

# University City

...more than a neighborhood



## March 2013

- Daylight Savings  
Sunday, the 10th
- UCPG Meeting  
Tuesday, the 12th  
6:00 p.m., Forum Hall/UTC
- UCCA Meeting  
Wednesday, the 13th  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,  
UC Library
- St. Patrick's Day  
Sunday, the 17th
- UC Celebration  
Wednesday, the 20th  
6:30 p.m., Standley Park
- Palm Sunday  
Sunday, the 24th  
6:30 p.m., Standley Park
- First Day of Passover  
Tuesday, the 26th
- Standley Recreation Center  
Thursday, the 28th 7:00 p.m.,  
Standley Recreation Center
- Good Friday  
Friday, the 29th
- Easter Sunday  
Sunday, the 31st

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

March 23 Decal Display Day  
at Starbucks...  
See page 13 for details.

## The I's of March...I like UCCA

by Sandy Lippe

UCCA has grown in numbers, and from the photo on this page so has attendance at our meetings. In this photo, Officer Omar Sinclair is giving hints to avoid being a victim of crime and he also introduced his replacement, Larry Hesselgesser, our newest community officer. Last month all the chairs were filled and more civic leaders had staff reports to UCCA. Freshman Congressman Scott Peters sent word that he is working as a bipartisan member trying to work "across the aisle" on critical issues. Assemblywoman Toni Atkins was also represented and wants input from her constituents. Jesse Mays, absent on a rare sick day, had Barry Bernstein sub for him in his report from Councilwoman Sherri Lightner. Folks east of Genesee will appreciate the newly resurfaced Governor Drive.

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Officer Omar Sinclair addresses an overflow crowd at the February 2013 UCCA meeting in the library.



Merle Berman, who works on beautification joins Don Hotz and Valerie O'Neill, webmaster and newsletter distributors.

Merle co-chairs beautification. Don Hotz and Val O'Neill have taken on the huge responsibility of distributing the newsletter. Their garage is now taken over by UCCA the first Thursday each month so that volunteers can collate and deliver newsletter boxes to volunteers who walk the community and get the newsletter to you.

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## Be the Eyes and Ears of UC

The University City Community Newsletter is comprised of information sent to the editor. The association does not have reporters, photographers or staff. You are welcome to write and submit articles that pertain to the community and residents.

### 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.
- **Name the file appropriately** so it can be identified.
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**Deadline for the April 2013  
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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](mailto:uccaADS@hotmail.com). The UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

## Message from the President

**Barry Bernstein**



March is here and spring is upon us. For some, "March Madness" means the annual tradition of filling out the "brackets" and hopefully winning the office "pool." However, here in University City, it means continuing our focus on safe neighborhoods, safe streets, safe schools, and not becoming a victim of the flu season.

We had an overwhelming turnout at our February meeting. New SDPD community officer, Larry Hesselgesser, and new political representatives, congressman Scott Peters and state senator Toni Atkins, were introduced as well as John Chou, San Diego park/recreational regional director. We then began the serious business of hearing the concerns and questions of many residents related to fire hazards, vehicular traffic, disabled jets fly-overs, Standley Park Recreation Center, as well as a request to support the Curie Elementary's Jog-a-thon. We also approved the financial accounting responsibility for the proposed Peter Burch Memorial Dog Fountain at Marcy Park.

A major issue addressed and supported by your UCCA board was to make a financial commitment to the establishment of a University City Community Foundation. This foundation's function will be to raise monies, (tax deductible), for approved community projects. It will be independent of UCCA and have its own governing board. Once established, we're anticipating there will be a regular report each month filed by UCCF in our newsletter so that you can keep up with their progress, and perhaps assist in their efforts. Remember, join UCCA and please check out our membership page for further information. You can also go to our website [univeristycitynews.org](http://univeristycitynews.org). I will be passing out more Starbucks' gift cards this month. Be ready to show your pride in our community and display your 2013 membership decal at Starbucks on Saturday, March 23rd, 9:00-10:00 am. Stay well and stay involved. Remember, each and every day can mean so much for you and others.

**University City, more than a neighborhood...**

# The Scene in University City

by Sandy Lippe

Freshman Democratic Rep. Scott Peters' open house on February 16th at his office on Executive Drive drew a lot of University City locals. Peters is part of a bipartisan group, United Solution Caucus, working together to solve the "fiscal woes." His biggest surprise is how little time Congress is in session. I don't think many UC folks are surprised. (see photos below) Hugo Carmona will be Peters' contact for University City and other communities. The office phone number is 858-455-5550

Gun control is a controversial issue. Rancho Bernardo resident Gail Connors is inviting interested UC locals to a Call for Action Against Gun Violence sponsored by People for a Safe Community, on Saturday, March 2nd from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 4190 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

University City's Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, at Genesee and Eastgate Mall in North UC, is hosting an Interfaith Shelter for homeless men, women, and children, helping them toward permanent housing on Saturday, March 9th through Friday, March 22nd. Interfaith Shelter is a cooperative effort of 95 congregations in seven different regions of San Diego. Roetter Hall on the Good Sam property will house these folks. Hosts will stay over night. Cooks will prepare evening meals. Shoppers will replenish food and supplies during the two weeks. Generous folks will donate money for food and supplies. Interested in being in one of these groups? Contact me.

