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UC is Home to Armed Forces Generations



Present:

UC's Susan Davis Promoted to U.S. Army Colonel

Susan Davis (Romito) was promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army last month in a ceremony at the Pentagon attended by family and friends.

Sue was raised and educated in University City. She started her career as a ROTC scholarship recipient at UCLA and attended the Army-Baylor Program in physical Graduate therapy. Her career has included a number of clinical and executive assignments, including a deployment to Iraq in 2004. Her present assignment is serving within the Health Care Delivery Directorate at the office of the Surgeon General in Falls Church, VA. Her follow on assignment will be as the Deputy Corps Chief for the Army Medical Specialists Corps.

She is mom to Mitchell, 14, and Shelby, 12, and married to LTC (retired) Kent Davis. Her mother Diane Romito still lives in UC. Susan's comment was that "It takes more than a village to build a colonel" in thanking everyone for their support.

Past:



WWII Vet: William Kehayias

The 89-year old WWII veteran lives in one of UC's senior apartments. Kehayias flew 40 missions over the Pacific Ocean as a tailgunner in a B-24 Liberator. Thanks to all vets for their service to our country.

Future: UCHS JROTC Serves Community



Our future is in good hands if our UCHS JROTC students continue on to serve in the Armed Forces. They are already giving back to the community, including providing valuable volunteer services during the UC Spirit Run. Pictured are JROTC members Austin Nelson and Michael Siironen (whose father currently serves). Their club motto is to promote patriotism, teamwork, and community service. And we thank them.



Cinco de Mayo Tuesday, May 5

Mother's Day Sunday, May 10

People for a Clean UC Sunday, May 10, 7:45am

Sunday, May 10, 7:45am Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr.

> UC Planning Group Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 pm Forum Hall at UTC

UCCA Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 pm UC Library

> Armed Forces Day Saturday, May 16

UC Celebration Committee Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm Standley Park Rec. Center

> Memorial Day Monday, May 25

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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- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
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- Name the file appropriately so it can be identified.
- Attach photos separately in a picture format at high resolution or straight from camera as a jpeg or png.
- Send to UCCAEditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

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UCCA President Barry Bernstein's Column

*(Breaking News-Mayor Faulconer has included a "fast response" fire/emt unit for South University City in his proposed city budget)

It's May and time for each of us to celebrate Mother's Day! We're still hopeful for some spring rain but it remains very dry in San Diego and I hope everyone

is doing their best in following appropriate water use protocol.

On April 13th San Diego City Schools and "Imagine UC 2020" held their second community meeting to explain the anticipated specific proposed improvements for our five public schools based on Prop. S and Z funds. The second half of the meeting was focusing on the development of four "action" committees. They include an Aquatics Center, Running/walking path, Performance/activity Pavilion, and general street/aesthetic improvements), all in an effort to support "Imagine UC 2020. See article on page 13.

EdUCate will have their 21st "Taste of the Triangle" event on May 2, and U.C. High held it's 2nd Annual 5K Fun-Run fundraiser in late April. Our community library will be announcing who will be the new head librarian later this month. At Standley Park Rec...the new director is Natashia Pierre. Northern Division SDPD has a new Captain...it's Capt. Mark Hanten...and finally, Fire Battalion Chief David Connor is joining the crew at station #35, along with current battalion fire chiefs Craig Newell and Tricia Pollett. Welcome to U.C. and congratulations to all!

At the April UCPG meeting, (University Community Planning Group), it was disclosed that although its board members voted AGAINST a Costa Verde Shopping Mall upgrade/enlargement at this time, (additional traffic on Genesee concern), the City's Planning Commission overruled and approved the Costa Verde team to proceed with initial exploratory planning. See article on page 13.

Our UCCA beautification committee, in coordination with the city's "code compliance" division will be "gently" reminding homeowners/residents of their responsibility to maintain their yards/streets. There are unfortunately some very visible examples of this type of neglect on and near Governor Drive. Let's all do our part in maintaining our properties.

And finally, if you're one of those who may have forgotten or maybe just too busy, please think again about enclosing a check or a twenty dollar bill, (ALONG WITH YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION), in the mail today while you're reading this column. I would hope that all University City residents would support and appreciate what our volunteer organization does...after all, "we're more than just a neighborhood"

EDITOR'S NOTES...

By Jemma Samala



I love traditions, and in April I continued my second annual UC Spirit Run tradition of coming in dead last. With my friend Gigi Esguerra (Marie Webber couldn't walk due to injury), we make up the rear, because we need to make sure everyone else is safe. Good reason right.

UC is the perfect neighborhood for traditions created by the community. This month we will have the 21st Taste of the Triangle, which has become a UC must do. I'm saying that too because I'm chair and want

everyone to come enjoy with us. The rest of the year brings us the 4th of July Celebration, the Banana Split Day in August, Oktoberfest in, well October of course. The UC Spirit Run is the newest tradition for our UC community, and I will gladly take up the rear with my friends for many years to come.

