*

## **GO GAMING**

Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association.

*Tuesdays at 2:30-3:30 pm*

## **GAME ON!**

Teens get your game on! Wii gaming with friends at your library.

*Fridays at 3:00-4:30 pm*

## **WAND OF DREAMS**

Children will delight in this magical interactive storytelling event.

*Wednesday, September 25th at 2:00 pm*

## **PAWS TO READ**

Children practice their reading skills with patient, loving dogs brought by their handlers from Love on a Leash. No outside animals please.

*Thursday, September 26th at 4:00 pm*

## **SIGNING STORYTIME**

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.

*Monday, September 23rd at 3:00-3:30 pm*

## **PRESCHOOL TODDLER STORY TIME**

Stories, craft, and songs. All wee ones welcome.

*Thursdays at 10:30 am*

## **PAJAMA STORY TIME**

Families wear your jammies and cuddle up with some good books. Join Miss Barbara for stories, songs and fun.

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm*

*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. This information will be made available in alternate formats upon request.*

## **Even MORE books at Your Library!**

*by Sharon Thomerson*

The Circuit is a new service to the customers of the San Diego Public Library which expands access to books owned by San Diego County public and academic libraries. From the comfort of your home internet computer (with a current library card,) you may access their catalogs through the San Diego Public Library's catalog to request any book not owned by the San Diego Public Library at no charge. Previously, there was a \$5.00 non-refundable processing fee per item for this service.

Check it out at your library!

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**<http://tinyurl.com/universitycommunitylibrary>**

**The library will be closed September 2nd in observance of Labor Day**

# EdUCate!

by Diane Lueke

EdUCate! would like to thank everyone who donated to our Honor A Teacher fundraising program during the 2012-2013 school year. This fundraiser with a big heart, Honor A Teacher, is a wonderful way for families to show their gratitude to our exceptional University City school teachers, counselors, administrators, coaches and other school staff members. When writing a tax-deductible check or donating online to Honor A Teacher (HAT), your student's honoree receives your personal message of thanks, a public announcement and certificate of recognition, as well as a special memento signifying this honor. The funds donated benefit educational programs at all five University City schools and provide an important "thank you" to the deserving recipients of this award.

For more information on how to say "thank you" to an educator, go to [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org) and honor your teacher with Honor A Teacher!

Congratulations to our '12-'13 Honored Teachers!

## Curie

Marianna Bacilla  
Denise Daglio  
Jill Harris  
Susanna Holcombe  
Chris Juarez  
Jackie Linsin  
Karen McKelvey  
Sue Newberry  
Annette Saavedra  
Marion Sipe  
Cheryl Thompson  
Andrew Todd  
Ann Vasquez

## Standley

Jeanann Danielson  
Todd Davis  
Aimee Dunn  
Maire Juergens  
Phillip Marcus  
Robert O'Sullivan  
Eugene Park  
Melina Prietto  
Shelley Rannikko  
Craig Sacchetti  
Reissa Schragger-Cole  
Don Weedmark

## Doyle

Debbie Armijo  
Melissa Ann Carian  
Bart Deaderick  
Yolanda DiLorenza  
Alice Evans  
Daniel Harney  
Dana McKenna  
Kimberly Moore  
Juli Redmerski  
Kathy Saville  
Suwanna Siegler  
Susan Traganza  
Laura Tusa  
Vicky Villanueva  
Hanna Wong  
Peggy Yamamoto

## UCHS

Lauriel Adsit  
Marj Atkisson  
Belinda Brown  
Brian Chenoweth  
Donna Fallon  
Krishelle Hardson-Hurley  
Ana Kuburovich  
John Middleton  
Brad Milhoan  
Gail Newcomb  
Lisa Perry  
Jonathan Schiller  
Lauriann Stanley  
Bernard Steinberger  
Jan Tridle

## Spreckels

Lisa Alessio  
Karen Bryan  
Irene Esper  
Cecilia Fernandez  
Erin Leavitt  
Daniel Logue  
Debbie Martin  
Betty McGuire  
Marisela Sparks  
Lydia Stevens  
Janet Weige

# UC DelSol Softball

by Aly Stein



UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch has just completed one of its most successful summers in recent history. With their four All-Star teams attending seven different tournaments from May through July, UCDS really made a statement. Starting out in Oceanside with an 8U division Championship, the league proceeded to chalk up two tournament championships, two second place finishes, and several appearances in quarter final games. Teams travelled as far away as French Valley and even hosted their own tournament here in University City.

