# Olniversity City ...more than a neighborhood

# You're Invited!

A Look Into the Future of University City & the UTC Area UCCA General Meeting, May 14th, 6:00–8:00 pm Community Branch Library on Governor Drive by Diane Ahern and Jack Crittenden

From changes in traffic patterns to increases in population and noise, both the Mid-Coast Trolley and Westfield UTC expansion projects will impact our community in the very near future and for years to come.

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend trolley service from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego to the UCSD campus, then into University City along an elevated rail structure in the middle of Genesee Avenue, finally terminating at the UTC Mall. Construction of the \$1.7 billion project starts in 2015, with service to begin in 2018.

At the same time, Westfield is planning an extensive expansion of the UTC Mall, including more stores and residential towers where there are currently parking spaces.

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### **May Calendar**

- Cinco de Mayo Monday, the 5th
- Mother's Day Sunday, the 11th
- UCPG Meeting Tuesday, the 13th6:00 pm, Forum Hall/UTC
- UCCA's Special General Meeting
   Wednesday, the 14th
   6:00 to 8:00 pm, UC Library
  - Armed Forces Day Saturday, the 17th
  - UC Celebration Meeting Wednesday, the 21st
     6:30 pm, Standley Park
    - Standley Recreation Center Meeting

Thursday, the 22nd, 7:00 pm, Standley Recreation Center

> Memorial Day Monday, the 26th

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# Deadline for the June 2014 Issue of Newsletter Publication is May 15th

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### **Message from the President**

### **Barry Bernstein**



here are so many fun, important events in May for all of us who live in University City to enjoy and take part in. I hope attending our special, May 14th, UCCA general meeting, is high on your "to-do" list. Speakers focusing on the Genesee Ave. elevated trolley line and the huge expansion plans of UTC should be of interest to all University City residents. More details related to this very important meeting are on the front page and middle section, page 7.

Thank you to all our new members. We still have a way to go to reach our goal of 650. As you read my column and enjoy the UCCA newsletter, you are most likely one of the many UC residents who receives this newsletter free of charge, but are you a member of UCCA? If not, why aren't you a member? We all have a vested interest in south University City whether it is supporting our schools, park and recreation facilities, safety, beautification, transportation/traffic and other important issues contributing to UC's quality of life. Please locate our membership page/application and join the many others who care enough to help the UCCA volunteers who work so hard representing your interests and concerns. Let's move that thermometer past the 650 mark this year.

Happy Mother's Day and recognizing the importance of Memorial Day this month will be opportunities for family and friends to gather together. Don't forget the very first UCHS 5K Spirit run/walk event on May 18th. This is our high school's inaugural event to raise monies for its many special program needs as well as assistance to the other four public schools in University City. Jemma Samala, UC's respected and adored "do everything/be everything" volunteer, is taking on the challenge of organizing this event. She and principal Jeff Olivero will kick-start the event with lots of accompanying fanfare, cheerleaders and live music.

I hope to see many of you at our General Meeting on the 14th. I promise, it will be worth your time and effort to be there. Have a wonderful month. Happy Mother's Day! Remember, south University City is "more than just a neighborhood." GO PADRES!

Barry

### International Visitors at Peter Burch Memorial Fountain in Marcy Park

article and photo by Sandy Lippe

David and Pauline Burch, brother and sister-in-law of former UCCA president Peter Burch, were in town from their home outside London for Peter's son's wedding in April. They asked to visit the memorial fountain at Marcy Park and were thrilled with the results and the lovely bronze plaque with the donors' names. Joining them for the visit were Barry Bernstein and Lucy, Barbara Henshaw, Hallie Burch and Barclay, Barbara Mauro, Ernie and Sandy Lippe.

Photo below (left to right): Barry Bernstein and Lucy, Barbara Henshaw, Hallie Burch, Pauline and David Burch, Barbara Mauro holding Barclay, the Burch dog.



### **Last UCCA Meeting**

photo by Diane Ahern



Lt. Cedrun engages the group at the April UCCA meeting with her keen sense of humor.

### Centurion Foundation News

by Jemma Samala

### giveBIG UC, May 6th, 2014

All day on Tuesday, May 6, you will have the opportunity to participate in a national day of giving. The Centurion Foundation is partnering with the San Diego Foundation in this one day event, where donors can contribute from as little as \$25 and up during the fundraising on-line event. The Centurion Foundation can also raise enough to obtain incentive funds from the San Diego Foundation. Funds raised will help support UCHS athletics, extracurricular groups and will especially go towards funding for the UCHS Athletic Trainer. The trainer plays a vital role in looking out for the safety and well-being of all students at UCHS. Just remember, on Tuesday, May 6th, make your donation at <a href="https://www.sdfoundation.org/giveBIG">www.uc-centurionfoundation.com</a> and click on the giveBIG logo. giveBIG to UCHS!

