

University City

...more than a neighborhood



& St. Patrick & Councilman Kersey

by Sandy Lippe

Irish Americans and wanna-be Irish will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Born in Scotland about 387 AD, Patrick used the 3-leaf shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish pagans and convert them to Christianity. He spent 33 years in Ireland, became patron saint of it and died around 464 AD.

Fifth District Councilman Mark Kersey might be canonized the patron saint of Infrastructure if he succeeds in his mission. Interim Mayor Gloria blessed Kersey as Chair of the Infrastructure Committee. Is his job not as bad as the myth Patrick is associated with, driving the snakes out of Ireland, a true myth. However, "St. Mark" faces a backlog of infrastructure projects due to years of poor planning, under funding, and general neglect. He is tasked with a miracle, developing a comprehensive 5-year plan. He will need more than a shamrock to demonstrate infrastructure, maybe one of those uprooted sidewalks you tripped over or a pothole you hit? How about a missing fire station in South UC? (See, this is broken infrastructure, he might say.)

Today, St. Patrick would be surprised to see so many Irish Americans hoisting a Guinness or sipping an Irish coffee or having a huge parade. San Diego hosts a great parade on March 15th at 10:30 am along 6th Avenue, with a festival at Balboa Park from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Councilman Kersey can paraphrase "The Irish Blessing." "May the road and not the sidewalk rise up to meet you, may the wind and not the pothole be always at your back..."

You can give input to Councilman Kersey at markkersey@sandiego.gov. St. Patrick's email address is not listed.

● Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, the 5th

● Daylight Savings
Sunday, the 9th

● UCPG Meeting
Tuesday, the 11th
6:00 p.m., Forum Hall/UTC

● UCCA Meeting
Wednesday, the 12th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,
UC Library

● St. Patrick's Day
Monday, the 17th

● UC Celebration
Wednesday, the 19th
6:30 p.m., Standley Park

● Standley Rec Center
Thursday, the 27th 7:00 p.m.,
Standley Rec Center

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**



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- Send to: editorucca@gmail.com
- Please no **pre-designed** flyers or announcements.
- Email any questions.

Deadline for the April 2014 Issue of Newsletter Publication is March 15th

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

Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



March-ing right along, University City residents are preparing for the rites of spring... Little League and Girls Softball opening days, and our Padres open up their season, too. On March 30th, our Padres face last year's division winner, the Los Angeles Dodgers. Swanson Pool is back and ready for swimmers of all ages. And let us not forget *March Madness*. Hopefully our conference winning Aztecs will continue their success at the "Big Dance." With our new mayor Kevin Faulconer officially taking office, we must put aside the negative aspects of the recent campaign and move forward to resolve the many issues our city faces, which are many! Huge dollar amounts are required to address the deferred maintenance affecting vital infrastructure. A long term plan is needed to address these problems. Kudos to councilman Mark Kersey for heading-up the various meetings held throughout the city to inform/survey residents regarding this issue for input into a future city council approved plan. Our Councilwomen, Sherri Lightner, posted in last month's UCCA newsletter the proposed improved traffic turn lanes at the Genesee/Governor intersection. As you know, at certain times of the day, that area is very congested. Pedestrians and bicyclists need to be particularly careful once this project begins later this spring.

The drought in California is for real, and we hope Sherri Lightner's article in this edition on page 9 will give you some good ideas to consider in facing this challenge. We all need to have a plan for our own water conservation.

Mark your calendars for May 14th! UCCA will hold a general meeting at 6:00 pm for all residents, members and non-members to learn the latest on the anticipated expansion plans for UTC and the impact of the elevated trolley line on Genesee. More information on this meeting will be provided in our April and May newsletters.

Please note the membership thermometer on page 7. Do your part, if you are not already a member, by joining UCCA and helping us reach our 2014 membership goal. Our next regular UCCA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12th. Please feel welcome to attend and be part of our efforts in making University City "more than just a neighborhood."

Barry

The Scene: Planning Traditions

by Jemma Samala

Sorry folks, this is a short column because, quite frankly, I have a lot of planning to do, as do many others in the community. You see, this is the time of year when everyone is planning some of UC's big traditional events and creating new ones.

