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## UCCA: A Strong Voice for UC



There are so many good reasons for South University City residents and businesses to consider joining UCCA, particularly in 2016. Review the membership information in this month's newsletter and you'll read of the many organizations and activities that are supported with your membership dues. UCCA looks forward to many community-wide opportunities now and in the future and we need not only your financial assistance, but your valued opinion and ideas on how to maintain and improve the quality of life in our wonderful community. We welcome your support and invite you to become an active volunteer in making good things happen in University City... "Where we're more than just a neighborhood."

The many projects, events and organizations that UCCA has supported include:

UC Celebration \* Summer Concerts \* Local UC School Fundraising \* Supporting ImagineUC2020 \* Street Median Beautification \* Friends of the Library \* Neighborhood Watch \* National Night Out at Food Trucks \* UC Spirit Run \* Oktoberfest \* Taste of the Triangle \* UCHS Grad Nite \* UCHS Music Boosters \* UCHS Diving and Swim Teams \* Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting \* Monthly Newsletters



**Super Bowl Sunday**  
Sunday, February 7

**UC Planning Group**  
Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 pm  
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Dr.

**UCCA Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 10  
6:00pm Meeting UC Library

**Lincoln's Day**  
Friday, February 13  
Schools Closed

**People for a Clean UC**  
Sunday, February 14, 7:15-9:00am  
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks,  
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

**Valentine's Day**  
Saturday, February 14

**Washington's Day  
(President's Day)**  
Monday, February 16  
Schools Closed

**UC Celebration Committee**  
TBA contact T17Jones@roadrunner.com

**Doyle Recreation Council**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

**Standley Recreation Council**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 pm

**Leap Day**  
Monday, February 29

# UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Be the Eyes and Ears of UC:

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

### Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately 250 words or less, typed in a document and attached to email or pasted inside the email.
- Be as brief and concise as possible. Editing may result in errors. Type in plain text format; no pdf formats.
- Include who, what, why, where, and how.
- UCCA does not guarantee publication.
- Submitted materials may be published on the Internet.
- The information contained in submissions may be edited and/or combined with others; for example: upcoming events.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit articles as needed.
- 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.

## Deadline for the March 2016

### Newsletter Publication is February 11, 2016

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the March issue is February 11, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

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## UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Welcome to 2016!

I hope the recent holiday season and the first El Nino storm has left you and your families with a positive outlook and well prepared for the 2016 Leap Year.

With what appears to be the door slamming closed on keeping the Chargers in San Diego, and the meek attempt of upgrading the Padres, sports fans in San Diego may have little to cheer about. Adding to that, there's some chatter circulating that this may be San Diego's final year for hosting ComicCon! Even with all this negative speculation, I think we can all agree on how very lucky we are to live in "America's Finest City".

UCCA has been very active in many fronts these past two months. You can catch up on the very important December E.I.R. meeting information, (see page 9). There's full coverage of our 2015 Tree/Menorah Lighting on the back page too. "ImagineUC 2020", (Revitalization of Standley Park facilities), continues to move forward with the support of Mayor Faulconer and San Diego City Schools. A community information meeting is being planned for this coming Spring to provide an update for all U.C. residents. And of course the addition of the special San Diego Fire and Rescue unit, Squad 56, to ensure the fastest response time for our South U.C. residents. (see article/photos on page 4) will have a very important and appreciated impact.

This year the election of our City Council representative will be in the spotlight, as City Council President, Sherri Lightner, will be "termed out". UCCA, in conjunction with the San Diego's League of Women Voters, is planning to host a candidate's forum in October at U.C. High School.

As always, I strongly encourage those of you who may not have already joined UCCA for 2016, to take the opportunity to help us help others who live, work, and attend our schools. Your membership in UCCA is a reflection of your support of YOUR community. Remember, University City "is more than just a neighborhood." Thank you. ~Barry

## DO YOU LIKE TO WALK?

Delivering the UCCA newsletter to your neighbors is a great way to get your exercise and help the community. The following streets do not currently have a delivery person:

Enders Ave, Cozzens (by Karen Sue), Ferber Loop (from Erlanger), Carnegie Place, Pennant Village condominiums, Milliken (Mercer to Radcliffe).

Can you help? Contact Valerie O'Neill at [voneill95@yahoo.com](mailto:voneill95@yahoo.com) for more information. Hope to hear from you!





## Calendar Notes:

**Spreckels Sip & Bid – March 4:** Spreckels PTA will be holding their first off campus Parent Party fundraiser on Friday, March 4 from 7:00-10:00pm at Rough Draft. There will be a silent auction, wine wall, raffle prizes, games, food and more. Additional info next month.

**UCHS PTSA West Coast Swing Dance:** Friday, February 5, 7:00-10:00pm in the UCHS Gym. This event is for all ages and all is welcome to swing. Buy your tickets in advance for \$7 per person, \$5 for students; at the door \$10 per person, \$7 students. Door price decreases to \$5 at 8:30pm for the dance only option. No high heels allowed on the gym floor. Refreshments will be on sale at the event. For info, email uchsmail@gmail.com.

## Save the Dates:

UC Spirit Run, Saturday, April 16

Curie Party with a Purpose, TBA in April

Taste of the Triangle, Friday, May 6

Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 1

## 2016 UCCA Board Members

### Executive Board

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## LEAP YEAR

by Vince Reardon

Leap year doesn't mean much to most of us. It's simply another day tacked onto February's standard 28 days, once every four years.



But if you're of an astronomical bent, leap year is serious business. "A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit about the sun, which is about 365¼ days," say Ann Marie Imbornoni and Mark Hughes in "Leap Year Explained," found on the website Infoplease.

Blame it all on Roman Emperor Julius Caesar. In 46 B.C., on the advice of the astronomer Sosigenes, he added the first leap day.

But February 29<sup>th</sup> is really serious business if that's your birthday. You're not alone. There are about 200,000 Americans who have been born on leap year, although the chances are slim, about one in 1,500.