### **1st Annual UC Spirit Run**

The Centurion Foundation will be hosting the first annual UC Spirit Run 5k and One Mile Fun Run on Sunday, May 18th. Like the giveBIG campaign, the UC Spirit Run will help the Centurion Foundation raise needed funds for UCHS athletic and extracurricular groups, and to help fund the Athletic Trainer. Funding for the trainer enables them to attend home games, care for any injured players, evaluate injuries for return and assist with rehab/injury prevention.

Registration is open to all area students, family and friends, with options for fundraising to be specifically directed to Curie, Doyle, Spreckels and Standley Middle schools. Each participant will have the opportunity to raise additional funds for their individual school, sport or group. If you don't have a current school affiliation, that's okay, as funds can be directed to the Centurion Foundation.

The fun run will start at 9:00 am, with the 5k starting immediately thereafter. Cost is only \$20 for students, and \$35 for adults through May 17th, and race day is \$40. Now through May 9th, UCCA newsletter readers can get a 10% discount on registration fees. There will be food, entertainment and vendor booths. We are looking for inaugural sponsors. More info can be found at <a href="https://www.ucspiritrun.org">www.ucspiritrun.org</a>. Volunteers are also needed. If interested, contact <a href="mailto:info@ucspiritrun.org">info@ucspiritrun.org</a>.

Runners and walkers are encouraged to show their UC spirit and wear your affiliated school or group attire. Get creative UC. And if you don't want to run or walk, come on out and cheer. Be a part of the newest UC tradition. Be in on the fun and join the UC Spirit Run! Go to www. ucspiritrun.org.

### **Centurion Foundation Scholarships**

The Centurion Foundation will once again be awarding three scholarships this year: Coach Al Wilson (male or female/football or track), Lady Centurion (female student athlete) and Centurion (male student athlete). Each recipient receives an award of \$500. Students must turn in their application, letters of recommendation and transcripts by Friday, May 9th. Applications can be downloaded at: <a href="https://www.uc-centurionfoundation.com">www.uc-centurionfoundation.com</a>.

### **Sports Physicals**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 4th, from 2:30-5:30 pm, when the Centurion Foundation will offer sports physicals for only \$25. Turn in your forms that day to our Athletic Director and save the hassle of last minute doctor visits prior to tryouts. Students from other schools and incoming freshman can also obtain sports physicals. Plus, it's a bargain! Go to www.uc-centurionfoundation.com for more info.



### Community Members Join Police Advisory Team

by Barbara Gellman

The San Diego Police Department, City government, and community members are part of a team in the reinstated Captain's Advisory Board. Northern Division Captain Jerry Hara oversees this problem solving partnership to make neighborhoods safe. Barbara Gellman, UCCA Neighborhood Watch coordinator, will represent University City.

On March 18th, 25 members representing business leaders, Westfield security officials, Neighborhood Watch coordinators, apartment leasing agents, and government representatives discussed police issues and major community concerns in Northern Division.

With 224,000 residents in Northern and only 1780 police officers, this advisory team will be the eyes and ears of communities like University City. La Jolla, Clairemont, Pacific Beach and Bay Ho make up the rest of Northern.

Lt. Misty Cedrun and Officer Larry Hesselgesser and other police officers expressed goals and concerns of their departments. Burglaries, DUIs, auto and bicycle thefts were mentioned, as well as curfew, traffic enforcement, and jaywalkers. With a large number of rental apartments in North UC, quality of life and crime were also concerns.

Barbara Gellman appreciated the open dialog among community representatives and police. "It was empowering. It provided me with a better understanding of issues and expectations when working toward our common goal of improving the quality of life and safety in University City and other neighborhoods."

Barbara invites you to write your concerns or kudos with the police and committee. Send her an email at bggellman@yahoo.com and she will share it at the May meeting.

# Go Slow!

### **SLOW DOWN Signs**

by Lois Cross About a year ago, "SLOW DOWN" signs were placed on various streets in University City. There are now requests for more signs to be printed by some Neighborhood Watch captains. Please contact me if you would like to order a sign for your yard. I am trying to determine if there is enough interest to proceed with an order. Postal Annex has offered to print signs as pictured for an unbelievable price of \$6.00, which includes the stake. This is for a limited time, so call me TODAY, if you want a sign. Lois Cross at 858-255 8013.