Then there's Mother's Day. Last year, I took my lovely mom Lita to a delightful afternoon tea. I plan to continue that tradition. If you don't have a Mother's Day event, maybe this will be the year to start one. We've included a few special moms in this issue. And a "mom" can be anyone who looks after you, gives you solicited or unsolicited advice, feeds you, picks up after you, gives you big hugs, and generally takes care of you. UC is fortunate to have many moms who care not only for their own kids, but the community overall. It is true that it takes a village, and the UC mamas know how to run this village. Happy Mother's Day to all the UC Mamas!

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The Class of 2015 Grad Nite Celebration is next month away...can you believe it?

By Michele Hagstrom

Now, it's time that the Grad Nite committee gets busy with their efforts to make sure this event is the best it can be. The committee is looking for cash donations, gift cards from families, to be able to give out as prizes the evening of Grad Nite.

If you have any lying around your purse/house and would like to re-gift, we would love to take them off your hands. If you prefer to purchase them, please get amounts between \$5 and \$25 for each card. (Starbucks, Subway, Gas Cards, Best Buy, Staples, Office Depot, Target, Kohl's, Cold Stone, Movies, etc.) Please bring them to the high school and put them in the mailbox across from the attendance office.



The Grad Nite Committee will be having their ANNUAL GARAGE SALE, May 16 from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon, at 4376 Mt. Jeffers Avenue, SD 92117. Please start saving all your valuables that you would like to donate. Also note that we need items that are in good condition to sell with all the pieces attached. This makes the set up committee's job run a lot smoother. You can drop off items the week of the event. The committee will also need volunteers to help sort and organize the items for the garage sale the week of the event.

SHOE DRIVE

The committee is also collecting shoes. Bag up all unwanted gently used shoes! Tennis shoes, casual shoes, dress shoes, boots, cleats, soccer shoes and any other type of shoes that are in a wearable condition. Shoes must be in pairs, no single shoes accepted. You can tie, rubber band or buckle them together, please do not tape.

PLEASE BRING SHOES TO: UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL In the Front Office in the Blue Bin until May 15. The goal is to collect 2,000 pounds of shoes!

For more information about the UCHS Grad Nite, or a donation pick-up, contact: Michele Hagstrom, 619.851.4464 or email at thehags4@yahoo.com. All donations to Grad Nite are tax-deductible, which is a project of the UCHS PTSA.



Introducing Captain
Mark Hanten: How a
white water rafting guide
ended up as the police
captain of Northern Division
in San Diego

by Barbara Gellman

Growing up in south Oregon, Capt. Hanten spent summers guiding tourists down the

challenging waters of the Rogue River as part of his family's business.

While pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature at the University of Washington in Seattle, he was part of the crew team; in both cases, he learned the importance of teamwork.

In 1989, he moved to San Diego to accept a position with the San Diego police department Central Division and earned a Master of Public Administration degree from National University. The majority of his police training was in conjunction with training programs approved through the State of California's Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). Capt. Hanten was recently promoted and has been assigned as the Captain of Northern Division to replace Capt. Jerry Hara who was assigned to the department's Operational Support Division.

Areas of expertise and excellence include the SWAT team, managing the police helicopter unit, heading the special events unit and leadership development. As a firm believer in mentoring, training and communication, he is passionate about recruiting young people into law enforcement.

What's in it for us? Capt. Hanten is looking forward to getting to know the community and its challenges and continuing successful programs such as Neighborhood Watch. "We can't police what we can't see" and that's where residents become partners with the police in reporting and preventing crimes.

Police Catch A Prolific Burglar By Officer Larry Hesslegesser

A very special thanks to an alert neighbor in the 4600 block of Edison St. in Clairemont. Northern Officers were able to catch a burglary suspect in the act. The burglar who is a juvenile admitted to being involved in over a hundred burglaries, where his main target is guns that he sells on the street. The neighbor spotted the male who looked suspicious pacing the street in front of the house he eventually broke into from his balcony. He watched the suspect until he saw him walk to the side of the house and disappear. A call to 911 was made and officers arrived within minutes and set up a perimeter on the house in question. A short time later the suspect emerged from the rear window he broke into with two guns he just stole from the residence. The suspect was taken into custody without incident keeping these guns out of the hands of the wrong people. This was a perfect example of how important Neighborhood Watch is and how you can help. Be alert, know your neighbors and call when something isn't right.

DO YOU SEE THIS SIGN POSTED ON YOUR STREET?



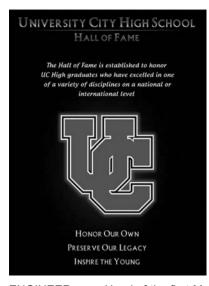
If interested in crime prevention, please contact Barbara Gellman to find out how; don't wait for someone else to do it. Step up to the plate and email: bggellman@yahoo.com. Be a part of Neighborhood Watch and help become a crime stopper on your street.

Want to keep updated on crime in the neighborhood? Go to www.crimemapping.com. The portal helps provide the public with information about crime activity by neighborhood. Their goal is to assist police departments in reducing crime by having a more informed citizenry.



DON'T BE A FIRE STATISTIC...

