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Roots of Patriotic UC Celebration



Scene for celebration

Staff photo by Earl S. Cryer

Do you know your UC Celebration history? Well, Sandy Lippe has kept much of the history alive, not only by her continuous involvement in the annual event, but in keeping some of her files from back in the day. Her file included a newspaper clipping pictured above, with the caption:

"In a matter of days, Standley Park will come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of the UC Celebration. Event organizers Sandy Lippe, Left, Lenda Paris, Sue Detisch and Phyllis Speer are anticipating the scene here July 4: There will be games, crafts, swimming, a fun run, live music (plus a DJ for the younger set), a catered box dinner... (purchase tickets at UC Pharmacy, Standley Rec Center or Baskin Robbins) and much more during the all-day bash."

First off, who remembers the UC Pharmacy by the then Henry's (now Sprouts), and the Baskin Robbins where the Forbidden Yogurt is now? And yes Lippe was involved in the creation of the UC Celebration, now in its 27th year. She remembers that "I tried to get a parade in University City because I grew up in Stratford, Connecticut, where each patriotic holiday the American Legion put on a huge parade on Main Street. However, the permit process was unbelievable and police weren't available to man each street that intersected with Governor Drive. So we switched to UC Celebration at Standley Park. Sunny Pippin agreed to co-chair the first one, and we enlisted Sue Detisch, Lenda Paris, Bob Vilven, Phyllis Speer, Bonnie Hornbeck, Mary Mathis and others to kickoff a July 4th UC Celebration to keep folks at home and take a page out of New England and mid-western celebrations."

Early fliers for the UC Celebration listed events that included a Beard Growing Contest, Bingo, Sheriff and Jail, Soccer Tournament, and the Molly Trolley. Good times, good times. Make sure to read about this year's UC Celebration on page 5.



Safety On Our Streets Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 4:45 pm
South UC Library

UC Garden Club

Saturday, June 6, 3:00 pm
5415 Sandburg Avenue

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm
Forum Hall at UTC

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 pm
UC Library

Flag Day

Sunday, June 14

People for a Clean UC

Sunday, June 14, 7:15-9:00 am
Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr.

UC Celebration Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 pm
Standley Park Rec. Center

Father's Day and First Day of Summer

Sunday, June 21

Doyle Recreation Council

Meetings are on the 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm, Doyle Rec. Center

Standley Recreation Council

Meetings are on 4th Thursdays at
6:30 pm, Standley Rec. Center

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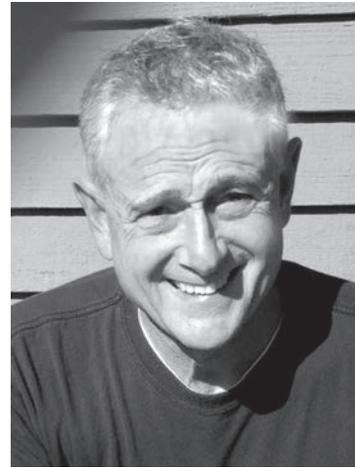
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UCCA President Barry Bernstein's Column

It's June...and time has come by so very quickly (and with so little rain to boost vegetable gardens and drought resistant plants). Hopefully by the time this edition goes to press we will have city water use/ guidelines delineated for your interpretation. As I drive down Governor Drive I see many homes with attractive xeriscaped front

yards...yes, maybe not as lush as we're accustomed to seeing, but times in Southern California have changed. And in keeping with that theme, UCCA, with support from City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner, will begin concrete repair work on the Governor Drive medians near Radcliffe and Stresemann sometime soon. UCCA will be replacing the now existing vegetation with a beautiful combination of boulders and drought resistant plants. These costs are being paid for by UCCA dues paying members. Are you a member?

June 15 is Grad Nite at UCHS...congratulations to all of our graduates! UCCA is very proud to be one of the sponsors of Grad Nite...in its 24th year! Plans for our community 4th of July "Celebration" at Standley Park are ongoing...another event in which UCCA is a major sponsor. (See page 5 for more info). Congratulations to all the wonderful volunteers that made EdUCate!'s Taste of the Triangle such a great success. Enjoy the photos and article on our back page. With our schools ready to begin summer break, we need to be aware of additional bicycle/pedestrian traffic on our side streets and street crossings. This brings me to this very important issue which I think most UC residents are concerned. That is the safety/traffic concerns at the busy intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Ave. A very timely and important meeting for all UC residents is being held on Thursday, June 4 at the South UC library to review various traffic safety issues in our community. *See info in the box below.

Start the summer with us at the "Celebration"...and continue by enjoying the "Concerts in the Park" at Standley Park. UCCA thanks all of its new and continuing members for their ongoing interest and support. Have a safe and fun summer. -- Barry

SOUTH UC - "SAFETY ON OUR STREETS"

*A special meeting for all interested and concerned UC residents will be held on Thursday, June 4, 4:45pm at the South UC library. Representatives from San Diego Police Traffic Division, San Diego City Streets Division, and local bicycle advocates will be there to listen to your concerns. This meeting is sponsored by UCCA and supported by San Diego City Council President, Sherri Lightner.

Issues related to speed limits/signage, particularly at the Governor Drive/Genesee intersection will be the primary focus. This meeting is being held in response to a committee request of ImagineUC 2020.