Remember mayoral candidate Nathan Fletcher, a University City resident? He reports that he is enjoying teaching a political science course part time at UCSD, "the history of our state's development, the current state of affairs and what the future might look like." His new full time career is at Qualcomm and he was headed out to Hong Kong, Myanmar, and Singapore for Qualcomm.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Remember to spring forward an hour.



Barry Bernstein and Freshman Congressman Scott Peters.



Hugh Carmona

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# Neighborhood Watch News Update

by Barbara Gellman



**WARNING!** DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO ANY UTILITY COMPANY or WATER COMPANY WORKERS WHO COME TO YOUR DOOR REQUESTING TO COME IN UNLESS YOU HAVE CALLED THEM FOR A SPECIFIC PROBLEM AND HAVE AN APPOINTMENT. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

Write down a description of the workers, their truck and a license number if available. Some people have seen a white panel truck driving back and forth down a street with two men in it.

Two men posing as workers from the water company approached a couple's house on Soderblom. These two men described a water line break on another street and needed to check inside of the couple's home for leaks/water problems. When the owners called the water company to check out their story, they were told to immediately call the police which they did. The intruders haven't been caught yet. They stole some items from this home. Be aware; they are still cruising around our neighborhoods. This is a new scam which is occurring everywhere from LA to the border.

Paul Greenwood, the San Diego deputy district attorney and head of the elder abuse unit offers these suggestions: 1. Keep an inventory of all jewelry and keep it in a locked box, locked drawer or safe that is bolted to the floor. Photograph rare, valuable or sentimental items in a separate location. 2. Every home should have a shredder. Every piece of mail containing your name, address and any other identifying information should be shredded before discarding. 3. Protect your incoming and outgoing mail. Never allow incoming mail to sit in an unsecured mailbox where the public has access. Mailbox theft is rampant. Never leave mail clipped to the outside of your mailbox for the mailman to pick up. Anyone can come by and take it along with your identity. Consider purchasing a locked mailbox or renting a post office box or adding a drop box into your home or garage. 4. You will never win the Canadian lottery or receive a substantial amount of money from Nigeria or Madrid. Calls like this are always fraudulent. Also, if you believe elder or dependent abuse has occurred, call Adult Protective Services at 800-510-2020.

Specific areas that still need captains and new neighborhood watch signs are Radcliffe, north of Governor and the surrounding streets such as Notre Dame, Syracuse, Stadium. Wellesly, Condon, Tony, upper Mercer and the streets in the Robbins area such as Werner, Enders, Flore, Benhurst, Farley, Gullstrand and Kantor over to the whole Lakewood section.

Please email me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) for the step by step process. Let's talk.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET CAPTAINS  
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for further information University City  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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.

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

## San Diego Police Department Needs Your Input

We are looking for what your community  
would like to see from us in 2013.  
Please mail Lt. Voss ([dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov))  
or Officer O. Sinclair  
([osinclair@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:osinclair@pd.sandiego.gov))  
with your comments.

## UCHS Senior Exhibitions Held VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

by Marie Byrd

Have you ever served on a Senior Exhibition Panel? Most will tell you it's a very rewarding experience. Senior students present our school-wide Learning Goals (also known as UC CENTS). UC CENTS are the foundation of UC High School's educational philosophy. The Senior Exhibition presentation is the time when all graduating seniors must demonstrate to a panel of teachers, community members, and fellow students that they have met the school-wide learning goals and are ready to graduate.

During the exhibitions, students utilize a Powerpoint presentation, a resume, and a 5-year plan essay to reflect their accomplishments at UC High School. Each presentation is roughly 8 to 10 minutes in length. After students present the evidence to prove that they have met the school-wide learning goals, there is a brief Q&A period for panelists to obtain more information. This is a high school requirement and all seniors must pass their Senior Exhibitions in order to graduate.

Senior Exhibitions will be held on March 28, 2013 from 12:00-3:30 PM and your participation is needed to make this a successful experience for our seniors. Please encourage co-workers, friends, and family members to volunteer as well. Lunch and beverages will be provided for all of our panelists.

Anyone interested in serving on a panel should please contact Marie Byrd: [mbyrd@sandi.net](mailto:mbyrd@sandi.net) or 858-457-3040 x206. We look forward to your participation. Thank you for supporting the students of UC High School.