This year's All-Star season was capped off with one of the eight and under teams, nicknamed "Fury," winning the South San Diego District Championship and being ranked #2 in the state. Fury was invited to represent San Diego in the California State Games and enjoyed participating in the opening ceremonies with athletes from throughout the state, representing a multitude of sports. "This is a very special group of girls. They support one another and pick each other up," says Jim Jenkins, the team's manager. "If one girl has a tough game, all the other girls are right there to cheer her up. It has really been a privilege to work with them."

UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch offers softball nearly year around. Fall Ball teams are currently forming and games begin in September on Sundays, allowing girls to play soccer or other traditional fall sports. With players from ages 5-12, the league is a recreational league, inviting players from all levels of experience, including girls who have never tried the sport before. Further information can be found on the league's website at [www.ucdelsol.com](http://www.ucdelsol.com).

# EdUCate! Acknowledges...

by Jesse Rubin

***As many in UC know, Brook Feerick is a compassionate and caring individual of incredible energy. For the past two-and-a-half years she has led the EdUCate! Board as President. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us on the EdUCate! Board, to thank her for her service and leadership.***

***While Brook was president, Oktoberfest was started. In fact, she was the first one to step up and chair the event. It has become the fall event that we all look forward to and simply gets better and better each year. Under her leadership, it has become the signature event for EdUCate! For that matter, University City and the Taste of the Triangle, ventured out to different venues making the most of each opportunity for fun and fundraising. Despite the downturn in the economy during her presidency, EdUCate! raised over \$300,000. Funds raised helped to increase technology for students, provided for specific needs of individual classrooms and gave funds to the principals to ensure that certain programs did not go away during tough economic times.***

***We are most fortunate that Brook and her husband Tom chose University City as the place to raise their family, Thomas, Emily and Corwin. We appreciate their support and understanding as Brook spent countless hours of time ensuring that all of our five public schools benefitted from EdUCate!***

***Thank you, Brook, for all you have done for our community through your service as President of the Board of Directors of EdUCate! You are truly a tough act to follow, and we will forever be in your debt.***

***2012-2013 the EdUCate! Board of Directors.***

# NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Music! Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:00 pm:** Buena Vista SoCal Club

A local band playing Cuban music and "cha cha cha"!

**OASIS presents On the Go 101! Monday, September 30th, at 10:30 am:** You can make a difference! Become part of On the Go's transportation solution by joining our Rides & Smile programs as a rider or volunteer driver. Join us at this fun workshop and learn how easy it is to become a volunteer driver!

**Job Search Assistance on Mondays, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm:** Get job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment.

**Art Adventures with Janene Farmer is brought to you by the Picerne Foundation:** Artist Janene Farmer begins free art classes at the library for children in grades 1-8. Please call the branch for times and further details.

**Knitter's Circle:** *Now on a new day of the week.* Please join this informal knitting club and learn how to knit, crochet and enjoy new friends while making great new creations. 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm.

**8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 • 858-581-9637**

*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.*

## Volunteers Needed for Library Shop at New Central Library

*by Helen Lebowitz*

There will be a Library Shop in the new Central Library, which will be opening on Saturday, September 28th. The shop will be managed by Erin Zlotnik, who will work with volunteers to sell books, gifts and memorabilia celebrating San Diego's newest landmark. Erin has put out a call for volunteers from the Friends of the Library and the communities who support the public libraries. She will train anyone who wishes to spend some time learning retail skills and working with the public. She is looking for people willing to dedicate recurring slots of time and/or the occasional hour or two. For further information please contact Erin at [ezlotnik@supportmylibrary.com](mailto:ezlotnik@supportmylibrary.com).

## Peter Burch Memorial Fountain Is Installed at Marcy Park

*by Sandy Lippe*

Marcy Park now has a working fountain for people and pups. Joggers and walkers can get a drink. Wheelchair-bound folks can get a drink. Canines can get a drink at ground level. So many generous friends of Peter Burch and friends of dogs came forward to write a check for the \$5,000 fountain and the soon-to-be-installed bronze plaque that lists their names and their pets' names.

