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## Look up, University City!

by Diane Ahern

Thank you County Supervisor Dave Roberts. UCCA received two grants this year from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

The **Community Enhancement Grant** provided for the design of attractive and uniform street banners to welcome visitors to University City and highlight key gateways, demonstrating that University City is more than a neighborhood.

The **Neighborhood Reinvestment Program** paid for banner production and installation.

The banner design was by AlphaGraphics on Governor Drive, and the banner production and installation by The Décor Place. The new banners (shown above) are displayed on light poles located on our main thoroughfare of Governor Drive. Take a look.

### UCCA General Meeting/Election of Officers

Please plan to attend our special community information/election meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 6:00pm at our library on Governor Drive. Besides our election of officers for 2017, John Alderson, UTC/Westfield VP, will be providing an update on the scheduled progress and the new and returning retailers. Also, John Haggerty, SANDAG/Trolley Project Manager, will be providing an update on the trolley's scheduled progress...and in particular what impact its construction will have on our community for the next 4-5 years. We are also anticipating former California Assembly speaker, Toni Atkins, to give us a brief accounting of what our state legislature will have on its plate in 2017 based on the results of the Tuesday elections and status of state ballot measures.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Clocks Fall Back One Hour**

Sunday, November 6  
2:00am

**Election Day**

Tuesday, November 8

**UC Planning Group**

Tuesday, November 8, 6:00pm  
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

**UCCA Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9  
6:00pm, UC Library  
\*Election of Officers

**Veteran's Day**

Friday, November 11

**People for a Clean UC**

Sunday, November 13, 7:15-9:00am  
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks  
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

**Doyle Recreation Council**

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30pm

**Standley Recreation Council**

No Meeting in November

**Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 24

**DON'T FORGET!**

**IT'S TIME TO JOIN AND OR RENEW  
YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP**

**Our 2017 membership drive begins  
this month... see attached envelope.  
Thank you!**

## 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 December 2016/January 2017: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December/January issue is November 17, 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. The UCCA Newsletter receives information and advertising from a variety of sources. UCCA cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or the complete absence of errors and/or omissions, nor does UCCA assume responsibility for the same. Publication does not constitute an endorsement.

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Community Association, and on Twitter @UCCA\_SD.

### UCCA President Barry Bernstein



With our National, state, and local elections nearly over and the many state and city ballot tax measures that affect us and our communities still yet to be decided, we can only be hopeful that these decisions will result in improving the quality of life for all of us. Now we can rest our politically overworked brains and attend to some mundane responsibilities of the season...setting our clocks back an hour, turning on our home heating, getting needed "flu" shots, supporting our favorite football teams, and of course preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday.

UCCA will have its yearly election of officers as part of its General meeting on Wednesday, November 9. Some very important speakers have been invited to present information at this meeting regarding the UTC/Westfield expansion process, the proposed trolley rail line down Genesee, and a brief legislative update from former California Speaker of the House, Toni Atkins. It's the one meeting everyone should try to attend. Come early to vote...and to get a good seat. **Voting is from 5:30-7:30 for members.**

A special note of recognition and thanks to our City Council representative Sherri Lightner and her most able community representative Kyle Heiskala, as they turn their governing responsibilities over to Barbara Bry, our new District 1 presumptive winner. UCCA has appreciated their support and leadership these past years in making and keeping UC the great community that it is. Prior to leaving, Lightner's office has responded to the SPRC request and asked that Swanson Pool be opened earlier this spring to compensate for the lost swimming days caused by a broken filter.

Other stuff: Look for our new street pole banners...there will be additional banners in 2017. UCCA continues to try to establish productive "talks" with Miramar MCAS, particularly after last month's "emergency" landing reminded some of the 2008 tragedy...Genesee traffic is awful during commuting/school hours, no viable solution...we have to live with these conditions and try to make our travel plans on Genesee with that in mind. On that same topic see the article related to the Community Plan Amendment PEIR on page 12. UCCA "salutes" our many local veterans who have served our nation, see page 9. Friday, December 9 will be the UCCA/Standley Park Tree/Menorah Lighting, mark calendars for this wonderful community event.

As the 2016 year draws to a close, I want to thank our Board members and our nearly 200 volunteers for a job well done. Without you the many things that make UC so special would not happen. Keep up the great work. And to our over 600 families that are UCCA members...Thank you so much for your interest and support...we couldn't do/support all the wonderful and important things that make UC "more than just a neighborhood". Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

~Barry

**\*JOIN UCCA FOR 2017-- see attached membership envelope. (be careful removing staples) Thank you.**

**EDITOR'S NOTES...** by Jemma Samala

November is the time when we make our voices heard. It's a presidential year, and no matter who your preferred candidate is, make sure to make your voice heard and vote.

There are a large number of propositions and local positions to vote for, it can be daunting, and I understand if you feel that the voting process can be a little overwhelming this year. But take the time and be an educated voter. And it's okay to pass on a proposition or a race if you don't feel educated enough on the issue or candidates' backgrounds. I know I have voted a certain way on a proposition, only to figure out later my yes vote actually meant no on the issue. And afterwards I felt like a fool, it's a horrible feeling. So vote responsibly.

I had the opportunity to attend a friend's home in UC to discuss one of the propositions and its issues. While we all had similar thoughts about the issue, I thought, wow, this is what community is about – getting together to discuss a problem and trying to form solutions. Now, I have participated in group special election meetings by clubs or friends where we go through propositions one-by-one to discuss, but I particularly love how the gathering made us feel that we should all do our part to do...something. Grass roots at its best, and keeping each other's social consciousness on the forefront.