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

### WHAT DAT?

### Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

On a typical, glorious San Diego morning, a group of cyclists gathered; a sea of screaming yellow jackets, interspersed with colours as bright as the tail feathers of a peacock, chatted a while and then headed off towards the Cabrillo National Monument. Although it is a climb many of us begrudge, it is certainly worthwhile. From the top, we get a breath-taking view of San Diego's harbor and skyline, as well as Coronado and Naval Air Station North Island. On clear days (most days!), a wide expanse of the Pacific Ocean, Tijuana and Mexico's Coronado Islands are also visible.

Climbing to Cabrillo is a classic ride for our "gang" so we have established a routine. Along our way, we stop at Kevin's for coffee. Kevin's is a small coffee stand in Ocean Beach run by Kevin, a very personable gentleman. It is a little shack with large round white plastic tables and colorful umbrellas. There are countless white plastic garden chairs all jumbled onto a corner parking lot. Kevin's serves up liquids and treats to many passersby and loyal customers whenever he is open.

While patiently waiting for my coffee, although I'm not a big coffee fan, but needing the caffeine boost to get me up the hill, I go for the most disguised drink (I learned that expression from more experienced

non-coffee fans) with lots of soy milk, half caf, chocolate, whipped topping of some sort, sugar and whatever else Kevin may suggest. And oh yes, this coffee (can it really be called coffee?) does give me the boost I require throughout the ride, and long after. Its affects usually don't wear off until about 3:00 am! But, I digress...

That morning in particular, I noticed a gnarly canary-yellow object on the counter. Kevin said a customer had given it to him earlier that morning. Kevin had simply left it on the counter because it was so interesting and hoped that one of his many patrons could identify it. Having my cell phone with me, (great camera, poor communication device), I snapped a photo. Any guesses to what this is? (see answer on back page)

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



by Diane Ahern

When Henry and Mengchou Heng left their home in Cambodia in 1980 with their infant son, they never dreamed that they would end up spending thrity-plus years in the donut making business.

First trained as a machinist, Henry was unable to find work in the San Diego area because he didn't have access to reliable transportation. The cousin of a sister-in-law ran the Golden Donut shop on Governor Drive and offered to teach Henry how to make donuts.

With the support of friends and family, Henry and Mengchou formally took over the shop in 1984. Now thirty years later and American citizens, the longtime Clairemont residents' immediate family includes two daughters in addition to their son.

On a recent Wednesday morning, the donut shop was busy with customers enjoying hot coffee, delicious donuts and lively conversation, served with smiles and friendly greetings.

And what do Henry and Mengchou like best about working in University City? "It's the customers," said Henry. "We work hard and we do it for the nice people; we like to make our customers happy."



Henry and Mengchou Heng in their Golden Donut shop on Governor Drive

### Friends of Rose Canyon's Upcoming Spring Bird Walks

by Deborah Knight

### Rose Canyon Open Space Park Preserve

Experience the amazing sights and sounds of spring birds, including some from the tropics. Our free walks are led by skilled birders. Everyone is welcome. We provide good binoculars if you don't have them. The walk is for adults and kids (age 9 and up). Walks are easy, and you may leave at any time. No bathrooms or water is available in Rose Canyon Park or at the parking area

Please meet at the intersection of Regents Road/Lahitte Court, University City. From the intersection of Governor Dr./Regents Rd., go north on Regents two blocks to the dead-end.

Bring water/sunscreen and binoculars, if you have them, or you may borrow our binoculars. Walks start promptly at 8:00 am. Please arrive ten minutes early to park, sign in and borrow the binoculars.

For questions:
Debby Knight
rosecanyon@san.rr.com
858-597-0220
Sunday, May 4th 8:00-10:00 am
Saturday, May 10th 8:00-10:00 am

Spring is the best time of year to see and hear a great variety of birds in Rose Canyon, including migrants arriving from the tropics, winter residents getting ready to migrate north and year-round residents. Many are in breeding plumage. Some have spectacular colors. Some are singing to establish territories and attract mates. Some are building nests, gleaning insects off the trees and feeding their young. Birds of prey are on the wing, courting, hunting and carrying prey to their nests. The canyon becomes a different world!

Join us to experience this dramatic annual display of nature in our midst. Visit Friends of Rose Canyon at www.rosecanyon.org.

Support from: SDG&E & Patagonia

### **MARCH & APRIL 2014 UCCA MEMBERSHIPS**

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### Remember...

# Save the Date for A Look Into the Future of University City & the UTC Area

by Jack Crittenden & Diane Ahern

Want to know how the Mid-Coast Trolley will affect Genesee Ave and University City? What other transportation solutions are in the works? How Westfield will transform the UTC mall with its major expansion? And whether there is any truth to the rumor that both stores and residential towers are planned?