## 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 a week 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 Elem. information, contact Carol Parham at [cjparham@gmail.com](mailto:cjparham@gmail.com).**



## EdUCate! Presents Our 19th Annual Taste of the Triangle April 19th, 2013

by Diane Lueke

### FAQ's about "Taste"

#### Who puts it on?

The University City Foundation for Public Schools (EdUCate!), a 501c3 charitable organization that supports the entire UC cluster of five schools: Curie, Doyle, Spreckels, Standley and UCHS.

#### What's it like?

It's fun! You get to dress up a little if you like. You see everyone you know from school including a lot of teachers and staff (and meet their spouse or partner). You meet new friends. You talk to folks whose kids have long-since graduated, but who "wouldn't miss" the event. There are great live and silent auctions, musical entertainment and beautiful decorations. It's on a Friday night so you can skip the homework guilt, hire a sitter and have a little much-deserved adult time.

Twenty great restaurants serve, buffet style. Baskin-Robbins, Bite of Boston, Carriage Trade Catering, Eureka! (Just opened in UTC), Great Maple (From the Hash House A Go Go folks-Opening soon in Hillcrest), Herringbone, Leucadia Pizzeria, The French Gourmet, The Marine Room, The Melting Pot, The Third Corner and Whisknadle have confirmed so far.

#### How much does it cost?

The cost is \$75 in advance. That may sound like a lot, but remember...it's the largest fundraiser for UC schools all year! We will net more than \$50K which will go directly for classroom equipment, supplies and technology for all five schools. EdUCate! has given over \$1.2M to the schools, mostly from "Taste" guests' generosity. We receive far more grant applications than we can fund. Help us help teachers do more!

#### What's the deal with the VIP reception?

If you've given \$250 or more to EdUCate! during the fiscal year (starting in July 2012), you and a guest are invited to a one-hour VIP reception before the main event. If you haven't yet reached that level, you can donate it before or at the event. If you're unsure of your giving level, e-mail [treasurer@uc-educate.org](mailto:treasurer@uc-educate.org) to find out if you qualify. We will have a celebrity chef and Master Sommelier do a quick food and wine pairing demo and then you can visit and chat. You get some nibbles that aren't served during the main event.

#### Where can I learn more?

Check out our newly refreshed website, [www.uc-educate.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.uc-educate.org/upcoming-events/)

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**OASIS PRESENTS: *Food and Your Mood:*** Come and learn about foods that support healthy moods, restful sleep and overall vitality. We'll also discuss supplements and herbs that aid in mental and emotional balance as well as increased concentration. Friday, March 22nd, 2:30 pm.

**Pacific Animal Productions: *Growing Food Wild Style!*** Enjoy the wonderful San Diego weather while exploring the wonders of the wild. Family show suitable for all ages, both educational and interactive. For more than two decades Pacific Animal productions has offered "edu-tainment" for audiences giving a true scope of conserving wildlife and endangered species.  
Wednesday, March 20th, 3:00 pm.

**Spring Music Series!:** Neave Piano Trio, Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30 pm.

**Page Turners' Book Club:** Second Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 pm.

This month's selection is *The Elegant Universe*.

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

**Zumba Gold:** Latin-inspired dance fitness.  
Ideal for beginners, boomers, active seniors and new mothers.  
*New Time! Thursdays, 9:30 am.*

**Homework Help:** Need help with that assignment? We've got it covered—homework help every Wednesday, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm.

**Young Artist Series:** Every Saturday we showcase the talent of a local young musician at 1:00 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.*

## Community Alert: Billboards Controversy

by Linda Colley

Freeway-sized, lighted billboards were recently installed at Westfield UTC facing Genesee Avenue. They can be seen from several streets around the mall. Currently, the billboards have ads for 24 Hour Fitness, but according to Westfield, they plan to use them to advertise other stores and products sold in the mall and even eventually lease them out using a commercial billboard company.

### Doesn't San Diego ban billboards?

San Diego has banned billboards for many years. It's one of the things that keeps us from looking like Los Angeles. The city approved these billboards behind closed doors, without the public's knowledge.

### What's next, a billboard on the roof of Sprouts or Von's?

Actually, yes. The UTC billboards set a precedent that will allow retailers throughout the city to use billboards. If these billboards are allowed to remain, you can expect to see new billboards spring up throughout San Diego, including UC.

### What can we do?

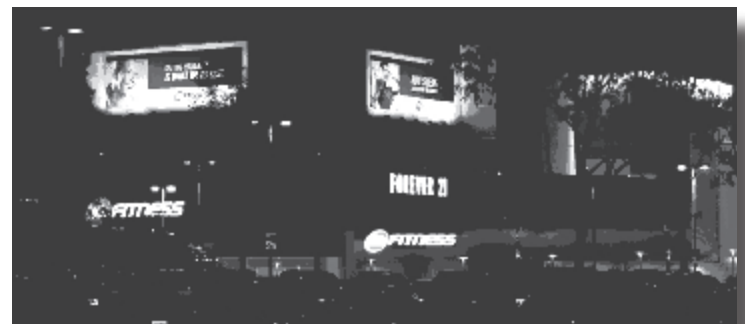
We can appeal the permitting of these billboards to the city council, which can deny the permit. The city council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th at 6:00 pm on the 12th floor of City Hall – 202 C Street, in downtown San Diego. You can come and speak out against billboards in our neighborhood and write our elected officials to tell them to stop approving billboards in our neighborhoods.