The voting process is important: whether for president of the U.S., president of the UCCA, or president of your school's PTA...make your voices heard. Wear your "I Voted" sticker proudly (get one at a polling booth if you do mail-in ballots) and especially let the younger generation know the importance of voting. Because, as I'm always telling people, you're not allowed to complain, if you don't vote!

For more info on the election, go to: [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com). Important dates:  
**November 1 – last day for registered voters to request Mail Ballots**  
**November 5 & 6 – weekend voting at the Registrar of Voters office**  
**November 8 – Election Day**

**2016 UCCA Board Members****Executive Board**

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\*Non-Voting Member

**UCCA BOARD ELECTION**

At its November 9 meeting, UCCA will be holding elections for the following officer positions:

The **President** shall preside at all meeting of the corporation and the Executive Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member on all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall have the power to appoint, subject to ratification by the elected officers, a corresponding secretary, membership secretary, parliamentarian and any other chairpersons. The President shall perform any other duties pertaining to the office.

The **Vice President** shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, shall automatically fill the unexpired term of the President if the President should resign and shall assist the President with the duties of the office of the President. In the event that the association is without a Parliamentarian, or said Parliamentarian is absent from the meeting, the Vice President shall assume those duties.

The **Secretary** shall keep an accurate account of the meetings of the corporation and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the corporation's records and at all times shall have a current copy of the minutes.

The **Treasurer** shall be the custodian of all the funds, disbursing the funds at the direction of the Executive Committee. All checks must be signed by two parties consisting of any of the officers. The Treasurer shall make a financial report at each general meeting and at any Executive Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall file all appropriate tax statements at the correct times required to maintain the non-profit status of the corporation.

In order to run for office, a candidate must be a UCCA member is good standing and have attended at least two UCCA meetings during the calendar year. Those who are interested in running for elected office should contact Nominating Committee Chairperson Mack Langston at 619-818-4205.

To review the complete set of UCCA bylaws, visit [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org).

**UCCA ELECTION NOTICE**

**November 9, 5:30-7:30pm, UC Library**

**UCCA will be electing its officers for the 2017 calendar year.**

**The proposed slate is:**

**President –Barry Bernstein**  
**Vice-President –Diane Ahern**  
**Secretary –Karen Martinez**  
**Treasurer –Don Hotz**

**Additional nominations will be received from the floor at the election meeting. In order to run for office, you must be a member in good standing and have attended at least two UCCA meetings during this calendar year. If you are interested in running for office, or if you have any questions concerning the election process, please contact me.**

**Thank you, Mack Langston**  
**Chair UCCA Nominating Committee**  
**(619) 818-4205**





## PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

by Officer Larry Hesselgesser, North Division

Millions of packages are delivered every day in the U.S. and thieves know they are delivered straight to your front door step where they may sit for hours until you come home. Here are some tips to ensure your packages are delivered safely!

1. Tracking numbers let you see when your package is supposed to arrive. This gives you the ability to pick up the package immediately upon delivery or to set up an alternate method of pick up.
2. Ask your neighbor to please pick the package up for you or Leave a note on your door instructing the carrier, where to leave the package or request the delivery to be at a location where somebody will be home.
3. Request a "Signature Delivery Option." This ensures the package will not be left on your doorstep. If you are unable to sign, the package will be taken to the post/carrier office.
4. Request a specific drop off time when you will be home.
5. Use a post office box and pick up all your packages there.
6. Have packages delivered to your workplace if possible.
7. If purchasing something online from a large retailer, have the item delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
8. Request that the shipper holds the package at their facility for pick up.
9. Use Nextdoor.com to communicate any suspicious vehicles seen roaming the neighborhood after delivery times, take pictures if possible.
10. Call 911 if you see a theft occur and report all package thefts to San Diego Police 619-531-2000 or online <https://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess>
11. Set up a surveillance camera system aimed at you porch like Ring, Nest or Samsung's SmartCam. Let it monitor your entire front porch area. Some of these can record 24/7 video footage and send instant motion alerts to your smart phone. If you have any suspicion that a package might have gone missing, simply check the delivery time (as confirmed by your shipping service) against the stored recordings from your camera and see what happened. If indeed a theft has occurred, you can download the video and use it as evidence when you file your police report.

For any local postal problems, contact:  
Ardel A Sardino, 858-453-0121, [ardel.a.sandino@usps.gov](mailto:ardel.a.sandino@usps.gov)  
U.S. Post Office, 5045 Shoreham Place, San Diego CA 92122



## The Basic Do's and Don'ts of Email

by Jennifer Karp, UC NW Captain

### DO

- Keep a separate email account (e-mail address) for junk mail, online purchases, newsletter sign-ups, etc., and one for your family, friends, personal services like bank accounts, stock broker, financial advisor, etc.
- Empty your trash and spam folders at least once per week.
- Delete emails regularly, especially those of a personal nature. If you want to save your emails, download them to your computer or a thumb drive.
- Log out of your email when you are finished. Never leave it logged in.

### DON'T

- Don't use an app on your wireless phone to check email. Always go to the Web site using your browser to check email.
- Don't ever open an email if you do not know who sent it. Just delete it. It's okay.
- Don't use the preview pane in your email. When you are using the preview pane, you are essentially opening the email, and if there is a worm/virus/malware attached to the email, you will have downloaded it. For more help with your preview pane, contact your IT professional for assistance.
- Never respond to an email or click a link in an email, requesting your social security number or other personal information. If a bank, for example, needs this information they will contact by regular mail. Also, the IRS never contacts anyone by email, it is always through the regular mail. If you are still not sure, contact the institution using a phone number you have (not one provided by the email) or in person.
- Software companies never contact you by email or phone to say your computer is in need of service. This is what is called "phishing", which in this case means trying to get information under false pretenses. If you get an email or phone call like this, hang up the phone and immediately delete the email.