A local U.C. family became a statistic when their clothes dryer was consumed by fire because of a buildup of lint in the exhaust duct. According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there are 15,000 dryer fires a year in the United States. Cleaning out that duct is critical. It will save you from increased gas utility costs from restricted airflow and longer drying times. You can avoid damage to expensive clothing. Overheating could result in a dryer fire with dangerous fumes impacting your health and costing you thousands of dollars from smoke damage to your home.



University City High School -Hall of Fame

Since 2011 the Hall of Fame Committee of University City High School has been working to identify and honor UCHS graduates who have distinguished themselves on a national or international scale.

To date nine stellar individuals have been identified and inducted, and are:

ENGINEER Head of the first Mars Rover Mission

ATHLETE Three time Olympic Gold Medalist

PILOT Blue Angels -Navy Pilot

ATHLETE International Basketball star

MUSICIAN Tony Award winner

ATHLETE National Champion/Olympic Softball star

MUSICIAN Grammy Award winner

ATHLETE Professional Football star

LEADER International Award winning USN Officer

If you know of a Centurion who might meet the qualifications and should be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, please contact us. For more info go to: www.universitycityhigh.org and click on the Centurion Foundation tab, athletics & clubs tab, and then Hall of Fame.

UPCOMING SCHOOL FESTIVALS

20th International Festival at Doyle Elementary

Doyle Elementary is hosting its Annual International Festival on Friday, May 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Join us on the school's grass field and blacktop for multicultural performances and booths representing a variety of countries. The performances will begin at 5:00 pm. and the booths will be open during the entire festival. This exciting event is free to the public. Food trucks will be available for purchasing tasty dinners and desserts.

Spreckels Elementary Fiesta de Mayo

The Spreckels Fiesta de Mayo will be on Wednesday, May 20 from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The annual fiesta showcases all grades and classes through dance and music presentations. Fun activities are available for the entire family, food trucks will offering tasty treats in the parking lot, and make sure to visit the tasty bake sale.



BIKE TO WORK DAY

By Sharon Goodis

Bike to Work Day 2015 is on Friday, May 15. Join thousands of riders across the San Diego region and stop by one or several of the more than 90 pit stops that will be conveniently located throughout the county on Bike to Work Day. Pick up a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt and refuel with free snacks and plenty of encouragement. Visit the Bike to Work website for pit stop updates and to find all the pit stops on your commute route. For more information about Bike to Work Day, visit www.icommutesd.com or call 511 and say "iCommute." Ride Safe.



Drought Alert: Mandatory Water Use Restrictions

Last year, the City of San Diego enacted its Drought Alert mandatory water use restrictions in response to serious drought conditions statewide. In order to conserve this most precious resource, follow these water conservation measures:

- Limit outdoor watering days and times
- Water only during the late evening or early morning hours
- · Eliminate runoff from irrigation systems
- · Repair all leaks within 72 hours
- Turn off water fountains and other water features unless they use recycled water
- Use hoses with shut-off valves for washing cars (or patronizing commercial car washes that re-circulate water)
- Serve water to restaurant patrons only on request
- Install low flow toilets, shower heads and faucets
- Limit showers to 5 minutes or less
- Save and use 'warm-up' water for garden plants
- Refrain from using a running hose to clean patios, sidewalks and windows.

To review other Drought Alert restrictions, designed to reduce water consumption in these types of severe drought conditions, visit the City's Waste No Water website at http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

DISCOVER YOUR NEXT CHAPTE

UC Community Library on Governor May Event Highlights

4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-552-1655 | sandiegolibrary.org

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

Zumba Gold for Special Needs and Beginners - Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Led by Lis Garces a licensed Zumba® instructor since 2007. Lis is the Founder and Director of the Juan Carlos Organization which provides dance therapy exercise for the Special Needs

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

Chair Sit Yoga - Tuesday May 5 and 19 @ 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.

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

Guitar Concert - Tuesday May 19 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Come listen to Soran Dalawi play music from Spain and Paraguay on the guitar. This program is supported by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to SDSU's Heartpower Performances. UC Book Club - Wednesday May 20 @ 2:00 PM. The UC Book Club will be discussing Haven Kimmel's A Girl Named Zippy. When Haven Kimmel was born in 1965, Mooreland, Indiana, was a sleepy little hamlet of three hundred people.

Capture the Memory - Thursday May 21 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. A unique way for adults to express their special memories by the process of creating your own "book structure." All materials provided. Maximum participants: 20. Sign up at 858-552-1655.

Scrabble Club - Saturday May 30

@12:00 - 3:00 PM. All welcome! Bring your own board and meet new

Events for Children/Families

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

Literature Comes to Life - Wednesday May 20 @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Children learn to love literature as they become storybook characters, and participate in living fairy tales and stories with program director Stacy Wein.

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!

North University City Library May Event Highlights

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

Events for Adults/Seniors

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

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

Gentle Yoga - Fridays @ 10:00AM. Learn basic yoga techniques, perfect for beginners, expectant mothers, seniors and persons with disabilities. Please bring your own mat.

Knitters' Circle - Thursday, May 2 and 16 @ 1:00 PM. Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome. Basic instruction is

Concert: The Swingin' with Dean Show - Sunday, May 3 @ 3:00 PM. Swing, Big Band, Jazz Standards, Blues, Rock, and Soul hits of Great American Artists from the '40s - '70s.