Frankly, a birthday on leap year doesn't give you much to leap about. It's an annoying day to have a birthday. For starters, you really only celebrate it once every four years. On the other three years you have to choose an alternative birthday, say, February 28 or March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Many "leapers" say friends and even some family members forget to wish them birthday greetings in the off years. To make up for celebratory delay and the forgetfulness of well-wishers, some "leapers" plan elaborate birthday parties or trips abroad.

If February 29<sup>th</sup> is your big day, then happy birthday! Sadly, you probably won't hear that for another four years.

## Giving Back to the Community

**Curie Elementary: Valentine's Cards for Seniors** The January community service project will put a smile on the face of the 70 residents who live at The Patrician in Bankers Hill. Students and staff will make and decorate personalized Valentine's Day cards to make each senior feel special. The card makers may include his/her pictures and/or addresses so the residents can correspond back.

**Spreckels Elementary: Feeding America SD** The school is starting 2016 with the opportunity to give back to the community. Spreckels has signed up to be Food Sorting Volunteers on February 13, from 1:00-2:30pm. Kids 6 and up are welcome. Contact the school for more details and to sign up.

**University City High School: Adopt A Family** The PTSA Adopt A Family program was a success again this year through the support of community donations. UCHS Principal Jeff Olivero and Program Chair Jemma Samala had the privilege of playing Santa and delivered presents to a number of families that could use the extra holiday cheer. Thanks again for all the community support in giving to those families in need.



Squad 56 on Governor. Photo courtesy Battalion Chief Craig Newell.

## UCCA Welcomes Fast Response Squad 56

by Diane Ahern

UCCA members and neighbors welcomed Fire-Rescue Fast Response Squad 56 to University City at its January meeting. Their new home is on Governor Drive, west of Regents Road. Staffing for Squad 56 consists of a two-person crew: a fire captain and a firefighter/paramedic. They will work a 12-hour shift from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Chief Newell explained that the new location will result in faster response times to calls from south University City. The Squad carries a full complement of medical supplies as well as some fire suppression equipment capable of handling small fires.

Chief Ricci explained that 85% of all calls to fire-rescue are medical in nature. In south University City, Squad 56 is dispatched from the 9-1-1 call center. Anyone with a police, medical or fire-rescue emergency should call 9-1-1. The dispatcher will send the appropriate units based on the reported emergency. If Squad 56 is dispatched, it will be joined by a fire engine from a nearby station.

Some questioned the necessity of sending both Squad 56 and a fire engine; doing so results in four to six or possibly more fire-rescue personnel responding to a medical call. Chief Ricci explained that a paramedic is assigned to each fire truck. And, that in a CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) situation such as during sudden cardiac arrest, four to six people are needed. Two staff would be doing CPR, while others could be administering medicine or starting IV (intravenous) fluids, or arranging for transport, for instance.



From left to right, Fire-Rescue Captain P. Denliger, Firefighter/Paramedic J. Wolf, Deputy Chief Steve Ricci and Battalion Chief Craig Newell; and Police Lieutenant Adam Sharki and Community Relations Officer Holly Tafoya. Photo courtesy Diane Ahern.

## 180 Signs and Counting

by Barbara Gellman

That's UC's Rob Moscato installing a Neighborhood Watch sign on Fried Avenue with Barbara Gellman's assistance.

As University City's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Barbara is working diligently to establish Neighborhood Watch groups on all streets in University City.



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, and identify crime and disorder problems in your area and work with SDPD personnel to solve them.

There are already over 80 active Neighborhood Watch groups and Block Captains in south UC; and 180 Neighborhood Watch signs so far. For resources and tips on creating a successful Neighborhood Watch group, visit [www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/](http://www.universitycitynews.org/neighborhood-watch/). If you don't see one of these signs on your street, please contact Barbara at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com).

## Police Lieutenant Adam Sharki Returns to UC

by Diane Ahern

Police Lieutenant Adam Sharki returns for a second assignment at Northern Division. He previously worked in investigations and the beach communities. Most recently, he was assigned to Northwestern Division. He is looking forward to working with all of the communities of Northern Division. Lt. Sharki announced that Northern has recently hired additional officers and a new class of officers is currently attending the police academy.

Lt. Sharki was questioned about a recent accident in front of University City High School. Lt. Sharki said that increased traffic enforcement in that area, especially as it relates to illegal left turns out of the high school, is in place. However, on the day of the accident, the officer working enforcement was called away before the accident happened.

Community Relations Officer Holly Tafoya spoke of the 'garage burglary' series that's affecting south University City. Thieves are breaking into cars parked on the street and opening the garage door with the opener found in the car; then opening the garage just enough to get in. Once they have access to the garage, they are stealing items from the garage and home.





## Imagine UC 2020 and other school projects progressing

John Lee Evans, Trustee, San Diego Unified

The UC community effort to enhance our schools and park facilities simultaneously is moving forward. At the June 2 semi-annual Propositions S and Z update to the Board of Education the Spreckels to Standley project was on the approved list for 2015-2017. This allows the staff to develop plans and work with the city in the hopes of developing the joint use project. We all win if the school district and the city can pool resources.

This project includes potentially upgrading the pool at Standley Park to a full aquatic center to benefit high school teams, as well as swim instruction and community use. Another proposal is the permanent stage/pavilion for school and community performances at a community gathering space in the center of the park. A third proposal is a jogging path that connects Standley Middle School and Spreckels (with its running club), which would also be used by the community.



Improvements will be made to each school in UC. The high school already has a new football field with Friday night lights and other athletic fields are currently under construction there, as well as upgrades to the school building. Curie is on the 2016 list for an artificial turf field to replace some of the decomposed granite field at the school. Doyle is revamping the entrance for security and is in need of an auditorium to accommodate its large enrollment. Spreckels will eventually have modifications to its interior.

Standley Middle School is the next up on whole site modernizations and meetings will begin this fall for input on what the school community needs to improve its facilities. Unfortunately, even as we upgrade our facilities in the community, the school district has been called on to reduce its water consumption as we endure the drought. The sports fields will continue to be watered as needed, but ornamental lawns will not be watered in the same way.

We will have info about Imagine UC 2020 at the UCCA booth on the Fourth of July.

