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University City *...more than a neighborhood*

Community Association Newsletter

February 2011 Calendar

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, February 8th, 6:00 p.m.
Forum Hall/UTC Public invited

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, February 9,
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. U.C. Library
Please Join US!

St. Valentine's Day
Monday, February 14th

University City Garden Club
Tuesday, February 15th,
6:00 p.m. UC Library

4th of July UC Celebration Planning Meeting

Wednesday, February 16,
6:30 p.m. Standley
Recreation Center

Coffee in the Garden
February 20, 10:00 a.m.
6548 Cascade Street

Standley Recreation Council Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.
Standley Rec. Center
Public invited

Councilman Carl DeMaio will be discussing his Road to Recovery, solutions to the San Diego budget crisis, at the March 8th UCPG meeting at 6 p.m. at Forum Hall in UTC. He welcomes questions and concerns. For more information, contact him at CarlDeMaio@sandiego.gov.



Sustainable Leadership

By: Andy Freeburn

Everyone can recall at least one example of a favorite restaurant or boutique which took a pejorative turn upon a change of ownership. Whether new management sought a different clientele, failed to understand the market, or were unwilling to keep the same level of service which the loyal patrons expected; one thing is clear - they didn't have the knowledge or experience to operate the chosen business. Successful companies understand they must groom future generations of managers to be strong leaders, able to make competent decisions if the business is to endure. The University City Community Association is no different. We must train the next group of volunteers to continue providing benefits to our neighborhood, else the quality of service will take a noticeable decline and the Association will cease to be of use to the community. Next month starts our membership drive and although donations are always necessary, I am making a concentrated request that more residents attend the monthly meetings and learn to be active so that UCCA may continue with events and services that you've come to expect. You won't be expected to go alone. While there are experienced leaders, we will prepare and guide you to maintain events you feel most fond of. In the balance is our annual clean-up, summer concerts, UC Celebration, and tree lighting. Please take action because one resource we must nourish is our leadership.

Sincerely, Andy Freeburn President, University City Community Association

Meet Assemblyman Nathan

Fletcher, Assemblyman 75th District, for Coffee on Saturday February 12th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the University Community Library. This casual meeting will give us the chance to speak directly about the issues that matter most to families in San Diego. California's financial problems, job creation, tax reform, public safety, education, you name it, it will be on the table.

The Root of All Evil – Final Eclipse (Trilogy – Part 3) on Page . . . 4 has returned as promised. Due to space restrictions, the conclusion is still to come.

The March 2011 Newsletter

will be delivered the weekend of March 5-6, 2011. Questions? Contact Distribution: Mary Kay, ucnewsletter@san.rr.com

The 2011 Membership Drive is coming!! Well, it's almost that time again!! Next month we will be starting our Membership Drive. A mail-in application will be included with your March Newsletter. So it's your chance to help support the many activities we offer to our community. We are also looking for volunteers to help with these programs, so we will give you a chance to volunteer where your interests lie.

Your Membership Chair, Ginny Charvat

The UC Garden Club is growing strong! We have a new website address to visit for our upcoming events, past and present!

- UCGardenClub.org
- Coffee in the Garden will be Feb 20th, 10 a.m. 6548 Cascade Street
- Guest speaker for Feb 15th Garden Club meeting: TBD. Interested? email ucgardenclub@gmail.com

Swanson Pool was closed December 31st and will remain closed until April 10th.

REFRESH & RESTART

By Barbara Gellman

The University City Beautification Committee has almost completed the artistic painting of the transformer boxes along Governor Drive; which has received many positive comments from the community. Now, I would like to address homeowners' responsibilities towards their own property beautification.

Everyone, step outside your home, stand in front of your property and really look at it with an objective eye. Ask yourself, how can I make my property look better. Minor changes such as; weeding, trimming, removing debris, removing dead trees or shrubs, putting trash cans away, repairing broken fences, removal of furniture, storage units and rusted cars/boats. Major changes include total landscaping, repainting, re-roofing. If you were to walk past the house, does it appear to be loved? If not; why not?