Please contact me at [lcolley1@san.rr.com](mailto:lcolley1@san.rr.com) if you'd like to help, or if you have any questions.

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# UCHS Music Department

by Sharon Joe-Horn

The UCHS Music Department, under the direction of Mr. Brandon Corenman, is hosting their First Annual SCSBOA (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association) Music Festival. The judged music festival will run all day on Saturday, April 13th, in the UCHS auditorium. Come and watch San Diego high schools and middle schools, including Standley Middle School, perform. The event is free for spectators.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.uchsmusic.com> under the festival tab or contact Sharon at: 858-558-1350.

## UCHS BOY'S SOCCER

### Western League Champions

by Lisa-Marie Plaster

UCHS Boys Soccer, under the leadership of Coach Metin Meral, is the undefeated league champions with wins against schools like St. Augustine, Cathedral, Point Loma, and La Jolla. Other victories this 2012/2013 season include placing in three tournaments versus some Division 1 and 2 teams: San Diego Tournament Quarter Finalists; Coronado Tournament, Semi-Finalists; Grossmont Holiday Tournament, Champions with wins against Patrick Henry (D1), Granite Hills (D1), and Southwest (D2) high schools. They will finish off their season with the CIF playoffs scheduled for February 20th-March 2nd.



Photo: Left to right

(Top): C. Churness, A. Pavlovsky, B. Settelmayr, J. Tran, B. Mitchell, O. Fonseca, N. Imthurn, C. Huxford, M. Cisneros, C. Lathrop, D. Kurtz, C. Gonzalez, A. Krasner, E. Morales, Coach Metin (Bottom): E. Amaro, J. Plaster, E. Saucedo, J. Arana, D. Morales, J. Virissimo, E. Hernandez, B. Padron

## UCLL 50th Anniversary Season Opens

by Jemma Samala

University City Little League will be celebrating 50 years of youth baseball during the upcoming 2013 spring season which kicks off at opening day ceremonies on Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00 am, at Standley Park.

Opening day activities include the annual parade of teams, the Standley Marching Band and a special performance of the National Anthem by player Hyugo Horton. The snack bar will be open with a \$.50 menu including hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips, etc! Local vendors will be selling their wares. UCLL will have a gently used baseball equipment sale and the cash only 50/50 raffle (winner gets half the cash).

Come on out, bring your lawn chair, and enjoy a beautiful UC day with family, friends, and baseball. You'll get a kick out of watching our cute little T-batters!

In order to give credit to all 50 years, we are still looking for UCLL memorabilia: shirts, caps, programs, buttons, photos, etc. Round Table Pizza has graciously offered to showcase our historical finds. If you have any UCLL artifacts to lend, please contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

Along with UCLL stuff, we need UCLL people. Former players, board members and coaches are asked to send us contact info so we may invite you to our anniversary events. We also need volunteers (current and from the past) to help plan celebratory activities. Special fundraising efforts will be taking place throughout the season to help with needed upgrades to our fields, uniforms and snack bars. Please contact Jemma at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

### Centurion Foundation Supports UCHS Extra-Curricular Activities

The Centurion Foundation is a non-profit organization which helps all types of extra-curricular activities at UCHS from sport teams to the music program to cheer. UCHS is starting the spring sports season and the CF is always in need of donations to fund grants and the annual student-athlete scholarships and volunteers to help with these efforts.

CF is planning an annual art show for local artists in late May. Artists and volunteers are needed to help with this promising event. For more info about CF, go to: [www.uc-centurionfoundation.com](http://www.uc-centurionfoundation.com). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

### Power of Parents Presentation

The UC community is invited to attend a special MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Power of Parents presentation at the evening UCHS PTSA meeting on Thursday, April 11, starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the UCHS Media Center and will focus on tips to communicate with your teen and to prevent underage drinking. The presentation will also cover liabilities that parents assume when underage drinking occurs in your home, whether the parents are aware of it or not. Car crashes are the leading cause of teen deaths, with one out of three being alcohol related, so it is important for parents to be aware of what your teens are doing and to have healthy, open discussions with them. Save the date: April 11, 6:30 pm at the UCHS Media Center.

# University Community Library

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Crazy, great deals on like new, gently used, books and audio-visual materials. Support your Library!

