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Thank You for Caring Your UCCA Membership Goes a Long Way

by Diane Ahern

I think we can all agree that University City is more than just a neighborhood; it's a wonderful community to live and work. During the past year, UCCA membership dues were used to provide support and funding for many of the events and worthwhile organization that make us all proud to call University City our home.

UCCA sponsors the monthly newsletters, beautification projects such as the street banners, utility box artwork, and street median maintenance, as well as Neighborhood Watch, and the Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting.

Membership dues enabled UCCA to support the 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Library Friends, EdUCate!, school and sports team projects and fundraisers, and National Night Out. Hundreds of UCCA volunteer residents joined UCCA to help with these events and projects as well as many others.

At monthly meetings at the Community Library on Governor, UCCA provides a forum for residents to discuss concerns such as traffic safety, neighborhood cleanup, short term rentals, and Miramar air traffic. The monthly gatherings are a chance to meet other neighbors and provide regular updates from local law enforcement and fire/rescue officers, and state and local leaders.

Thank you to all who support University City by joining UCCA. The 2018 membership drive begins this month. For your convenience, you may join online through PayPal or use the enclosed membership application envelope or coupon in the center section of this newsletter.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Clocks Fall Back One Hour

Sunday, November 5
2:00am

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, November 8
6:00pm, UC Library
*Election of Officers

Imagine UC 2020 Meeting

Wednesday, November 8
6:00pm, Spreckels Elementary

Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 11
Observed – Friday, November 10

People for a Clean UC

Sunday, November 12, 7:30-9:00am
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
3202 Governor Dr. Supplies provided.

UC Cluster Committee Meeting

Monday, November 13, 4:15pm
Spreckels Elementary Auditorium

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00pm
Scripps, 10010 Campus Pointe Drive

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23

Doyle Recreation Council

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30pm

Standley Recreation Council

No meeting this month. Next: Dec. 7

DON'T FORGET!
IT'S TIME TO JOIN AND OR
RENEW YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP

Our 2018 membership drive begins
this month . . . see attached envelope.
Thank you!

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- 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.
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- 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/January issue: NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the December/January issue is November 16, 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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UCCA President Barry Bernstein

Hi Everyone –

It's time to join UCCA for 2018...Please be careful when you remove the staples and send-in your membership form...note that this year, if you feel so inclined, that in addition to your choice of membership category/payment you can donate an **additional** amount to a particular UCCA-sponsored event. Thank you in advance for supporting UCCA's efforts in making University City, "more than just a neighborhood."

The Fall/Winter "holiday" season is beginning, and based on last year's wet winter, it might be time for clearing out roof gutters, repairing possible roof leaks, and getting the hot chocolate ready for the cooler evenings. The Aztec football team is having one of their best winning seasons so far, and the University City High School team is also doing very well. Major League Baseball's World Series has started and when games are being played in November, weather may become a factor. It will be the American League Champions, Houston Astros versus the National League's Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series. The consensus is that Vince Skully, the recently retired voice of the Dodgers, will NOT be doing any guest play-by-play announcing. And in case you missed the "Breeder's Cup" at Del Mar, remember the Bing Crosby session continues until the end of the month.

As you know, the Westfield, UTC mall will be opening some of their specialty stores/restaurants this month, as the construction of their high-rise apartment building on Nobel continues.

I am sorry to report that the recently revised MTS schedule did not fulfill the request to incorporate/restore bus service to the thousands of families living east of Genesee in University City. Bottom line it's all about projected ridership.

On October 25, UCPG's special appointed committee addressed the concern related to the proposed "Pure Water" project (also referred to as "Toilet to Tap"). Councilperson Barbara Bry supported UCPG's efforts in extending the environmental response timeline to allow UCPG to convene a committee/public meeting. The main issue was the anticipated traffic congestion and noise associated with the construction of the sewer/pipeline on Genesee. The current plan indicates the underground construction (12-ft wide), would limit traffic to only one lane on the west side of Genesee during the day, and the obvious affect the associated nighttime work will have on nearby residents and businesses. The project affecting University City, (Clairemont Mesa Blvd north on Genesee to Nobel, then east on Nobel to Town Center Drive, and north on Town Center Drive to La Jolla Village Dr.), would take approximately 45 days. STAY TUNED!

San Diego City School officials will hold an important "Imagine UC 2020" meeting to update University City residents this coming November 8, 6:00pm at Spreckels Elementary. The update will include information on the planned "shared-use" agreement between the City Parks and Rec. and the San Diego City School District. New design information about the planned competitive Olympic sized pool, jogging path, and the performance pavilion will be made available. Also, included will be information on the renovations planned for both Spreckels Elementary and Standley Middle School.