If you can't accomplish enough on your own, perhaps you can find a neighbor or teen to help with minor improvements. If landscaping is the major problem, perhaps one of the gardeners in the area will give a group discount for cleaning up and planting, at least in the front of the house. We all have an investment in this community and neighborhood and are responsible for its upkeep; why not make this a project for each street; it could be very gratifying to see what is accomplished and your neighbors will thank you. Grab a shovel, rake, hoe, clippers, hammer, trash bags, buddy and DIG IN!



By working together as neighbors we can support each other to maintain the quality of University City.

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



Guidelines:

- Type your article in a document and attach to an e-mail
- Limit the size to about 260 words.
- Attach pictures separately in a picture format.
- Send to EditorUCCA@aol.com
- Please, no **full page** flyers or announcements.
- No editorials or opinions.

Although the deadline is 4:00 PM the 20th of each month, send your submission as early as possible. Articles will be printed on a first come basis with priority given to time sensitive information. The UCCA does not discriminate nor do we endorse all information contained in the monthly newsletter.

In December 2010, new members of the executive board began serving our community. Below are the names and contact information of all the board and committee members for the organization. Feel free to contact them with your comments, concerns and praises.

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New Year: New Opportunities

During the coming year, as I work to address issues such as the budget deficit and development of a comprehensive water policy, I remain committed to working with you to address University City's neighborhood concerns.

Responding to my recent request, the City's Street Division has added an additional 8.6 miles of District 1 streets to the City's upcoming resurfacing list. In UC, these include Regents Rd. (52 to Governor), sections of Genesee Ave., and patching on the Rose Canyon Bike Path. More information about newly scheduled streets can be found on my website: www.sandiego.gov/cd1

We have identified funding for new signal and pedestrian crossing equipment at the Governor/Genesee intersection. These are the safety improvements requested by the community that I mentioned in my October column. City staff will be working during the next several months to create a project schedule.

UCSD has pledged to work with us to find ways in which the campus can alleviate its traffic impacts and use of City life safety resources. I have been meeting with UCSD officials since June to discuss their impacts. While UCSD faces budget challenges, I am optimistic that we will find mutually agreeable ways in which we can partner for the good of the community.

Councilmember Sherri Lightner represents University City on the San Diego City Council. She can be reached at (619) 236-6611 or SherriLightner@SanDiego.gov.

Has Your Home Been Vandalized? By Mary Kay Hewitt

There have been repeated acts of vandalism in the areas of Condon Drive, Dennison Street, Curie Street and Willard Street. On Thursday, December 2, 2010 houses on Condon Drive were vandalized and again on Sunday December 4. On the second occasion the suspects trespassed into the backyards of the properties and they threw eggs at the windows and roofs doing damage. On Saturday, December 4, at least one home on Willard Street suffered a similar fate.

If your home is being vandalized, you must call the police IMMEDIATELY for them to create a police report. DO NOT WAIT! The police will not create a record if you wait to call them the next morning. Again, it is important that the calls be placed immediately.

**NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE
SAN DIEGO POLICE (619) 531-2000**

If your home is damaged (such as egg taking the paint off surfaces or a broken window) you must log onto the police website and file a vandalism report. Go to www.sandiego.gov/police. Click on "Police Department/City of San Diego. On the left-hand side there are two boxes; the bottom one says "I want to..." Click on it and choose the first option: "I want to file a report on vandalism."

There may be a pattern developing so it behooves us to be extra diligent in reporting incidents to the police.

Governor/Genesee Safety Update By: Larry Hogue

Thanks to the efforts of Councilmember Lightner's staff, funding from the federal Safe Routes to Schools program will be tapped for the remaining safety improvements at the Governor/Genesee intersection, allowing the vproject to move ahead. These improvements will include: new signal equipment on raised arms above the intersection; new pedestrian equipment, including crosswalk timers and ADA-compliant ramps; and removal of the raised medians from the crosswalks.

Need newsletter deliverer

ATTENTION!



The newsletter has an orphaned route: Via Lapiz, Via Cinta and Via Cinta Court. Nice neighborhood, nice 50 minute walk. Any takers?

Contact Mary Kay,
mkhewitt@san.rr.com.