### NEXTDOOR.COM

*Nextdoor.com has joined forces with numerous public agencies, primarily local public safety agencies such as San Diego Police Department and the City of San Diego, to help connect them with neighborhoods. With Nextdoor, agencies can broadcast important updates to all Nextdoor neighborhoods across their service area. They can share crime updates, organize disaster plans, and coordinate events. For more information, visit [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com).*



## Safety Equipment for Firefighters

### Dave Roberts, Board of Supervisors

Keeping the public safe is a top priority at the County of San Diego.

In October, I was proud to join San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy to watch a demonstration of the Personal Escape System -- a new safety tool that enables firefighters to get out of burning buildings quickly.

San Diego's fire department serves many areas of my district, including University City, Scripps Ranch, Rancho Bernardo and Tierrasanta. Some of these communities adjoin the wildland-urban interface, which means the fire threat is high.

Earlier this year, Chief Fennessy approached me about purchasing Personal Escape Systems for his firefighters and I asked what I could do to help. As a result of that conversation, I brought forward a county grant recommendation of \$29,000 to purchase the hardware, which includes a hook, rope and belt. The grant request passed unanimously.

Our firefighters make great sacrifices to keep us safe. The very least we can do is to equip them so they can keep themselves safe, too.

### SHERRI LIGHTNER

#### City Council, District 1

It is hard to believe that November is here and yet there is so much to do before the end of the year. Here are some important University City updates.

Unfortunately, the Swanson Pool experienced some unscheduled closures during the month of September caused by some filtration problems. In light of this, my staff followed up with the Park and Recreation Department to request that the hours of operation be extended next spring. The request was approved; the pool will close on January 9, 2017 and reopen on March 20, 2017, a month earlier than previously planned.

I am very pleased to announce that the U.S. Post Office located at the Shops at La Jolla Village, behind the Whole Foods off Nobel Drive, will continue its operations at a new space within the same shopping center. Our office worked with the Development Services Department and the property owner to ensure that the post office could remain after the remodel threatened to displace it without a new home. As a result of the negotiations, the post office will stay open at the current location during construction until the new space is completed early next year.

The City Council is scheduled to have a discussion on Short Term Vacation Rentals in the single-family zone on November 1, 2016 at 10:00am in Golden Hall. My office is partnering with Councilmember Lorie Zapf and the City Attorney regarding this important issue. We look forward to your feedback.

Lastly, those who are registered to vote should have received two different sample ballots with all the information about the city candidates and city ballot measures, along with an additional third sample ballot from the State with all the information about the state propositions. Be sure to cast your vote!



San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts watches demonstration of Personal Escape System.

## School Reforms Taking Hold

### John Lee Evans, SD Unified Board of Education

The Board of Education recently released the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. It is not so much of a personal evaluation as it is an evaluation of how the district is performing, according to the targets we set the previous year. On September 27 San Diego Unified Trustee Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne announced the results at a press conference. Below are the highlight of some of the goals and the results for the school district:

Improve student achievement: San Diego ranks #1 among the large urban districts on state math test scores and #2 in the state on English Language Arts.

Make graduation more meaningful: The Class of 2016 was required to meet more rigorous requirements for graduation, resulting in more students being prepared for college and/or technical careers.

Increase the graduation rate: The district average is approximately 92%, up from 79% ten years ago. Last year 99.8% of all UC High seniors met the graduation requirements. Our higher expectations resulted in better results. We are closing the achievement gap. The African American rate was 91% and the rate for Latinos is improving.

Increase the diversity of our staff to more closely reflect our student population: Seventy percent of new recruits are from diverse backgrounds.

Provide first-rate facilities at our schools for our students: SD Unified received a rating of 96% by the state for our facilities.

Provide effective means for parents and students to resolve complaints: the new Quality Assurance Office is fully operational and investigates all concerns.

Expand access to technology in the classroom: The District's nationally recognized i-21 program has put technology in the classrooms across the district.

Increase offerings of AP and college courses on high school campuses: This year over 2,000 students are taking college courses.

The school district turned a corner in the 2015-16 school year and the improvements will accelerate in the next four years of Vision 2020.

**University Community Branch November 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

**Qi Gong** (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. Suitable for any age and health condition. **Every Monday @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Zumba for Special Needs and Beginners** led by Lis Garces (licensed Zumba instructor since 2007), Founder/Director of the Juan Carlos Organization providing dance therapy exercise for the Special Needs Community. **Every Monday @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Chair Sit Yoga** is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. **Tuesday, November 1 & 15 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**CERT Meeting** educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. **Tuesday, Nov 1 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Adult Yoga** Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own mat or towel. **Every Thursday @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** (Except November 24)

**Peripheral Neuropathy** - Learn how to end pain. Presented by: The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit. **Tuesday, November 1 @ 12:00**

**Concert: The Swinging with Dean Show.** Multi-talented musician Dean Ratzman performs music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, plus Rock and Soul hits of great American Artists.

**Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Book Talk:** Local author and retired teacher Fred Loose reads excerpts from his new novel, *Chasing Redemption*. **Wednesday, November 9 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**University City Community Association.** This is a community meeting featuring updates from law enforcement, fire-rescue service, legislative and other community leaders. All are welcome.

**Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Accordion Club** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. **Saturday, November 12 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **UC Book Club** will be discussing *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Wednesday, November 16 @ 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Latin Dance Class** - Learn the basics of bachata, merengue and salsa. Help integrate different parts of your brain through the coordination, rhythm and strategy of dance.

**Wednesday, November 16 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Covered California: Initial Enrollment**

**Assistance.** Meet one-on-one with experts from the Family Health Center of San Diego to enroll for the first time in a health insurance plan. **Tuesday, November 22 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Oasis Concert: Love Songs of World War II.** Mike Chamberlin, the Singing TV Guy, will perform songs in tribute to those who served in World War II, including familiar tunes from Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. **Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:30 p.m.**



### Events for Children

**Live! Homework Help.** A volunteer will be at the library to help with homework. **Tuesday & Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Preschool Storytime for Kids;** stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. **Every Thursday @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

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

**Art with Elizabeth**, where school aged children can learn how to draw and do other art projects. **Tuesday, November 1 @ 5:00 p.m.**

### Tweens/Teens

**Video Game Fridays.** Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! **Every Friday @ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** (Except November 11 & 25)

**Teen Writing Club** will talk about different techniques to improve your writing. **Tuesday, November 15 @ 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Challenge Island** - On Blow Cart Beach, the windiest part of Shark Tooth Island, students will use their creative and critical thinking skills to design and build vehicles that use wind to power them. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. **Wednesday, November 16 @ 2:00 p.m.**

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

### Events for Children/Families

**Babies and Books.** Mondays at 9:45 am/Fridays at 10:00 am. This lap-sit storytime will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. Recommended age: Birth – 2 years.

**Homework Helpers.** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 pm. Homework help for students in grades K-6.

**Kids' Art Studio.** Wednesdays at 12:00 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!

**LEGO Club.** Fridays at 3:00 pm. Make new friends and build amazing creations every week.

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

**Yoga Storytime.** Monday, November 14 & 28 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.

**STEAM 2 Academy.** Tuesday, November 8 at 3:00 pm. Science-based educational activities geared to students in grades K-3.

**Paws to Read.** Monday, November 21 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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime.** Wednesday, November 16 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. English – Thursdays at 10:30 am. French – Thursdays at 11:15 am. Sign Language – Thursday, October 13 at 12 noon.

### Events for Adults/Seniors

**Hatha Yoga.** Mondays at 12:00 pm. This Hatha Yoga class to increase flexibility and relaxation. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or floor towel.

**Small Business Assistance.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Appointments available by calling the library.

**Job Help Assistance.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 3:30 pm. Appointments available by calling the library.

**ESL Instruction.** Tuesdays at 3:30 pm. Review of vocabulary and grammar with a native speaker.

**ESL Conversation.** Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Improve English conversation skills in a small, informal group setting.

**Gentle Yoga.** Fridays at 10:00 am. Learn basic yoga techniques, perfect for beginners, expectant mothers, seniors and persons with disabilities. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat or floor towel.

**Knitters' Circle.** Thursday, November 3 & 17 at 1:00 pm. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

**Fiction Fanatics Book Club.** Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 am. *The Orphan Train* by Eowyn Ivey.

**Page Turners Book Club.** Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 pm. *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Christina Baker Kline.

**Cinema Café.** Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments while watching a thought-provoking film.

**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. Check with libraries about holiday closings.

## Play Ball in Your Community

by Meredith Kennedy



We are excited for the upcoming 2017 Spring Season! The new 2016-2017 UCLL Board has taken the reigns and again wants to again thank all the members of the previous board. We couldn't run the league in our community without all the great volunteers!

Ready for Spring Baseball? UCLL Spring baseball registration opens November 1 on [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org). Register before December 21 as there is a \$20 late fee afterwards.

Interested in sponsoring a UCLL baseball team and get your business advertised in newsletters, directory, on our website, and on the field reaching all of University City and more than 200 families? You can get all that advertising for only \$250 a team! Sponsorships start as low as \$65 for a business card size ad and up to \$500 for two banners hung throughout the season at two UCLL fields. Please contact our ads and sponsors chair, Paula Obrigewitch, at [pccinpb@san.rr.com](mailto:pccinpb@san.rr.com) for more information.

There will be a **FREE** Skills Clinic and document collection held on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Canyonside Baseball and Softball Academy. There will also be document collection the same night as basketball assessments on Friday, November 18 at Standley Rec Center. Come by to drop off your documents.

Please bring all documents for collection- birth certificate, proof of residency OR signed school enrollment form, medical release, snack bar deposit check & snack bar agreement. All forms available at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org). You can also upload all of your required forms online at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) and just drop off your snack bar deposit & agreement. Please check [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) to confirm dates, locations and times. Like us on Facebook at @UCLL! Register online for spring 2017 at [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org)!

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## OMC Location of Next Fix It Clinic

**Saturday, November 19, 12:00noon to 2:00pm**  
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**Conference Hall, 3131 Governor Drive**

We have been all too accustomed to the throw away lifestyle. If something doesn't work, throw it out and buy a new one. Because of this behavior our landfills are filling at a rapid rate and electronic waste has become the one of the largest pollution generators. So why not learn how to fix it?!

Bring your broken, non-functioning things: electronics, appliances, computers, toys, bicycles, clothes, etc. for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. We'll provide workspace, specialty tools, and guidance to help you disassemble and troubleshoot your item. Whether we fix it or not, you'll learn more about how it was manufactured and how it worked. This is a family-friendly event: children are heartily invited!

To register, go to: [sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com](http://sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com). For more info, contact: [sdfixitclinic@gmail.com](mailto:sdfixitclinic@gmail.com).