## Council President Sherri Lightner

My staff and I had lots of fun at the UCCA Tree and Menorah lighting event. Thank you to all of the local residents that came out to enjoy the crafts, food and festivities as well as the event organizers.



December was an eventful month at City Hall. I am proud to announce that I was unanimously reelected by my peers to continue to serve as the Council President for another year through the remainder of my term in office. A notable piece of legislation that was approved by the Council on December 15<sup>th</sup> was the Climate Action Plan. The plan outlined goals for the City to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions over the next twenty years some of which include transitioning to 100% renewable energy, becoming a zero waste City and increasing transit use, bicycling and walking in priority areas.

A Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Report being prepared by City staff as a part of the process for updating the transportation section of the University Community Plan was held December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Nobel Recreation Center. Approximately 80 members of the public were in attendance, which is a great turn out! Let's keep this level of engagement going through the remainder of the process.

I am excited to welcome the Fire Department's new Fast Response Squad being set up at the west end of Governor Drive between Regents Road and Stresemann Street. This has been in the works over the past year and we all expect that it will improve emergency response times in the neighborhoods along Governor Drive.

A newly proposed Fire Station at the intersection of Nobel Drive and Shoreline Drive is moving forward through approval process and is expected to come to the University Community Planning Group in February or March for the group's input and approval.

Please express your appreciation to the City Fire-Rescue emergency response teams that have been working to protect our safety in the recent dangerous storm conditions making dozens of water rescues. With more anticipated storm events on the way this winter season make sure you do your part to be prepared and avoid dangerous flooded areas. On that note, please report any damage from storm events, such as potholes, to our office.

If any community members are interested in serving on any of the following City Boards or Commissions, please contact Kyle Heiskala in our office at [KHeiskala@sandiego.gov](mailto:KHeiskala@sandiego.gov) for more info: Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, Parking Advisory Board, Community Forrest Advisory Board, Senior Affairs Advisory Board, Human Relations Commission, Board of Library Commissioners, and International Affairs Board.

**South Library February Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library)**  
**Now open Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 6 PM!**

**Events for Adults/Seniors**

**Qi Gong** - Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 AM (except for February 15th). Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body.

**🎵 Zumba for Special Needs and Beginners** - Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Led by Lis Garces (licensed Zumba® instructor since 2007).

**Adult Yoga** - Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own mat or towel.

**Chair Sit Yoga** - Tuesday, February 2 & 16 @ 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, February 13 & 27 @ 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Second and fourth Saturday of each month.

**🎵 Concert: Ayrton Pisco Violin** - Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Ayrton Pisco began playing the violin at age of three under the guidance of his mother and father.

**Peripheral Neuropathy Lecture** - Tuesday, February 9 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Learn how to end neuropathy pain. Limited space, please call (619)275-3683 to RSVP. Presented by: The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a nonprofit.

**UCCA University City Community Association** - Wednesday, February 10 @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome.

**Oasis: Essential Oils for You and Your Pet's Health** - Thursday, February 18 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM. People are not the only creatures who can benefit from nature's medicine. Come learn about Certified Pure, therapeutic-grade essential oils and how they can have a positive, safe effect on many of your healthcare issues!

**Scrabble Club** - Tuesday, February 23 @ 5:00 - 7:45 PM. All are welcome! Bring your own board and meet new friends!

**UC Book Club** - Wednesday, February 24 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. The Book Club will be discussing *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan.

**Events for Children**

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

**LIVE! Homework Help** - Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 2:30 - 4:30 PM. A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework.

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

**Tales for Tails** - Saturday, February 6 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Children can read aloud to trained and certified therapy dogs. "Tales for Tails" is designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence in reading out loud. Children age 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**SD Book Arts** - Wednesday, February 10 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Join us in the community room for a Valentine's Day craft.

**ROKENBOK STEM Education** - Tuesday, February 23 @ 2:30 - 3:30 PM. ROKENBOK is a construction system that supports early STEM education. Its curriculum is designed to engage students' minds, eyes and fine motor skills as well as boost understanding of core STEAM competencies. Space is limited; please call (858) 552-1655 to RSVP.



**Events for Tweens/Teens**

**Kendama Club** - Every Wednesday @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM. 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!

**Teen Writing Club** - Wednesday, February 10 @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM. In this month's Teen Writing Club we will be talking about techniques for writing tantalizing tales.

**North Library February Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | [sandiego.gov/public-library](http://sandiego.gov/public-library)**

**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** - Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. Improve English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting.

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

**AARP Tax Preparation Help** - Thursdays 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Volunteers from AARP will be here to help you prepare your tax returns. First come, first served walk-ins only.

**Knitters' Circle** - Thursday, February 4 & 18 at 1:00 PM. Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome. Basic instruction is available.

**🎵 Concert: Bassett Bros.** - Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 PM. The Bassett Bros. are an identical twin guitar duo whose performances showcase a wide range of music from medieval to Metallica.

**Page Turners Book Club** - Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM. The Book Club will be discussing *Empires of Light* by Jill Jonnes.

**Cinema Café** - Wednesday, February 17. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film. Title TBA. Please inquire with library staff for further details.

**Events for Children/Families**

**Babies and Books** - Mondays at 9:45 AM. This lap-sit storytime will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Recommended age: Birth – 2 years.

**Homework Help** - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 PM. Basic homework help for all grades and subjects. For more information please call the library.

**Kids' Art Studio** - Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. A fun art lesson every week! No registration required. For grades K-6.

**🎵 Music and Movement** - Fridays at 11:00 AM at the Nobel Recreation Center. Sing, Dance and Play! Children enjoy songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

**Arts & Crafts** - Saturdays at 1:00 PM. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

**Yoga Storytime** - Monday, February 8 & 22 at 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.

**Paws to Read** - Monday, February 8 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.

**STEAM 2 Academy** - Tuesday, February 9 at 3:00 PM. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

**Tiny Tots Storytime \*NEW\*** - Wednesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM. Miss Kim reads books and plays the piano in this fun sing-along storytime complete with percussion instruments.

**Weekly Storytimes**

Chinese – Mondays at 11:30 AM  
 Hebrew – Thursdays at 9:45 AM  
 English – Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
 French – Thursdays at 11:15 AM  
 Russian – Fridays at 10:15 AM  
 Sign Language – Thursday, February 11 at 12 noon

**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 any given program. Changes are rare, but may occur. Library hours subject to change due to holidays.