Then you won't want to miss this
UCCA sponsored look at two upcoming
projects which will affect our community
in the very near future and for years
to come. You'll have a chance to view
detailed maps and an opportunity to
make comments and ask questions.

Update your calendar now:
Wednesday, May 14th,
6:00-8:00 pm,
San Diego Library
on Governor Dr.

# UC Resident Honored by Citywide Volunteer Office

by John Schindel

UC resident and Realtor John Schindel was honored on Monday, April 7th, 2014 at City Hall. The ceremony recognized the service of twenty-six volunteers for National Volunteers Week. All of the volunteers had at least 100 hours of service and were celebrated by the Citywide Volunteer Office followed by a luncheon. Each volunteer was recognized and handed their certificate by Todd Gloria, the president of the city council. John Schindel was additionally recognized for his fifteen years and over 4000 hours of service with the prestigious Presidential Award. When asked why he had contributed so many hours over the years, Schindel replied, "I believe you should give back to your community. Because of this, it has rewarded me as well as my family many times over." Last year there were over 27,000 volunteers that served over 520,000 hours in the city of San Diego. This was estimated to be worth over \$13 million dollars.

Should you be interested in volunteering please go to www. sandiego.gov/volunteer-program.

You may also join UCCA by going to our website at www.universitycitynews.org.



### The libraries will be closed Monday, May 26th, for Memorial Day

### 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 • 858 552-1655 http://tinyurl.com/universitycommunitylibrary

### LIFE AND MUSIC OF COLE PORTER

Bruno Leone, pianist and entertainer will present the Life and Music of Cole Porter.

TUESDAY, MAY 6th AT 6:30 PM

### HYPNOSIS: THE MYTHS, MISCONCEPTIONS AND TRUTHS

Hear about the origins and history of hypnosis. Learn how to activate the power of your own sub-conscious to break bad habits, achieve goals and make permanent changes easier than you ever imagined possible.

An Oasis program.

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, FROM 2:00-4:00 PM

### WATER CONSERVATION GARDENING

Learn how to save water while creating a beautiful landscape.

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, AT 6:30 PM

### **UC BOOK CLUB**

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. The author grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and salvation. When the romance of the wondering life faded, the Walls retreated to a dismal West Virginia mining town. The children fended for themselves as the dysfunction of the family escalated.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH FROM 2:00-3:00 PM

### MOVIE MATINEE FOR ADULTS

Woody Allen's nostalgic look at radio's golden age. This film focuses on one ordinary family and the various performers in the medium. Starring Mia Farrow and Dianne Wiest.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST FROM 1:00-3:00 PM

### **ZUMBA GOLD**

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

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 12:00 NOON 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

### YOGA FOR ADULTS

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, AT 12:30-3:30 PM

### ACCORDION CLUB

New members are always welcome!
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS
MAY 10TH AND 24TH AT 9:30–11:30 AM

### **CRAIG NEWTON CONCERT**

Craig will amaze children and adults alike with his variety of instruments and musical styles. His concerts are always a popular family event!

WEDNESDA, Y MAY 7TH AT 1:30 PM

### SIGNING STORYTIME

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

MONDAY, MAY 19TH, AT 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, MAY 22ND, AT 4:00 PM

### **VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT**

Teens, 10th grade and up, can be part of this historic event capturing interviews with military about their wartime service for the Library of Congress Veteran's History project. Contact April at the library to schedule an interview and for training.

### ONGOING

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, crafts, finger plays, and songs with April and Gerri. Join us, May 8th, for a special Mothers Day Tea Party story time.

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, AT 2:30-3:30 PM

### **GAME ON**

Teens! Get your game on! Wii gaming with your friends!

FRIDAYS, AT 3:00-4:30 PM

### NORTH-UC-LIBRARY

### ELDER ABUSE

Paul Greenwood, head of Elder Abuse Prosecutions with the San Diego District Attorney's Office, presents tips on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim to scams and abuse.

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, AT 6:00 PM

**COOKING WITH VERA!** Vera returns with an all demo showing you how to prepare another great meal! Call staff for more details.

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH, AT 6:00 PM

### JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Get job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment.

MONDAYS, 2:00-5:00 PM

### ART ADVENTURES WITH JANENE FARMER

Artist Janene Farmer continues 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, please join this informal knitting club and learn how to knit, crochet and make new friends while making great new creations.