Page Turners Book Club - Wednesday, May 13 @ 5:30 PM. The Book Club will be discussing Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks. Memories in the Making® - Monday, May 18 @ 11:00AM. A unique program for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to express themselves through art. Through the creative process of watercolor painting, participants are able to communicate, offering us the essence of themselves.

Cinema Café - Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

Nutrition Class for Seniors - Thursdays, May 21 through June 25 @ 2:00 PM. This six-week 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, call Jenna Olson at 866-350-3663 ext. 97.

Identity Theft Workshop - Friday, May 29 @ 11:30 AM. Presented by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins' office and District Attorney's office.

Events for Children/Families

Homework Help - Tuesdays at 5:30 PM; Thursdays at 4:00 PM. Basic homework help for all grades and subjects.

Craft Time - Saturdays, May 2, 16 and 23 @ 11:45AM. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

Young Artist Series - Saturdays, May 2 & 23; Sunday, May 10 @ 2:00 PM. Local young musicians showcase their talents in an informal, interactive setting designed to expose children to the world of music. Music Makers - Monday, May 4 @ 10:00 AM. Toddlers and preschoolers explore different aspects of music and learn to express themselves creatively in a fun, energetic environment. Recommended for ages 2 to 5. PLEASE NOTE: Due to the popularity of this program, Music Makers will be closed to arrivals once our room is at capacity,

OR 5 minutes after start of program. Drop-in Craft for Children's Day - Tuesday, May 5. Celebrate this traditional Japanese holiday by making a carp! Supplies provided. Yoga Storytime (formerly Family Yoga) - Monday, May 11 @ 10:30

AM. Stretch both your body and your mind in this unique program that combines stories, songs and simple yoga poses. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding. Please bring your own mat.

STEAM 2 Academy - Tuesday, May 12 @ 3:30 PM. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

Paws to Read - Monday, May 18 @ 4:30 PM. Practice reading out loud to a furry friend! Certified therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash, San Diego Central Chapter.

Storytimes:

English - Thursdays @ 10:30 AM French – Thursdays @ 11:15 AM Sign Language - Thursday, May 14 @ 12 noon

Note: 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 library to confirm any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. All public libraries will be CLOSED May 25, Memorial Day.



2015 27th July 4th UC Community Celebration Event

Mark your calendar: 27th Annual University City Community July 4th
Celebration is around the corner.

University City Community Celebration Committee volunteers are excited to remind the community that we are working tenaciously to finalize arrangements for the 27th annual July 4th community celebration event.

1Mile / **5K Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast:** 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 is now open, register, 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 rentals: Vendor booth rental is open and booth spaces are going fast so act now by contacting our booth rental coordinator; Terry Jones by email at T17Jones@roadrunner.com to request 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 before other vendors providing similar food. We also remind food vendors to secure off site food permit from San Diego county Department of health services.

Volunteers Needed: We are actively seeking volunteers for activities on the day of event. These volunteers will work two-hour shifts in assigned event activity. Families with willing young volunteers under age 16 are welcome to participate together with their parents or older siblings. Activities where volunteers will be needed include; Bike and pet parade, inflatable jumpers, Rockwall climbing, Dunk tank, obstacle course, parking lot attendance and various field games.

Beer Ban Volunteers and Training: Beer barn volunteers must be 21 years old and must attend the mandatory one hour (approximately) training on Saturday June 27, 2015 at Standley recreation Center from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Pizza snack will be served to the Beer Barn training attendees.

Book Barn: Book donations are needed, especially children's books. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, manuals, or tapes of any kind. Deliver book donations on July 3rd at Standley Rec. Center, or bring anytime to 4315 Huggins Street.

Feel free to contact us by emailing UCCC Chairperson George Odero your question, suggestion or willingness to volunteer at Godero@goreadusa.org.



What is "The Nature of Love?"

The La Jolla Renaissance Singers (LJRS) will explore this question in a concert at University City United Church on May 17, at 7 PM.

The LJRS do almost all of our concerts "a-cappella"; this term means music for voices alone, without accompaniment. A-cappella means "In the manner of the chapel," in Italian. Originally referring to church music, by the Renaissance a-cappella music was both sacred and profane. This program will feature music from across the ages from the Renaissance forward that discusses various aspects of the timeless topic of love.

This program will be done in the Sanctuary at University City United Church, 2877 Governor Drive, starting at 7:00 pm on Sunday, May 17. The public is invited to come and enjoy the program! There will be a free-will offering taken.



Brown Bag Opera

On May 24, Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church will offer, in The Brown Bag Opera Series: Lucia Di Lammermoor, starting at 12:00 noon. Composer is Gaetano Donizettu, Librettist Salvatore Cammarano, with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus. Star soprano Anna Netrebko adds Donizetti's hapless

heroine to her growing list of Met triumphs in this production by Mary Zimmerman that updates the events to the 19th century. Rising young tenor sensation Piotr Beczala is Edgardo and Mariusz Kwiecien plays Lucia's brother Enrico whose brutal authority forces her to deny her heart and marry for the sake of her family. The famous mad scene brilliantly depicts the cascading fragments of Lucia's disintegrating mind.