Our UCCA board would like to convey its sincere wishes to you and yours for a most wonderful Thanksgiving. Special thanks go out to our many local advertisers in this newsletter...who without them this free newsletter could not be published. Please support our advertisers! And finally, Election of UCCA officers for 2018 is scheduled to take place at/during our Wednesday, November 8 meeting at the library. Please come and cast your ballot. For more information about the election and candidates see page 3. The UCCA Board will be voting on some important By-Laws changes at our November 8 meeting.

Thank you - Barry

*And a special salute, (Nov.11), to our Armed Forces veterans.

UCCA ELECTIONS

Wednesday, November 8
6:00pm
UC Library

UCCA will be electing its officers for the 2018 calendar year. Positions that will be voted upon are the following:

President – Current nominee, Barry Bernstein

Vice-President – Current nominee, Diane Ahern

Secretary – Current Nominee, Deanna Ratnikova

Treasurer – Current Nominee, Don Hotz

Additional nominations will be accepted
 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

UCCA BOARD RECOMMENDS BY-LAWS CHANGES

by Barry Bernstein

At a special sub-committee meeting on October 22, UCCA Board members recommended a number of changes in their by-laws.

A complete listing of those recommendations can be found on the UniversityCityNews.org web site.

Among the recommendations, which will be voted upon at the November 8 Election of Officers meeting, is a recommendation that the four elected officers serve two-year terms, and that the President-elect may only serve for two consecutive terms.

If passed, this recommendation and all others will take place immediately. *By-laws changes require a 2/3 approval vote of the entire Board.

Meet the Candidates...

Barry Bernstein, President



- Currently UCCA president, serving his 4th year as President
- University City resident since 1967- resides at 6482 Edmonton Ave
- Member of the "Imagine UC 2020" Standley Park Improvement Project
- Favors term limits for the UCCA president's position
- Avid San Diego Padres fan

Diane Ahern, Vice-President

- University City resident since 2012 with ties to UC since early 80s
- Believes active participation in neighborhood life makes our community stronger
- Currently serving as UCCA vice president and UC rep to Miramar Community Leaders Forum
- Recently purchased a home on Whipple Ave with great neighbors
- Enjoys walking, gardening and hopes to further the Monarch butterfly population



Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary



- University City resident since 2014 resides at 7989 Caminito Dia
- UCCA member since 2015
- Treasurer for the Doyle Park and Recreation Council
- Employed by the Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation (GNF)
- Enjoys cycling and hiking in free time

Don Hotz, Treasurer

- Native San Diegan having grown up in Pacific Beach
- Resident of Southwest UC for 22 years
- Retired from a 35-year career in IT. Former CIO for Computer Sciences
- Currently Treasurer for UCCA and UCCF, SPRC member, Marcy Park renovation co-leader
- Enjoys his time surfing, camping and hanging with his grandson Joaquin





BE A LEADER, BECOME A NEIGHBOR- HOOD WATCH CAPTAIN

There are still many streets that are not covered in this program and one way you can tell is if you do not have a NEW Neighborhood Watch sign with eyes, or, you do not know your Neighborhood Watch Captain. Our police depend on our help in the crime prevention arena and through education, observation and reporting, we contribute.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in a community. Please go to universitycitynews.org, click on Neighborhood Watch and view the information, then give me a call.

Please email me at bggellman@yahoo.com to set up a 20-minute appointment for your folder of information of the step by step process.

I thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting with you soon.

*Barbara Gellman
University City Neighborhood Watch Coordinator*

Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You: How Bad Guys Identify Their Next Victim

*Contributed by Officer Larry Hesselgesser
Northern Division SDPD*

1. Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway and I might leave a pizza flier in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
4. I look to see if your trash cans are put out on trash day or I'll look to see if anyone has taken them in by nightfall. That's a dead giveaway that no one is home.
5. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
6. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Beautifying UC

This is an additional photo of the "zoo box" (shown last month) near Alphagraphics located on Governor Drive with Scott Weathers, the owner and sponsor of this transformer box as part of UCCA's beautification project.



We welcome any business to sponsor other unpainted utility boxes in commercial areas by contacting Merle Langston at merlelangston1@gmail.com or Barbara Gellman at bggellman@yahoo.com for more information.



MTS Makes Changes to Bus Routes

MTS has finalized the changes to the bus routes. Two bus routes in south University City are impacted. These changes will be phased in starting January 2018. Details are found on the MTS website www.sdmts.com under the Transit Optimization Plan.

UC BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, November 4, there will be a UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts/Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am-1:30pm. This is the same day as the Curie Craft Fair, so, yes, you can get some Crafts and still give some Blood.