## UCHS Music Boosters Presents a Musical Journey

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Sights & Sounds Showcase - A Musical Journey Featuring Students, Staff & Special Friends" will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016 at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, 4126 Executive Dr. Sponsored by the University City High School Music Boosters under the auspices of the Centurion Foundation, this evening will begin at 6pm with an **adults-only** cocktail reception featuring craft beers courtesy of La Jolla Brewing Company, tasty bites from The French Gourmet, a silent auction and a special performance by the Phil Marcus Trio. Theatre doors will open at 7pm and the entertainment will begin at 7:30pm.

The Showcase is for the entire family and will feature performances from students and staff as well as a live auction with our special guest auctioneer, Principal Jeff Olivero. Intermission will feature a gourmet dessert reception. Ticket sales will open on February 1<sup>st</sup>; prices for adults through March 11 are \$30 (\$35 after March 11), UC Cluster staff tickets are \$20, and student tickets are \$12.50. Student tickets are valid for show & dessert reception only. \*\*Parents: We will have a Teen Lounge open from 6:00 – 7:00pm where your teens can hang and enjoy a pizza dinner for \$5 while you attend the cocktail reception. Please note that NO outside food may be brought into the Teen Lounge. Email [uchsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:uchsmusic@gmail.com) if you will be using this service or would like additional ticket information.

### CHAT WITH A LINGUIST

UCHS PTSA is thrilled to pair up with Richard Lederer - San Diego's famous linguist, author, and columnist - to raise funds for UCHS's senior Grad Nite this spring, and we encourage members of the community to attend and to bring family and friends! The UCHS PTSA has planned two events with Richard Lederer on Thursday, February 11, both in the UCHS Auditorium. The first will start at 4:30pm and will be a presentation focusing on "fascinating facts" about our presidents, which will be an extra bit of fun given the presidential election year. The second event will start at 6:30pm and will focus on an evening of language and laughter. Both events are family-friendly and appropriate for all ages, and there are special discounted rates for students and for teachers.

There will be a potluck in between the two events in the UCHS Media Center. Richard loves potlucks. He is a very social person, so for anyone who'd like to meet him in person, chat with him, or have their books signed by him, this is a great opportunity to "hang out" with this famous author and linguist. Because of Richard's generosity, all funds raised from ticket sales will go directly to UCHS PTSA Grad Nite!

The more people that attend, the more the PTSA can raise for Grad Nite, which provides a safe and sober way for the school's graduating seniors to celebrate their accomplishments.

RSVP today! Here's the link: [http://uchspts.org/?page\\_id=1317](http://uchspts.org/?page_id=1317)  
Prices increase February 10.

## Melissa Martin Named New Library Branch Manager

by Sandy Lippe



Meet Melissa Martin, new branch manager of University Community Library on Governor. Melissa is a UCSD graduate from Revelle College with a major in Russian Literature. She also has an MLIS, Masters of Library and Information Science from San Jose State. Besides bringing great educational credentials to the job, Melissa has the endorsement of our former librarian, popular Sharon Thomerson, "Melissa would be my first choice," Sharon said.

Melissa grew up in East County, graduated from Valhalla High, and met her husband at UCSD. They moved to Louisiana when he was in the Coast Guard. She started work in a library there and loved it. Upon returning to San Diego, she worked at the MWR library at ASW: (the Naval Anti-Submarine Warfare) in Point Loma. She had an internship at Geisel Library at UCSD, where she worked with wonderful people. For the next fifteen years, she served in many capacities at Central Library in downtown San Diego. Finally she moved as branch manager at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library.

Melissa is busy preparing the library collection for transition to Radio Frequency IDentification (RFID), the latest technology for tracking library materials. RFID goes beyond security and tracking. Melissa is delighted with the volunteers who help out. A new adult volunteer will be working two days a week from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. helping students with homework from K-12 grades. Friends of the UC Library provide funding for programs like concerts on the first Wednesday of each month.

Martin is happy to announce that library operating hours have increased in all public libraries in San Diego. "On Saturdays, the library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We can always use more volunteers. Normally people volunteer for an hour a week," she said. If you want to volunteer, stop by or call 858-552-1655. UC is lucky to have such a talented branch manager.

## OMC Helps the Children

by Rob Moscato

Save the date! You are invited to a Banquet and Silent Auction at Our Mother of Confidence Parish, 3131 Governor Dr. on Friday, February 5. Human trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year global industry; San Diego ranks ninth 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. Doors open for a social hour at 6:15pm, and the banquet begins at 7:00pm. All proceeds from the auction will go to Children of the Immaculate Heart a non-profit organization founded to benefit female minor victims of human trafficking. Come gather in fellowship, learn more about CIH, and support our work. We look forward to seeing you there! The dinner and event are free. Please RSVP to Camille Mica 281-832-5369 or [childrenoftheimmaculateheart@gmail.com](mailto:childrenoftheimmaculateheart@gmail.com).



## UCCA Member Benefit, Back by Popular Demand: Buy Local with UCCA

Buy Local with UCCA connects individual UCCA members with local businesses. Customers must present their valid, current UCCA membership card at participating Buy Local businesses at the time of purchase in order to take advantage of Buy Local offers. Here are some of the local businesses, which have already committed to the 2016 Buy Local program:

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Please go to <http://www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/> to find out the specifics of each offer; and to find out more about how you, or your business, can participate in UCCA's Buy Local.

## Buy Local Business Brief:

UCCA welcomes Electric Life Fitness Studio to its new home at 3961 Governor Drive, in the same building strip as Lorna's Italian Kitchen and near JK Computer. Owner Anne Apodaca, a Master Trainer and Fitness Model says, "Personal Training is my heart, and group fitness is my passion." Anne has been in the fitness industry for more than 15 years. She has created a fitness studio that blends her heart and passion with a group fitness schedule of innovative and fun workouts.