You are invited to bring a sack lunch, snacks, and your beverage of choice and come enjoy an afternoon of great music drama. It will run about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. This is OMC's gift to UC. No prior registration is required.

THANK YOU!

Buy Local Business Briefs

UCCA thanks the 30 (and counting) local business owners/operators who offer discounts and promotions to UCCA members. To view current Buy Local specials for UCCA members, visit the UCCA website at www.universitycitynews.org Buy Local page.

- AlphaGraphics on Governor, Scott Weathers
- Better Than Home Placement, Merle Berman
- Chabad Center of UC
- ComForcare Home Care
- Craft Pizza Company at UTC
- Create-A-Design Inside CLONE
- Cycle Quest
- Dance Hula Fitness
- Diane Medina, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty
- ElizabethAnn Photography
- Fine Art in Copper
- Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services
- Hewitt WaterShapes
- JK Computer Services
- Kelly Johnson Fitness
- Klassen Painting
- Lori Miller Homes, First Choice Properties

- Lorna's Italian
 Kitchen
- Mark Powell, Discovery Property Group
- Outcast Grill
- Reiki For Wellness
- Remcon Design Build
- Roberts Carpets Cleaning
- Round Table Pizza on Governor
- Save Their Story Video Biographies
- Steve Gray, Gray Loan Team, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- STUDIO A SALON
- Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties
- UCSolarClub.org
- Unitive Consulting Conflict Resolution and Performance Coach

Why support our local businesses? Because they help to make University City more than a neighborhood. This month, we profile several Buy Local participants.



ComForcare Home Care – San Diego/ La Jolla: Finding it a challenge to manage on your own? Not interested in moving in with family or an assisted living community? Well, there's a solution right in your neighborhood. Serving the metro San Diego area since 2004, ComForcare provides trained, background checked and insured caregivers to help you stay at home and live independently. They are one of the premier providers of care giving services in the country.

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Congressman Scott Peters (CA-52)

An affordable higher education for every American willing to work for it is central to ensuring future generations can achieve the American Dream and is directly tied to our nation's ability to compete in the global economy. I would not have been able to attend college without student loans and work study programs opening the door for me. We should be making it easier and more affordable for

students to go to college, not pushing it financially out of reach for more and more families.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank, the average student loan debt burden for students under 30 has grown steadily since 2005. The average debt for a 2014 graduate was \$33,000. Student loan debt is preventing a young person from making major purchases like buying a home or new car, or starting a family, all of which is hampering economic growth.

That's why I introduced the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Act last month. My bill encourages employer-employee matching programs to repay student loans, much like a 401K plan, by creating a tax deduction for student loan payments made as part of a repayment agreement between an employer and employee. Contributions to student loan repayments would not be subject to either income tax or payroll tax. This legislation will help speed up the repayment process so that young people can get their lives started and don't emerge from college with mountains of crushing loan debt. For more info, go to: scottpeters.house.gov, or call my office at 858-455-5550.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A MODERN DAY SLAVE TRADE

A Public Forum on the disturbing reality of human trafficking in San Diego will be held in University City at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive on Monday, May 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All are invited. Human trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year global industry while San Diego ranks nine nationwide in top destination areas. According to the San Diego County Office of the District Attorney human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where perpetrators profit from the sexual exploitation and forced labor of men, women and children. It is an extreme violation of basic human rights.

A panel discussion with Q&A from the audience includes Chief Deputy District Attorney Summer Stephan, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Carolyn Caietti, Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Juan Jacobo, Public Defender Marian Gaston and Marisa Ugarte from the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition.

The forum will begin with a short film clip highlighting a human trafficking survivor. Light refreshments will be served before and after the event, there is no fee. Please come to listen, learn, discuss solutions and get involved. For further information contact Rob Moscato at ucwatch76@yahoo.com or call 858-453-0222.



City Council President Sherri Lightner

First off, I'd like to say Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. I myself am a mom, and in my entire career, it's the best job I've ever had.

Regarding City business, the Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget has been released, and I'm optimistic about the City's improving financial health. After years of sacrifices on the part of our residents and city staff, it's encouraging to see a budget that provides essential services and restores city programs.

I am especially pleased about the focus on public safety, including the addition of fire and police academies, police compensation and equipment, as well as more fire stations and FAST response squads, including one in South University City. As expected, there is an emphasis on infrastructure needs such as streetlights, sidewalks, tree maintenance, brush management, code compliance and graffiti abatement. These investments improve our communities and quality of life.

There is a focus on restored and expanded recreation center and library hours, teen programs, and Connect2Careers. All these programs benefit our local families, and foster an emerging workforce. I'd like to thank all the residents who have contacted the City to communicate their priorities, and I encourage you to continue to do so. Please see the City's website at www.sandiego.gov/cityclerk for upcoming Budget Hearings and information.

As you may know, we are currently in a drought condition. I believe that San Diego needs to consider multiple solutions to reduce our water usage and ensure a lasting water supply; no one solution is the answer. Water is too important to our economy and quality of life to not pursue all options to secure an affordable and reliable water supply in the face of this continuing drought. The State and the City have put several mandatory water savings measures in place, which apply to ALL City of San Diego water customers (residents and businesses). For more information please see the City's webpage on Drought Alert Restrictions. You can also take advantage of several new Water Saving Rebate Programs by visiting the City' Water Conservation Website.