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and SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd @ 9:30-2:00 am

## CELTIC CONCERT

One of Raggle Taggle's most popular concerts celebrating the Irish in all of us. A mix of traditional & inspired Celtic, Scottish, English, Welch, & Irish jigs and reels, featuring Irish Step Dancers as popularized by the hit musical, RiverDance.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th @ 6:30 pm

## HEARING LOSS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Dena Riso, Au.D

We'll talk about the anatomy of the ear, different types of hearing loss and the options available to you, including the latest advancements in hearing technology and what you need to know about hearing aids before purchasing your next set. OASIS program.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st @ 2:00-3:30 pm

## OPERA TALKS

San Diego Opera Docent, Ms. Josie Gomez, continues her popular Opera Talks for this season with *MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL: The Assassination of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury*, by Ildebrando Pizzetti

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th @ 10:30- 11:30 am

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING CIRCLE

Do you love to knit or crochet, or have you always wanted to learn? All levels welcome.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st @ 1:00-2:30 pm

## SUMI-E BRUSH PAINTING CLASS

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper. Sumi-e, along with Zen Buddhism, was introduced from China to Japan in the 15th c.

EVERY TUESDAY @ 12:30-3:30 pm

## ZUMBA GOLD!

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

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY @ 12:00-1:00 pm

## SEASON 3 WINNER OF THE NEXT FOOD NETWORK STAR

The University Community Branch Library is pleased to present an evening with the Season 3 Winner of The Next Food Network Star and author of *How to Eat a Small Country*, Amy Finley, together with Susan McBeth, the founder and owner of Adventures by the Book. Event includes short video presentation. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th @ 6:30 pm

## UC BOOK CLUB

*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Brought together by a shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, retired Major Pettigrew strikes up an unlikely friendship with Mrs. Ali, the Pakistani village shopkeeper. As their friendship blossoms into something more, will cultural forces preclude their future happiness together? Pick up your copy at the checkout desk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th @ 2:00-3:00 pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR SEUSS!

Join us for a special birthday celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss. Dress as your favorite Seuss character, paint your own paper bag Cat in the Hat style hat, Enjoy *One Fish Two Fish* Goldfish crackers, hear some of his stories and play games inspired by his books.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th @ 1:00 pm

## FAMILY YOGA

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th @ 10:30-11:00 am

## PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Stories, song and fun! All wee ones welcome.

EVERY THURSDAY @ 10:30 -11:00 am

## GROWING FOOD WILD STYLE

Come meet our animal helpers who help grow our food, from pollinators, seed planters, pest controllers and more. Plan to be deliciously surprised.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th @ 1:00 pm

## SIGNING TODDLER STORYTIME

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25th @ 3:00 pm

## PAWS TO READ

Love on a Leash brings adoring dogs for children to practice their reading skills.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28th @ 4:00 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.



# January – February 2013 UCCA Memberships

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Abrams  
 Marie Bilyeu Dirks  
 Lillian Brounstein  
 Fred & Corinne Brunn  
 Ann Cernin  
 Franklin D. & Shirley D. Cowell  
 Judith Dresser  
 Guenter Esslinger  
 Steve & Susan Foster  
 Andreas Freund  
 Marilyn Gallegos  
 Jane Gibson  
 Sharon Goodis  
 Millie Goddard  
 Heidi Hansen  
 Gerald Heveron  
 Paul Hewitt – Hewitt Watershapes  
 Ruth Kaplan  
 Jane Keays  
 Meredith Kennedy  
 Elaine Koenig  
 Ching Ming Kuo  
 Judith Landau  
 Alina & Tom Levy  
 Jim & Barbara Magdlen  
 Carl & Marijane Moon  
 Mary Norton  
 Bill & Nancy Powell  
 Dr. & Mrs. John R. Russell  
 Flora Linda Sardina  
 Denise Sneag  
 Bob & Barbara Starkey  
 Irene Wilson  
 Konrad & Margaret Witt  
 Katherine Wong  
 Dorothy & Paul Wynn

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

Harvey & Judy Amster  
 Thomas Berge  
 Maynard & Diane Bissonnette  
 Neil Brooks  
 Mary Carpowich  
 Edward F. Cox  
 David & Georgia Crowne  
 Tina Grover  
 Friends of the University  
 Community Branch Library  
 Gene & Carmen Henderson  
 –The Crack Doctor Windshield Repair  
 Bonnie Houston  
 Scott & Liz Jones  
 Patricia & Alexander Kelley  
 Charles & Beverly Marvin  
 Choko McConnell  
 Dee McKinley  
 Danna & Peter Olson  
 Gordon & Carol Parham  
 Save Their Story Video Biographies  
 Robert & Betty Sickels  
 The Pardues  
 Catherine Torres  
 Diane & Buddy Voit  
 Margaret & Terry Watkins

## SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Al & Ann Asherman  
 Susan Boles  
 Roy & Joann Corder  
 Mike & Barbara Fornes  
 Patricia & Merle Marrow  
 Ed & Noriko McDaniel