Anne and her staff have exclusive classes available only at Electric Life Fitness Studio. "I offer my customers a boutique fitness studio with quality instructors in an inclusive atmosphere, where you become a part of a positive fit family," she says. Electric Life Fitness Studio will host an open house fitness party on February 20. Refer to the notice in the advertising section of this newsletter. Visit the studio's website at [www.ElectricLifeFitnessStudio.com](http://www.ElectricLifeFitnessStudio.com).

## Thanks for the Community Support

by Jemma Samala

First off, EdUCate! thanks the community for being so giving during the holidays and donating towards our #GivingTuesday event. We raised over \$5,000 in just one day, plus additional donations were received prior to year-end.



With all of your support in 2015, EdUCate! was able to end the year by providing over \$28,500 in Teacher Grants and \$40,000 in Principal Grants this fall. And we're not done giving for this school year. EdUCate! continues to fund the after-school Math Academy programs at Standley Middle and University City High Schools, and the Junior Achievement BizTown 5th grade programs for Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels elementary schools. Plus another round of Teacher Grants will be awarded this spring. We hope to count on you for your continued support of EdUCate! and our fundraising efforts. We have our ongoing Dollar A Day (DAD), Honor A Teacher (HAT), and Amazon fundraisers, plus our Wednesday Night Family Food Trucks resume on March 2. And make sure to Save the Date for our 22nd Annual Taste of the Triangle on Friday, May 6 as we enjoy a special Monte Carlo Night -- gamble on our students, it's a winning combination!

We are looking for volunteers to help plan the Taste of the Triangle, donations for the auction/raffle, and sponsors to help underwrite the event. If interested please send an email to [president@uc-educate.org](mailto:president@uc-educate.org). For more info about EdUCate! and our programs, go to [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org).

## UC Celebration Needs Volunteers

Call to arms for the 4th of July Celebration....

Every year, the University City Celebration Committee plans and executes the 4th of July Celebration, along with the staff at Standley Recreation Center. And every year, we struggle to have people participate in this celebration.

Meetings for volunteers will resume in February - and we would love to see you there! If you have ever wanted to help out your community and support University City - this is a great event, and a great way for you to lend your support.

We have many different committees - from entertainment, to food booths, to vendors, to a 5K race, etc. - and we would love some new input.

I will post a notice for our next meeting on Nextdoor.com and keep you in the loop as things progress. If you would like to contact me directly, please do so at [T17Jones@roadrunner.com](mailto:T17Jones@roadrunner.com). We certainly need some help this year - experienced or not.

Thank you,

Terry Jones



## UC Planning Group Report

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

The January meeting was opened with Chair Janay Kruger announcements: four additional appointees to the Costa Verde Committee-- Tom Fetter from the Chevron station, Stephanie Boudreaux from Vi, Janis Deady of Oggi's, and Greg Zinser from S.D. Community Foundation. Janay stopped the city from increasing the traffic speed on Nobel Dr. between Town Center Dr. and Shoreline from 40mph to 55mph because of the construction of the new fire station at Shoreline. On April 2 the Ragnar Relay from Huntington Beach to Coronado will require the closing of Genesee from the glider port through UC and the closing of the UCHS parking lot. The City Council will be considering the adoption of an ordinance restricting the use of plastic and paper single-use carryout bags in upcoming meetings.

SDPD update: the addition of 8 new officers in the Northern Division. They caution people to take their garage door openers from their cars into the house since there have been occurrences of openers being used to enter houses through the garage. The SDPD is sponsoring the "Try Harder Triathlon" to raise money for at risk youth.

The SANDAG update on the trolley: Currently demolishing the median on Genesee followed by the demolition of the median from Nobel to Regents with fencing down the middle of the streets. They are in the process of right of way acquisitions, negotiations with builders, working with UTC re the MTS bus station, advancing the utility changes on the Genesee sewer, water, and storm drain lines. The trolley should be running 2020-2021. The Feds and Transnet will split the price for the construction. At the February meeting they will explain the lane shifts and how they will build the entire line for the trolley.

Councilperson Lightner's rep. Kyle Heisakala cited the City Climate Action Plan, which should be in effect 100% by 2035, and the city council discussion of El Nino preparedness. Last month's EIR scoping meeting is a continuing process. Lightner has been very instrumental in getting fire stations for our area: the new south UC FAST Response fire station 56, station 50 is in process on Nobel Dr., and she is working with UCSD to have a campus station. They are looking for people to work on boards and commissions on gangs, parking, senior affairs advisory, human sourcing, libraries, internal affairs, and city attorney. He is still keeping tabs on the 5850 Regents Road building proposal. Senator Marty Block's office reported his work on bills to update the penal code on threats to schools and on human trafficking.

Dan Monroe from the City Planning Department reported that they are considering all the suggestions made at the University Community Plan Amendment Scoping meeting and those mailed. The Traffic report is not yet complete but should be posted in about two weeks; future analysis is important for the EIR draft. The City is surveying how to improve mobility and transportation when I-5/Genesee project finishes in 2017, the super loop, mid-coast trolley, I-5 and 805 improvements by SANDAG. Planning will brief the UCPG on FBA and CIP funds for projects.

Supervisor Dave Roberts made a personal appearance at the planning group meeting introducing himself and his family. He is currently president pro tem for the supervisors and Mel Milstein runs his office. He laid out his projects: suicide task force and expanding emergency response teams with mental health emphasis, housing for the homeless released from the hospital, and the grant processes for the county funding for community activities. MCAS Miramar report by Kristine Camper involved monitoring trespassers on 25,000 acres.

A proposal on the agenda to request a vote on a new idea for the Regents Road Bridge and Rose Canyon was presented by Louis Rodolico, a south University City resident. He presented a very innovative slide showing undergrounding the railroad through Rose Canyon, a long span separated-lanes bridge, and drainage, which could result in a lake in the canyon. He was complimented on his originality and for volunteering to line up the many agencies that would need to be consulted to bring his plans to fruition. Questions were asked and discussion ensued and the vote of the planning group was one abstention and 15 nays. NEXT MEETING: February 9 at the Scripps building 10010 Campus Point Drive

## Environmental Impact Report Update

by Barry Bernstein

On Wednesday, December 16th, at the Nobel Rec. Center, the City's Planning Dept. led by Dan Monroe, Senior Planner, and Susan Morrison, City Planning Supervisor, introduced and explained to the audience the required EIR, (Environmental Impact Report). They stated this report, which is mandated by California state law, CEQA, (California Environmental Quality Act) will be presented to San Diego's City Council for their approval as an amendment of the University City Community Plan.