You'll find the Bloodmobile in the center of the Sprouts/Starbucks parking lot. If you know you're coming, you can sign up at www.mysdbb.org. Spontaneous Blood Donors and Blood Buddies are also welcome and I recommend that you pop in between 11:00am-1:00pm, as that's generally the slow time with the fewest reservations. Also, the Bloodmobile door shuts at exactly 1:30pm, so you have to begin the process before then. Following Blood Drives are scheduled for January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, and September 15.

THANK YOU, UC! Always give 100%, except when giving blood. Ray the Bloodman



Councilmember Bry is Out and About in the UC Community

It was wonderful to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the North University Community Library on Saturday, October 10. I was proud to present a commendation to the branch in honor of its ten years of service to the UC neighborhood. The North UC Library offers programs such as chess club, children's movement and music, and knitting circle that enrich our community and bring San Diegans together.

On October 5th, I joined UC residents at the community conversation about the process for selecting our next police chief at Standley Recreation Center. The event allowed for productive round table discussions, during which community members shared ideas and criteria for choosing San Diego's next police chief. All input received will be used throughout the recruitment and selection process, which will be managed by the City's Chief Operating Officer Scott Chadwick, on behalf of the Mayor. The City will be hiring an executive recruitment firm to assist in the process. More information is available at www.sandiego.gov/police/about/next-police-chief.

Pylons were recently installed along the median at the intersection of Edmonton Ave. and Governor Dr. The pylons were installed to improve the safety of the intersection by preventing customers leaving Chase Bank and University Square from illegally crossing the median to proceed west on Governor Dr. I would like to thank the Streets Division engineers for their attention to traffic safety in University City.

Please join me on Wednesday, November 29, at the University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive) for District 1 community office hours from 6:00–7:30pm. For questions, and to RSVP, please contact Bridger Langfur at blangfur@sandiego.gov. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office to share your neighborhood concerns and priorities. Also, if you would like to set up an in-person or phone meeting with me, please contact my office: barbarabry@sandiego.gov; 619-236-6611.

Additional Notice from Councilmember Bry, District 1:

The City Council meeting on proposed regulations for short-term vacation rentals scheduled for October 23, has been adjourned to allow City staff time to perform additional work on this item in response to issues raised by the City Attorney's office. Our office will share the new date via email and social media when it becomes available. My position remains the same, and I believe we have the legal backing to move forward with our proposed regulations for short-term rentals. My proposal protects the rights of those who wish to rent out their entire primary residence on a short-term basis for up to 90 days per year, and it also allows for unlimited home sharing when the host is on site to supervise. Importantly, it is the only proposal that prohibits investors from converting homes in our residential neighborhoods into permanent mini-hotels.

Later high school start times and teen health

*John Lee Evans
SD Unified Trustee*

Early start times for high school go against the established research on teens' biological clocks. I have advocated for the school district to eventually set 8:30am as the earliest start time for our high school students. Currently most high schools start around 7:30am.



Recently SB 328 mandating later start times for high schools was approved by the State Senate, but did not garner enough votes in the Assembly. It is now up to local districts.

Research has shown that the circadian rhythm of post-pubescent teens makes it difficult for them to fall asleep before 11:00pm. Sleep deprivation causes serious problems. Two out of three U.S. high school students are sleep deprived. Later start times can result in reduced tardiness and absences, as well as students performing better, especially in first period classes. A later start can improve driving safety, emotional and physical well-being and academic achievement. Schools that end later are still able to participate in all athletic and other extracurricular activities. San Diego Unified already has a later start time at one high school, Kearny High School, which starts at 8:45am.

Research has shown that later start times do not significantly affect students' bedtimes, so there is a significant gain in sleep time. Based upon this evidence a later start time is supported by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and the National PTA.

On October 10, the Board approved a plan to begin the conversation. There are serious financial limitations on making this change due to bus routes and schedules. Any solution must be revenue neutral. Each cluster will have the opportunity to review the research. If the parents, students and staff come to a consensus on the need for a later start time, the high school and cluster can petition a later start time from the district, which would be implemented if/when it is determined that it is financially feasible.

Check the scheduled UC Schools Cluster meetings on the Community Calendar to participate in the discussion about later start times for high school students.

Imagine UC 2020 projects are moving along in the planning stages with the cooperation of the San Diego Unified School District, the City of San Diego, Improve UC and UC Community Association members. Projects include an aquatic center, a jogging path, a stage/pavilion, an added playing field and other amenities. Standley Middle School and Spreckels Elementary will also modernize their facilities. We hope to have a joint use agreement before the school board and city council by early next year. Our goal is to have this all completed and ready for the schools and community by 2020.