The Root of All Evil – Final Eclipse (Trilogy – Part 3)

Petra LaVictoire

*Kokia Cooke, also known as Moloka'i koki'o, is a small, deciduous tree, which is considered to be one of the rarest and most endangered plant species in the world. Even when it was first found in the 1860s, only three trees could be located. It was presumed extinct in the 1950s when the last surviving seedling perished. However, in 1970, a single plant was discovered on the same estate where the "last" individual grew, presumably a surviving relict of one of the plants previously cultivated there. Although this tree was destroyed in a fire in 1978, a branch that was removed earlier was grafted onto the related, and also endangered, *Kokia kauaiensis*. Currently about 23 grafted plants exist. (Source: Wikipedia)*

It was still mid-afternoon when Phoebe McDowell woke up on the dried grassy unkempt lawn behind Briarwood Mansion. One of the gardeners came running toward her, yelling: "Miss McDowell, are you alright?"

She propped herself up slowly; her eyes squinting, desperately trying to adjust to the brightness of the sun. Her head was pounding worse than any migraine she had ever felt before.

"Yes, I think so." She whispered in agony.

"Are you sure? I was up on the ladder over by the fig tree, trimming some of the branches, when I saw this sudden bright flash. Next thing I know you were flat on the ground. If it hadn't been for the cloudless summer sky, I could have sworn that you were struck by lightning!"

Phoebe's fiancé ran to her aid, too, and helped her stand up on her feet. "What happened? Are you okay?" He worriedly asked.

"Oliver, the last thing I can recall is that I was standing right here, next to this big pile of burning leaves. I was

asking Uncle Leo if he could figure out how to open the wooden box. Then I must have blacked out somehow. Where is my uncle?"

"I don't know," replied the gardener, "it's the strangest thing ... after the flash ... he was gone. Perhaps he went to get some water for you."

After almost an hour passed by, Oliver sent the crew looking for her uncle. He was nowhere to be found. Oliver wondered: "Sweetie, what wooden container were you referring to?"

"Oh, I was in the process of replanting a small tree when my garden spade hit a rather hard object. It turns out it was a large wood-inlay puzzle box which was carefully wrapped inside of a hand stitched cloth. I tried opening it, but to no avail. Uncle Leo was only a few feet from me, so I had asked him if he could help. That's when I must have passed out."

Phoebe's head was still throbbing when she went on to say: "Wait, I think there was something else. I'm not certain if this is of any importance, but my uncle did mention something about a local legend. A root that turned evil. Missing housekeepers – right here at Briarwood. After many attempts to open the box, Uncle Leo eventually succeeded and pulled out a chunk of dead wood – a twisted looking tree root. But could that have anything to do with his disappearance?"

Oliver pondered for a few minutes, and then his face turned serious. He looked at his fiancé and said: "Phoebe, the only reason why the police ended their investigation in the cases of the missing housekeepers was because they couldn't prove that there was foul play involved. Plus, dear old Mrs. Dudley had some sort of multiple personality disorder which is why she was eventually placed in the local mental ward. We need to find your uncle, and I'm hoping we'll find him fast! Let's start with where you first

saw the puzzle box."

She pointed to the location and walked over to it. To her

astonishment, the hole was no longer visible, and in its place stood once more the little tree.

"I can't explain it! This is incredible! I know I replanted it. I'm sure of it!" Phoebe was shocked. Her face turned pale, and her heart suddenly began beating faster. She was nervous, and now extremely worried about the well-being of her uncle.

"Whatever the meaning of this is ... let's not waste any more time! I don't have a good feeling about his mysterious vanishing. Hand me a shovel!" Oliver began to dig. He swiftly removed the little tree, and then suddenly shouted: "Look! Let me pull it out. Is this the infamous puzzle box you mentioned?"

Phoebe was speechless. She couldn't explain how it got neatly wrapped again and re-buried there. Her fiancé noticed another peculiar item the dirt. It was a leather bound journal. Hoping to shed more light on the situation, they believed it would be best to drive to Pennington's Historical Society and show their find to Prof. Buckner.