The big one this year is EdUCate's 20th Taste of the Triangle. You get tastes of over 20 local restaurants, entertainment, and a silent auction. Twenty years later, and the tradition is still going strong. With over \$1.5 million granted to our local schools, EdUCate and its events are worth keeping up. This year the Taste is on Friday, May 2nd, at the UCSD Faculty Club.

Then, we have planning for the UCHS Grad Nite, another tradition that has been around since 1991. Many of those original volunteers still help out. The school gym is transformed into an ancient coliseum where the graduating seniors celebrate in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. A tradition that stays in the memories of our students for a lifetime.

Planning for the annual Fourth of July Celebration is beginning, too. I hear we need volunteers to keep that tradition alive. It's a great gathering to be with friends and family, meet new neighbors and enjoy our local talents. A little bit of that small-town flavor is an added bonus living in University City.

Our sports traditions continue as our Little League and Girls Softball seasons get into full swing. Go watch the games. The T-Ball games are especially fun to watch, and they're free!

New traditions are in the works too. UCHS and the Centurion Foundation are planning their first 5K Fun Run/Walk which will not only bring needed funds to the athletic department, but also become a community-wide event. And I personally love supporting the school by attending the Friday night football games, now that they have a new field with lights. If you went to a high school where that was the norm, like I did, I say finally -- our students will now experience the same sense of pride and camaraderie spirit as we did. It's a homecoming for the entire community.

Okay, gotta go...I have some planning calls to make.

All of these traditions need volunteers to help keep them alive. If you would like to help or donate, contact me at, jemmasamala@gmail.com and I'll get you in touch with the right people. My personal blog is at: jemmasamala.com.

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BUILD *the future.*

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for information:

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Mark Your
Calendars!
Save the Date

20th Anniversary of Taste of the Triangle!

by Anne St Louis

UCSD Faculty Club
Friday, May 2nd 2014
6:00 to 10:30 pm
Ticket sales start
April 1st

at www.uc-educate.org

Save the date for
the EdUCate! 20th
Anniversary Taste of
the Triangle fundraiser
to benefit University
City public schools.
The UCSD faculty club
will be transformed to
feature food from over
20 restaurants, over 100
silent auction baskets
and over four hours of
entertainment.

The evening will support
critical supplemental
funds needed across all
five of our local public
schools. All proceeds
go directly to programs
such as the EdUCate!
Math Academy, Principal
Grants, Teacher Grants
and cluster-wide
initiatives. For more
information go to [www.
uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR UCCA??

by Valerie O'Neill

Which of the following statements is true about UCCA?

- Produces and distributes 6,000 newsletters, yet only has about 350 paid members
- Provides financial support for activities in our local schools, community beautification, summer concert series, the UC garden club, improve UC and much more
- Is a forum for residents to discuss issues that affect our neighborhood at our monthly meetings
- Plans to continue and do even more for the community

If you guessed they are all true, you are correct.

We do a lot, but with your membership we could do more. Our 2014 membership drive is officially under way. Join or renew now and your membership is good through December 2014. It's easy. Simply go to our secure website: www.universitycitynews.org. We'll send you our new 2014 membership decal, along with our thanks for helping keep University City a great place to live.

The newsletter
can fill-up early.

Please submit
as soon as possible.

Thank you.
The Editor

Walk This Way! Safety Tips for Pedestrians

Walking in University City is one of my favorite pastimes. Besides the aerobic exercise, I get to visit with friends, enjoy the abundant sunshine and appreciate my neighbors' gardens.

However, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) maintains that pedestrians, people who travel by foot, wheelchair, stroller, or similar means, are among the most vulnerable users of the road. Here are some basic steps you can take to reduce the chance of injury and help keep yourself safe:

Carry a cell phone to call for help, to take a picture, to serve as a locator beacon.

Walk on the sidewalk, or walk on the side of the street facing traffic to see what's coming.

Use designated crosswalks. This is where drivers are more likely to be expecting pedestrians.

Carry identification and a whistle in case of emergency.

Scan your surroundings. Know your location and the location of nearby vehicular traffic.

Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking in the dark to be more visible to drivers.

I Heard About It on Nextdoor.com!