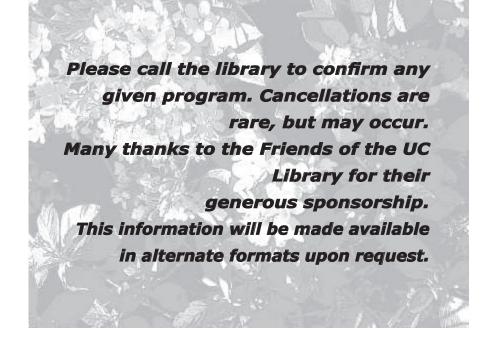
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### **ESL CONVERSATION CLASS**

Make new friends, work on your English skills! Intermediate speakers and up only, please.

**EVERY THURSDAY AT 4:00 PM** 

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# Larry Yandel's Third Annual Coed Softball Tournament

by Sandy Lippe



On a mid-April weekend, Standley Park was the site of the third annual Larry Yandel Memorial Coed Softball Tournament. Six teams participated in the two-day event. White Sox captain Blake Woodhall and his team won the tournament. New this year was the Larry's Cup, a lookalike of the famous Stanley Cup in hockey, a game Larry played.

Danny Creagh won a trophy for the most homeruns for men and Taylor Johnson took the same honor for women. Some of the proceeds went to the local recreational sports leagues in UC: UC Little League, UC Del Sol softball, and La Jolla Pop Warner, as well as the Centurion Foundation and EdUCate.

You can help keep the Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Sports Fund doing good deeds by making a tax deductible donation at www. LYandelJrMemorialFund.org.

### **UC Community Celebration Event**

by George Odero

Mark your calendar. The 26th, Annual University City Community July 4th Celebration, is around the corner.

University City Community Celebration Committee volunteers are excited to confirm to the community that we are working tenaciously to finalize arrangements for the 2014, 26th, July 4th, Community Celebration event.

To start off this year's 4th of July festivities, we will be organizing another 1M/5K fun run in the morning, thanks to University City Community Association (UCCA) sponsorship for this event. Registration for the run will open May 15th, but mark your calendars now and start getting in shape! As usual, the runners will be treated to the popular pancake breakfast and coffee to replenish their energy after the joyful race.

Vendor booth rental is open and booth spaces are going fast. Act now by contacting our booth rental coordinator, Terry Jones, by email at *T17Jones@roadrunner.com* to request a booth rental package (information, price and application). Since multiple, similar food vendors are discouraged, food vendors are encouraged to act promptly to secure their space quickly. We also remind food vendors to secure off-site food permits from the San Diego county department of health services.

We are actively seeking volunteers for activities on the day of the event. These volunteers will work two-hour shifts in assigned event activity. Families, with willing young volunteers under age sixteen, are welcome to participate together with their parents or older siblings. Activities where volunteers will be needed include: the bike and pet parade, inflatable jumpers, rockwall climbing, dunk tank, obstacle course, parking lot attendance and various field games.

Beer barn volunteers must be twenty-one (21) years old and must attend a mandatory training. The date for training (approximately two-hour free training sessions) will be on a Saturday at Standley recreation center. This will also be announced in UCCA June newsletter.

Feel free to contact us by emailing your questions, suggestions or willingness to volunteer.

George Odero, UCCC chairperson Godero@goreadusa.org

# Monthly Litter Pickup Group Launched in UC

by Vince Reardon

On Sunday, April 13th, the "Second Sunday Litter Pickup Brigade" inaugurated its first monthly litter pick up from 7:30-9:00 am.

Five UC residents, Don Hotz, Tim Niegocki and his daughter Aubrey, and Ellen and Vince Reardon, formed two teams. One team cleaned both sides and the median of Regents Road from Governor Drive south to I-52; the other cleaned both sides and the median of Genesee Avenue from Governor to just north of University City High School. The two teams collected seven bags of roadside litter, which weighed approximately 150 lbs.

Vince Reardon said he started the group because he has noticed the increasing presence of litter on UC's busier roadways. "Litter is unsightly and it tarnishes our beautiful community's aesthetic appeal," he said. "Studies show that litter begets more litter, but if a community is litterfree, which is our goal for UC, then people think twice about littering."

The next monthly litter pick up will take place on Sunday, May 4th (not May 11th, which is Mother's Day). Volunteers will meet at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr. (at Regents Rd.), from 7:30-9:00 am. The litter pickup will occur from 7:30-9:00 am at designated litter "hot spots" in IIC.

Volunteers are advised to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and gardening gloves to avoid contact with poison ivy or poison oak. Trash bags, plastic gloves and "pickers" will be provided. Please RSVP if you are attending by emailing peopleforacleanuc@yahoo.com or call 619-384-2519.