It turned out that it was the personal diary of Sebastian H. Dudley, first owner of Briarwood. Phoebe eagerly flipped through the worn pages in hopes that there was anything of importance.

"Hmm. From what I can make of his handwriting, it reveals that Sebastian H. Dudley left his native England to pursue his dream of becoming a bullfighter in France. During his first year there, he befriended a German tourist who was a sugar farmer on one of the Hawaiian Islands. After

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4th of July UC Celebration Update By Cathy Romanas



The 2011 UC Celebration Planning Committee wants to provide our community with another great day on July 4, but we can't do it alone. HELP! We need.

VOLUNTEERS! Commit now to volunteer two hours at this fun-filled event. A big thank you to the **Newman**

Center Catholic Community at UCSD for pledging volunteers! Desperately needed is an individual or group of friends to help coordinate our Opportunity Drawing, but many other opportunities are available!

MONEY! Various levels of sponsorship are available, and we'll give you exposure as well as gratitude!

VENDORS! Booth Applications are now available! Save on booth prices by reserving your space before April 1st! Contact Randy at rwolman@san.rr.com

Our next planning meeting is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 16, at the Standley Rec Center. Check us out! Contact UC Celebration Chair Cathy Romanas with questions or to volunteer at cathyromanas@hotmail.com or 858.550.0912.

UC Del Sol Girls Softball: Small League; Big Fun!

By Aly Stein

By now it's widely known that girls who play sports are more likely to excel in school, go on to college, and enjoy higher self-esteem. Team sports not only confer physical benefits on young girls; they also teach essential life skills that she'll use both on and off the field.



The fun of the spring UC Del Sol Rec Season is just about to get underway. Our facilities include 4 recently upgraded full-size fields, a brand new warm up area, high quality, specialized clinics, 2 enclosed batting

cages, 5 pitching lanes, a fully stocked BBQ and snack bar, excellent coaches and plenty of individual attention for each player. Registration is open to girls ages 5-15. To sign your daughter up, or for more information, please give us a call at (858) 568-2455.

UC Del Sol may not be the biggest league in town, but our small family-like atmosphere, fostered through our Big Sister program and activities that bond the entire family, encourages every girl to reach her full potential. While larger leagues may view players merely as numbers or positions on a roster, UC Del Sol is more like a family, a small family of committed parents and girls that honors the individual potential of each of its players.

UC Little League News



UCLL's spring 2011 season kicks off on Opening Day, Saturday, March 2, 9:00am at Standley Park.

The Standley Marching Band will lead the players in their traditional team parade to the field. Food and vendors will be available all day. The public is welcome to join the players and their families in celebration of UCLL's 48th Little League season.

All teams have been formed, but some spots are still available for players ages 4 – 8, with waiting lists for kids ages 9 and above. Our Challenger team, for children with disabilities, is always open for more on the roster. If you would like to sign up your child for Little League, be a vendor at Opening Day ceremonies, or sponsor a team, contact league president Jemma Samala, jsamala@san.rr.com.

Local UC Resident Publishes Book on Survival of the Human Race

Long time University City resident Willard Wells spent ten years in the research and writing of his first book *Apocalypse When?*, Springer / Praxis, 2009. The book uses mathematical techniques to forecast survivability of the human race and of civilization in these troubled times, the main risk being misuse of technologies such as genetic engineering, robotics, and so on by unscrupulous powers.

With a background in mathematical physics, a PhD from Cal Tech with Richard Feynman as his advisor, and a long career as Chief Scientist of Tetra Tech / L-3 Photonics, Willard is well prepared for this task.



Released in 2009 by Springer as a popular science book, it is available at bookstores and amazon.com. It is also carried by many libraries both internationally and locally. Local sources are the San Diego City Library and the Carlsbad city Library.

Willard will give an invited lecture on this work at Rome's International Science Festival on 23 January 2011. He and his wife Judith, will head for a winter visit to the Italian capital and meet other like-minded people interested in the conference's theme of "Science and the End of the World".

So what is the bottom line for survival? For the near future we have a yearly risk of about 1% of some enormous calamity such as the collapse of civilization. Ironically, the chance is about 70% that collapse could save our species from extinction by removing the hi-tech hazards. Reading the book is the best way to learn more.