Anne Banet: Raising UC's Kids for Three Decades

by Nancy Beattie

When the editor sent out a request for outstanding mom nominations, I immediately thought of Anne Banet. When it comes to mothering, Anne is a goddess! For three decades, Anne helped raise many UC kids along with her own.

Anne's entry into the day care business was not her ultimate dream; it was a necessity. Anne and Tony were a happily married nurse and child psychologist, raising their six kids as well as an adopted child. When Joey, their youngest, was just two years old, Tony had his first heart attack. Other attacks followed, and Tony was not expected to live. Anne and the doctors refused to give up on him, and eventually he became well enough to come back home. His career was over, and Anne became his caregiver as well as his wife. She was now a single mother with seven kids and a disabled husband.

The family moved from La Jolla to UC, and Anne opened her home to more children. The Banet's home was very short walk from what was then Marcy Elementary School. Joey says he thought he was the most popular kid in school because so many kids came to his house after school. Anne treated each child with love and respect, and demanded that the children treat each other with respect as well. She always did a little more than one would expect. No baby was dumped in a crib with a bottle at naptime; each was rocked to sleep. Each child's birthday was celebrated. There were craft projects. Every morning she would get up and prepare a big fruit salad for healthy snacking.

Having a houseful of other people's children didn't mean that Anne neglected her own. Every one of them was involved in sports and other activities. And every one graduated from college, with degrees from the University of California system.

Many of the parents and children whose lives were touched by Anne still maintain relationships with her. It makes her especially happy when "her" kids stop by with their own kids. She maintains that all of them are like family and keeps them in her daily prayers and in her heart.

No tribute to mothers would be complete without acknowledging Anne's contribution to the parents and children of University City.

Joan Holtz was a Tireless Volunteer



The UCCA was saddened to hear about the passing of Joan Holtz this past month. Holtz was a proud supporter of UCCA and was committed to her volunteer work for various activities, including UC celebrations.

Joan was a part of the first ten years of the UC Celebration and was very supportive when the event was resurrected. Sandy Lippe recalls that "she was a go to gal who always came through, with a smile. She never turned me down when I asked for help. A true worker bee."

The UC community will surely miss this mom.

Carol Parham was recommended by Venkat Sethuraman to be honored in our special Mother's Day section. Venkat says that Carol is "a tireless servant of the community. She serves in the Standley Recreation Council and was instrumental in bringing the upcoming Children's play area in UC Village. It's the result of her dedicated work for years. She is a former teacher, a mom and a grandma. As a comember of the recreation council, I know for a fact that not a single grammatical error, a typo or name-spelt-wrong will filter out of her review. I wish her well and many more years of service and I look forward to taking my daughter to play in the upcoming play area."

Happy Mother's Day to all the UC Moms: Past, Present and Future. The UC Village would not be such a great place to raise families without all of your time and dedication in caring for all children in the community.



Justíne Marocco Leaves a Legacy

Justine Marocco passed away peacefully on Friday, April 17 in University City. A lifelong champion for education, Justine received her B.A. in Mathematics and her Masters in Education from Syracuse University,

and went on to teach high school math for ten years in upstate New York. She later married John Marocco, who died in 1982.

At Justine's urging, the couple left the frozen wilds of upstate New York for sunny San Diego in 1967 and went on to raise four beloved children—Andrea, Claire, Felice, and Jim—in University City. Justine had a wide circle of dear friends, many of whom she met at the Newcomers Club of San Diego, where she once served as President of the UC chapter. Beginning in 1988 and continuing until just last year, Justine would get together once a month with many of her "TGIF" friends.

Justine loved living in San Diego, and her devotion to her children was matched only by her dedication to the community. She worked as a teacher's aide in Special Ed. for Standley Middle School and La Jolla H.S., and served as UCHS's first PTA president. A prolific volunteer throughout her life, she was active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Backyard Swim, University City Little League, and contributed countless hours of her time to the Marcy Elementary library. She was a proud member of the American Association of University Women, Tech Trek (a STEM program for 8th grade girls), and a loyal volunteer poll worker at her voting booth each year. A devout Catholic, Justine faithfully attended weekly mass at Our Mother of Confidence.



Her post-retirement years were filled with the joys of traveling and cruising with friends, reading mystery novels, playing a fierce game of bridge, and being the most loving and devoted grandmother to her eleven grandchildren, in whose accomplishments she took great delight. A straight shooter who was pragmatic, funny, loyal, and passionate about her family and friends, Justine and her razor-sharp wit will be greatly missed.

To honor her dedication to education and her love for the University City community, please direct any donations to: EdUCate!, 3268 Governor Drive, PMB 154, San Diego, CA 92122 or www.uc-educate.org.

Super Mom Dawn Yandel Organizes Successful Memorial Softball Tournament

Dawn Yandel is one of those women who has dedicated her spare time to helping the University City community thrive. She has spent many years as a volunteer for community organizations such as the Standley Rec. Council, UC Little League, Centurion Foundation, and EdUCate! Besides all of her community involvement, she works fulltime as a paralegal and raises three children pictured below, Matt, Kaitlin, and Ryan. And she is the widow of Larry Yandel, known to be an active volunteer himself.