EDITOR'S NOTES... by Jemma Samala



How time flies by...it seems like us parents were busily planning 5th grade promotion events. After six years in elementary school, it was a pretty big deal.

My son and his friends (pictured left) felt like such big boys soon going into middle school. Now all these boys are graduating from UCHS and going off to college.

Again we are busy planning graduation events, which reminds me I should get announcements printed (so much going on to remember everything). As I look through old photographs to submit for the Grad Nite Memory Wall, the relatively short amount of time the kids spend in elementary through high school creates so many memories. Plus the pre-school years too. The first day of Kindergarten, we hated leaving him there, but he looked so happy. And the teachers were all so wonderful – which is why we moved to UC in the first place, the reputation of the schools was top-notch...and that reputation continues and is well founded.

I went to the Spreckels Fiesta (see photos on page 10), which felt very nostalgic for me. I seriously had tears welling up. The memories of my kids dancing the same dances, wearing the same costumes (and remembering when we made some of them in the first place) didn't really bring sadness, but more of a realization that my babies have grown up. I was glad I went, many of the teachers are still there, and the warmth and family feel continues. Plus I love that Bake Sale!

Now at UCHS, we're finishing up with our own memories. Again it's a hectic time as the kids plan for prom, grad nites, plus getting prepared to move away for universities. Scary for them, and scary for parents. How will I feel when my son is dropped off at college? I'll worry if he's eating enough, if he's figured out how to do his laundry, if he's studying enough, is he partying too much, if he's safe. (I'm such a wimp, I'm crying again – I'm going to be a mess at graduation – oh, need to add Kleenex to my list.)

But I know I shouldn't worry. We as parents have done our best to raise our kids, and they have grown up in a very well-rounded environment, exposed to many different people and lifestyles. It's a happy cry, we're very proud of our son. I know I have the guidance of so many other UC moms and dads. (Shout out to my own dad, who helped us watch our kids during his retirement years, and my kids stable baseball and basketball cheerleader.) I thank them for setting the way for so many of our kids' UC traditions. The UC community is lucky to have so many involved residents.

Pardon me for rambling this month, but how do you summarize 18 years of memories. I'm proud of the decision to move to UC to raise our family. When my kids have both gone off to college and make lives of their own, I hope they find a place to raise their own families much like UC, because, well it is more than a neighborhood!

Graduation/Promotion Times

Monday, June 15

**Curie, Doyle, Spreckels:
11:00am**

Standley Middle: 9:00am

UCHS: 2:00pm

**Please plan your day
accordingly!**

**GRAD NITE
TRADITION
CONTINUES**



UCCA is a sponsor of the annual event, now in its 24th year. Grad Nite is a fun, safe chaperoned drug and alcohol free extravaganza with music, dancing, food, entertainment, games and prizes. The UCHS gym is transformed into an enchanted Roman Coliseum. The event is a large undertaking and the committee is still looking for volunteers for set up and the night of June 15. Plus donations of food and prizes are still needed. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact Grad Nite Committee Chairperson Michele Hagstrom at thehags@san.rr.com. Help create lifelong memories for our students. Thanks.

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What is Neighborhood Watch?

By Barbara Gellman, UC Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) to reduce

crime, solve problems and improve the quality of life in your area. You will get to know your neighbors, and learn how to:

- Recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities
- Protect yourself, your family and your property
- Protect your neighbor's family and property
- Identify crime and disorder problems in your area and work with the SDPD personnel to solve them.

The goal is for each street in University City to have a street captain or co-captain who will schedule a one-hour meeting in their home, backyard or driveway and invite neighbors to share safety tips and crime prevention techniques with our Community Officer Holland Tafoya.

Do you know why you need to lock your side gates?

Why you need to switch to LED lights.

What to do about solicitors, party houses, or abandoned cars?

When do you call 911 versus the non-emergency number 619-531-2000?

What do criminals look for?

Please email me at bggellman@yahoo.com to set up a 20-minute appointment to explain the step-by-step process.

Be part of the solution; it is easy and just one more step in preventing crimes.

TENTED HOUSES FOR TERMITES

Please notify Officer Holly Tafoya at HTafoya@pdsandiego.gov if you or your neighbors are tenting the house. The police will check on them while tented, since there have been an increase in burglaries of these homes.

How to Prevent Human Trafficking: What Can You Do?

Source: San Diego District Attorney

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where perpetrators profit from the sexual exploitation and/or forced labor of men, women and children. It is a violation of basic human rights, and it is also a crime as defined by U.S. federal law and California state law.

Sex trafficking is the exploitation of a person by means including coercion or deceit to engage in commercial sexual activity, prostitution, exotic dancing, or pornography. When the victim is a minor under the age of 18 years old, sex trafficking does not require force or coercion. Minors cannot legally consent to sexual activity.

Labor trafficking is the exploitation of a person by means including coercion or deceit for labor services. Labor trafficking victims are often forced into domestic servitude, construction, restaurant, agricultural, massage parlors, or sweatshop factory work with little or no pay.

- Become aware and educate yourself as to the facts and myths of human trafficking.
- Support legislation that holds perpetrators accountable and promotes dignity for victims.
- Support and encourage schools and universities to educate their teachers, counselors, health providers and staff about this topic.