Mr. Monroe reviewed various pre-selected alternatives to be considered for a needed community plan amendment that would affect all of the area within the greater University City boundaries. These listed alternatives, but not limited to, focused on variations of either completing the planned Genesee widening and the building of Regents Road Bridge or removing one or both from the Community Plan. The City Planning Dept. has set a target date of completing the study, to include recommendations, by November of 2016.

Ms. Morrison then reviewed how the public comment portion of the meeting would be conducted. Forms for written comments were available to turn in that evening or mail in to the planning department. There were 26 speakers, each limited to a maximum of two minutes. It was requested that speakers not ask questions, but focus their comments on what they felt are the important factors for consideration in the EIR report/analysis. A few of the speakers, not only provided their own viewpoint on environmental factors, such as traffic, air/water pollution, and safety, but also expressed disdain over the reply time allowance for community input during the December holiday period. Speakers included residents from Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and Clairemont, as well as residents from both north and south University City. Additional meetings for public review/comments will be scheduled in 2016.

UCCA will continue to provide updates of this important community issue in future newsletter editions.



### *SDPD Northern Division Tri's Harder*

SDPD Northern Division brought four teams to compete in the 2016 TRI-N-HARDER-4-KIDS triathlon to raise funds for two great causes, STAR/PAL youth programs and the SDPOA Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. UCCA supported our Northern Division officers with a \$150 donation. Go team!

## 100 Years of Scouting



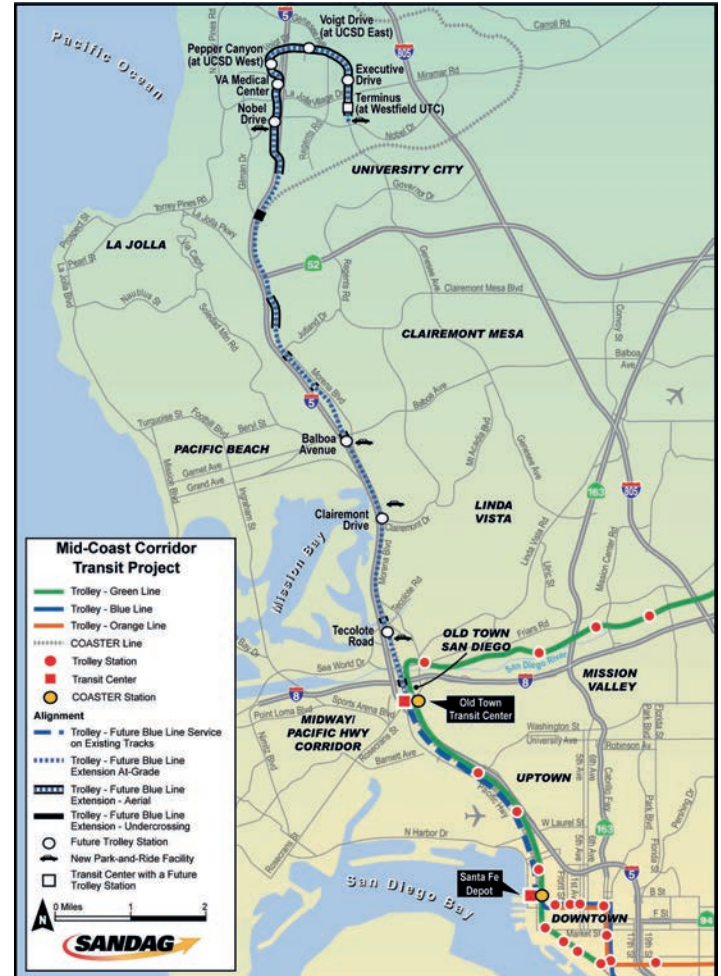
The first Boy Scout Troops were established in the United States in 1910. Founded by Robert Baden-Powell, a Lieutenant General in the British Army. In 1906, Powell penned a book for boys about reconnaissance and scouting, called *Scouting for Boys*. The intent was to support young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development so that they play constructive roles in society. Today, many of the original practices are still employed to educate boys in basic woodworking, survival, exploration and most importantly civic duty.



This year, Troop 11 will celebrate their 100th year as a chartered Boy Scout Troop. Though some records have been lost over the years, it is assured that thousands of boys have actively participated and grown up in Troop 11. That's 100 years of camping, hiking, canoes, tents, campfires, community projects and friendship.

If you are a former member of Troop 11 or related family, we invite you to join us once again on February 20, from 1:00-4:00pm at the First Baptist Church, 5055 Governor Dr., to share your stories and experiences with the current Scouts. Please bring pictures, old uniforms, memorabilia or simply your memories. If you would like to join in, please contact Mary Ricci via email at: 100YearsforTroop11@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing all former Troop 11 family members once again!

*Photos Courtesy Bill Greer*



## Mid-Coast Trolley Project Update

The Mid-Coast project will extend the Trolley from Old Town to the University City community. Nine new stations will be constructed, serving major activity centers such as the Mission Bay area, the VA Medical Center, UCSD, and Westfield UTC.

In order to make way for the primary construction of the project, crews will begin this month the work of relocating underground utilities – such as water and sewer lines—along portions of Genesee Avenue. This effort will help prepare the area for the new trolley infrastructure. This “wet utilities work” includes opening sections of the street to locate, move or repair portions of underground systems. The majority of this work will be performed at night to minimize impacts to traffic.

For all residents and businesses in the area, access to driveways will be maintained throughout the project. There may be some portions of roads closed or detoured at night. You may notice impacts to portions of the road over a period of three years as crews prepare to build San Diego's newest transit line. Our team will be making sure to keep local residents informed about any major impacts of the project.

If you have additional questions, email us at [midcoast@sandag.org](mailto:midcoast@sandag.org) or visit [www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/midcoast](http://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/midcoast).