The Root of All Evil . .

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accepting an invitation to visit his new friend, he tells about his voyage across the ocean and first impressions of arriving on the island Molokai. Babe, I really don't see any connection to my uncle's disappearance. Let's just call the police and file a missing person's report."

Oliver calmly replied: "He hasn't been gone for twenty four hours yet. Keep reading. If he's not back by the morning, I'll call the police myself."

"Ok," Phoebe answered hesitantly, "Sebastian goes on to say that he met some of the royal Hawaiian family at their vacation ranch, and had given them valuable tips on how to herd their cattle better. In deep gratitude, and to thank him properly for his help, the chief granted him one wish. Not wanting crafts or riches, Sebastian asked for a chance at everlasting love."

She took a quick sip of water, and then continued to summarize out loud: "He tells of a sweet young maiden who

he met near the sugar fields, and that he intended to marry her. I still don't see how this journal is going to help, but I'll keep going.

So, to be granted his wish,

he followed the chief into the lowlands and sat down with him next to an 'enchanted' tree. Mr. Dudley further states that the chief told him that it was no ordinary tree, and since ancient times it had been passed down through generations that only three of this rare deciduous Moloka'i koki'o exist – this particular one apparently had magical powers. Then ancient words were spoken by the chief, and a good size piece of the twisted root was broken off and given to Mr. Dudley."

Oliver endearingly cut in: "Phoebes, I can feel we're getting somewhere here. What's written next?"

"It's a quote. Must be what the chief was telling him. 'Take this root. Give

it to the woman of your heart. Tell her to take this special root as a symbol of your love. Make sure she keeps it close to herself always, and you two will be together through the ages. But be warned that such a wish comes with a heavy price. You will remain living in the same year you give her the root. That won't ever change. She will be with you, but for her, you always die at the end of that year and she will go on living her regular life until her natural death. At that moment – either she, or whoever destroys this magic root, will travel back in time ... and their soul will enter your loved ones youthful body. For you, it will always seem as if you have gone to sleep, until the cycle starts over once more.' – Oliver, this is awful! This can't be real! Can it?"

"Calm down Sweetie. I am sure we'll get to the bottom of this. I've called Leo a few times, and left urgent messages on his cell phone. I'm certain he will get back to us when he turns it on and sees that we have attempted to reach him." Oliver was anxious, and tried his best to stay patient and not let his fiancé see how worried he was.

Phoebe kept on summarizing: "When Sebastian heard that, he knew he couldn't follow through with it. He couldn't bear the thought of his young bride thinking he was dead and then having to live a life of solitude and sadness. He was a gentleman at heart and decided to return home without her. The morning before leaving on his journey he met the lady of his heart one last time to bid her adieu. The maiden handed him her hand stitched cloth to remember her by, and sadly bid him farewell."

She paused for a moment, and then continued: "On his passage back to France, he met a businessman from Montana who told him he could use his matador skills on a large cattle ranch. He accepted, and less than two years later he married the businessman's daughter and they had one son. He had kept the root, along with his first love's

hand stitched linen, hidden in his son's toy puzzle box. His son's name was Walter."

"Sweetie, you know what this means?" Oliver excitedly asked. Before Phoebe could get a word in, he said: "Remember, Walter Dudley wasn't the original owner of Briarwood Mansion – Sebastian Dudley was. Walter must have found his father's diary, read about the magical root, and gave it to his wife Agatha the day of their marriage proposal. Now it makes sense. I suggest we get it tested. I'll bet that it is the Moloka'i koki'o!"

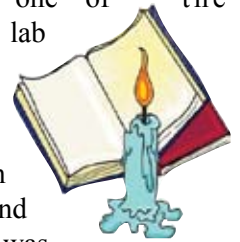
The couple got into their car and drove to down the road to Phoebe's office. Luckily one of the arbor research lab

technicians was still there and gladly offered to help. Quicker than expected, they found out that it indeed was a piece of the mentioned tree.