When he passed away after fighting melanoma, Dawn decided that she was not going to let his memory fade. In April, nine teams competed in the 4th Annual Yandel Softball Tournament held at Standley Park. The event helps raise funds to be donated to the groups that Larry supported: UCLL, UC Del Sol, Centurion Foundation, La Jolla Pop Warner. Larry must surely be making some comment about someone's playing skills, but we know he's happy that he left his children with such a great mom.



The Yandel Co-ed Softball Tourney gave opportunity for UC moms to show their softball skills to their children. One of which was Sara Owens who got to play with her sons Brady and Max, while daughter Avalon cheered them on. Their Sunday Showdown team, coached by husband Chris, came in 2nd place overall. An amazing feat since they had to play six games to get to the finals, losing to the unknown team, the Snail Balls.

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Consider joining us on the third Thursday of every month. The event starts at 11:30 am and luncheon is served at 12:00 noon. Preregistration is required: call 858-453-0222 or email emcglynn@omcsandiego.org. You pay at the door.

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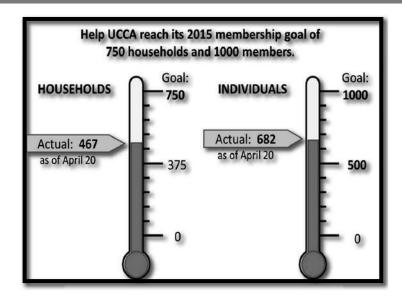
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*This membership is valid for the 2015 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA. If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.



Next Steps for Imagine UC 2020

By Barry Bernstein

"Imagine UC 2020", in conjunction with San Diego City Schools, held an important community meeting on April 13, at Standley Middle School. Board of Education trustee Dr. John Lee Evans and Mr. Lee Dulgeroff, Director of San Diego City School's Facilities/Building Dept., shared information related to planned Prop S and Prop Z improvements for our five University City public schools. After introductory remarks, Dr. Evans introduced U.C. High Principal Jeff Olivero to briefly explain the upcoming UC Spirit Run and EdUCate! President Anne St. Louis, who encouraged everyone to attend and support the May 2nd "Taste of the Triangle" event.

Mr. Dulgeroff reviewed the proposed construction changes at our five schools, after which the second half of the meeting focused on the three main components of the "Imagine UC 2020" proposal. The Aquatics Center, Pavilion, and Jogging Path...a fourth area of discussion was to focus on other associated community topics not eligible for Prop S/Z funding. (i.e., street safety, traffic/signage, aesthetics, etc..).

These committees have been encouraged to continue any established dialogue and send their recommendations/ideas to "ImproveUC". Greg Zinser, ImproveUC president, has recently updated their web site to accept/collect any ideas and suggestions furthering the progress of "Imagine UC 2020". You may email at: info@improveuc.com.

Dr. Evans emphasized how important it will be for all residents to support "Imagine UC 2020" by email/writing/talking to friends/neighbors and to send emails/letters to city officials reflecting their support of the project, and that of supporting the "shared land-use" agreements between city and schools. The next meeting supporting the "Imagine UC 2020" proposal will be announced/published through email communication and the UCCA newsletter.

For updates, go to: www.universitycitynews.org/improve-uc/

THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

At the April 14 meeting of the U.C. Planning Group Chair Janay Kruger seated the new members. She also announced the resignation of Sam Greening and urged those interested in being appointed as his replacement to sign up. Janay will continue for one more year as chair and Megan Beale will continue as vice chair

Janay reported the City Planning Commission overruled the follow up of the March UCPG vote in opposition to the expansion of Costa Verde shopping center due to traffic problems created by concurrent building on March 26 even though six members of the planning group went to the meeting and explained the reason for the opposition.

Resident Lyn Fletcher made a plea to the planning group to take action to fix a dangerous traffic point at Radcliff and Dennison.

Jeff Powers, Project Manager for Kilroy spoke in favor of the One Paseo Project in Carmel Valley. Joe La Cava from Protect San Diego's Neighborhoods, opposed to One Paseo, has submitted over 61,000 signatures that are still being verified for a referendum. He urged the UCPG to pass a resolution opposing One Paseo; however, not knowing all the details we passed a general resolution. The City Council overruled the four community planning groups in the area setting a dangerous precedent. The UCPG passed a resolution to the City Council to follow community planning groups' decisions in the planning process.

John Alderson UTC project manager gave a schedule update on the expansion. Starting in June all parking from Cozymel's to Macys will be gone and in 12 months a 700-space garage will be opened with lights showing open spaces. Parking will be very tight until completion and he suggested using the parking building by Pirch. They are currently adding 400,000 sq. feet of the 750,000 approved in 2008. The additions now will be a new Nordstrom's, transit destination, trolley station, and parking building. Parking will be regulated by three- or four-hour allowances in order to keep students and office workers near by from taking the parking. Plantings will be drought tolerant and non-invasive species with purple recycled water pipes and sprinklers.