Victims of human trafficking seldom report and often do not self-identify as victims. If you suspect that someone is a victim of human trafficking or if you have information about a potential trafficking situation, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733). To learn more about human trafficking and how you can help, visit www.FightHumanTraffickingSD.com.



23rd Annual University City Neighborhood Garage Sale – Saturday, June 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

“If you aren’t using it, let someone else enjoy it!”

It is a great day to BUY or SELL!! Here is a wonderful chance to get your closets and garage cleared out. In previous years over 100 homes have participated in this gigantic event. As always, there will be sales throughout south UC. Signage, ads and maps are provided by Coldwell Banker, at no cost. Maps with addresses will be at Golden Donut, in the Von’s Center, and Starbucks, in the Sprouts Center, by 7:00am on June 6. Feel free to gather your neighbors and have a multi-family sale. It is fun, profitable and free to participate. The deadline to be on the map is June 3. To join or for more details, call 858-775-1239 or your neighborhood Coldwell Banker agent.



New Rec Center Director is Welcomed with a \$3,500 Donation

Natashia Pierre, UC's new Standley Park Rec. Center Director, is shown above accepting a check in the amount of \$3,500 from Scripps Health representative Janice Collins. The very generous donation from Scripps Health will be used to support the Summer Concerts in the Park. Stop by the Rec Center and welcome Natashia to our very giving neighborhood.



Summer Concerts Schedule

Sunday, July 12 – Forecast – Jazz Fusion (Greg Pardue)

Sunday, July 19 – Riff tide - Classic Rock & Top 40 (Jill Harvey)

Sunday, July 26 – Chini & Camberos - Latin/Flamenco/Jazz-Rock Fusion

Sunday, August 2 – Relative Minors & Friends - Oldies (Greg Zinser)

Sunday, August 9 – Swamp Critters - Cajun

Sunday, August 16 – Nitro Express - Country

Friday, August 21 - Teaser - Arena Rock (Rick Kern)

Friday, August 28 – Legends – 50's & 60's Oldies

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27th Annual 4th of July UC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Event Date: Saturday July 4, 2015
Location: Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive
Event Time: 8:00am to 7:00pm

- 1 MILE FUN + 5K RUN: 8:00am (Registration 6:30 -7:30am)
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST: 8:30 – 10:00am
- BIKE/PET PARADE: 10:30am
- (Accompanying Music by Standley Middle School Band)
- PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT: 12noon (Register 10:30–11:45am)
- POLYNESIAN DANCE: 12noon – 1:00pm
- FAMILY FIELD GAMES: 12noon – 4:00pm
- FREE SWIM: 12noon – 4:00pm
- CANNON BALL CONTEST: 2:00 – 2:30pm
- FESTIVAL BOOTHS: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Music and Entertainment by:

Don Mitschele, and Josh D'Amigo (daytime)

“True Stories” Featuring David Fleminger (5:00-7:00pm)

ROCK WALL * DUNK TANK * INFLATABLES * BOOK BARN *
GAMES * FOOD * SHOPPING * ENTERTAINMENT * SERVICE
VENDORS * BEER GARDEN * FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK (PANCAKE
BREAKFAST PROVIDED FOR ENTRANTS)

FREE TROLLEY PICK UP & DROP OFF ALONG GOVERNOR
DRIVE FROM 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM

To Volunteer: George Odero: Godero@goreadusa.org
For Booth Space Info or to Make a Donation: Terry Jones
T17Jones@roadrunner.com

The next General Meeting for the UC 4th of July Celebration Committee is Wednesday, June 17, 6:30pm at Standley Park Recreation Center. Please come and join us in planning and participating in this year's 27th Annual 4th of July Celebration. All are welcome and we can certainly find apposition for you!



**RESTAURANT
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4th of July Celebration Fundraiser
June 15-17, 11:00am to 9:00pm at BJ's Restaurant,
8873 Villa La Jolla Drive
15% of Food Sales donated to the Celebration

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family, friends and neighbors.

Get a flyer at www.universitycitynews.org.
Valid for dine in or take out only. Not valid towards alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials.



Events for Adults/Seniors

Qi Gong - Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for

any age and health condition.

Adult Yoga - Every Tuesday @ 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.

Chair Sit Yoga - Tuesday June 2 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Get fit where you sit! Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair or standing using a chair for support.

Zzymzzy Concert - Tuesday June 9 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM. The Zzymzzy (Rhymes with Whimsy) Quartet plays unamplified, melodic, swinging, dreamy, full of sly surprise music from the Prohibition through the Second Big War, the glory days of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.

Caring for Alzheimer's - Thursday June 11 @ 2:00 PM. Join local TV personality, former caregiver and Alzheimer's educator Kristen Cusato for a discussion about how to better communicate and support your loved ones with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

Accordion Club - Saturday June 13 @ 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Second Saturdays.

Presidential Trivia - Thursday June 18 @ 2:00 PM. Quizmaster and language columnist Richard Lederer will offer a treasury of insights into the feats, fates, families, foibles, and firsts of our American presidents.