There's a new online community in University City called *nextdoor.com*. It's where I discovered conversations about a do-it-yourself dog wash, crime alerts, soccer try-outs, the safe disposal of old medications, lost and found pets, construction delays, upcoming events, chemistry tutors, school craft fairs and more.

Available in both a website and mobile version, *nextdoor.com* is a private social network designed so that residents can ask questions, get to know each other, share pictures, and exchange local advice and recommendations.

Nextdoor.com allows us to share online the kind of things we would share with our neighbors in person. University City is geographically segmented into six neighborhoods. On the site, you join our home neighborhood and choose your own privacy settings. In posts and replies, you can choose to connect only with those in our home neighborhood or to include other nearby UC neighborhoods.

As a newer UC resident and a Neighborhood Watch captain, I especially value two features of *nextdoor.com*. Our site is local; those who want to join the University City site must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Our site also allows residents to communicate directly with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Community Relations Officers such as Larry Hesselgesser.

Currently, over 400 University City neighbors discuss matters of mutual interest on *nextdoor.com*. We invite you to join the conversation. Visit www.nextdoor.com today.



NW Signs Posted



(left to right)
Jelita Mayville, La Jolla Management Company, Property Manager of the University Square Shopping Center, SDPD Officer Larry Hesselgesser and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Barbara Gellman

Jelita Mayville, La Jolla Management Company, Property Manager of the University Square Shopping Center on Governor Drive near Genesee Avenue, has authorized the installation of two University City Neighborhood Watch signs in the center's parking lot.

University City is a "nice neighborhood, and we want all to feel welcome and comfortable to shop at our University Square," Jelita said. The center is anchored by Vons and Rite Aid and home to many smaller stores and restaurants.

"I am thrilled that Jelita has embraced the Neighborhood Watch mission," said Barbara Gellman, UC's Neighborhood Watch coordinator. "The signs provide a crime prevention and reporting reminder for our residents who visit University Square."

Jelita confirmed that the center is committed to safety and security. "We have a security guard who walks the property daily and interacts with both merchants and customers," she explained. "The Neighborhood Watch signs remind our customers that crime prevention is a shared responsibility and important both at home and while shopping."

Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of residents dedicated to the prevention of crime and vandalism within our community.

- We know our neighbors and our neighborhood.
- We act as additional eyes and ears for the San Diego Police Department and other law enforcement.
- We report a crime-in-progress by calling the police emergency dispatcher at 911.
- We report a crime after-the-fact, suspicious activity and non-emergencies by calling 619-531-2000.

To start a Neighborhood Watch group for your street or business, contact Barbara Gellman at bgellman@yahoo.com or 858-452-2326.

GRAD NITE 2014 !

University City High School

6949 Genesee Ave. San Diego, CA. 92122

June 12-13, 2014 • 9:00 pm to 4:00 am

UCHS Gymnasium

by Shawn Skillin

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 Thursday, June 12th, and ending at 4:00 am on Friday, June 13th. The event, now in its 23rd year, will celebrate the success of the Class of 2014 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.uchspsta.org/>) and select the Grad Nite Icon for Grad Nite ticket sales to purchase tickets for seniors and to make donations.

Donations Needed:

The UCHS Grad Nite Prize Committee is working hard to ensure that there are MANY assorted prizes for our 2014 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 – any donations would be gladly accepted. If you would like to make a prize donation or have any questions, please contact Michele Hagstrom at thehags@san.rr.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 Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com or Carina Wheatley at momgarita@att.net.

Monetary donations can be made at the UCHS PTSA website Grad Nite link: <http://uchspsta.org/grad-nite>.

Your donation can also sponsor a "student-in-need". Donations can be made online or with a check made payable to: UCHS PTSA-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.

We appreciate the continued generosity and support of UC Parents and community!

THALIA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP for 2014

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 (UCHS) senior. Thalia Murray received a scholarship that allowed her to start attending Radcliffe, a high-quality, 4-year college from which 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 for this scholarship is to help a motivated and high-achieving graduating senior from UC High to get started in college.

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

Note: Committee comprised of donors and EdUCate! members will choose recipient.