November Holiday Closures:
Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11 for Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Day

University Community Branch November Highlights | 4155 Governor Drive | 858-552-1655 | sandiego.gov/public-library

Programming for Adults

Concert: Circle of Jazz is an energetic ensemble, flexible in size and repertoire. Jazz bassist and arranger Doug Walker leads the band and tailors the music to fit any occasion. Originally from Sacramento, California, Walker has called San Diego home since 2001. He holds a Master degree in Jazz Studies from San Diego State University, having studied under renowned bassist Gunnar Biggs and Bob Magnusson, as well as pianist and composers Rick Helzer and Richard Thompson. Wednesday, November 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Writers' Group: Meet with other beginning writers in a supportive environment—share your writing, positively critique others' work and hear from guest writers. Thursday, November 2 @ 1:30 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 8 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Computer Class: Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Monday, November 13 @ 10:30 a.m.

UC Book Club will be discussing *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Peterson. Wednesday, November 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

Jewelry Making: Take home something you made yourself! Make your own earrings and/or other pieces of jewelry with an experienced crafter. Space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Friday, November 17 @ 10:00 a.m. & Noon.

Accordion Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All are welcome! Saturday, November 25 @ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Programming for Children

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

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

Programming for Tweens/Teens

Video Game Fridays, Wii gaming with your friends, Get your game on! Every Friday @ 3:00 p.m.

ThoughtSTEM is back again with coding for kids. This time the kids will use Scratch to create a space shooter game. Kids new to coding are welcomed. Age 7 and up, space is limited, please call (858)552-1655 to RSVP. Tuesday, November 7 @ 4:00 p.m.

Challenge Island will take us to Egg Drop Cliff. On this island destination, kids will learn about the Mermaid's Purse and create their own version of Egg Protector that includes a parachute to protect their tribal egg. The goal is to drop the egg without it breaking or cracking. Wednesday, November 8 @ 2:00 p.m.

North University Community November Highlights | 8820 Judicial Drive | 858-581-9637 | sandiego.gov/public-library

Events for Adults/Seniors

Chess Club: Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Casual public chess meet open to all ages and skill levels.

Knitters' Circle: Thursday, November 2 & 16 at 1:00 p.m. All yarn enthusiasts are welcome.

Small Business Assistance: Wednesday, November 8 & 22 at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance: Wednesday, November 8 & 22 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

Page Turners Book Club: Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. Page Turners will be discussing *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Tom Hardy.

Fiction Fanatics Book Club: Date TBA at 10:00 a.m. Fiction Fanatics will be discussing *Wonder* by Emma Donoghue.

Guided Meditation: Sundays, November 12 & 26 at 12:30 p.m. 20 minute guided meditation followed by tea.

A Cup of Creation: Art Classes for Adults: Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. Each class will utilize a different art technique to inspire the creation of unique pieces. Participants are asked to bring a small sketchbook to class; all other supplies provided.

Cinema Café: Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments while watching and discussing a thought-provoking movie. Please call the library for the month's selected feature.

Events for Children/Families

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

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

LEGO Club: Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. Make new friends and build amazing creations every week. Recommended for grades K-6

Kids' Art Studio: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. A fun art project every week! No registration required. Recommended for grades K-6.

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs in English promote early literacy skills.

Fun with French: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Explore the French language through song in this bilingual program.

Sign Language Storytime: Thursday, November 9 at 12 noon. Baby Sign Language Basics author, Monta Z. Briant puts on a super-fun sign language performance for babies through preschoolers. Includes songs, fingerplays, books, fun toys and props, and bubbles!

Yoga Storytime: Monday, November 13 & 27 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

STEAM2 Academy: Tuesday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. This month's theme is Animal Classification.

Paws to Read: Monday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m. Practice reading out loud to a furry friend! Certified therapy dogs provided by Love on a Leash, San Diego Central Chapter.

Tiny Tots PJ Storytime: Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening storytime with music.

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.**

UC CLUSTER COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The UC Cluster Committee is about working together towards a common goal. That goal is creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children. We are asking for community members to get involved. We are seeking individuals to participate in the following Cluster Focus Group:

- Start Times
- Reading/Libraries
- Social and emotional needs
- Character education
- Music
- School Safety

The UC Cluster Committee meetings are held the second Monday of each month and rotate locations amongst the schools. Meetings are from 4:15-6:15pm, with free childcare providers at each meeting. The remaining meeting dates for the school year are:

November 13 - Spreckels Elementary School
February 12 - Doyle Elementary School
March 19 - UC High School
April 16 - Standley Middle School
May 21 - Standley Middle School


For more info go to uccluster.com or email info@uccluster.com.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS MEETING

You are invited to attend a Community Awareness Meeting hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness San Diego and the University City United Church. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a panel discussion on Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention. Presenters from community partners will share personal stories, educate about mental health and early warning signs, and show support for the many people affected by mental health challenges with a mini-resource fair. The agenda is:

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Mini-Resource Fair
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Formal Panel Discussion
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Q&A Session

RSVP to Lana Lo, Outreach Programs Manager for NAMI San Diego at LanaLo@namisd.org or call (858) 634-6580 ext. 153. Location of meeting is at University City United Church, 2877 Governor Drive, San Diego CA 92122.