(L to R) Vince Reardon, Don Hotz, Aubrey Niegocki, Ellen Reardon and Tim Niegocki

# EdUCate! Food Truck Wednesdays

by Diane Ahern

Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm, purchase your evening meal from the EdUCate! food trucks at the Spreckels Elementary parking lot on Governor Drive. Check the EdUCate! website, www.uc-educate.org, to see which purveyors are participating each week. There will be a variety of tasty food options, generally offered for \$10 or less. Enjoy a great dinner, knowing that 10% of the proceeds go directly to EdUCate! to benefit UC public schools. Join your friends and neighbors at this exciting community event!

# You're Invited!

A Look Into the Future of University City & the UTC Area

Interested to know how these two billiondollar projects will impact our **University City** community? What other transportation solutions are in the works? How Westfield will accommodate parking? Could this possibly cause additional response time for police and fire units traveling to south **University City?** Here's your

chance to satisfy your curiosity. The UCCA general meeting begins at 6:00 pm with brief updates from our legislative and law enforcement leaders. Our keynote speakers are John Haggerty, **SANDAG's Division** Director of Rail, and John Alderson, **Vice President** of Development, Westfield Group.

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It's our shared future; you don't want to miss the University City Community Association general meeting on Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00-8:00 pm, at our community branch library on Governor Drive.



# Happy Mother's Day to All Mothers Everywhere!

My Mom.

Many of you may know her. She and my Dad, Nancy and Bob Howe, have lived in UC since 1966. She walks her dog daily and greets everyone she sees with a lovely and welcoming "hello." When I call my Mom, almost daily, she always has the same cheery "hello" for me. Their house always smells of freshly baked bread or a meal she's been cooking for hours. My mom never sits. She is never sick and never complains. She's always on the go and is always there for me, my kids, our family. She makes me want to be a better person everyday. She is what I will always strive to be, the BEST MOM.

I love you, Mom Tanya (Tanya Howe Aeria)



### Who's a UC Momma ?

by Jemma Samala

Okay, that was a bad attempt in thinking about a catchy title. But as you can tell, this newsletter issue is focusing on the many faces of our UC moms. You see them everywhere-schools, baseball fields, grocery stores, gyms, Starbucks, in the mirror.

I'm a mom of two teenage boys at UCHS, and like most teenage boys, they don't really hang out with their moms anymore -- except when it's time to ask for money. It's okay though, because like many other moms in UC, I have many babies. No, I was not a surrogate mother in my past life, but all the community projects we seem to get involved in, we can consider our babies.

It will sound like I am ignoring the dads, but you have to admit that it's mostly the moms who have been the force behind the groups and events that make UC what it is—a thriving, community-oriented neighborhood. Whether the moms work at home or outside the home, married or single (I've been all), or are now grandmothers (please not me for a while); moms seem to be the ones leading PTAs, foundations, scout troops, teams, etc. As I hear about the history of UC, I learn about the moms that started Grad Nite in order to provide a safe, alcohol-free, celebration for UCHS graduating seniors. Soon thereafter, over 20 years ago, a bunch of moms realized there was a need to raise extra funds and developed EdUCate!, which is still an innovative concept as the foundation supports all five public schools in UC, not just one. Moms continue to be room parents in the elementary schools, supporting our teachers and students at a hyper local level.

These moms tirelessly care for their babies, whether their own children, those of others, or these non-breathing projects. And parallel to feelings of love towards their children, our UC community moms lovingly raise their projects. They're cute and exciting to care for when they are young, after a while they start to drain on you, and then before you know it, it's time to say good-bye. They are hard to let go. But you watch, and hold back from trying to butt in. Then, when they are grown and leading a life of their own, you can sit back and feel pride in their accomplishments. You did a mighty fine job raising them.

Moms are the bomb! (Is that term still in use?) And they deserve some fun. So dads, encourage the moms to gather at Starbucks, go for walks, and partake in a UC area Happy Hour or two. When UC ladies get together, who knows what the Mommy Network can think of next!

This Mother's Day, remember to say thank you to the many moms who have made UC the neighborhood where you decided to raise your own children. Say thanks for setting down the groundwork for raising families in this small town of UC. Because, you know, if your kid is walking down Governor Drive (aka Main Street, University City) and doing something they shouldn't be, a mom will recognize them. The force is strong in the UC Mommy Network.

Happy Mother's Day!

If you would like to send me info for the UC Scene, contact: jemmasamala@gmail.com. My personal blog is at: www.jemmasamala.com.