## UC Love Stories...



**DAVE & SANDY PLUTCHAK**

Dave and Sandy Plutchak met in the 50's at a fellowship group at El Cajon Presbyterian Church. Dave and Sandy were both attending San Diego State University. They got engaged and had a double wedding with Sandy's identical twin sister and her husband. They lived in Lakeside for about six years. In 1968, they decided to move to University City to be closer and have easier access to Dave's work at General Dynamics. Their two kids, Bruce and Connie, attended the local UC schools - Marcy Elementary, Marston and Standley Junior High, and Clairemont and University City High Schools. University City was a relatively new community when they moved here, so they witnessed a lot of growth, including the building of both Standley and UCHS, the construction of Highway 52, and many coming and goings of businesses. Sandy and Dave are still living in the same house, with the same phone number, and have four grandchildren. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this January.



**JIM & GINNY CHARVAT**

In the words of Ginny:

Jim and I met in a bowling alley. We dated for nine months, then walked down the aisle over 59 years ago. We have three wonderful boys, all married. They have given us four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One of our sons, Jim IV, lives in San Diego, as do his children and grandchildren. We moved to UC in 1962. Our kids attended all the new schools as they opened. Jeff, our youngest, was in the first graduating class at UCHS. We are charter members of UCLL (Jim was the first Player's Agent) and also of Our Mother of Confidence Church. Since I moved so much as a kid, I was happy to put roots down somewhere, and I guess we have. We all love UC.

**BARRY & JACQUELINE BERNSTEIN**

Barry and Jacqueline Bernstein are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 19, 2016. They have lived in University City since 1967 and in the same home on Edmonton Ave. since 1969. Their two daughters, Leslie and Stephanie, attended public school in UC and now live in Connecticut and New York City respectively, and are very proud parents themselves.



**BROOK & TOM FEERICK**

The Feerick's are halfway through getting to their Golden Anniversary, as they are now at 26 years strong.

Shout outs to:

**SANDY & ERNIE LIPPE** – Celebrating their Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 5, 2016.

**BARBARA & IRV GELLMAN** – Will have been married for 54 years as of February 18. Barbara is UC's Neighborhood Watch queen and has helped install 180 Neighborhood Watch signs so far. They have lived in UC since January 1989.

**MERLE & MACK LANGSTON** – Are newlyweds! Both are active members of UCCA, Merle as Chair of the Beautification Committee, and Mack as the Improve UC Representative and Parliamentarian. Congrats to both and wishing them many wonderful years together.

## NOVEMBER, DECEMBER and JANUARY MEMBERSHIPS

### THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING UCCA 2016 MEMBERS

#### Individual

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Anne Apodaca – Electric  
Life Fitness Studio  
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Len & JoAnne Barbieri  
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Franz & JoAnn Borow  
Lillian Brounstein  
Ann Cernin  
Georgia Crowne  
Robert & Diane Estus  
Jonathan & Sara  
Fishman Family  
Tim Garfield  
Don & Judy Gladden  
Millie Goddard  
Sheila Goldfarb  
Ann & Philip Gonsalves  
Nancy Groves  
Dick & Marlys Hamann  
Al & Rebecca  
Harutunian  
Diane Hotz – Dogtopia  
of Miramar  
Kelly Johnson  
Ken & Linda Juengel  
Elaine Koenig  
Margot Laue  
Claudia Lowenstein  
Kris & Jim Luxon  
Vicki Miller  
Mary Moore  
Ed & Marcia Munn  
Perry & Eva Nerenberg  
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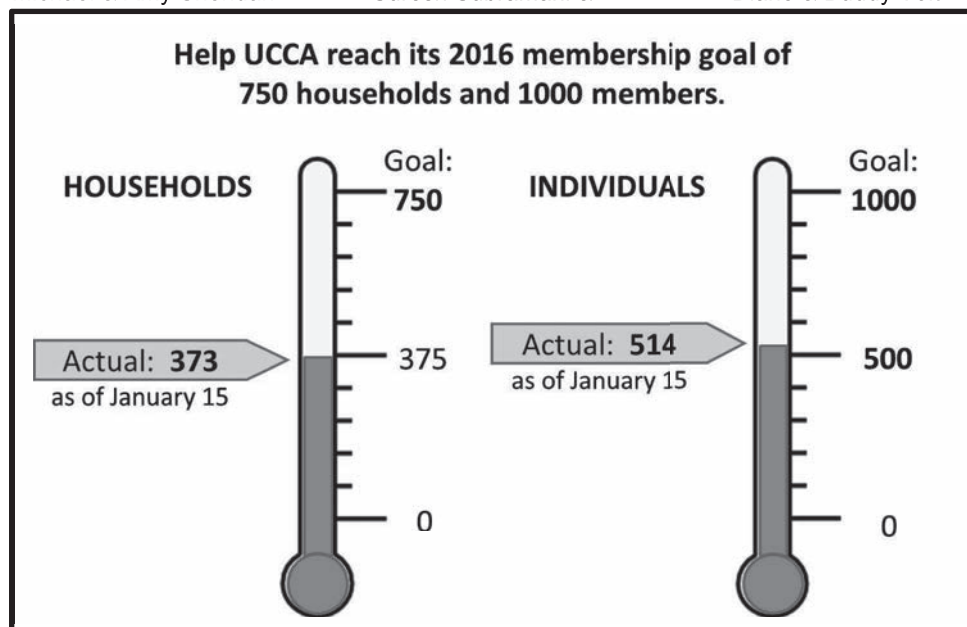
#### Community Angel

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Jim & Ellen Behsears  
Paul & Ann Clark  
David Cox  
David Dudbridge  
Sharon & Peter Franks  
Jim & Jan Hawkins  
Greg Hom & Sharon  
Joe-Hom  
Robert & Nancy Howe  
Bonnie Keeney &  
Richard Daniel  
Patricia & Alexander  
Kelley  
Douglas Magde  
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Dale & Martha McGinty  
Angie & Jeff Miner  
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#### Gold

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Diane & Buddy Voit





**Editor's Endnotes...** When the Newsletter Committee met to plan this issue, it dawned on us that this year we have an extra day – it's Leap Year.