Do you like to hear a good story?

Curie Elementary School is looking for volunteer reading tutors to join our dedicated team. After a 3-hour training, your commitment is only one hour per week at the school to work with students assigned to you.

The "Everyone a Reader" program is a highly successful and positive way of supporting children in the process of learning to read.

Give a child the gift of reading.

Call Valerie O'Neill at 858-452-0548 to learn more.

Spreckels Spirit Sprint

8th Annual Jog-A- Thon Fundraiser

A fun and healthy day for our Wildcats! On Friday, November 3, Spreckels PTA will host its 8th Annual jog-A-Thon fundraiser.



Would you, or someone you know, be interested in sponsoring the event? Your tax-deductible donation contributes to enhanced educational opportunities for Spreckels' students that include but are not limited to: enrichment programs, art instruction, physical education, classroom funds, field trips and more!

Sponsors at various support levels will have their company logo on a Spreckels Jog-A-Thon t-shirt, a company banner on Spreckels' fence facing Governor Drive, and recognition in all online/social media Spreckels communications. Please contact Jamie Apodaca, jamielya@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you UC for your continued support! See you on the track! Friday, November 3!

BRIDGE PLAYERS WANTED

Come by Standley Park Rec Center for drop-in Bridge on Fridays from 9:00am to 12noon. You can play for a few hands of Bridge or stay until noon. Playing is free of charge and no partner is needed. The room will be open for Bridge and Pinochle. Cookies and coffee are provided. For info, contact Vern at 619.465.6463. Standley Park is located at 3262 Governor Drive.



Curie Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4th 2017

- Over 100 vendors
- Handmade crafts & gifts
- Best Bake Sale in Town!
- Lunch Grill Menu
- Silent Auction
- Carnival games

39th Annual Craft Fair and Carnival

Curie Elementary in University City

4080 Governor Dr.
San Diego, CA, 92122

9am-3pm

Public Welcome!

For booth rentals, volunteer opportunities and more please visit <http://www.curiepta.org/>



HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

compiled by Diane Ahern from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Fighting ceased in World War I when an armistice (a temporary cessation of hostilities) between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of World War I.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day to honor the heroism of those who died in the country's service. In June 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day and November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



MCAS Miramar Airfield Rededicated

A ceremony to rededicate the airfield at MCAS Miramar was held October 21 at the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum. The airfield will be rededicated in honor of Brigadier General Joseph Jacob "Joe" Foss, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism as a Marine Captain during

World War II while serving in Guadalcanal. He reached the rank of brigadier general in the South Dakota Air National Guard.

During his efforts to become a fighter pilot, Foss spent some time stationed at Naval Air Station North Island. Post service, he was later elected a South Dakota State Representative, eventually becoming the state's youngest Governor at age 39.

The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the grand opening of the Foss exhibit at the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum, which will display his Medal of Honor for the first time.

Brigadier General Foss served his country honorably and faithfully and was truly an exemplary Marine whose legacy should be shared by all who serve at MCAS Miramar.

UC VETERAN: MIKE O'SULLIVAN



Mike O'Sullivan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis with a Mechanical Engineering degree in 2002 and went on to earn his "wings of gold" as a Naval Aviator after completing Flight Training in 2004. After visiting San Diego during one of his summer training programs as a Midshipman, he fell in love with San Diego and knew this is where he wanted to spend his military career.

Mike was fortunate to be stationed at NAS North Island where he served as an SH-60B Helicopter Pilot. He conducted multiple combat deployments to both the South and West Pacific Regions. Following that tour, he was assigned to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) in Old Town where he held multiple Project Manager and Engineering Manager positions focused on modernizing the Navy's communications and network infrastructure across the globe.

In 2011, he volunteered to lead an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Detachment in Mosul, Iraq which provided intelligence for U.S. Special Forces in that area.

While Mike was fortunate to have spent the majority of his time in San Diego at that point in his career, he knew it was inevitable that the Navy would move me out of the area. For this reason, he decided to separate after nearly ten years of active duty in order to start a family and begin a new career in San Diego. After living all throughout much of the city, Mike and his wife Alicia chose UC because of its fantastic location, great schools, and small neighborhood feel.

Alicia and Mike decided to seize the opportunity and embarked upon a business venture completely unrelated to the military - Residential Real Estate. So, they are still serving others, but in an entirely different capacity as local UC Real Estate Specialists. But they haven't forgotten their military families, as they contribute back to the Home for Heroes charity.