University City locals answered the call from UCCA to place a working fountain near the playground at Marcy in memory of a gentle man who served the community. Peter came to us by way of his birthplace, England. He established an English garden at his Angell Avenue residence, and he loved to take Barclay, his Golden retriever, to Marcy Parks for evening walks and visits with other dog lovers. Besides those two hobbies, he volunteered for UCCA and assumed the role of president until his illness had to see him step down.

On Saturday, September 21st at 3:00 pm, the community is invited to the formal dedication of the fountain in honor of Peter Burch who passed away September 13th, 2012.

Bring a picnic. Bring a pup on a leash, of course, or come alone. Again, UCCA would like to acknowledge Standley Park Recreation Council for \$2500 seed money. We would like to thank Park and Rec's Johnny Chou and Courtney Roberts, as well as Councilwoman Sherri Lightner and her UC representatives, Jesse Mays and Mel Millstein, for their help in launching this project.



Hallie Burch and Barclay

Please remember that although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month, this is not a guarantee your article will be included if submitted on or near the deadline. The newsletter can fill-up early. Please submit as soon as possible. Thank you. The Editor



# June – August 2013 UCCA Memberships

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Nunzio & Angel Bottini  
Mary Jo Brown  
Tom & Laura Cartier  
Steve & Cat Deppensmith  
The Dudine Family  
Eric and Sharon Goodis  
Nancy Mesrop  
Mike & Judy Morrison  
Mr. & Mrs. Quayle  
Daniel & Kimberly Reagan Jr.  
Nancy & Jerry Sturm

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Vince & Sally Huntington

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Jim & Jan Hawkins  
Elizabeth Y. Koehler  
George & Gina Randolph  
Joy & Peter Sibley  
The Villalobos Family  
Gene Worscheck

## **COMMUNITY ANGEL**

Paul & Kathleen Bremner  
Karen & Michael Drogin  
Sam & Barb Takahashi

## **GOLD MEMBERSHIP**

Charles & Ana Kohlenberg  
Katie Parker  
Rich Villa & Barbara Birch  
Bill & Stephanie Wright

You may also join  
UCCA by going  
to our website at  
[www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org).

## **University City Community Association 2013 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](http://www.universitycitynews.org)

**Questions?** Beth Crawford, Membership Chair, [UCCAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembership@gmail.com)

### **Which UCCA activities are you willing to help us with?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <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 president Barry Bernstein introduces Rich Q and Lt. Cedrun.



Some of the many volunteers honored by UCCA.



Parody of "Happy Days Are Here Again" sung by the quartet Tuesday Night Alibi honoring volunteers, written lyrics by Tom Ventimiglia.



## The following is a list of all the Neighborhood Watch Captains who had a street meeting with their neighbors.

- Mike Siironen
- Hallie Burch
- Sandy Lippe
- William Burfitt
- Barbara & Phil Henshaw
- Adreinne Bledsoe
- Susan Styn
- Terri Cabo
- Jeff Goodan
- Nora Adderson
- Heidi Woodworth
- Iris Clauss
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- Linda Driver
- Madeline Barlow
- Alexandra & Russell Haag
- Ruth DeSantis
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- Michelle Hagstrom
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- Carole Pietras
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- Terry Jones
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- Merle Berman
- Sandy Cox
- Matts Olssen
- Barbara Gellman
- Bill Gahan
- Murray & Lorraine Schacher
- Michael Orenich
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- Angell Ave.
- Angell Ave.
- Benhurst Ave.
- Bloch St.
- Bloch St.
- Bloch St.
- Bragg St.
- Briand Ave.
- Buisson St
- Buisson St.
- Bunche Ave.
- Carnegie St.
- Cascade Ct.
- Cather Ave.
- Curie Place
- Curie Place
- Dalen Ave.
- Dennison St.
- Dennison St.
- Ducommon Ave.
- Edmonton Ave.
- Edmonton Ave.
- Edmonton Ave.
- Erlanger St.
- Eton Ave.
- Fisk Ave.
- Galloway Dr.
- Honors Dr.
- Lamas St.
- Lamas St.
- Lange Ave.
- Lipmann St.
- Lipmann St.
- Lord Cecil St.
- Mercer Lane
- Mercer Lane
- Millikin
- Millikin
- Nansen Ave.
- Notre Dame Ave.
- Ohm Ct.
- Passy Ave.
- Pavlov Ave.
- /LaJolla Del Rey
- Quidde Ave.
- Quidde Ave.
- Radcliff Dr. (North)
- Rous St.
- Tamillynn St.
- Tamillynn Ct.
- Traverse Way
- Via Cinta
- Villanova Ave.
- Weller St.
- Wellesly Ave.
- Welmer Place