Trolley station design was presented with pictures and discussion ensued. In early 2016, the start of concurrent construction of the trolley line, parking at La Jolla Village Square and UTC will commence.

Costa Verde was back on the agenda; a subcommittee will be formed when the project plans are submitted. The UCPG passed a resolution 14/2 to recommend to the city to continue the traffic circulation study without adding trips for the Costa Verde project since there are no real plans yet and the additional trips came in after the plan amendment.

Rose Creek project presented so they can request CIP funds. UCPG approved project to add a bridge over the railroad tracks with connections to unpaved paths.

Don't miss the next UCPG meeting on May 12 at 6 pm in Forum Hall, UTC, above the Wells Fargo Bank. The agenda will include the long awaited Alegria West End Housing Development on Regents Road as they return with changes. Make your voice heard!



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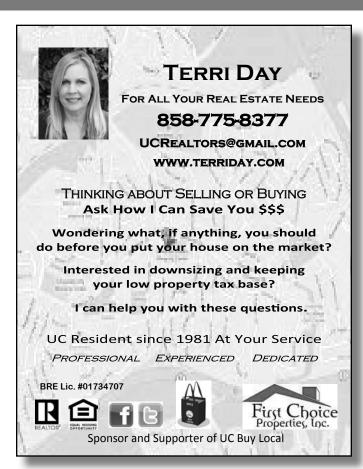


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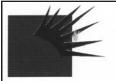
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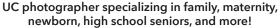
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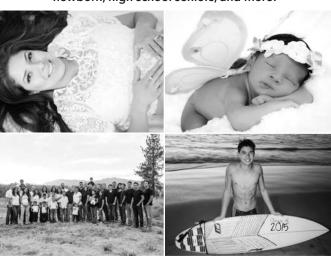
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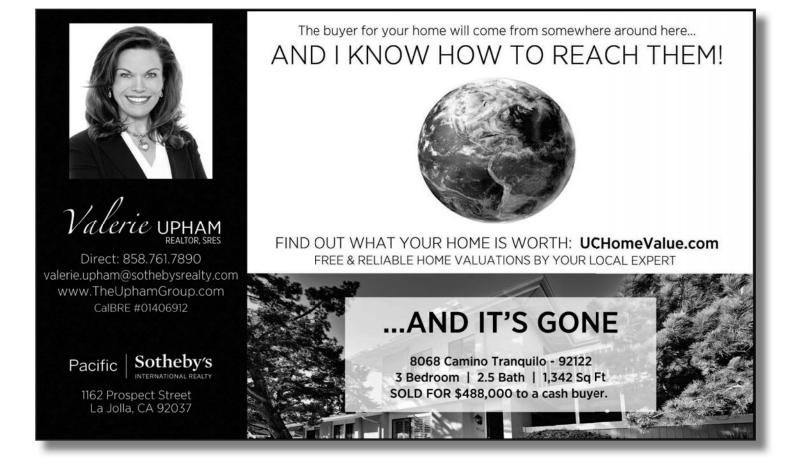
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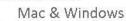
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2nd Annual UC Spirit Run Finishes A Success



Chuck McKeown, University City High School alum, takes first place in the UC Spirit Run 5k for the second year straight with a time of 16.39 minutes. Since this is the 2nd annual run, McKeown can have bragging rights in being the only winner of the UC Spirit Run!



The Drum Line pumps up the runners.



UCHS Principal Jeff Olivero gives the Drum Line a thumbs up.



UCCA Board Members Diane Ahern and Barbara Gellman show their support.



The rain waited to pour until after the morning of the 2nd Annual UC Spirit Run on April 25, where approximately 400 people were on hand at UCHS to run, walk, volunteer, or show their support. The event received much local community support as well as that of the SDUSD officials pictured above who all ran the race; pictured from left: Bill Pearson, Standley Interim Principal; Kimberly Moore, Doyle Principal; Chris Juarez, Curie Principal, and daughter; Dr. John Lee Evans, SDUSD Trustee; Lamont Jackson, Area 2 Superintendent; Cindy Marten, SDUSD Superintendent; and Jeff Olivero, UCHS Principal. The UCCA is a gold sponsor of the event.

The 5k and Fun Run was the brainchild of Olivero. Not only is it a community event to promote fitness, it was also created to help the Centurion Foundation raise funds to support athletic and extracurricular programs at UCHS, including funding the much needed Athletic Trainer. The other UC public schools are also able to participate and raise funds.

Overall winners were Chuck McKeown (men's) and Tonya Ruthenberg (women's). The Kid's Fun Run One Mile winner was Grady Kennedy, 5th grader from Spreckels. Many sports teams participated, and the football athletes used some of the down time to practice their throwing and catching skills. The young kids were in awe at being in the big stadium and the thrill of running by the cheering crowds. Thanks to everyone's support and see you all next year.



Kids are eager to run at the One Mile Fun Run, they sure have lots of energy.



You don't even have to run or walk to participate, you can be pushed.



Thanks to the many volunteers who showed up at 6:00 am to help make the event run very smoothly.

Photos courtesy of Greg Hom. For more photos and info: www.uc-centurionfoundation.com.