## UC BLOOD DONOR CHAMPS

by Ray the Bloodman

On Saturday, November 12, we'll have a UC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am to 1:30pm. If you plan on donating, sign up at [mysdbb.org](http://mysdbb.org). Spontaneous blood donors and blood buddies are always welcome and I recommend that you pop in between 11:00am to 1:00pm, as that's the time with the fewest reservations.



As a reminder, we usually have a couple people get turned away each Blood Drive for iron deficiency. So, keep eating your beans and greens in the days before you give blood. And if you're sick or on antibiotics, skip this Blood Drive. Also, keep in mind that your body will temporarily be down a pint of life-giving liquid for about a day, and depending on your body size, that could be 10% of your total blood. So, drink lots of water before and after you give blood, stay cool, and relax, as your body replenishes with new blood. The 2017 Blood Drives will be on Saturdays, January 14, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, and November 4. All eight+ weeks apart for your perpetual bloodletting pleasure.





## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: BUY LOCAL WITH UCCA

Buy Local with UCCA program 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. Join UCCA now; then, in January 2017, look for the 2017 UCCA membership sticker at participating local UC businesses.

Here's a sneak peek at just some of the local businesses that have already committed to the 2017 Buy Local program:

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www.betterthanhomeplacement.com/, Merle Berman-Langston: \$200 toward moving costs when our free service helps you find an assisted living residence for your loved one.
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www.costaverdecenter.com/deals/: A unique shopping and dining experience, a neighborhood destination. Check our website for our current specials.
- **Cycle Quest**  
www.cyclequestsd.com, info@cyclequestsd.com: Save 10% off MSRP on any store purchase (labor excluded) when you mention this UCCA Buy Local offer; or visit our website and share in the same savings by using coupon code "UCCA".
- **Dance Hula Tai Chi Fitness**  
dancehula@mail.com: Free class for a parent, spouse, or guardian in the same class on a space available basis.
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- **Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services**  
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www.jkcomputerservices.com, Karl Cranford, info@jkcomputerservices.com: UCCA members receive 20% off any service, any time. Excludes hardware purchases.
- **Katie Dunahoo, Broker, Coldwell Banker**  
www.KatieSellsUC.com: When you list or purchase a home with me, I will donate \$500 to EdUCate!, The Foundation for University City Public Schools, or the charity of your choice.
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- **Round Table Pizza on Governor**  
www.roundtablepizza.com/, Joe Sassano: Save 20% on any meal purchase, dine in or take out, when you show your 2016 UCCA membership card. Excludes alcoholic beverages. Not valid with any other offer.
- **Steve Gray, Gray Loan Team**  
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For complete list of current Buy Local participants and to find out more about how you can participate in UCCA's Buy Local, visit [www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/](http://www.universitycitynews.org/buy-local-with-ucca/).

## BUY LOCAL DISCOUNTS FOR UCCA MEMBERS

The 2017 UCCA membership drive starts today! The Buy Local business partnership discounts for UCCA members begin in January 2017.

Meanwhile, want to do something now? When you make a purchase with one of our Buy Local partners, tell them you read about their offer in the UCCA newsletter; and thank them for their 2017 Buy Local participation. Then, show this article to other local businesses so that they also have an opportunity to participate.

See attached membership envelope and form on page 12.

## MORE ON BUY LOCAL FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

If you are a local business owner/operator who would like more information or if you would like to see all participating businesses to date, visit the UCCA website at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org) and click on the Buy Local link.

## Nextdoor The Social Network for Neighborhoods

By Diane Ahern

*Our neighborhood is using an online private network called Nextdoor, and I invite you to sign up. We share community news and events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, neighborhood improvement ideas, and much more.*

*And we get to know each other. I hope to have you as a Nextdoor neighbor soon.*

Go to [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) to sign up.  
Use invite code ZEBMGQ if asked.

## SALUTING OUR VETERANS:



### COMMANDER ROGER BROWN

by Jerry Herrman

Well before there was a UTC or a UC High School, an early morning jogger could be seen on the streets and trails at 4:00 am getting in his two-hour workout. If you were also out in the early morning, you may have met long time UC resident retired Commander Roger Brown.

Born in Reading, Pennsylvania during the Great Depression, Roger began his education in a one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1956 with a degree in agriculture, and was accepted as a naval aviation cadet trainee in Pensacola, Florida where he was commissioned as an officer in 1957. Following initial training, Roger was assigned to a number of duty stations over the span of his 24-year career as a naval aviator and flight instructor, including four tours at NAS Miramar, a tour at the Pentagon, and duty on the aircraft carriers USS Lexington, USS Theodore Roosevelt, USS Ranger, and the USS Kitty Hawk.

Having lived in the area during his early deployments, Roger and his lovely wife Kay purchased their current residence on Calgary Avenue in 1971. While raising their two daughters here, they have seen UC grow into a thriving community over the years.

Following military retirement, Roger worked for the Department of Defense as an accountant after obtaining a degree in that field. Today a distinguished senior citizen, Roger has modified his fitness workouts by walking rather than running, covering a shorter distance, and by starting "later" in the morning, about 6:00 am. Now fully retired from military and civilian work, he keeps busy around the house and engages in his hobby of restoring a 1983 Mercedes Benz.

*Pictured above left, Roger returns from Vietnam in 1969 and is greeted by his daughters at NAS Miramar; and right, Roger "Mr. Big Wrench" as he is today.*

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## CAPTAIN HARRY MATHIS

Harry Mathis grew up in San Francisco, and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1954 with a degree in Political Science. During his senior year he was a starter on Cal's Soccer team.