They are the lucky parents of three-year-old boy/girl twins! They couldn't have chosen a better community to call home.

Mike is currently in the Navy Reserves and is honored to have served alongside many great men and women! Mike and his family certainly will be remembering them and those who have gone before us on this Veteran's Day.



UC VETERAN: RUDY MOLINA

by Diane Ahern

Third Generation Marine Corps Veteran

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father (and many other relatives and friends), Rudy joined the Marine Corps and went through Boot Camp at MCRD Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He spent most of his four years of service stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and aboard the USS Nassau. He served during Desert Storm in 1991. He adds that one of the highlights of his Marine career was traveling all over Europe.

Although he was born in San Diego, he grew up in New Mexico. He moved back to San Diego last year and recently obtained his contractor's license. He's a small business owner now, establishing roots in University City. His company is Steadcon Remodeling Inc. He specializes in residential remodeling including bathrooms, kitchens, full house and additions. He says what he really enjoys is taking his customer's vision and making it a reality.

And UCCA says welcome to the neighborhood, we are grateful for your membership, and thank you for your service.

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Jay Cook photos: Above – Jay and Shirley walking with neighbors. Top right – Jay and Shirley with their first-born child.



UC VETERAN: JAY COOK

by Jerry Herrman

Profile of a Veteran

Jay Cook and his wife Shirley are 47 year residents of UC. Jay is a retired US Navy veteran who began life in 1931, the third of five children born to a farming family in rural Southern Indiana. Orphaned at age eight, Jay began working at a dairy farm. In 1948 at age 17, Jay enlisted in the US Navy, training at Naval Training Center San Diego. With only one year of high school, Jay began as a mess cook and rose through the enlisted ranks (E-8) and later became a commissioned officer serving in various capacities such as personnel trainer, computer code and technical writer, radar officer, and aircraft maintenance officer in multiple locations throughout the US and Asia. At the start of the Korean conflict, Jay flew as a crew member on night time combat missions and served on temporary duty as a rifleman with a U.S. Marine Corps combat unit.

In 1952, Jay participated in the second hydrogen bomb test on the island of Eniwetok, as a crew member on a plane recording data from the planned drop. Selected by the Navy in 1957 for an accelerated four-year training program at the University of Washington (UW), Jay earned a BS degree in electronic engineering and an MS degree in nuclear engineering.

In 1969 while serving on the USS Kitty Hawk, Jay's plane was diverted to Da Nang AFB where an incoming mortar round demolished the plane. Jay was hospitalized and transferred eventually to US Naval Hospital San Diego where, after 7 months of recovery from internal injuries, Jay retired as a lieutenant commander.

Jay returned to San Diego and worked at Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) until 1987. In his retirement, Jay rekindled his hobby of woodworking, filling their house with fine furniture and other projects.

Jay said the most significant event in his life was his marriage to the lovely Shirley Black whom he married in 1952. As well as being the proud parents of a daughter and son, they have two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jay credits Shirley for making a family home and largely raising their children while he was away on military duty, underscoring the truism that military service is often a family affair.

Spotlight: UC Volunteers



Bob Byrnes Named a Conservation Hero

by Diane Ahern

University City's Bob Byrnes was recently recognized by Cox Communications and City Council for his conservation and restoration efforts on behalf of the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. There were three finalists and Bob was selected for the State Award. Not only does he invest his personal time to the organization's efforts, he also sets aside time to encourage and train other volunteers on best practices. Byrnes and his team of dedicated volunteers spend countless hours removing invasive plants that could potentially harm wildlife. As one of two California winners this year, Bob was able to select the nonprofit Native Plant Society to receive an award of \$10,000 from Cox Communications. For more information and to view a video depicting Bob's efforts, visit coxconservesheroes.com/.

Pictured above are Cox Communications Manager of Government Affairs Oscar Urtega, Councilmember Lorie Zapf, Bob Byrnes, and Councilmember Barbara Bry at the City Council awards ceremony.



Girl Scout Troop Earns Bronze Award

by June Colton

UC Girl Scout Troop 3884 earned their Bronze Award; the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. Their passion and love for animals led them to partner with the San Diego Humane Society. These G.I.R.L.s (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader) made goodie bags for new adopters of dogs, cats and rabbits. The project was funded with their Girl Scout Cookie proceeds combined with donations from Purina, Petco and Pura Natural Pets. 60 goodie bags were filled with food, treats, pet care items, handcrafted toys created from recycled materials and personalized pet care information sheets. Congratulations to these amazing Girl Scouts for making the world a better place!