Don & Jeri Newman  
 Chuck & Yvette Ogie  
 Merrilyn Arn Tracht  
 Malcolm Williamson &  
 Danielle Wellander

## COMMUNITY ANGEL

Mary Beth Akermann  
 Mary Beebe  
 & Charles Reilly  
 Kay Brown  
 Paul & Ann Clark  
 Steven & Cathy Constable  
 Denise & Mike Lamp  
 Leslye Lyons  
 Dale & Martha McGinty  
 Amy & Bob Murad  
 Kathy Niess  
 Mary & Bill Sexton  
 Skip & Kerrie Shank  
 Tracy Shaw  
 Bron & Audrey  
 Warfiled-Graham

## GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Pete & Doree Hekman  
 Glenn & Dott Henderson  
 Michael & Cathie Lester  
 Bruce & Elizabeth Murray  
 Mike & Marti Rowan  
 Ron & Susan Styn  
 University City High School  
 Associated Student Body

## University City Community Association 2013 Membership Application

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

Please print:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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?**

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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

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In the audience, four heroes showed up. From UCCA's view, a hero is someone who attends a meeting and doesn't ask the UCCA board to just fix it. Instead, this person makes a collaborative effort with the community association to seek a solution. Gene Henderson, Ron Belanger and Andy Gurney, and Lois Cross are our latest heroes. Gene Henderson, a Rous Street resident, made his third visit to UCCA to report on great progress in getting city attention for a grove of eucalyptus trees at the west end of Robbins next to residences and UCHS. Fearing a fire when the dry season is here, Henderson, with the help of Barry Bernstein, brought together locals, the deputy fire marshall Eddie Villavicencio, Jesse Mays, and School Board president, John Lee Evans, as well as school representatives. Gene is working on a partnership with the community and UCHS to address concerns; the fire department will give technical support.

Retired naval aviators Ron Belanger and Andy Gurney, aircraft engineer inspectors, have shared their expertise with UCCA after the low flying FA/18 scared a lot of residents on November 6, 2012, Election night. UC is indebted to both gentlemen who are looking out for the good of the community and also share respect for Colonel Farnam, Commanding Officer at MCAS.

Finally, Lois Cross, a Lipmann Street resident, had enough of speeding down that hilly street. She's seen too many accidents and near misses. A truck was totaled in January after a nineteen year old, uninsured driver sped down the street and tried to flee. Some neighbors got his license plate as he was taking off parts of the truck he hit that remained on his car. She rallied her neighbors, about 20 of them, to come to the February UCCA meeting and enlist help for this dangerous situation. Together with Officer Sinclair, the UCCA board, and her neighbors, she is getting some help and some solutions.



Terry Jones, Barbara Gellman, Barbara Henshaw, Merle Berman, Bonnie Hornbeck. Don Hotz in back row.

*"After a long meeting, the UCCA officers are still smiling."*

## Peter Burch Memorial Fountain at Marcy Park

by Sandy Lippe



Peter Burch, former president of UCCA and a great dog lover, will have a memorial fountain serving both disabled and able-bodied folks placed at Marcy Park with a special dog fountain for the canines. Peter loved to walk his giant Golden retriever, Barclay, at Marcy. This hardworking, former UCCA president passed away September 2012 after a courageous battle against cancer. Barbara Mauro, a neighbor of Peter's and another dog lover, is chairing this cause. Donations for this worthy memorial can be sent to:

**Peter Burch Dog Fountain/ UCCA  
c/o Mauro and Lippe  
2549 Angell Avenue  
San Diego, CA. 92122**

Checks should be made out to UCCA with a notation: Peter Burch Dog Fountain. A plaque will list donors of \$50 and up.

UCCA has received support from Johnny Chou, San Diego Park and Rec Area manager II overseeing University City rec centers, Chou and Courtney Roberts, acting director of Standley Park, have been advocates for this memorial. Standley Park Recreation Council voted to give \$2500 seed money for the fountain. UCCA hopes the local community will join groups like the canine crowd at Marcy who are pledging money for the fountain. We need to raise \$2500 more for this fountain that will be installed by the city. This fountain will serve all the people who enjoy Marcy and is sorely needed. Questions? Call 858-945-2387.

# Happy Easter!

## Standley Park & Recreation Spring Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual spring egg hunt, March 30th, 2013.

The egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 am and is for ages 0-10. There will also be goody bags, face painting, crafts, egg dyeing and a jumper.

Remember Standley Park always needs volunteers to help our events run smoothly.

If interested, please contact us.

Additionally, registration for all spring classes will begin March 25th, 2013.

Classes will begin April 8th, 2013.