Commissioned an Ensign in the regular Navy upon graduation, he served for 28 years, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1981. During his naval career, he participated in the Bikini H-bomb tests, and was scuba diver qualified.

He received postgraduate level schooling in nuclear reactor engineering, and was certified as a supervisor of reactor operations. He served on five different submarines, and commanded a nuclear attack submarine based in San Diego, which saw action during the Vietnam conflict. He also commanded two shore bases and, as head of the Cruise Missile Branch in the Pentagon, coordinated the development of the Tomahawk cruise missile.

Mathis' time in and out of San Diego during that period, which included learning to fly, convinced him that San Diego was the place where he wanted to live out his life when the opportunity came. When he returned to San Diego to command the Sculpin in 1970, he brought his wife Mary, who he married in 1962, with their two daughters, who were 4- and 2-years-old.

During his final years in the Navy, and well into his return to civilian life, Harry was a State licensed professional soccer referee in Hawaii, Florida, and California, and was certified as an Instructor of referees.



Following his naval service, he worked for Southern California Edison (SCE), later a partner in a public affairs firm, and was active as a community planning group leader in the early development of San Diego's Golden Triangle.

Harry was elected to represent District One on the San Diego City Council in 1993, serving two terms, and was Deputy Mayor in 2000. When first elected to the City Council, he began a 23 year-to-date association with regional public transportation as Chair pro tem of the then Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), Chairman of San Diego Trolley, and an ex-officio member of the Board of the newly consolidated Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), where he is currently serving his third four-year term.

Harry and his wife, Mary, have made their home in University City for 46 of their 54 years together, and were founding members of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. They raised two daughters, Laura being in the first graduating class at UCHS, and have five grandchildren. Harry was an instrument rated pilot, and, until recently, he and Mary regularly flew in their Cessna Centurion to visit their grandchildren in California's Monterey Bay area.

Harry and Mary decided to settle in UC on the advice of a realtor who said it was the best place to find the kind of home we wanted at the price we could afford. They ended up buying the first home we looked at on Arnoldson Ave. After 18 years and an empty nest, they moved their present home on Sandburg in 1988.





## *Japanese Garden Delight in UC*

On October 9, the UC Garden Club and guests were visiting the beautiful Japanese garden in the large recently landscaped backyard of Merle and Mack Langston. The garden tour, refreshments and the Armstrong Garden Centers speaker, Susan Nessel, made for a wonderful relaxed, informative afternoon. Ginger Steketee, President of UC Garden Club, welcomed the large crowd. Her incredibly efficient team of Robert Byrnes, Theresa Fassel, Marilyn Mehr and Pegg Daly helped with hospitality and refreshments.

Susan spoke of Japanese gardens with their use of statuary, fountains, lanterns and bridges, all seen in the Langston garden. The "Hill and Pond" variety of Japanese gardens has to be walked slowly. The spiritual atmosphere of the Langston garden gives one a real desire to walk quietly through it. Steppingstones slow you down to see everything up close.

Japanese Gardens use drought tolerant plants such as bamboo, grasses, azaleas, camellias, evergreens, cedar, junipers, and ferns. "Plants are happiest with less water; use water meters for plants. Water longer, not as often and always in the morning between 5-8 am; plant in zones according to water needs." Red-barked Strawberry trees and the Michaelia Champaca Alba trees from which 'Joy' perfume originates were seen. Questions were answered about grasshopper damage: "not a worry; they munch and move on"; spider mites and white fly fungus gnats - "use worm castings in the soil."

Merle encouraged her guests to read their landscape contract very carefully. Make sure the contract provides for visualization, proper planting procedures, zoned irrigation, plant and structure guarantees, follow up services and detailed pricing before signing off. For info: [www.universitycitynews.org/uc-garden-club/](http://www.universitycitynews.org/uc-garden-club/).



**People for a Clean UC** cleaned up litter and debris on several major streets and avenues in UC in October, including Regents Road, Governor Drive, Genesee Ave., the on- and off-ramps at I-52, and the underpass at I-805. They collected nine bags of trash. The next cleanup is on Sunday, November 13. Please join them and meet at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Drive, at 7:30am. All supplies provided.



Mack Langston discusses the Japanese Garden with Armstrong Garden rep (left), while his wife Merle (right) converses with garden club member. Photo above courtesy Barry Bernstein.

*Additional photos courtesy of UC Garden Club.*





## UCHS HALL OF FAME 2016 INDUCTEES



The UCHS Hall of Fame Committee honored four new inductees during Homecoming in October. The inductees attended UCHS from 1983 to 1989 and since their graduation they have all made a significant impact in their chosen fields.

At a reception held in the Media Center, the inductees recalled high school memories, inspiring teachers and coaches, and the benefits of growing up in such a supportive community such as University City.

The inductees, pictured above from left to right, are:

### **COLONEL SUSAN ROMITO DAVIS – Class of 1987**

Susan is Deputy Corps Chief of Army Medical Specialist Corps serving on Army interagency efforts on healthcare, research, and medical advances related to care of wounded warriors. She is a speaker, author and adjunct faculty member. A Physical Therapist for 20+ years, she serves on the Army Surgeon General's Staff.

### **DAVID MICHAEL – Class of 1983**

David is currently a Professor of Practice, School of Global Policy and Strategy at UCSD. He is a leader of Boston Consulting Group that orchestrates emerging markets for Global Clients, a respected author and member of the World Economic Forum, and a TED talk presenter.