UC SISTERS HONORED AS CLASSICS 4 KIDS' 2017 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

by Katie Dunahoo

University City residents and sisters, Caryl Lees Witte and Mimi Lee will be honored at a special luncheon event as volunteers of the year for Classics 4 Kids, a local non-profit San Diego organization that brought music education to almost 30,000 students, parents and teachers last year.

Caryl Lees Witte is a 30-plus year realtor with Century 21 Award in University City and has been a community volunteer and good will ambassador for UC. Caryl has been a long-standing major donor to the EdUCate! Foundation for Public Schools in University City, as well as to the Behavioral Health Committee (BHC) of Jewish Family Service, Advocates for Classical Music and Classics 4 Kids.

Mimi spent twenty-two years at Grossmont College as a Learning Disabilities Specialist and Chair of Disabled Student Services. Since her retirement in 1999, Mimi has been a passionate volunteer for the Behavioral Health Committee, chairing an annual BHC speaker event, Advocates for Classical Music and Classics 4 Kids, as a champion of music education for elementary school students throughout San Diego County.

For over 24 years, Classics 4 Kids has provided critical music education, through professional orchestra concerts and in-school workshops designed for elementary students throughout San Diego County. The organization conducts interactive programs at local hospitals and community events to further music awareness.

Culturally diverse programming involves guest artists, dance, visual arts and the cross-curricular material often includes literature, science and cultural exploration, in conjunction with the music. Classics 4 Kids has particular outreach to Title 1, low-income schools to further academic advancement, personal growth and creativity in disadvantaged youth.

Thank you and congratulations to University City sisters, Caryl and Mimi!

Oktoberfest by EdUCate!

photos courtesy Greg Hom

Beautiful blue skies blessed this year's Oktoberfest, an annual fundraiser that benefits EdUCate!, and in turn supports the five public schools in University City. UCCA is a proud sponsor of the event, and we thank all who attended, volunteered, sponsored and donated. Please go to uc-educate.org to see more info about the event, and see more photos from Greg Hom.



The 9th Annual Oktoberfest by EdUCate! was held on October 21.



Volunteers helped pour samples to beer garden participants.



And the beer garden was packed.



Entertainment from the UCHS Marching Band opened the event.



Kids enjoyed games and activities.



Local band Rare Form performs favorite 80s and 90s tunes.



The annual principal's challenge – they are dancing the Chicken Dance while holding an egg between their legs towards the finish line. Principal Pearson won the crown again!

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Buy Local Business Brief:

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The Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) professionals specialize in helping individuals and families coordinate the different aspects of their financial lives and act as long-term stewards of their assets through comprehensive financial planning, sophisticated wealth management and strategic legacy planning. K&F has offices in San Diego, California, in Phoenix, Arizona, and in Evergreen, Colorado. The firm's founding partner Garry Kachkovsky spent his first ten years of life in Russia. In 1985, he and his family immigrated to Chicago, where he completed his education and received a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Economics and Russian.

Garry and his wife Emily and their two young daughters recently moved to University City. The UC community serves as the hub of their office, kid's schools and home. Garry's volunteer interests have included coaching a boys' after school basketball team, being a big brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arizona, helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity and very recently joining the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. Give Garry a call at 858-450-9711 or email at garry@kachkovskyandfisher.com.

Garry and his firm are proud members of UCCA and participate in UCCA's new sponsored online content program. For more information, visit UCCA's website.

HELP US IMPROVE UC

by Greg Zinser

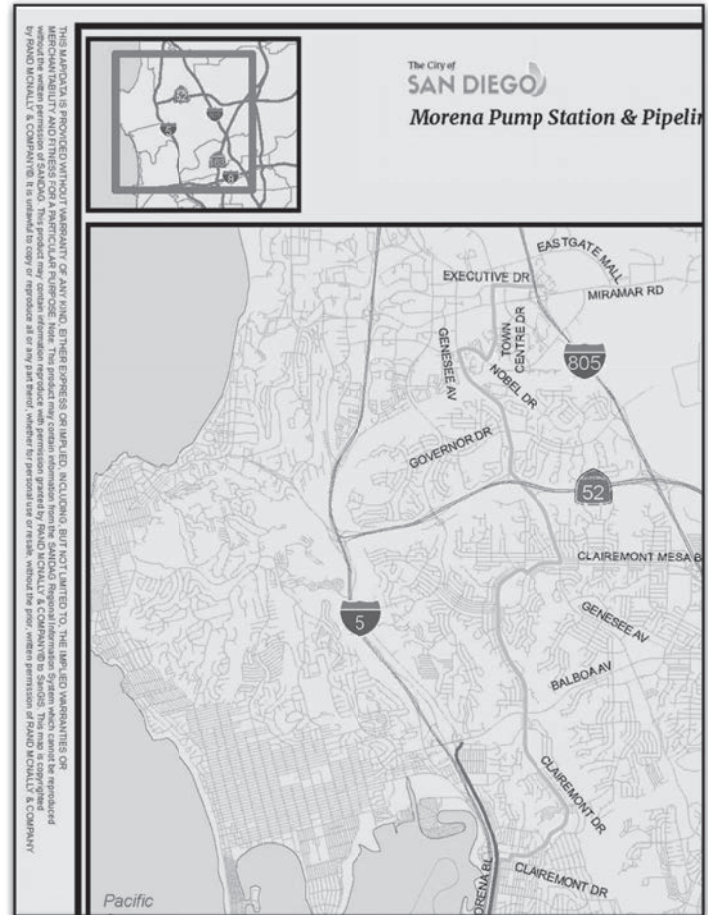
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- Experience in fund raising, capital campaigns and donor recognition;
- Experience in public relations and awareness campaigns;
- Website design and maintenance;
- Licensed contractors that could take on or manage small improvement projects, or provide assistance with the request for proposal process.
- Personal and corporate connections that could lead to financial support.