UC Community Library on Governor June Event Highlights 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-552-1655 | sandiegolibrary.org

UC Book Club - Wednesday June 24 @ 2:00 PM. The Book Club will be discussing Lisa Genova's *Still Alice*, a novel about Alice Howland who suffers early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

California-Friendly Landscape Class - Saturday June 27 @ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This class introduces a holistic approach to landscape design and maintenance that emphasizes water-use efficiency. To enroll, please e-mail CCatapia@sandiego.gov. For more information please call 619-533-7485

Events for Children

Preschool StoryTime for Kids - Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Join us for stories crafts finger plays and songs.

Makerspace Craft Station - All week long (Monday - Saturday). A craft station is available in the Children's Area during library hours with a different craft each week.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Kendama Club - Every Wednesday @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Kendama is a traditional Japanese toy which consists of a ken (sword) and tama (ball) connected by a string. Test your skills against others, learn new tricks and just have FUN!!!

Video Game Fridays - Every Friday @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Wii gaming with your friends, get your game on!

Summer Reading Programs

Disney Animated Musical Movie - Friday June 19 and 26 @ 1:00 PM. Join us for a movie and come sing-a-long with your favorite Disney characters. Call for movie titles.

Hullabaloo - Wednesday June 17 @ 2:00 PM. Popular children's musical act, Hullabaloo, will perform tunes that get both kids and parents tapping their toes and clapping along.

Joe Gandelman - Wednesday June 24 @ 2:00 PM. Join us for ventriloquist Joe Gandelman's acclaimed show with his BIG cast of puppets and dummies.

North University City Library June Event Highlights

8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-581-9637 | sandiegolibrary.org

Events for Adults/Seniors

Small Business Assistance - Wednesdays at 11:30 AM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance - Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

ESL Conversation - Wednesdays at 5:00 PM. Improve English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting.

Nutrition Class for Seniors - Thursdays, June 4 through June 25 at 2:00 PM. This series presented by the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank is tailored to senior fitness, health and nutrition. Attendees will receive free recipe cards and bags of fresh produce. For more information or to register, please call Jenna Olson at 866-350-3663 ext. 97

Page Turners Book Club - Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30 PM. The Book Club will be discussing *Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis.

Knit in Public for World Wide Knit in Public Day - Saturday, June 13 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Join in on the largest knitter-run event in the world! Bring your own projects, or help knit a piece for the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library yambombing project.

Cinema Café - Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

Events for Children/Families

Craft Time - Saturdays at 11:30 AM. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

Young Artist Series - Sunday, June 14; Saturdays, June 20 and 27 at 2:00 PM. Young musicians showcase their talents in an informal setting to expose children to the world of music.

Step-Up Theatre - Saturday, June 6 at 2:00 PM. Step-Up Theatre will offer a presentation on bullying.

Cinema Sing-along - Tuesdays (beginning June 9) at 2:00 PM. All ages are invited to our series of sing-along movies.

STEAM 2 Academy - Tuesday, June 9 at 3:30 PM. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

Paws to Read - Monday, June 15 at 4:30 PM. Practice reading out loud to a furry friend! Certified therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash, San Diego Central Chapter.

Music and Movement *NEW!* - Fridays, June 19 & 26 at 11:30 AM. This fun and energetic program is for kids of all ages.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READ TO THE RHYTHM! Online registration begins June 15.

Special programs held Wednesdays at 6:30 PM outside on the West Lawn. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs: June 10 - Hullabaloo; June 17 - Krypton Yvonne; June 24 - The Amazing Dana.

Notes: Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship. You, too, can be a Friend; ask at the Check Out Desk. Please call the libraries to confirm programs. Changes are rare, but may occur. Summer Reading Program June 15 to August 15.



Make a Difference and Read to a Child

Volunteers Needed at Local Elementary Schools

Want to make a difference in the life of a child in University City? Doyle Elementary is looking for reading tutors, for the 2015-16 school year, to work with students who have been identified by their teachers as needing help. Training is available through San Diego County Office of Education at community sites. The tutoring commitment is about 2 hours, one morning a week during the school day, October through May. Materials are provided and you'll be working with the same students each week.

For more information contact cidunlevy@sdcoe.net. For information specific to Doyle, please contact Carol Parham at cparham@gmail.com or (c) 858-864-3141.



CURIE DARE'S TO REUSE UPCYCLED ART

Curie Elementary had a recycle project for Earth Week, including a Dare to Reuse Upcycled Art Contest. Winners from each grade included: Emma, Bird House (above); Haley, Rainbow; Nathan, The Green Surfer (left); Collin, Recycled Magazine Bowl; and Lindsey, Repurposed Shirt bag. Congrats to all the participants; the winners will attend a special pizza lunch with Principal Chris Juarez.



UC Students Win Citywide Essay Contest

By Leila Wopschall, Friends of the UC Branch Library

Fourteen Grand Prize winners and 36 Semi-Finalists of the 18th San Diego Citywide Library Student Essay contest were honored at the Annual Awards Ceremony held in Balboa Park on April 30. Winners were chosen from a total of 949 submitted essays from students attending 49 city schools. The annual contest is sponsored by Friends of the San Diego Public Library, San Diego Public Library, SD Unified Library Media Teachers, and KPBS – One Book One San Diego.