Then I was thinking, wow, an extra day this year – what shall I do on that extra day? First, I was wondering since it's an extra workday, I wonder if my office should consider it a holiday and close for the day. I'll bring it u to the big boss. Then I thought I really could use an extra day (actually I would like one every week.) For those of you with kids still in school, we are now in full mode for planning for fundraisers, graduations and promotions. The extra day will be helpful for us in sending out donation requests, have planning meetings, volunteer in the schools.

But really, wouldn't it be nice to have an extra day to hang out at the park, play catch with the kids, and have an evening picnic. I think we should celebrate this extra leap day in UC – meet at the park for an impromptu gathering. You could say it's a sort of pop-up celebration. Okay, I just decided, pop-up Leap Day Picnic at Standley Park. BYOP: bring your own picnic. Since I probably can't convince the big boss to close the office, see you there at 6:00.

And don't forget it's Valentine's Day this month, so help out your heart health and spend time with your loved ones. Bring them to our Leap Day Picnic – your spouse, partner, children, parents, friends, dogs.

Happy February, so much to celebrate! Good thing we have an extra day. – Jemma Samala



### GET YOUR RUNNING SHOES ON FOR UC SPIRIT RUN

Save the date of Saturday, April 16 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UC Spirit Run. The 5K run/walk and 1 Mile Kids Run starts at 9:00 at the UCHS stadium. The event is hosted by the Centurion Foundation and proceeds support athletics and extracurricular activities. More info at: [uc-centurionfoundation.com](http://uc-centurionfoundation.com). Contact event chair Kurt Meeder at [kurt.meeder@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.meeder@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer, or become an event sponsor.

### MUSIC BOOSTERS RECEIVE GRANT FROM UCCA

Thank you to UCCA for their \$1,000 contribution to the UCHS Music Boosters for a vibraphone! The UCHS Music Department does not own a vibraphone and this mallet percussion instrument will be used by our marching band, concert band, and jazz band. Mr. Brandon Corenman, the music students, and the music boosters thank UCCA for their continued support!

## University City Community Association 2016 UCCA Membership Application\*

2016 Members will receive our new membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

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\*This membership is valid for the 2016 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA.

If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairperson Hallie Burch at [UCCAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembership@gmail.com).



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2936 Gobat Avenue	3	2	\$700,000
4241 Rous St	3	2.5	\$700,000
3521 Stetson Ave	5	3	\$772,000
6894 Fisk	4	2.5	\$790,000
3146 Occidental St	4	3	\$819,500
5667 Honors Drive	4	2	\$900,000
5480 Pire Ave	4	2.5	\$1,050,000

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2014 Homes Sold: 111

2014 Average SOLD Price: \$720,330

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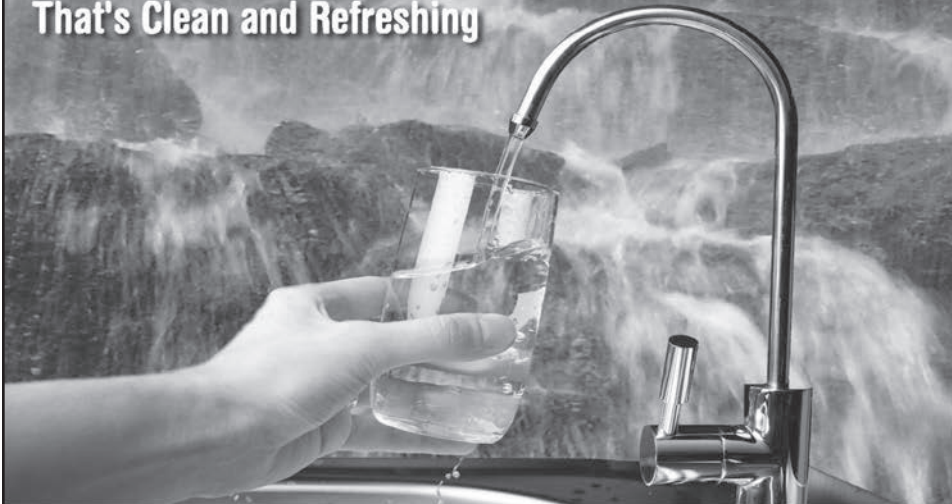
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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual University City Tree Lighting Tradition is a Community Favorite

by Sandy Lippe

The families came, Standley Middle School band came, Santa came, and the rain came to the traditional Christmas tree lighting event at Standley Park on December 11. UCCA Co-chairs Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia were prepared with plan B if it rained: move the event into the Standley gym.

UCCA President Barry Bernstein introduced the entertainers. Mr. Marcus led the band into the gym to perform holiday songs. Tuesday Night Alibi sang a few songs. Tom Ventimiglia wrote and sang a Hanukkah song to accompany the lighting of the Menorah, a new addition to the evening. City Council President Sherri Lightner and Rich Reyes, representing Mayor Faulconer, extended holiday greetings.

When the rain let up, everyone went outside for the lighting of the Christmas tree. The tables with cookies and hot chocolate were relocated outside too as people lined up for the treats until the rain came again. It was back inside to finish off the evening of fun that began when Standley Rec Center staff provided a delicious pasta dinner from Lorna's. So many Standley Middle School student volunteers were helping out.

This 13th Christmas Tree Lighting event saw the same two gentlemen who helped out at the first one in 2002: Dave Buttemer and Jim Simon. Dave is retiring this year and will be sorely missed. His engineering skills were put to use when he designed and built the trees that show up each year. Jim Simon bolted down the Christmas tree and wired the ornaments securely. Even El Nino winds couldn't lift the tree or ornaments. UC owes these two super dads a debt of gratitude. By the way, the day the tree was taken down in January, it rained again, a first!

Kudos to our friends at Fire Station 35, Regency Center Development/Costa Verde Mall, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Chabad of U.C., Carl's Jr Restaurant, Carole Pietras, Bobbie Westdal, Tuesday Night Alibi quartet, Andy Freeburn, Santa's helper, Tom Ventimiglia, and Standley Rec Center staff. Let's support those who support us. Happy 2016 from the UCCA.

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