Please let us know by email at gregzinser@gmail.com if you or anyone you know may be willing to help us in any of these areas.

City Seeking Input on EIR for Pure Water San Diego Program

by Diane Ahern



The City of San Diego is moving forward with Pure Water San Diego, a phased, multi-year program that will provide one-third of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035. Multiple Pure Water facilities will be constructed throughout San Diego in phases.

A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pure Water San Diego Program, North City Project is now available for public review at sandiego.gov/water/purewater/purewatersd/reports. At the urging of the University Community Planning Group, the public comment period has been extended to November 21, 2017.

IMAGINE UC 2020

FIRST DESIGN TASK FORCE MEETING

When:
Wednesday, November 8, 6:00-8:00pm

Where:
Spreckels Elementary Auditorium, 6033 Stadium Street

Why:
Provide background information on the project



UC Resident Wins AAA National Photography Contest

by Carolyn Nichols

Paula Stinson, a 25-year resident of UC, won 1st Prize in AAA's National Photography contest. The winning photo (similar to the one above) was taken in Ely, Nevada while she was on a three-day photo shoot at the Winter Steam Photo Shoot Spectacular through the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Paula is a self-taught amateur photographer. The photo appears on page 46 of the October issue of Westways magazine, official magazine for members of AAA. Paula's daughter, Sarah, attended all the local schools...Marie Curie Elementary School, Standley Middle School, and University City High School. Paula's prize is a first-class trip to Hawaii...everything included. Congrats Paula!



Baroque Music Concert at UC United Church

by Steve Shields

On Sunday, November 12 an ensemble of current and former members of the La Jolla Symphony orchestra will perform four concertos from the Baroque period. The program will begin at 7:00pm, will include a free-will offering benefiting the church and its music program, and will last for about one hour.

Concertos are works that contrast a small group of players with a larger group; the form was invented in Italy during the 17th century, and has been popular ever since. Once invented, the form spread across Europe, mainly through the efforts of music publishers. We plan a program which will start with a Concerto for Trumpet by Tomaso Albinoni (1712) (to be played on saxophone by Steve Shields), followed by a Concerto for Bassoon by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier (1729). The program will continue with two concertos by J.S. Bach, his Concerto for two violins and orchestra and his Brandenburg Concerto number 2 (both circa 1720).

Don't feel like you need to have a powdered wig to enjoy this music; it is wonderful music to hear (and to play), full of beauty that's just as fresh today as it was when it was written almost 300 years ago. We're looking forward to presenting these pieces. I hope to see you there!

GET READY FOR SPRING BALL

by Meredith Kennedy



The UCLL Board has begun planning for the upcoming 2017 Spring Season! The new 2017-2018 UCLL Board has started and wants to thank all the members of the 2016-2017 board. We couldn't run the league in our community without all the great volunteers.

Registration is open for the Spring season on November 1. **PLAY BALL IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Visit www.ucll.org to register for Spring 2017. We will have document collection events on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30 - 8:30pm at Round Table Pizza
Monday, December 18, 6:30 - 8:30PM at Round Table Pizza
Sunday, December 31, time TBD at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (location subject to change)

Please bring all documents for collection- birth certificate, proof of residency OR signed school enrollment form, medical release, snack bar deposit check and snack bar agreement. All forms available at www.ucll.org. You can also upload your required forms online at www.ucll.org and just drop off your snack bar deposit and agreement. Please check www.ucll.org to confirm document collection dates, locations and times.

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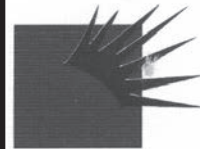
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