Friends of the University Community Library submitted three essays from the 25 received for judging, one for each grade level (4, 8, and 10). Presentations were made earlier in each classroom to all participants by representatives of the UC Friends. We're very pleased to announce that two students from University City won a Grand Prize in their grade level: Jessie Cao, Spreckels Elementary grade 4, and Ashley Meador, Standley Middle School grade 8. They, along with their families, attended the ceremony and read their winning essays. Each Grand Prize winner took home a laptop computer donated by Computers 2 SD Kids.

Jessy Cao's essay *The Encyclopedia* was written on Topic 2: If all the books in the world were about to disappear, but you could save one, what would it be? And Ashley wrote on the same topic and her essay was titled *World Book Encyclopedia 2015*. The Grand Prize winners are pictured (Jessy above, and Ashley below) with their families and joined by Larry Hoeckelmann, Youth Services Librarian for UC Library.



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The Golden Rule for Data Safety

by Karl Cranford of JK Computer Services

It used to really crush me when someone would come into our store and tell me that their hard drive had crashed and, with tears in their eyes, ask me if any of the photos that they had accumulated over the years could be recovered. Sad to say but in the event of a mechanical failure, for instance the drive not spinning, the chances are slim. If the drive can be disassembled and the platters removed and replaced into a working hard drive body, the proposition, if successful, is EXTREMELY COSTLY. We are talking \$1500 and more depending on the amount of data involved and that is painful for anyone. I used to feel your pain. Not anymore; I'm sharing the Golden Rule for Data Safety.

It is so easy to accumulate large amounts of data in this digital world, which is a good thing, but it is also easy to lose. Trust me on that one. There are many ways to make sure that you are following the Golden Rule for data safety which is this: "Make sure that all of the data that is important to you is kept on TWO SEPARATE PHYSICAL DRIVES." Maybe you don't even really know what data is. No, it is not your Program Files folder, or your Windows folder. It is your assets: Your Documents, Pictures, Desktop, Videos, Music and Favorites.



Assuming that you have located your assets, it's important to see to it that these items are copied, not moved, COPIED to another physical drive. There is a difference between copied and moved. If they're moved they are simply removed from one physical drive and put onto another physical drive. The result is that your stuff is still on one physical drive and in danger of being lost through a hard drive failure. That nifty little external hard drive that you just bought at the computer store that is called a "Backup Hard Drive" is only a backup drive if you COPY the data from your computer's hard drive to the external drive. That means leaving the original data on the computer hard drive and putting a copy of it onto another, in this case your Backup Drive. You'll be following the Golden Rule for Data Safety. Call 858-638-7392 or go to www.jkcomputerservices.com.

UCCA thanks the 33 (and counting) local business which offer discounts and promotions to UCCA members. This month we welcome three additional Buy Local establishments.

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by Elizabeth of ElizabethAnn Photography

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Elizabeth has been a guest photographer for the San Diego Padres, and has taken her camera as high as Mt. Whitney during one of her most memorable hiking treks. She enjoys yoga, running, and creating healthy culinary meals in the kitchen. ElizabethAnn Photography specializes in outdoor photography in and around University City parks, canyons and local beaches. She pays particular attention to detail and feels it is important to communicate and execute photography using creativity, clarity and style. She values the importance of documenting the simplistic and most memorable details of life and looks forward to capturing your story through her lens. Call 619-607-0973 or go to www.elizabethannphotos.com.

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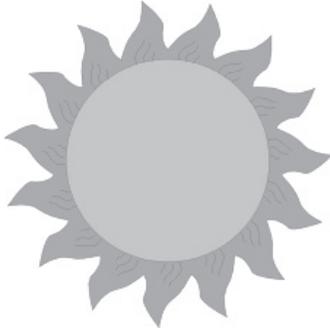
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HOLY SOLAR

By Sandy Lippe

Take a good look at Our Mother of Confidence Church at Regents and Governor. Look heavenly to see 152 solar panels installed on the flat roof, hardly visible from the ground. This is a vanguard project for the Diocese of San Diego. Prior to solar installation, OMC became good stewards of energy under Msgr. Mark Campbell: replacing light bulbs, switches, and fixtures. With the blessing of SDG&E, the parish reduced electrical usage by 20%.

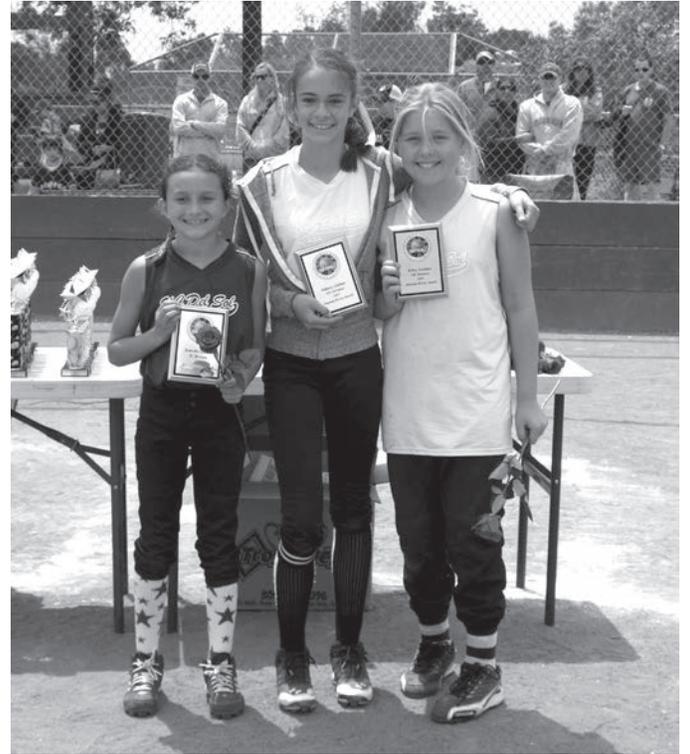
The annual electrical energy use is now estimated to be 89,000kwh, down from 113,000kwh. OMC electrical energy use has been reduced by more than 65% with solar. Based on the current SDG&E rates, this represents a savings of approximately \$10,478 since this system was operational and \$5,827 in the past three months. They expect a positive cash flow in less than five years. John Ohle, facility manager of OMC, would love to share information with interested UC residents. Contact John at johle@OMCsandiego.org