"Now there is only one thing to do. I have to go. Give it to me. I'll destroy it, travel back in time, and find my uncle."

"No Phoebe! If you do that, you'll turn into Mrs. Dudley, and I'll lose you, too. But I have an idea. How about we will **both** get rid of the root **together** and see what happens?"

Uncertain, Oliver and Phoebe held each other tight; their hands firmly gripped the smoldering root which was slowly burning away over the flame of a candle.



Please find the conclusion of this story in next month's issue.



HAT's Off to EdUCate's

Fall 2010 Honor a Teacher Recipients!

Honor your teacher with "Honor A Teacher!" A fundraising program with a big heart, Honor A Teacher is a wonderful way for families to show their gratitude to our exceptional University City schoolteachers, counselors, administrators, coaches and other school staff members. When writing a tax-deductible check or donating online to Honor A Teacher (HAT), your student's honoree receives your personal message of thanks, a public announcement and certificate of recognition, as well as a special memento signifying this honor. The funds donated benefit educational programs at all five University City schools and provide an important "thank you" to the deserving recipients of this award.

For more information on how to say "thank you" to an educator, go to www.uc-educate.org and honor your teacher with Honor A Teacher!

UCHS GRAD NITE

By Debbie Betzenderfer

Help Us Continue Grad Nite's 20 Year Tradition

This year will be Grad Nite's 20th year for keeping our celebrating graduates off the roadways by providing a safe, all-night party of fun, food and games. It is though the generosity of UCHS parents and our community that this tradition continues.

We'd like to give EVERY senior who attends Grad Nite, the opportunity to win a prize. To do this, we'd love to accept your prize donations!!! Gift certificates to restaurants, movie theaters and sporting events are especially nice (iTune cards, Starbucks, Target and movie tickets are among the most popular). A more extensive list of gift ideas will be posted on the UCHS school website soon. If you are short on ideas or time, we'd be happy to do your shopping for you.

We're also working hard to ensure that every senior that *wants* to attend Grad Nite *will be able* to join their classmates on that special evening. To do this, we welcome your cash donations to help us sponsor seniors with a financial need. All donations, for either Prizes or for Sponsorship, are tax-deductible.



Please mail your Gift cards or checks (made out to "UCHS Grad Nite") to UCHS, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122, or you can drop them off at the Grad Nite Box in the school's front office. Please indicate in your check's memo space if your donation is for Prizes or for Sponsorship. Please be sure to include your name and e-mail address so a Donation Receipt can be sent to you.

Questions? Please contact Grad Nite Prize Chair Elaine Provencher at 619-890-1021 or Eprovomwh@aol.com or Grad Nite Co-Chair Julie Castan at 858-457-1245 or jcastan@anchorline.com.

EdUCate! Update

By Marge Lorang

EdUCate! recently funded 39 teacher grants totaling more than \$27,000 for the fall grant application season! Teachers from all five cluster schools asked for items such as cameras, science sets, books, sheet music, printers, gel electrophoresis equipment and even a UV Transilluminator! (Are you smarter than a UCHS Biology student?!) We were able to fully or partially fund 23 of the 53 grants submitted, and hope that those teachers who weren't accommodated this fall will try again for our spring deadline. Our allocations committee was impressed by the need for basic classroom items, and for more sophisticated supplemental equipment, to improve programs for our students. We are so proud of our excellent UC teachers! Your support of EdUCate's giving programs like Dollar A Day, Honor A Teacher and Taste of the Triangle are what makes these grants possible, so please, continue your support by donating now!

THALIA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP for 2011

Bruce and Kevin Murray, sons of the late Thalia Murray, in partnership with EdUCate! established an annual \$2,000 scholarship in her memory that has been awarded since 2005 to an eligible University City High School senior. Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 20 years, including 17 years at Marcy Elementary in UC. Thalia Murray received a scholarship that allowed her to start attending Radcliffe (now fully integrated with Harvard), a high-quality, 4-year college from where she graduated. This opportunity dramatically increased her options in life. Our goal is for this scholarship to help a graduating senior from UC High to get started at college.