# Volunteers

# 4th of July Celebration



by George Odero

The 25th, July 4th UC Celebration was a success once again, and our UC community spirit is alive and well. Many thanks and appreciation to the UC celebration committee members for dedicating endless hours of their time during the year, as well as all other volunteers who provided the support leading to its success. While our volunteers bore the challenge of dealing with the loss of a dedicated longtime volunteer, Bob Ullman, the year also presented positive contributions from new dedicated volunteers like Ton van Daelen. He brought back the highly successful 1 mile run/walk-5K run through his organized team of dedicated volunteers. On behalf of the UC July 4th Celebration committee, I convey recognition and thanks to Scripps Hospital and UCCA, our major 2013 event sponsors, as well as all other donors who supported the event through their contribution of gift certificates and other donations for our opportunity draw activity. Thanks, also, to councilmember Sherri Lightner for her preparation and delivery of the city's proclamation in memory of Bob Ullman, as well as in appreciation of all dedicated event volunteers. The community enjoyed a day of fun thanks to stage performers and entertainers. Our appreciation to Standley Middle School band who delivered a great performance working with their band leader. As usual, Standley Recreation Council provided the backbone support for the event. City employees, under the leadership of Johnny Chou and Courtney Roberts, also worked tirelessly. I would also like to thank the UC community for their continued support evidenced by the great numbers who showed up and enjoyed the day with neighbors and friends. Final thanks to the vendors who supported the event by booking booth spaces for their activities, products and services.

Our next meeting will be held on September 18th, at Standley Recreation Center. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please join us with your input and suggestions.

Photos by James Floyd/jawajames 2013 UC 4th of July Celebration. The Editor would like to thank James for his wonderful photos and his help in providing them to the newsletter.



*by Sherri Lightner*

During the past several weeks, many of you have contacted my office regarding road repair issues in University City.

The road work is in preparation for a slurry seal project that is scheduled to be completed by the end of next month.

As the crews prepare for the slurry seal work, they attempt to patch large cracks and significant potholes before applying the seal. In some cases, crews need to cut out entire squares of asphalt, which often leaves the street in poor condition temporarily.

After the slurry seal project is complete, you should see a significant improvement to the streets in your neighborhood. Please keep in mind that after slurry seal projects are completed, you might notice a gravelly residue for a few months. The City's Field Engineering Division has assured our office that this is normal after this type of project, and after the streets have a chance to settle, street-sweepers will go out to the neighborhood to clean them.

As always, please feel free to contact my office directly if you have any further questions or concerns.



*by John Lee Evans*

We are set for the exciting start of a new school year with a much more stable school system. This is due in large part to the voters' approval of Proposition 30. We had several years of severe cuts to public school funding and those funds will gradually be restored over the next eight years. We are moving in the right direction.

Superintendent Cindy Marten will begin the school year with a mandate to provide a broad and challenging curriculum for our students, which goes well beyond standardized test scores. This includes digital literacy, world languages, music and other arts, and excellence in math and science. Vision 2020 calls for us to simultaneously prepare our students for college, as well as technical careers. Vocational education has been upgraded for the jobs of the 21st century.

The board has also called for the development of quality schools in every neighborhood of San Diego. No child should have to travel across the city to receive a good education. The percentage of UC kids choosing to go to Standley and UC High has been gradually going up over the last four years. We believe that higher enrollment of neighborhood kids enhances the connection with the community.

The UC Cluster Association coordinates the K-12 process for all UC kids. Parents and the public are welcome to its monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at UCHS Media Center. Check out [www.uccluster.com](http://www.uccluster.com). EdUCate has been raising funds to enhance the education of UC kids for twenty years and is an integral part of the community. Check out [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org). Have you seen the food trucks at Spreckels on Wednesday evenings? They will host Oktoberfest at Standley Park next month.