The EdUCate! link is <http://www.uc-educate.org/scholarships>. Here you can download a 2014 application or you can get one at UC High. Please submit your completed application by Monday, April 28th, 2014, at 3:00 pm, to Ms. Michelle Barnier, Counselor, UC High School at 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122.

(858) 457-3040 x224 • mbarnier@sandi.net

Thalia Murray Scholarship Recipients:

2005 Deanna Hayley, UCSB 2009 graduate and Brandy Burns, CSU Sacramento

2006 Raymond Flores, University of PA/Wharton Business, 2010 graduate

2007 Ksenia Dyachok, UCLA 2011 graduate

2008 Leslie Grant, UCLA 2012 graduate

2009 Liora Jaffe, UC Berkeley 2013 graduate

2010 Diana Bahena, San Diego State University and Nina Gu, Harvard

2011 Juliet Nussbaum, UC Berkeley

2012 Bridget Webb, UCLA

2013 Sarah Em, Case Western Reserve University

Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

Want to ride with us? • www.knickerbikers.com or • info@cyclequestsd.com

Jacumba Jaunt

Several years ago, we decided to do an overnight trip by bicycle with a group of fellow cyclists. The trip to be self-contained – all we needed was to be carried on our bicycles in panniers (bags attached to the bicycle.) Seeing as we were leaving on Saturday, staying overnight and returning on Sunday, we really didn't need much.

We drove to Pine Valley, parked our cars, loaded our bikes and headed east along little travelled Old Highway 80 about 30 miles to Jacumba. Did I mention it is pretty much downhill all the way there? Nice! Most traffic consisted of border patrol vehicles as Jacumba is located only 200 yards from the Mexican border. Dogs enjoy chasing cyclists as much as they do cars. Most dogs ran along the inside of their enclosures as we rode by, barking until we were out of sight. The loose dogs were the ones we were more concerned about.

Jacumba is the Kumeyaay Indian word for "hut by the water" and was established in 1914 as Jacumba Hot Springs because

of the nearby mineral hot springs. The water from the hot springs filled large public baths and by the mid 1920's, Jacumba had a world class hotel which would often house some of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood. Sadly, the Jacumba Motel was destroyed in 1983 by arson, but the remains of the massive central fireplace still exist.

We arrived early enough in the day to relax and enjoy the waters. Although it was April, it was mighty chilly in the evening but we had an evening of stargazing planned. We hopped back on our bikes, now equipped with lights for night riding, and rode about 8 miles east towards the 70 foot high stone Desert View Tower. The tower was built between 1922-28 by Bert Vaughn who owned the town of Jacumba during that time.

Jacumba Hot Springs and Resort has been through many changes and many owners over the years. The hotel was not at its prime during our visit. My husband and I had a room with a queen-size bed. However, when I got off the

bed in the morning, I fell on the floor! The mattress was queen-size, but the box springs was not!

Still chilly in the morning, I think I put on every piece of clothing I had brought with me for the ride back. I was so bundled up, I felt like a little kid in a snow suit! However, that lovely downhill ride to Jacumba was uphill all the way back to Pine Valley and I quickly warmed up. Sunday, we met the dogs that lived on the other side of the road! A lovely spot to stop along on the way back was the Wisteria Candy Cottage in Boulevard. Definitely a perk in the uphill climb!

Since that visit to Jacumba years ago, we have returned several times; sometimes we just go for the day, riding there in the morning and back in the afternoon. (Always including a chocolate stop!) The owners of the Jacumba Hotel and Spa have changed again. The rooms have since been remodeled and I look forward to my next visit to Jacumba!