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# An Afternoon of Chamber Music

Sunday, May 25th 1:30-4:00 pm

by Glenn D'Abreo

Our Mother of Confidence Church, at 3131 Governor Drive, will present an afternoon of chamber music (a string quartet), some great opera, the work of six local artists, fine wine (no host bar) and hors d'oeuvres. Please call Glenn D'Abreo at 858-453-0222 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays or phone/text him at 858-736-4128.

Visit www.omcshowtime.org for ticket information.

# Doyle Elementary International Festival

by Viki Barham

On Friday, May 30th, Doyle Elementary School will be hosting our annual International Festival from 5:00–7:00 pm. Join us on the school's grass field and blacktop for multicultural performances and booths representing a variety of countries. This exciting event is free to the public. Food trucks will be available for purchasing dinner and desert

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# UCSD Students Will Benefit from Church Fundraiser on May 10th

by Sandy Lippe

On any given Sunday, over 800 UCSD undergraduate students and 100 plus graduate students fill the pews of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm. The Newman Center rents the church from Good Sam for Catholic masses at those times. A resident group from around San Diego County also attends mass, but the focus is on the students and their idealistic missions that have them feeding dinner to homeless teens once a month, ministering to other homeless downtown and at Fr. Joe's Village. Their calendars are filled with social events and social justice events.

Because money is an issue, this May 10th, 6:00-10:00 pm, the first annual fundraiser, Newman Gala 2014: Newman Nations, will be held at Roetter Hall adjacent to the church at the corner of Genesee and Eastgate Mall.

This fundraiser is chaired by UC's own Brook Feerick, a dynamic lady with years of experience in EdUCate and as chair of Taste of the Triangle and the Oktoberfest. She promises to make the ticket price of \$75 for adults and \$50 for students worth the money. French Gourmet is catering an international dinner. A silent auction will have all kinds of tempting items, including a \$1200 bike and three days in a beautiful Lake Havasu home. All proceeds will benefit outreach programs, support student services and underwrite costs of the event. Check out *catholicucsd.org* for more information about this event and the faith community.



# Raising Money for the Animal Shelter

submitted by Andrea Aragoza written by Girl Scout Troop 3470

Girl Scout Troop 3470, a Spreckels Elementary 5th grade troop, is having a garage sale to raise money for a local animal shelter. They are working hard to earn their bronze award. In addition to the garage sale items, they are creating dog toys and dog treats for your beloved pooch. "These toys will not just make your dogs happy but you happy, too," says Eleah Lee from troop 3470. "We are selling many assorted items for you," says Isabella Aragoza from troop 3470. They are hoping that the dog shelter will bring a dog for you to look at and, hopefully, adopt. The garage sale will be at 5901 Stresemann Street on May 17th between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. Please make sure to drop by!



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

# University City Unites Behind EdUCate for Great Public Schools

It's springtime and that means Taste of the Triangle in UC, the big fundraiser by EdUCate, the foundation that supports all five schools in University City.

The University City Foundation for Public Schools was founded in 1993. A group of parents and community members was committed to supporting all five public schools in UC. By looking at all of the schools in a community, rather than just one, University City was well ahead of the school district.

When I came to the school board in 2008, each of the five schools in University City had a separate Area Superintendent to support it. There was no community continuity. When the board embarked on community-based reform through Vision 2020, we began promoting 16 different clusters across the district. A cluster consists of a high school and the elementary and middle schools that feed into it. The UC Foundation began that consolidation back in 1993.

Through the years, EdUCate has contributed over \$1.3 million to our community's schools. In the early days, the foundation helped bring technology to the classroom. As the district moved forward with our i-21 technology for every classroom, the foundation has moved on to other endeavors. One example is the funding of a Math Academy at Standley Middle School to help students succeed in math. Teachers and principals have received grants for programs in music, science, physical education and many others.

Beyond the financial contributions, the Taste of the Triangle in the spring, the Oktoberfest in the fall at Standley Park, and the food trucks at Spreckels every Wednesday night bring us together as a community.

We know that great schools lead to great neighborhoods. In recent years I have been impressed by the number of neighbors whose kids have already graduated who continue to participate in these activities and contribute generously. This is what makes University City so special. Get involved by checking out the website: www.uc-educate.org.



by Sherri Lightner San Diego Councilwoman

# FREE CPR Training at UC Library

Please join City Councilmember Marti Emerald and me for Neighborhood Beat, a city-wide community CPR training program from 10:00-11:00 am on Saturday, May 17th, at the University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive.

This FREE life-saving event is brought to you by San Diego Project Heart Beat and Rural/Metro Ambulance. The training will include half-hour sessions of proper chest compression procedures, as well as how to properly use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

I am pleased that Councilmember Emerald approached us to help with the Neighborhood Beat outreach program, and I look forward to educating the citizens of San Diego about how they can best assist our paramedics and EMTs to save lives.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death nationally with an estimated 630,000 deaths per year in the United States. The prompt delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) more than doubles a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival by helping maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain. By increasing the number of people trained in CPR in our community, we can increase the survival rate of cardiac victims.