On September 25th, the Superintendent and I will go to Washington DC for the awarding of the Broad Prize for excellence in urban education. San Diego Unified has already been recognized as one of four finalists in the nation. Community based school reform, San Diego style, is working.

## UC Racquet Club is the Heart of UC

*by John Quesenberry*

Between the recreation center & UC Little League on Governor is the perfect solution for getting exercise and enjoying tennis while meeting others that thrive on one of the best benefits of living in San Diego: outdoor sports year round and day or night. The club has six beautiful lighted courts and a great new management staff including Brad and Jonny Vo. UC residents of all ages enjoy the opportunity to be outside, learn tennis properly and enjoy their wonderful neighbors! Use our ball machine, sign on for group or individual lessons. Drop by Sunday mornings.

Maybe you tried UCRC a few years back, and it didn't feel right. Take a second look. Courts and clubhouse are spotless. Our goal is to grow our membership base. Members who volunteer would love to meet you in this family friendly environment. Check out our spiffy new membership: <http://www.ucrcennis.com>/or call 858-452-LOVE. You will be happy you did.

### *Adult Tennis Clinics*

- Tuesday, Beginner Class, 9:45am-10:45am
- Tuesday, Beginner to Intermediate Class, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
- Saturday, High Performance Class 10:00 am-12:00 pm –"Boot Camp"

### *Junior Tennis Camps*

- Weekly, Monday-Friday, sessions 9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Please Note:** The next UC School Cluster Committee meeting will be held on September 23rd at 4:30 pm in the UC High School Media Center. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month. Additional dates are on website: [www.uccluster.com](http://www.uccluster.com) <<http://www.uccluster.com>>

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by Diane Lueke

Who's getting excited for Oktoberfest? Make your plans now to attend the 5th annual Oktoberfest by EdUcate! on Saturday, October 5th, 2013, at Standley Park and Rec Center from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. This fundraiser hopes to raise \$15,000 to benefit our five UC public schools. Donate \$180 to our Dollar a Day campaign before, or at the event, and receive VIP treatment and unlimited beverage pours in our beer garden where you can sample beer from Gordon Biersch, Monkey Paw, Rock Bottom, Coronado, Stone and Ballast Point. Donate now at our website, [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org), or mail a check to EdUcate!, 3268 Governor Dr. PMB 154, San Diego CA 92122. We will have the Old Town Trolley running up and down Governor Drive during the event. There will be games for the kids, music provided by three bands, including Standley's own marching band, food to buy including bratwurst, hot dogs, strudel and more. Visit our website for information on how to participate in the University City Home Brew contest. We will also have our five principals competing in a fun contest. UC School Alumni who wear any school spirit gear will get one FREE ticket for a FREE game (kids) or FREE pour (adults)! Hope to see you there!

## UCCA Representatives Meet with Miramar Technical Advisory Committee

by Barbara Baker, Miramar

Members of the University City Community Association recently met with members of the Miramar Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) to discuss residents' concerns regarding Marine Corps Air Station Miramar flights over University City neighborhoods.

UCCA President Barry Bernstein and University City resident, Ron Belanger, provided an insightful presentation with the goal of generating long-term solutions to community issues. As a result, MTAC members gained a better understanding of those concerns and will evaluate the suggestions brought before them.

The MTAC is an independent advisory committee which offers technical input on air space issues of concern to local residents in the MCAS Miramar area. Committee members look at MCAS Miramar's flight operations from a regional perspective and take into consideration the elements and communities that are a part of that complex air space.

Several suggestions were made at the meeting, and they will be evaluated by MTAC members with recommendations to be made to the commanding officer of MCAS Miramar when the technical aspects of those issues are thoroughly researched.

Please know that MTAC members, like University City residents, live under flight paths around MCAS Miramar and want the safest and most efficient operations possible, just as you do.

We are hopeful that our recommendations will be useful ones for those responsible for air operations at Miramar, and that they will ease some of your concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with University City representatives.

## Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

On a recent glorious San Diego day, I headed out of University City north along Genesee. Yes, it is a bit of a climb to get out of University City, but the destination is so worth the climb! You may wonder why I would mention a climb. It is because I was riding my bicycle and not driving my car. We tend not to even think about negotiating hills while driving a car!