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____ UC 4th of July Parade

____ Newsletter Counting/Sorting or Delivery

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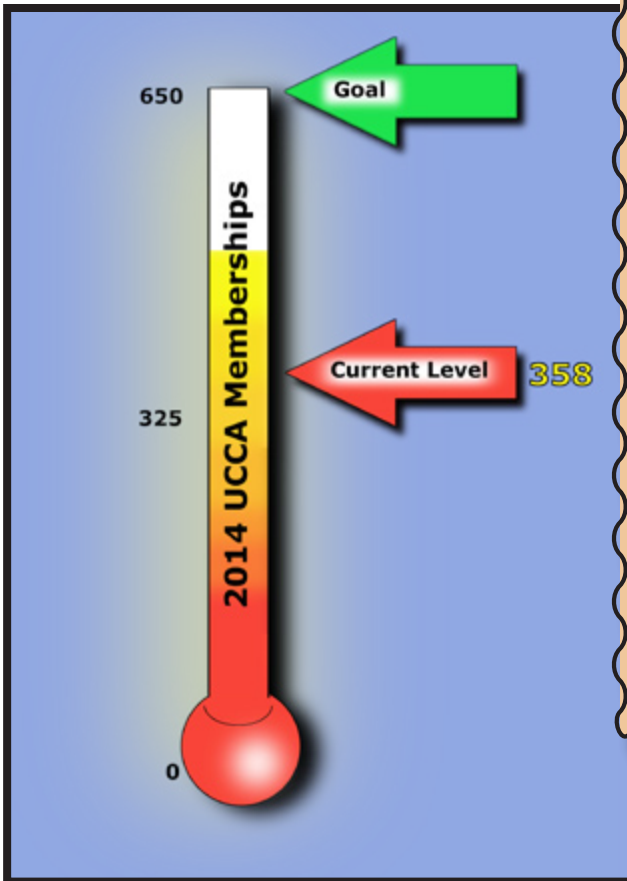
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Swanson Pool

by David Fullen

The Swanson Pool reopened to the public on Tuesday, February 18th. For those of you that have never been here, the facility is outdoors and it is well heated. The water temperature is usually between 85 and 87 degrees. If you have any questions about any of these programs, please give us a call at (858) 552-1653.

For children ages 3 to 17, we offer swimming lessons. All of the instructors are WSI certified and have teaching experience. Our first session starts Monday, March 3rd and runs Monday and Wednesday afternoons for four weeks. Sign-up is Saturday, February 22nd at 12:00 noon. You can sign-up online at www.sdreconnect.com or you can walk into the pool and sign-up in person. Please contact the pool for class times and prerequisites for the different the swimming levels .

For children ages 9 to 17 who already are capable swimmers, we offer recreation level swim team and water polo. Swim team practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. To qualify for swim team you must first try out with the swim coach. The tryout is 25 yards freestyle, 25 yards backstroke and a fundamental understanding of the basics of breaststroke and butterfly. Water polo practices Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The requirements for water polo are 200 yards (8 lengths) freestyle without stopping and one (1) minute of treading water. Both swim team and water polo have competitions with other city pools.

For adults looking to get a workout we offer aquatic body conditioning. This is a medium-paced cardiovascular exercise class that targets all the major muscle groups. The class meets 7:45 to 8:45 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are looking for a gentler workout we also offer an arthritis class. The goal of the arthritis class is to perform gentle strengthening exercises as well as increase endurance and range of motion. Having arthritis is not a requirement for the class. Meeting times for the arthritis class are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

If you are looking for a workout that you can go at your own pace, the pool has several lap swimming times. We are open 7:30 am to 1:00 pm in the afternoon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are also open from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the evenings and on Monday and Wednesday and from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the afternoon on Tuesday and Thursday. The pool is also open on Saturday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

Standley Park

by Courtney Roberts

The spring program for leagues and classes will be out by the first week of March. Registration takes place starting March 10th, 2014. Session begins week of April 7th, 2014.

Spring Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19th, 2014
10:00 am-12:00 noon

Egg hunts begin promptly at 10:00 am for ages 0-10 years.

Bring a basket, meet in the gym and enjoy crafts, jumpers, face painting and a special visit from the bunny. Bring a camera!

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CELTIC CONCERT

Raggle Taggle will perform a mix of traditional and inspired Celtic, Scottish, English, Welsh, and Irish jigs and reels. Guitar, violin and flute will be featured.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th at 6:30 pm

MYSTERY MOVIES

John Thaw stars as the masterful and feisty British barrister, James Kavanagh, a top member of Queen's council.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th at 2:00 pm

POPULAR MOVIES FOR ADULTS

When a goofy assortment of motorists unexpectedly learn the whereabouts of a stolen fortune, they speed off on a side-splitting, car-bashing race for the loot.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th at 2:00 pm