## 5K Run Event

by George Odera

*The University City July 4th community celebration is seeking volunteers to organize a sanctioned 5K run for our 2013, 25th July 4th celebration. In the past, 5k run events have been successfully executed and enjoyed by enthusiastic participants and supportive spectators as a direct result of the community members' volunteer efforts. We need your help to make this year's July 4th event a reality. Organization for this 5k is time sensitive. Please contact me immediately at 619-987-1377 or via e-mail at: [Goderog@go-readusa.org](mailto:Goderog@go-readusa.org) to volunteer.*

*We are also seeking and encouraging community members' input regarding event games and other related activities to have a true family and community celebration.*

*The volunteer community celebration committee is counting on our fellow community members and families for continued support.*

*Our March meeting will be held on March 20th, 2013, at Standley recreation center from 6:30-8:00 pm. The community is welcome to join us.*

## SPRECKELS ELEMENTARY SPRING LUAU & SILENT AUCTION

by Staci Torgeson

Saturday, March 23rd, 4:00-7:00 pm  
Come enjoy food trucks, games, crafts, entertainment and a silent auction and raffle!

The students and families of Spreckels Elementary invite the University City community to our annual Spring Luau & Silent Auction on Saturday, March 23rd from 4:00-7:00 pm! Food trucks with a fantastic variety of choices will be on hand for a delicious dinner and yummy treats from UTC. The Corner Bakery will be available for purchases as well. Children of all ages will enjoy games, craft stations and a variety of entertainment throughout the evening. Our silent auction and raffle have some amazing items available as well! We hope to see our University City neighbors come out and enjoy a delicious and fun evening for the entire family! Event is on the corner of Stadium Street and Governor Drive



by Sherri Lightner

## News from Around University City

Here is a sampling of some of the things we've have been working on in the neighborhood during the past month:

### Eucalyptus Trees

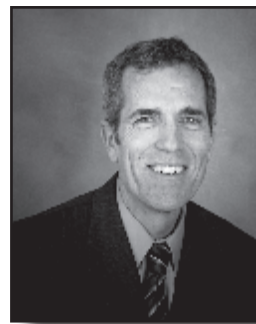
My office has received several complaints about the eucalyptus grove between University City High School and Rous Street. After working with the fire department to ensure that the school's property complies with all public safety regulations, my office met with neighbors, a fire marshall and representatives from San Diego Unified School District to discuss how neighbors can work with the school district to make further fire safety improvements to the eucalyptus grove.

### Marcy Park

Marcy Park is a favorite spot for many University City families. Recently, several residents have contacted my office about how we can improve the park and upgrade the playground equipment. If you are interested in helping with fundraising or otherwise getting involved, please contact my office by either calling (619) 236-6611 or by emailing me at [sherrilightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilightner@sandiego.gov).

### Speeding in the Neighborhood

My office has received a number of reports from throughout the neighborhood of careless driving, with drivers nearly missing pedestrians in cross walks, speeding and even crashing. My office has asked San Diego Police Department traffic officers to monitor various areas to help enforce the speed limit. We are also working to install electronic speed indicator signs, also known as v-calms, in various areas. The signs flash the speed a car is traveling and help remind drivers to slow down. We are currently working to install a v-calm on Governor Drive near Edmonton. Residents have also requested a v-calm along Lipmann Street between Governor Drive and Huggins Street.



by John Lee Evans

## UC Schools Are United in the Neighborhood

Since I came onto the Board of Education four years ago, we have placed an emphasis on neighborhood schools. While our district continues to be a strong supporter of school choice for parents, we are striving to have a quality school in every neighborhood.

At the time of adoption of Vision 2020, the district's school reform plan, a large number of students were attending schools outside their neighborhoods, and many of the close neighborhood connections of the schools had been lost. Vision 2020 seeks to re-establish a strong bond between a community and its schools. Each school is now encouraged to increase the percentage of students living within its attendance boundaries who attend the neighborhood school.

To that end we have organized school cluster councils in each of 16 communities across San Diego. In University City we have one of the smallest clusters with three elementary schools, one middle school and the high school.

A cluster council can be compared to a town council or a community planning group that advises the city government on matters affecting the neighborhood. Cluster councils serve as advisory councils to the school board regarding neighborhood needs and district policies. They also promote the schools within the community and find local ways to improve the schools. Cluster councils are made up of teachers, parents, students and administrators, as well as other community members.

All UC residents are encouraged to attend cluster meetings. The UC Cluster Advisory Group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the University City High School Media Center. For more information visit [www.uccluster.com](http://www.uccluster.com).

You can reach me by email at [johnleeevans@sandi.net](mailto:johnleeevans@sandi.net).

**Please Note:** The next UC School Cluster Committee meeting will be held on March 25th 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>> .

# THALIA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP 2013

by Bruce Murray

Bruce and Kevin Murray, sons of Thalia Murray in partnership with EdUCate!, established an annual \$2,000 scholarship in her memory that has been awarded since 2005 to an eligible University City High School senior. Thalia Murray received a scholarship that allowed her to start attending Radcliffe, a high-quality, four-year college from where she graduated. This opportunity dramatically increased her options in life. Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 20 years, including 17 years at Marcy Elementary in UC. Our goal is for this scholarship to help a graduating senior from UC High to get started at college. Committee comprised of donors and EdUCate! members will choose recipient.