### **YARI ALLNUTT – Class of 1989**

Yari is our first soccer player inducted into the UCHS Hall of Fame. He has played collegiate and professional soccer in the U.S. and Mexico, is a two-time member of the US National Team and was a member of the 1992 Men's US Olympic Team.

### **CAPTAIN JOHN RING – Class of 1984 (not pictured)**

John assumed command of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz in July of 2014 having served as Executive Officer from 2009-2011. He attended Air Force Command & Staff College and has served as Naval Flight Officer with Surface Warfare assignments, Carrier Strike Force and Nuclear Power Training. John has received numerous personal awards from Navy and Marine Corps. His military duties prevent him from joining us today but his family is here to receive his award.

Congrats to the well-deserving inductees for their patriotism, hard work, accomplishments, and the honor they bring to the UCHS Hall of Fame.



*UCHS Principal Jeff Olivero greets guests at the UCHS Hall of Fame Ceremony in the school's Media Center. The portable Hall of Fame boards will be displayed at various community events, while plaques will be permanently in the UCHS Media Center.*



*UCHS String Ensemble entertain guests during the ceremony.*

More info about the UCHS Hall of Fame can be found at:  
[sandiegounified.org/schools/university-city/hall-fame-overview](http://sandiegounified.org/schools/university-city/hall-fame-overview)  
Hall of Fame photos courtesy of Greg Hom



*Earl Jaeggi, a dedicated Standley Recreation Center employee for many years, passed away a week after his 97th birthday on September 21.*

*Earl loved working at Standley and loved the UC community. He retired at age 90 in 2009 and was reluctant to leave Standley. He had a beautiful retirement party at Standley, and many locals and City staff attended the luncheon. Born on September 14, 1919, Earl served his country in the military and served our UC community.*



## UCCA MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PERKS

Here's What's Included When you  
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- Discounts at local businesses through the Buy Local with UCCA program when you show your membership card at participating local businesses (see partial list below)
- Local community volunteer opportunities
- 10 issues of University City Newsletter
- An updated news feed at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org)
- 10 Community Forum meetings at the Library on Governor
- A UCCA membership sticker highlighting our new light pole banners
- Support for local events, public schools and projects (such as Standley Park improvements, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, street banners, and painted transformer boxes)
- And a FREE Insulated Shopping Bag similar to the one shown here when you join at the \$100 Gold Membership level.

This year, you have three convenient ways to join the UCCA or renew your membership: Complete and return your payment with the envelope included in this issue; complete the membership form and return your payment in your own envelop; or pay online through PayPal at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org)

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE

To Remove Regents Rd. Bridge and  
Genesee Widening

by Barry Bernstein

The final PEIR (Program Environmental Impact Report) was published on October 10 and can be found on the following website:

[www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/ceqa](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/ceqa)

Included in this voluminous document are the responses to the nearly 200 responding organizations and individuals. The recommendation included in this report is to give consideration to building a tunnel on Genesee under Governor Drive and to widen Genesee to six lanes by narrowing lanes where possible". This recommendation will be reviewed at the meetings listed below. Continued input will be accepted on the "amendment" at the following public meetings:

**Wednesday, November 16, 2:00pm**  
Smart Growth/Land Use Committee

**Monday, December 5, 2:00pm**

The City Council is expecting to hear any further evidence and rule/vote on the amendment.

The meetings will be convened at 202 "C" Street, 12th Floor, downtown San Diego.

The University Community Plan Amendment was also presented to the Planning Commission for recommendation on October 27.

## University City Community Association 2017 UCCA Membership Application\*

2017 Members will receive our new membership card.

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***These funds help support our many worthwhile organizations, (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC, Buy Local) as well as many special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted electrical boxes and street banners, 4th of July Celebration, summer concerts, December holiday tree lighting, and of course our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business.***

\*This membership is valid for the 2017 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).



## UC Planning Group Report

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

UCPG Chair Janay Kruger opened the October meeting with a summary of items in progress. UCSD's mitigated negative declarations for parking, NORA posted for Torrey Pines golf tournament (January 23-31), and the steps to finalize the UC Community Plan Update. The community plan amendment updates are: 1. October 20, the final EIR posted, 2. October 21, the staff report, 3. October 27, UC Plan Amendment transportation element, 4. November 16 (1:00pm) Smart Growth review, 5. December 5, City Council Meeting (2:00pm). The City Council will vote on: certification of the EIR, adoption of the plan, adoption of the SEQUA findings, and the overriding considerations.

The UCPG has approved five of the twenty-three mitigation measures in the community plan amendment. The subcommittee will reconvene to again review the mitigation measures and the staff reports, and will prepare a report to present to the City Council.

The UCSD report stated that the Osler Parking Structure mitigated negative declaration closes on November 9. This new parking structure on Osler Lane off the Gilman entrance to campus will provide additional parking to bring the total spaces to 17,000. The Community Advisory Group comprised of faculty, students, and community members to tour development and planning for campus housing. A medical center representative who touted the Jacobs Center grand opening where over 700 people toured the new building, also gave a Health Care Update. Next they will offer a tour of the Breast Cancer Detection area and the Altman Transitional Medical research in clinical practice and clinical trials.

The SANDAG rep gave a mid-coast trolley update: The \$1billion commitment came through with dispersal at \$1 million a year for ten years. The contract to complete the trolley was signed. By the end of December the Genesee, Regents Rd. and Executive Dr. water lines relocation will be complete. A kick-off construction picnic was held in October. Scott Peters' rep reported that the resolution to keep the government open until December 10 passed as well as The Water Resources Development Act providing \$170 million, which included Flint, Michigan restoration.