NEAVE TRIO

This young classic music trio (violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov and pianist Toni James) has been hailed by critics as an "up-and-coming ensemble." WQXR Radio, New York City, praised it for its heart on-sleeve performances (Classical New Jersey). The members of the Neave Trio, rising young soloists, have enjoyed international concert and competition success spanning four continents.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th at 6:30 pm

THE BEST OF PAUL HARVEY AN OASIS PRESENTATION

Mark Carlson, historian, writer and artist, talks about Paul Harvey's most intriguing and memorable vignettes from history and legend. Find out the rest of the story as you may or may not have heard it before. Guaranteed to make you say, "Wow, I never knew that!"
THURSDAY, MARCH 20th
from 2:00-4:00 pm

TRAVELER'S HOT L AUTHOR

Meet local author Chuck Downing as he shares this amazing work of science fiction short stories. Traveler's HOT L presents the journey through time by eight adventurers. Each traveler's reason for taking their trip is as unique as the outcome of their experience including twists and surprising turns along the way.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th at 6:00 pm

UC BOOK CLUB

Featured is *Stella Bain* by Anita Shreve. During World War I, an American woman is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in London. Stella had been working as a nurse's aide near the front, but she can't remember anything prior to four months earlier when she was found wounded on a French battlefield. An engrossing and wrenching tale about love and the meaning of memory, set against the haunting backdrop of a war that destroyed an entire generation.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th from 2:00-3:00 pm

ZUMBA GOLD

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music.
MONDAYS and THURSDAYS at 12:00 pm
FRIDAYS at 9:45 am

SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs.
MONDAYS at 1:00 pm

ADULT YOGA

Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.
TUESDAYS at 4:30 pm

ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper.
TUESDAYS from 12:30-3:30 pm

ACCORDION CLUB

New members are always welcome!
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS
MARCH 8th AND 22nd at 9:30-11:30 am

KRYPTON YVONNE SCIENCE

Learn the science of Earth Day and Dr. Seuss with this wacky guest.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th at 1:30 pm

SIGNING STORYTIME

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.
MONDAY, MARCH 17th from 3:00-3:30 pm

PAWS TO READ

Love on a Leash bring their trained, gentle assistance dogs to listen to children practice their reading.
THURSDAY, MARCH 27th at 4:00 pm

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, crafts, finger plays and songs with April and Gerri.
THURSDAYS at 10:30 am

GO GAMING

Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association.
TUESDAYS from 2:30-3:30 pm

GAME ON

Teens! Get your game on!
Wii gaming with your friends!
FRIDAYS from 3:00-4:30 pm

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La Jolla Harbor Seals

Biology & Behavior:

It's pupping season for the La Jolla Harbor seals! They are now delivering their young at Casa Beach (Children's Pool). Join us to learn about this rare natural treasure. There will be an informative presentation by volunteer docents Carol Archibald and Ellen Shively.
TUESDAY, March 4th at 6:30 pm

Cooking with Vera!:

Vera returns with an all new dish perfect for the month of March!
TUESDAY, March 11th at 6:00 pm

Job Search Assistance: Receive job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment.
MONDAYS from 2:00-5:00 pm

Art Adventures with Janene Farmer: This is brought to you by the Picerne Foundation. Artist Janene Farmer begins free art classes at the library for children in grades 1-6. Please call the branch for times and further details.

Knitter's Circle: Now on a new day of the week, join this informal knitting club and learn how to knit, crochet and make new friends while making great new creations.

1st and 3rd THURSDAY of the month, 1:00 pm

ESL Conversation Class: Make new friends and work on your English skills! Intermediate speakers and above only, please.

Every THURSDAY at 4:00 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 31ST FOR CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

*Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur.
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by Sherri Lightner
San Diego Councilwoman

DROUGHT CALLS FOR VOLUNTARY WATER-SAVING ACTIONS

Last year was the driest on record in California, prompting Gov. Jerry Brown in late January to declare a drought emergency across the state.

More recently, the San Diego County Water Authority announced a Level 1 Drought Watch, calling on San Diegans to implement voluntary water restrictions.

The extraordinarily dry conditions and water supply challenges facing our region mean it's time to go above-and-beyond our normal water-saving measures.