## Criteria:

Senior student at UC High

Acceptance to a 4-year college

Minimum grade point average and citizenship of 3.0

Financial need

Application required including 2 short essays

Certified UC High Transcript required

Interview of finalists

The EdUCate! link is <http://www.uc-educate.org/scholarships> from where you can download a 2013 application or you can pick one up at UC High. Please submit your completed application by Tuesday, April 30th, 2013 at 3:00 pm to Ms. Michelle Barnier, Counselor, UC High School located at 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122.

# GRAD NITE 2013

by Karen Chapman

University City High School • 6949 Genesee Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92122 • June 11th-12th  
9:00 pm to 4:00 am • UCHS Gymnasium

Grad Nite, the annual all-night party given by University City High School parents for seniors on the night of their graduation, will be held in the UCHS gymnasium starting at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11th, and ending at 4:00 am on Wednesday, June 12th. The event now in its 22nd year, will celebrate the success of the Class of 2013 before they step out into the world. Grad Nite is a fun, safe, chaperoned drug and alcohol free extravaganza with music, dancing, food, entertainment, games and prizes. To add to the magic of the night, the UCHS gym is transformed into an enchanted Roman Coliseum, a huge undertaking. It is anticipated that the graduating Centurions will leave the party with a lifetime of wonderful memories, plus some pretty cool prizes and mementos.

You can go directly to the UCHS website (<http://www.uchspotsa.org/>) and select the Grad Nite icon for Grad Nite ticket sales to purchase tickets for seniors and to make donations.

The UCHS Grad Nite Prize Committee is working hard to ensure that there are MANY assorted prizes for our 2013 graduates. **We are in need of some donations!** Some great prize ideas would include GIFT CARDS to Starbucks, Amazon, Target, gas stations, In and Out, Chipotle, Carl's Jr., Subway, Noodles & Co., Corner Bakery, Panera Bread Bakery Café, Jamba Juice, movie theaters, bookstores, and UTC Westfield Shopping Center. Also any items that are new: laptop, small refrigerator, bicycle, outdoor games, small coolers, beach gear, car accessories and any other donations would be gladly accepted. If you would like to make a prize donation or have any questions, please contact Jemma Samala at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com)

Food donations from local restaurants and/or businesses are appreciated to help sustain our seniors throughout their fun-filled night. If you would like to make a donation for food or have any questions, please contact Shawn Skillin at [skish2@san.rr.com](mailto:skish2@san.rr.com) or Dawn Yandel at [dawnyandel@aol.com](mailto:dawnyandel@aol.com). Monetary donations can be made at the UCHS PTSA website Grad Nite link. Your donation can also sponsor a student-in-need. Donations can be made online or with a check made payable to: UCHS-Grad Nite 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122. If donating by check, please include your e-mail address so we can send you a tax receipt. All donations, for either prizes or sponsorship, are tax deductible.



## Free Coffee! Show Your UCCA Decal!

On Saturday, the 23rd of March, between 9:00-10:00 am, UCCA president Barry Bernstein will be walking the parking lot in front of Starbucks. If your car is displaying the UCCA membership decal (awarded when you become a member), he will leave a Starbucks gift card on your windshield!

Please Remember:  
**Deadline for the  
April 2013 issue of the  
UCCA newsletter publication is  
March 15th.**  
Please submit your articles to:  
[editorucca@gmail.com](mailto:editorucca@gmail.com)

# UC Garden Club

by Tanya Howe Aeria

## Garden Tours Every Month!



### Next Tour:

**March 9th- 4:00-6:00 pm**  
**BRAGG STREET**

Evening under the stars! Bring a mug and fill up on cocoa or hot homemade soup and enjoy all the work these homeowners have put into their outdoors. A garden lighting guest speaker is tentatively planned. In addition, this yard features chickens, palms, a front veggie garden, along with a greenhouse full of palms.

For further information, please contact Tanya at 619-884-2658

A beautiful ornamental pear at the corner of Red Deer and Calgary.

Photo by Sandy Lippe



## Game ON Video Photos for San Diego Fair 2013

by Sandy Lippe

San Diego County Fair 2013's theme is "Game On!" The fair will run from June 8 through July 4th at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Street banners in University City will go up in May with photos of April Gilbert, youth services librarian, and several of her Game On! video game players who meet on Fridays at the library. Nicola Bysouth, from San Diego County Fair, took the photos and UCHS teacher Lauriel Adsit also sent interested students. UCCA's Barbara Henshaw helped organize the photo shoot while Barry Bernstein checked in the participants.



Left to right: Brady Martin and Connor Lamp. The photographer is Nicola Bysouth from San Diego Fair.



Youth services librarian, April Gilbert, having her photo taken for the San Diego Fair banner.

# Game On!