I rode past La Jolla Country Day School and headed left onto Campus Point Drive and right onto Voight Drive. I wiggled my way through the UCSD campus (if you have never biked through the campus, you are in for a treat, but that's another Wheeling Around story!) I exited the campus onto the intersection of North Torrey Pines Road and Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. My destination was Torrey Pines Gliderport!

The parking lot to the gliderport is mostly sand, so I had to walk my bicycle to the entrance. The view from the bluff is what San Diego is known for and the gliderport overlooks Black's Beach. The Pacific Ocean glistens and the shoreline stretches for miles. It is truly magnificent!

I ordered a sandwich from the Cliffhanger Café, rounded the corner, and walked up the wooden stairs to the picnic benches. From my loft, I watched paragliders and handgliders swoop and soar gracefully. Below people were walking and hiking. On my perch observing it all, I was content and at peace.

And only about 5 miles from home!

# UC Garden Club

by Tanya Howe Aeria



Our last Garden Event of the Year will be September 7th from 5:00-6:00 pm at 3533 Mercer Court. Please join us for a little vino and conversation at this very eclectic canyon garden. Avocado trees, meandering pathways and a rustic artists studio - all hand crafted by these longtime original UC residents!

**See you there!**

We are looking for gardens to showcase in the 2014 year. Spots are filling up fast. If you have called me already, I will get back to you soon! If you are still interested in showcasing your little piece of UC, please call Tanya at 619-884-2658 or email [ucgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ucgardenclub@gmail.com). We are always looking for landscapers, plant enthusiasts, garden artists, etc. to give talks and share their information.



## Friends of Rose Canyon New Postcards

### Red-shouldered Hawk

These raptors have a reddish breast, broad wings and black and white bars on the tail. With their excellent eye-sight, they hunt from a perch and glide down to catch their prey: mice, voles, gophers, squirrels, rabbits, lizards, snakes, and amphibians. They are very vocal, especially in the spring when nesting. It's fun to learn to recognize (and imitate) their loud, repetitive call (kée-ahh) at Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website: [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org). As with many birds of prey, the female is bigger than the male. Together they build a stick nest high in a tree, or fix up a nest from the previous year. By the age of five days, the chicks shoot their feces over the edge of the nest, so bird poop on the ground means a nest is active.

*Photo taken in Rose Canyon © Karen Straus/San Diego Audubon Society (back of post card)*

by Debby Knight

Friends of Rose Canyon has a selection of new postcards with photos taken in Rose Canyon and Mission Bay (the downstream terminus of Rose Creek). All participants in our events may choose a postcard for free. On the back is a description of the animal or plant in the photo. Friends of Rose Canyon provides free nature explorations in Rose Canyon for students from Spreckels, Curie, Doyle, Standley and UCHS, and in Marian Bear Park for students from Whitman and Hawthorne. (San Clemente Creek, which flows through Marian Bear Park, joins Rose Creek just south of the 52 on its way to Mission Bay). Friends of Rose Canyon also offers nature exploration events to the general public. It's free to join at [www.rosecanyon.org](http://www.rosecanyon.org), and you will receive notice of upcoming events.

**Friends of Rose Canyon  
858-597-0220**



## Kudos to the Management of UC MarketPlace

by Mack Langston

Earlier this month, I saw emails going out from the Beautification Committee for volunteers to clean and weed the medians (City Property) at the intersection of Governor and Regents. Hating to see our neighbors out dodging cars in traffic, I made a call to Reef Real Estate Services, the firm responsible for managing UC MarketPlace. After telling them of my concerns for safety, they generously arranged for the median weeding to be done within two days. We really appreciate their assistance.

If readers become aware of other businesses in UC who go out of their way to make UC a better place to live, please let anyone on our Board of Directors know, so we can acknowledge their efforts.



**Phyllis Speers, Congressman Scott Peters and Barbara Henshaw**

Congressman Scott Peters held a town hall meeting at the UC Library on the last Saturday in July. He outlined his goals to work across the aisle with Republicans in order to do the people's business in Washington. Peters fielded questions from the audience that even included Mayor Filner. Peters called the mayor early on and never got a response. "I need a partner in the mayor," Peters said and he thinks Mayor Filner should resign.

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