This training is being offered to the whole family, ages 4 to 104. Those interested in participating are requested to arrive at least ten minutes prior to start time.

Mark your calendar and please join us in saving lives!



by Scott Peters Congressman, 52nd District

# **Environment & Sustainability**

April 22nd was Earth Day, a time for us to reflect on what we are doing to make our planet a more sustainable and livable place. The work we've done in San Diego to make our oceanfront cleaner and safer can be a model for other communities across the country. A healthy ocean is vital to our economy and well-being by sustaining local tourism and fisheries. In Congress, I am focused on the effects of climate change including ocean acidification and sea-level rise, both of which are threats to San Diego.

In 1999, I participated in my first beach cleanup with I Love A Clean San Diego and the San Diego Surfrider Foundation. In 2000, when I was first elected to the San Diego City Council, the city averaged one sewer spill into the ocean a day. These spills closed our beaches to residents and tourists alike. San Diego was infamous for its beach closures at the time. By the end of my eight-year service, we had reduced the occurrence of sewer spills by 80 percent.

Locally, the San Diego Foundation, UC San Diego's Environment and Sustainability Initiative and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography teamed up to look at how a changing climate would impact our region. This collaborative effort to identifying the problem and crafting innovative solutions is the hallmark of our region and will be necessary to preparing our communities for the future impacts of climate change and extreme weather.

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# Farewell and Welcome at April Garden Club Meeting

by Sandy Lippe













The April 12th garden club meeting, hosted by Ginger Steketee, was a great success. Around thirty people showed up to honor outgoing chair, Tanya Howe Aeria, and all of her accomplishments throughout her four-year tenure. UCCA president Barry Bernstein expressed his thanks for a job well done, while other UCCA board members did the same. Another highlight of the day was a resounding vote of approval for incoming chair, Ginger Steketee. She gave an

overview of goals and also a plea for volunteer help.

Ms. Marilyn Mehr won best of show prize for her exceptional red Amaryllis specimen. Donna Koziol, a master gardener, shared her gardening tips. The speakers were very informative. Tom Mc Donough talked about fire safety tree felling and Mack Langston discussed growing Clivia plants. Merle Berman's beautiful table of refreshments was a popular gathering place outdoors in the Steketee backyard.

On Sunday, May 18th, from 2:00-5:00 pm, plan to attend the garden club meeting at David and Iris Ginbel's home and visit their Mediterranean garden and a beautiful view of University City, 4152 Combe Way. The garden club is excited to have among their speakers for the day, master gardener Fu Ho, long time resident of University City. Fu will speak on organic, edible plant gardening.

(left to right-top row) Nancy Howe (mother),Tanya Howe Aeria and son; Tanya and Ginger Steketee; Barbara Henshaw, Merle Berman with the Aeria's

(left to right-bottom row) Flower displays; Ginger with guests; Mack Langston's Clivia plant display

### Memorial Day,

May 26th, at Miramar National Cemetery

Answer from page 4.

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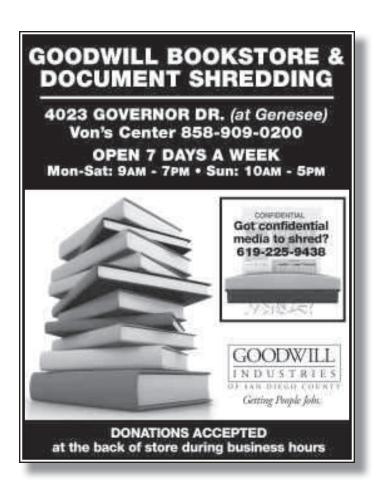
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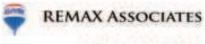
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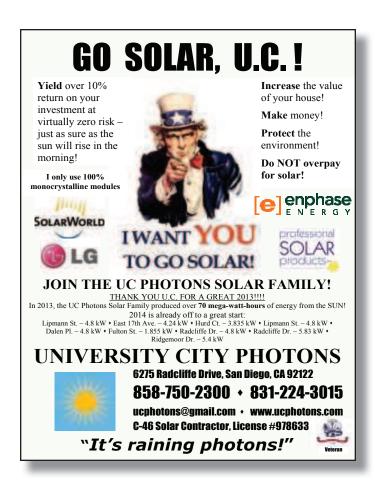


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6236 Via Regla	3	3	\$730,250
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