Criteria:

- Senior student
- Acceptance to a 4-year college
- Minimum grade point average and citizenship of 3.0
- Financial need
- Application required including 2 short essays
- Certified UC High Transcript required
- Interview of finalists
- Committee comprised of donors and EdUCate! members will choose recipient
- Brief note after your first quarter or semester of college about how you are doing.

<http://www.uc-educate.org/scholarships.asp> is the EdUCate! link from where you can download a 2011 application or you can pick one up at UC High. Please submit your completed application by Monday, April 25, 2011 at 3PM to Ms. Michelle Barnier, Counselor, UC High School, 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122, Phone: (858) 457-3040 x220, mcoff@sandi.net

“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” Neil Armstrong



Photo's By Sandy Lippe



Sandra Metzner, UCHS senior, Paints the Planets on Curie Transformer Box

Sandra Metzner, a graduate of Curie Elementary School, came back to her alma mater as a high school senior and member of the ArtsTECH Academy at UCHS to paint the final transformer box, as part of the UCCA public art project. Stop by the campus to check out her vision of the planets in our galaxy and the Neil Armstrong quote: “Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” Sandra hopes this will inspire some of the students who pass by the art work.



Deanna Ditzler's Wild Horses transformer box art in front of McElroy Field at Governor and Gullstrand



Transformer Box Project continues . . .
Photo's By Mary Kay Hewitt



UC Garden Club News:

By Tanya Howe Aeria

Our first Coffee in the Garden was a great success! Thanks to Carol and Rolf, we were treated to a peek of their beautifully renovated west end garden.

Just inside the handcrafted gate, embedded with blue and purple stained glass, the patio area is adorned with a variety of potted plants, large scattered sandstones and a carefully trellised fruit tree. A corner table with a large butterfly mosaic (handmade by Carol!) was another highlight. The backyard,



formerly a typical concrete 60s era pool, was completely transformed into a home for dozens of giant koi, a small footbridge, and a waterfall. Thank you Carol and Rolf, for showing off your oasis!

Our January meeting was another great success with a talk on Vermicomposting (worms for the garden) Nora Adderson gave us great information on how to raise red wigglers, what to feed them and what to do with them. We also will be having a monthly "Pottery Lottery" where we raffle off a plant, pottery or other garden related goods. Don't miss out!

Our next Coffee in the Garden will be on Feb 20th, 6548 Cascade Street - 10 a.m. Come and enjoy baked goods, coffee, tea and have a neighborly visit while you take in our next UC Garden!

Wanted:

We are currently booking guest speakers for our monthly meetings (3rd Tuesdays, 6pm, UC Library). Gardeners, landscapers, and plant experts wanted! Please email: ucgardenclub@gmail.com

Restoring Native Habitat with Your Landscape

By Dylan Wells

Take a look around our UC neighborhood and notice the landscapes. What do you see? A plethora of grass, tropical palms, and stagnant shrubs. What all these plants have in common are their foreign ancestry and water consumption habits.

Since an average lawn uses one gallon of water, per square foot, each watering cycle, it may be time to consider a more practical option. California native plants have been pushed out of the suburban landscape, but growing awareness of the benefits of these plants, including drought tolerance, minimal maintenance, and habitat restoration is causing a great resurgence in San Diego.

One of the companies at the forefront of this trend is Revolution Landscape, a locally grown landscaping company working to create and restore sustainable landscapes in San Diego and members of the



UC Garden Club. One quintessential aspect of every landscape is the incorporation of California natives.

You can integrate beauty and function by using a variety of flowing natives along with fragrant sages and herbs. Plants common to us, such as lavender, mint, and strawberries

have native cousins which you can plant in your yard, and even incorporate in a meal! Not only do these plants look great, their far reaching roots stabilize the soil, nearly eliminating runoff and erosion. As a local inhabitant, natives will never need any pesticides as they are adapted to local pests, and even attract beneficial creatures such as butterflies and hummingbirds. To top it off natives require minimal maintenance, only a couple times a month.

Take another look around and think about how you can help the environment, and incorporate some California natives into your landscape.

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Dean Ratzman performs a variety of hits from great American artists.