I am joining local and state officials to encourage residents, businesses and institutions to save as much water as possible.

For some people, that will mean simply adjusting their irrigation system to eliminate runoff and overspray. For others, it could mean investing in a water-smart landscape makeover or buying a highly efficient clothes washer. If everyone answers the call, we can stretch our region's supplies and do our part to help the rest of the state.

Typical voluntary conservation steps at Level 1 include:

- Repairing leaks quickly
- Washing paved surfaces only when necessary for health and safety
- Eliminating inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff and overspray
- Irrigating only before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm
- Using hoses with automatic shut-off valves for car washing and watering areas that aren't on automated irrigation systems
- Serving and refilling water at restaurants only upon request
- Offering hotel guests the option of not laundering their linens and towels daily
- Using recycled or non-potable water for construction activities when possible

For more information about programs available through the City of San Diego, go to: www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation.

Together, we can step up our voluntary water-saving practices to help ensure that San Diego has a reliable, affordable and sustainable supply today and in the future.



by John Lee Evans, Ph.D.
San Diego
Unified Board of Education

UC INVITED TO VISION 2020 FORUMS

The Board of Education and Superintendent Cindy Marten invite all stakeholders to a series of neighborhood meetings to Dream Big together for the future of our schools. For District A (University City, Clairemont and Mira Mesa) we will have our forum at Mira Mesa High School.

Vision 2020 Forum for District A
Monday, March 3rd, 7:00-9:00 pm
Mira Mesa High School Media Center
10510 Reagan Road, SD 92126

We are committed to having clear, long-term priorities based on our Vision 2020. We believe that when our priorities are inspired and informed by our parents, students, and teachers, we will have important information for long-range planning with students at the center. These forums will yield a clear and collective sense of our District-wide long-term priorities.

The "Vision 2020 Forums: What Kinds of Schools Do We Want" series offer parents, staff, students, and community members an opportunity to give input to the superintendent and the board members on priorities for our students and schools. The forums will focus on three guiding questions:

1. What do we believe is working on our path to accomplishing Vision 2020?
2. What do we feel and/or think should be improved upon in order to accomplish our Vision 2020?
3. How will we work together to accomplish our Vision 2020?

If you are a parent, a teacher or a community member, this is your chance to weigh in on what kinds of schools we want in University City and across San Diego. I hope we have a great turnout from UC.

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Help Wanted:

by Tanya Howe Aeria



Stay at home Moms (Dads too!)/Retired Folks:



HELP WANTED

As the founder and current "leader" of the UC Garden Club, it is time that I step down and give the lead role to a new UC resident. I would love to assist someone new and have our club grow into something great. Please call 619-884-2658 or email Ucgardenclub@gmail.com

photo by Bill Nakamura



Rich Quinonez and Sadie

Dog Walkers Make Good Neighborhood Watch Captains

by Rich Quinonez

I am both dog owner/walker and a Neighborhood Watch Captain. Because of my dog Sadie, I know almost everyone on my street. I'm very familiar with my surroundings and notice things that are different or out of place.

Besides walking Sadie every morning, I walk her at night between 10 and 11:30 pm. I have yet to witness a serious crime, but during those late night walks, I have come across many things that did require attention, including keys in left in front door locks, vehicle doors open and lights on, running water, open garage/house doors and side gates, a purse on a porch chair, pets running free and strangers lurking about in parked cars.

As a NW Captain and dog walker, I reached out to my neighbors and asked them if they wanted to be notified if I found something unusual. Almost all want a call, regardless of the time.

If you are a dog walker and you don't have an active Neighborhood Watch program on your street, you should consider becoming a Neighborhood Watch Captain. You are already out there and familiar with your street. You and your dog see things that most people don't. Not only will you be a responsible dog owner by faithfully walking your dog, you will be an important part of your community. You will be a person that can make a difference in your neighborhood and in your neighbors' lives.

"Fab Fair"

photo & article by Sandy Lippe

Hallie Burch, UCCA membership chair, was one of 22 people who posed for pictures that will go on street banners in UC advertising the San Diego Fair at Del Mar. A long time fan of the Beatles, Hallie was given this cut-out of the real Fab Four. Barclay, her Golden, approves.

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