Council Chair Sherri Lightner came to her last UCPG meeting before she leaves office. She thanked the members of the planning group for their dedication and service and reported on local issues for city council. Swanson pool was closed for repairs for weeks so the next season will open weeks earlier this year on March 27. The La Jolla Village square (Whole Foods shopping center) is completing renovations and the post office has now signed a lease and will open in January or February. The City Council will have an open discussion on November 1 at 10:00am in Golden Hall on the Vacation Rentals Rules.

Public Comment: 1. The changes at U.C. Village on Governor Dr. and the parking problems entailed. The reply was that Open DSD on the city site lists all of the approved development details and it is open to residents to review. 2. Flyers advertising a Mediation Center on Carnegie in a house. Janay replied that if over six people are attending the sessions a Neighborhood Use Permit is required.

An information item on Measure D was presented by Jeff Marsten, a consultant for the Citizens Plan for San Diego. He was promoting measure D for prohibiting a convention center on the waterfront, prohibiting use of the occupancy tax for a sports stadium, and promoting selling QUALCOMM stadium land for parks and education, building a smaller stadium and using land for housing and research.

**VOTE NOVEMBER 8:** Mail ballots have gone out and 60% of the City of San Diego votes by mail. This time when you vote make sure you enclose the entire two-page ballot and mark both sides of each page; both pages must be mailed TOGETHER.

Future agenda items: Lossan Rail Project, Glider Airport, and the single family home project at 5807 Regents Road (off 52 freeway).

**NEXT MEETING:** Scheduled for November 8 at Campus Point Drive/Alexandria. (If there are no agenda items, which must be covered at the November meeting, it may be cancelled.)

## University City Cluster Committee Meeting Update

by Jemma Samala

The UC Cluster Committee was formed in 2010 when SDUSD created neighborhood advisory boards. The UC Cluster consists of UC High, Standley Middle, and Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary.

The October meeting was held at the UCHS Media Center, and the school updates included: Red Ribbon Week at Curie; school reorganization at Doyle and the focus to build the concept of "community" in the classrooms; implementation of a compassionate program at Spreckels; annual Homeland Security visit at Standley, and PSAT testing at UCHS.

EdUCate! President Bonnie MacRitchie reported on the success of the annual Oktoberfest celebration. The Teacher Grant process is under way, EdUCate! is continuing the Dollar-A-Day fundraising campaign, and Food Trucks, until it gets too dark, and they are experimenting by locating it at different schools.

A district rep discussed the choice program and the shorter application window this year, in order to be aligned with the other 42 school districts in San Diego County. Siblings of current enrolled choice students must still apply. The deadline is November 14. Choice lists will be generated in February.

Board Member John Lee Evans reported that the Standley Park joint use improvements will be going through the EIR process and since part of the project runs through city property, city funds will need to be located; there is a focus to increase the literacy levels, eventually leading to higher graduation rates, and as Evans said "higher expectations get higher results."

Three UC Cluster Committees are being formed:

- Safety – all types of safety for all five schools
- Cluster-wide Volunteers – set up a volunteering pool
- Pathway Articulation – path from elementary to middle to high schools

Please contact UC Cluster Chair Rick Selby at [info@uccluster.com](mailto:info@uccluster.com) if interested in volunteering on a committee.

New officers were elected. Congrats to: Rick Selby, Chair; Gwenivere Maxwell, Vice-Chair; Lana Lo, Communications Officer; and Randall Tonini, Secretary. The Parliamentarian position is open; please contact UC Cluster if interested in serving. The next meeting will be held at Doyle Elementary on Monday, November 14, 4:30pm.

### 20th Annual Student Writing for Literacy Library Essay Contest

Open to all students in grades 4, 8 and 10

Sponsored by: Friends of the SD Public Library, SD Public Library, SDUSD Library Media Teachers, Computers 2 SD Kids (C2SDK), and KPBS (One Book, One San Diego). Contest info at [sandi.net](http://sandi.net). Deadline for receipt of entries is: 3:00pm, Friday, December 16, 2016. Four grand prize winners at each level. Top prize winners will each receive a monetary award and a laptop computer. One special prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best overall essay. Questions, contact: Wendy Gay, [pahlwen@pacbell.net](mailto:pahlwen@pacbell.net) or 619.697.2024.





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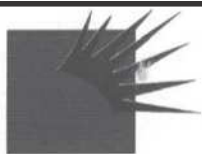
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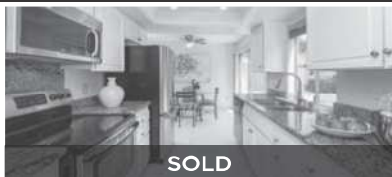
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6845 Robbins Ct	3	3	\$655,000
7114 Caminito Quintana	3	2.5	\$667,600
4007 Caminito Meliado	3	3	\$685,000
6524 Cascade Street	3	2	\$695,000
7110 Rock Valley Ct	4	3	\$770,000
6910 Dennison Street	3	3	\$722,500
6284 Via Regla	4	2	\$800,000
6062 Scripps Street	4	2	\$775,000
5321 Renaissance	3	2.5	\$929,000
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**Average Days on Market: 17**

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Congratulations to Standley Principal Bill Pearson for winning the Principal's Challenge, and to Tricia Gallant for winning the Home Brew contest.



Thanks to all who attended, who bought at the book sale, and to those who donated to the Dollar-a-Day campaign. Big thanks to the game and event sponsors, including Nancy Beck, County of San Diego, and the UCCA. Big thanks to event chair Dawn Yandel, and the many, many EdUCate! volunteers and board members. Especially, many thanks to the breweries that donated all the beer!



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