New Technology for Seniors

Tuesday, Feb 22 at 1:00 pm

Instructor Tanya Howe introduces the newest technology for seniors.

UC Book Club Wednesday, Feb 23 at 2:00 pm

The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama.

Preschool Storytime & Craft

Every Thursday at 10:30 am

Writing Workshop for Teens ~NEW~

Every Thursday at 3:00 pm

Baby/Signing Storytime Friday's at 10:30 am

Game on! Video Gaming Friday's at 3:00 pm

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North University Community Branch Library February Schedule of Events

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JUVENILE

Story Times: English: Thurs, 10:00 a.m. and Sat, 9:45 a.m.

French: Thurs, 11:00 a.m. **Chinese:** Fri, 10:00 a.m.

Hindi Story Time (monthly) First Saturdays 2/5 at 11:00 a.m. Age 0-5.

Baby Sign Language 2nd Tuesdays 2/8 at 3:30 p.m. Age 0-3.

Arabic Story Time: Second Fridays 2/11, 11:00 a.m. Age 0-5.

Teen/Tween Movie Time (monthly) Third Wednesdays 2/16 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn and soda included.

Japanese Story Time (monthly) Third Fridays 2/18, 11:00 a.m. Age 0-5.

Russian Story Time Fourth Fridays 2/25, 11:00 a.m. Age 0-5.

Tutoring Sessions Thursdays (weekly) 3-5 p.m. Grades K-12. Sign up at tutoring session.

Teen/Tween Book Group Last Wednesdays (monthly) 2/23 at 6:30 p.m. *I am Number Four*, by Pittacus Lore. Call to sign up. *Copies available at the circulation desk.*

ADULTS

Job Search Assistance Tuesdays (weekly) 1:00-5:00 p.m. or Saturdays, 9:30-12:30 p.m., Instructor Adolfo Sanchez assists with resumes and job searching. Call to sign up.

Thursdays and Fridays AARP Tax Assistance. Contact Donley Cates, 619-206-4304 or donleycates@yahoo.com to schedule appointment.

Adult Class Writing Skills when English is your Second Language Tuesdays (weekly) 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Adult Computer Class Second Wednesdays (monthly) 2/9, 6:30 p.m. This month's topic is *Beginning Word*. Sign up at circulation.

Adult Book Group Second Wednesdays (monthly) 2/9, 6:30 p.m. The February selection is *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Call to sign up. *Copies available at the circulation desk.*

Author Book Talk and Signing Korean author Mija Kim Choimija will read and discuss *San Diego Hen*. Saturday, February 12, 12:00 noon. *Copies available for purchase at signing.*

Adult Class Cardmaking Third Wednesdays (monthly) 2/16, 1:00 p.m. Sign up at circulation.

Movie Time Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. Free popcorn included.

Adult Class Chinese Brush Painting Third Fridays (monthly) 2/18 1:00 p.m. Sign up at circulation desk. Materials provided.

Friends of the Library Book Sale (monthly) Third Saturdays 2/19, 9:30-2:30. Front of library. *Get a bag of books for \$3.50!*

Friends of the North University Community Library Monthly Meeting Fourth Wednesdays (monthly) February 23, 6:30 p.m.

Class Techniques to Succeed in Your Job Search Last Saturdays (monthly) 2/26, 11-1 p.m.

Thanks to the Friends of the North University Community Library for sponsoring these free community events. Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> to see a list of events under News and Events or find us on Facebook under North University Community Branch.

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Saturday, February 12 at 5:11 p.m.-Fellowship Gathering.

Saturday, February 26 at 5:11 p.m.- Worship Gathering





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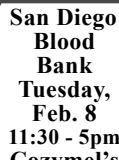
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the sounds of Santa's ho, ho, ho's and ooh's and aah's as the tree was lighted followed by the sipping of hot chocolate and the crunching of cookies. Thanks also to Joanne England, our sketch

artist. The familiar sounds of our local Fire Truck from Station 35 was a delight to children and adults. We extend our gratitude to The Westfield Shopping Center, UTC for contributing the lighting, sound system, Melody the Clown and the hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Miramar Nursery once again provided the perfect Christmas Tree.

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