GARDEN CLUB GOES CLASSIC

The UC Garden Club's June meeting will be held Saturday, June 6, between 3:00 and 5:00 pm on the patio of the home of Calvin and Michele Burgart, located at 5415 Sandburg Avenue. The garden is a traditional or classic yard with an extensive lawn, boxwood topiary, carpet roses, giant palm trees, and more. Kim Chapman of Armstrong Gardens Nursery Center on Morena Boulevard will speak about classic gardens, how to successfully plant, grow, and maintain roses, and the secrets to planting and maintaining a container flower garden all of which are on display in the landscaping of the Burgart's home. Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome to come and join the UC Garden Club for a pleasant and informative late afternoon gathering. For more info go to: <http://www.universitycitynews.org/uc-garden-club/>



Winners of the Amanda Rosza Awards presented at UC Del Sol's Closing ceremonies. Photo courtesy Jaime Stoppenhagen.

UC DEL SOL CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The UC Del Sol Fastpitch Softball League thanks everyone for a great season and everyone who made it possible! Congratulations to the Amanda Rosza Award Recipients (see photo above). Established in 1997, the Amanda Rosza Sportsmanship Award is annually presented to one girl in each age division (8U, 10U, and 12U) who excels in the following qualities both on and off the field: sportsmanship, friendship, leadership and citizenship. Closing ceremonies were held April 25, and softball now heads into tournament play.

UC Little League Closing Day

UC Little League's Closing Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 at Standley Park. Starting at 2:00pm, the snack bar opens, the team baskets can be bid upon, vendors will be selling heir wares, and wristbands for the bouncers go on sale. The much anticipated Trophy Ceremony begins at 2:30, where prizes for the Hit-A-Thon will be announced.

The Home Run Derby will begin early at 10:00am at Fort Field (next to Spreckels). Cost is \$10 for Intermediate players through adult. There will also be a special Intermediate Division Tournament of Champions game at Fort Field starting at 5:00pm.

Closing Day will end with a Movie in the Park showing of "The Perfect Game." Come on out and enjoy a family friendly day at the park. For more info: www.ucll.org.

Spreckels Fiesta de Mayo Makes for a Colorful Family Tradition



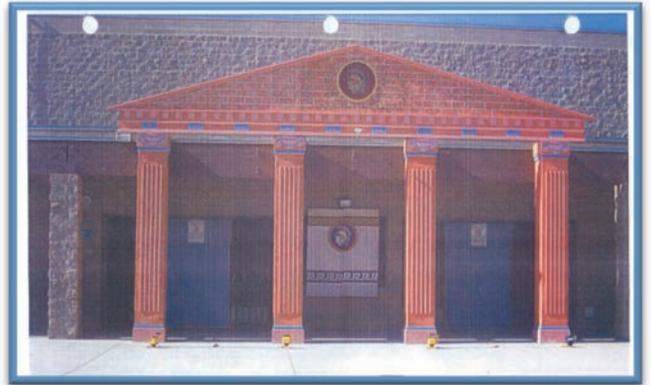
Spreckels Fiesta de Mayo continues to provide UC with a colorful, musical and family friendly event. The annual showcase features dances performed by each grade level: el Jarabe al Tapatio, La Bamba, Mariachi Loco, Peruvian Dance, Las Chapaneacas,

Tinikling (Filipino dance), and No Rompes Mi Corazon. The Spreckels Chorus also performed. Families also played games, and were able to bid on auction items and win raffle prizes. Food trucks were available as well as yummy seasoned corn, baked goods, and Ryan Bros. coffee. The event continues to bring multiple generations and Spreckels alumni together in support of the Bilingual Magnet School.



Another History Lesson: Grad Nite

History provided by Shawn Skillin



Grad Nite was started 24 years ago by UC parents, including Mary Kay Hewitt and Barbara Henshaw, who wanted to provide a safe, sober and fun Grad Nite experience for UCHS seniors. Someone knew a set designer from Sea World who designed the set. The 4x8 foot panels were built and hand painted by parent volunteers. Every year parents of all years, and some from past years, get together over three to four days and build the set, which transforms the gym into a Roman Villa. Money is raised through ticket sales, community donations, the annual garage sale, etc.

Bruce Prince has been a key volunteer for the last 15 years. He along with Glen and Julie Castan, and John and Chris Fikes have come back year after year to help pass on their knowledge on the construction of the set. In recent years, Al Escobedo, the Skillins, and Brad Spitz and Jo Guinn have become regular supporters and volunteers in support of Grad Nite. Continuing this tradition takes a dedicated group of volunteers from all class levels at the high school -- to construct the set, work on Grad Nite itself and take down the set the following day.

UCHS alumni, Chase and Quinn Skillin, both have fond memories of Grad Nite. It differs from Disneyland in that it is the last time they are together with just their UC friends, at their school. Kids are fed all night long, and there are no additional costs at the event. The seniors participate in many varied activities. One of the most popular is the costumes, where the kids "dress up" all night long. There are casino tables, video games, ping pong, foosball, pool, tattoo parlor, wacky hair, wrecking ball, memory lane, photo op, giant jenga, dance floor with DJ, etc. All capped off with a hypnotist.

Another UC tradition brought about by UC parents who saw a need for an event, and made it a reality.



UC's Special Dads...

Future...Andrew Burch

Congratulations to Andrew Burch who has been offered the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award by UC Davis. Andrew grew up in UC. And we know he will become an outstanding future dad, much like his own dad Peter Burch who passed away in 2012. Peter would be proud.



Past...Peter Burch

Peter moved to UC in 1998 at the firm request of his wife Hallie. Peter was a tireless volunteer and was involved with the Genesee Highlands HMO, the UCPG and UCCA, as treasurer and president. At Marcy Park, you will find a water fountain built in his honor for humans and canines, like his dog Barclay. Peter thanked Hallie often for insisting he move to UC. Hallie says "he just loved UC." And UC loved Peter.



Present ... Greg Hom. A San Diego native, Greg moved to UC with his wife, Sharon, in 1993. He has been active in the community mostly through the activities of his three daughters – Jenna, Claire and Julianne. Greg was a board member of the PTA at Spreckels Elementary and currently serves on the PTSA board at UC High School. He is also a board member of EdUCate! and is active with the UCHS Music Boosters. Greg was the first UC resident to be trained as a member of the San Diego Fire Rescue Department Community Emergency Response Team in 2005. Greg has worked his entire professional career in the Golden Triangle area and when he's not at work or out taking photographs (you see many of his photos in UCCA newsletters), he's volunteering on the state and national levels in optometry and public health.

WIEGAND KEEPS ON RUNNING... by

Mark Powell



Robert Wiegand is much more than just a University City Resident. To celebrate his 60th birthday, this stepfather to four adult children, decided to do something unique this year, participate in the "Cactus to Clouds Hike" and the "Palm Springs Tram Road Challenge" both on the same day. The Cactus to Clouds Hike starts in the Palm Springs Desert near sea level, and ends at the top of Mt. San Jacinto, 10,834 feet above sea level. It is one of the hardest hikes in the country. People have died on this trail from heat exhaustion, it harder to breath, and that the weather can change very quickly. The "Palm Springs Tram Road Challenge" is a 6K uphill run/walk. Participants climb 2,000 vertical feet in just over 3.7 miles.

The race is unique, because of the shortness of the race and the dramatic elevation gain. You need to be in extraordinary shape to complete this race. Wiegand stated, "I maybe the only person to have completed the Cactus to Clouds Hike and the Palm Springs Tram Road Challenge Run on the same day. I have always liked to push the physical envelope and thought it would be great to accomplish this at age 60, but I could not have done this without the support of my wife Susie, friends, family and community."

Wiegand grew up in University City and lives in the house he grew up in. His home is 52 years old. It also seems that his athletic abilities rubbed off on his stepchildren: his younger boys played multiple sports through high school and the older girls are both runners.

Bob Ullman Memorial Dedication

The Standley Rec Center will hold a Bob Ullman Dedication Ceremony on June 27, at 11:30am. The Rec Center will be dedicating the Craft Room in remembrance of Bob Ullman. Bob hailed from New York, was a retired fireman, and was a life-long member of the Rec Council. He was a UC Celebration volunteer who took his duties very seriously, especially the important porta-potties set up and monitoring of the parking lot. No one got by Bob unless they were on his list. He appeared to be cranky, but was the sweetest guy in the world, and very devoted to Standley and its activities. Bob was a special dad to two daughters. (Thanks to Sandy Lippe for the background information.)

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If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

At the May 12, meeting of the UC Planning Group, Chair Janay Kruger appointed the applicant to replace Sam Greening. The new member is Isabel Kay, Representative Resident District 2.

Taking the agenda out of order, I will first tell you the news for which many in the South UC neighborhood have been waiting. The Regents Road housing project by Alegria was disapproved in March but they took into account all of the objections of the neighbors, well, except maybe not building at all. Each objection was answered: the 10 two story close houses were reduced to 9 houses with no deviations (front yard width now 50' rather than 40', setback now standard 15' rather than the previous 9'). House #1 closest to Regents Road had the pad lowered by 3' and re-angled away from the house above it on Renault St. with windows well below the pad of the upper house. Also four of the nine houses will give the buyer the option of having a 3-car garage that could help with the lack of parking, and the tile roofs will be replaced with those more in keeping with the neighborhood. The trees originally on the upper slopes will now be at the bottom of the slopes with native shrubs planted on the slopes.

There was still the push to have the city extend the purple pipes from Stanley Park, but so far the city has declined. There was discussion of how the city can really approve the bioswale as "usable" open space when it is planted with *Juncus Patens*, a grass that is 1'-2 ½' tall and not suitable to be walked upon. The developer has also added a paved walking path around the bioswale. The owner of the house above house #1 spoke in favor of the development with the proposed changes. The planning group voted to approve.

We welcomed back Kyle Heiskala as Councilperson Sherri Lightner's spokesman. Kyle was the UCSD student rep and active member of the UCPG for several years. He reminded all of the City water regulations, announced an open meeting to review the city budget on June 8, at 2:00pm at City Hall, and that Sherri is still pushing for a Fast Response Squad in south UC.

Dan Monroe from the City Planning Dept. commented on the amendments to the community plan and the transportation/traffic study (which we reminded him was to be done with existing conditions.) UC is next in line for a complete, updated Community Plan given all the big changes taking place in North UC.

Last month the UCPG had been asked by the Carmel Valley Planning Group to support their opposition to One Paseo. UCPG decided that we did not know all the facts, pros/cons, and changes over the years so instead it was decided to present to the City Council a resolution asking them to listen carefully to the decisions of all planning groups, rather than have them too often overruled by the Planning Commission or the City Council.

The project Manager for Fire Station 50 on Nobel gave an update on the progress and announced a sub committee meeting on design, materials, and elevations.

UCPG chair, Janay Kruger is working on a comprehensive list of all the projects currently on the docket. There are 14 public and 18 private projects that she will detail with start/end dates and send to UCPG members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 6:00pm at the Forum Hall UTC.



Council President Sherri Lightner

During the first week of May, the City Council reviewed the Mayor's FY16 Proposed Budget, and now the "May Revise". Council District One, and University City specifically, will benefit from several items where funding has been either reallocated, continued or newly provided.

Highlights include:

- A Fire-Rescue FAST Response Squad is proposed for South University City
- North Torrey Pines Golf Course Improvements
- Doyle Community Park ADA Upgrades

The May Revise included other items that I was requesting, such as increased recreation center hours and more funding for library materials.

Council members Emerald, Cole and I traveled to Washington, D.C. in late April for a whirlwind business trip with San Diego legislators and industry professionals to advocate for more federal resources for our city. On the trip, we discussed economic development, learned more about Qualified Public Infrastructure Bonds, and discussed International Trade at the Department of Commerce, focusing on trade and export policies that will benefit San Diego.

I was especially keen to talk about cyber-security with the Cybersecurity Industry Group. We discussed how San Diego can become the leader in this field, including assisting in the development of industry-led standards to reduce risks to critical infrastructure.

We also met with Congress members Peters, Davis and Vargas to discuss water policy, public safety, education and infrastructure. We were honored to attend the National Geographic "World's Smart Cities San Diego" premiere at the National Geographic Museum and were presented with an algae surfboard created in conjunction with UCSD.

On Friday, we met with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. The trip concluded with a tour of 18F at the General Services Administration, which builds digital services focused on the interaction between government, people and businesses it serves.

Don't forget to attend the special "Street Safety" meeting that Sherri Lightner's office is coordinating with UCCA to address increasing concerns about traffic safety – auto, bicycle, and pedestrian. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 4:45pm at the South UC Library.



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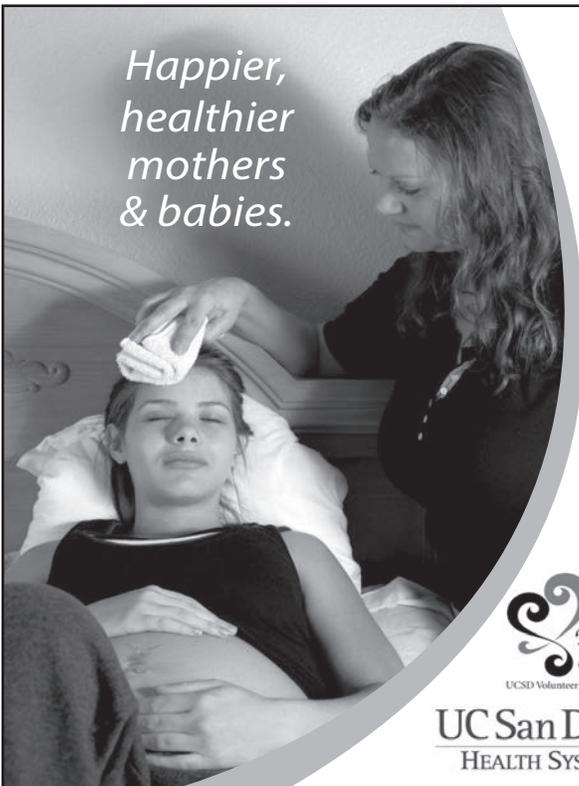
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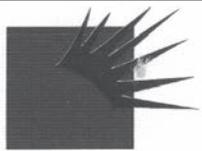
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EdUCate! was honored to receive a special \$2,500 donation in memory of Justine Marocco, the first PTA president of UCHS. The funds will help fund the Math Academy program at Standley Middle School and UCHS, along with over \$20,000 raised at the VIP reception.

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