

# University City

...more than a neighborhood

## December 2012 & January 2013 Calendar

● **Hanukkah Begins**

Saturday, December 8th

● **UCPG Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11th  
& Tuesday, January 8th

6:00 p.m., Forum Hall/UTC

● **UC Celebration Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11th  
& Wednesday, January 16th

6:30 p.m., Standley Park

● **UCCA Meeting**

Wednesday, December 12th  
& Wednesday, January 9th

6:00 to 8:00 p.m., UC Library

● **Community Tree Lighting**

Friday, December 14th, 6:00 p.m.,  
Standley Recreation Center

● **1st Day of Winter**

Friday, December 21st

● **Christmas Day**

Tuesday, December 25th

● **New Year's Day**

Tuesday, January 1st

● **Martin Luther King Day**

Monday, January 21st

### Be A Kid Again on December 14th at UCCA's Holiday Tree Lighting

by Sandy Lippe

University City Community Association, with the devotion and dedication of Darlene Ventimiglia and Judy Bethel and elves, will look for you at the 11th annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 14th, at 6 p.m. at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. It is a night of wonder for the little ones and the big ones with Santa Claus making a visit and hearing the wish list of the children. Standley Middle School's talented band, under the outstanding direction of Mr. Phillip Marcus, will play holiday tunes familiar to everyone. Our Mother of Confidence's children's choir hopes to entertain and so does Tuesday Night Alibi, a well-known barbershop quartet in U.C. Our own fire station 35 will send its fire truck for the kids to climb on. Melody the clown will entertain and do facepainting. What would a holiday party be without hot chocolate and cookies? You will enjoy it all.

You may be part of this holiday tradition or you may be new to the community. Please make sure you circle this date, December 14th, at 6 p.m. when that small town tradition will warm your heart and ease your stress. Be a kid again!

(See past photos page 10.)

**Happy Holidays!**  
**Your Community Association**

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& UCCA Logo Contest page 12.**

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### Be the Eyes and Ears of UC

The University City Community 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 that pertain to the community and residents.

### Guidelines:

- Your article should be approximately **250 words** 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**. **If changes to an already submitted article need to be made, please do not send the entire article again.** Please send an email explaining the change(s) or highlight the change(s) in the new article. Some changes cannot be made due to deadlines.
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- The Editor acknowledges every submission. Email any questions.

**Deadline for the February 2013  
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Please send your submission as early as possible. Although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month, **the newsletter can fill up before the deadline.** Articles reviewed on a first come basis with priority given to time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited down for allowed space. **For advertising,** please contact [uccaADS@hotmail.com](mailto:uccaADS@hotmail.com). The UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

December 2012 – January 2013

## Message from the President

Barry Bernstein

### Happy Holidays University City!

As your recently elected UCCA president for 2013, I would like to thank those of you who made arrangements to attend and vote at our November 14th election meeting. Special thanks to Hugh Pates and Beth Crawford for their work in making all the necessary arrangements for the election meeting. Congratulations to Vice-president, Terry Jones, Secretary, Bonnie Hornbeck, and Treasurer, Ginny Charvat. (see photo below) As your elected president, I am hopeful that you will be renewing and/or joining UCCA with a new conviction and commitment to maintaining and improving our University City community. We welcome and need your support and involvement. With your membership dues, we in turn support our schools, library, Standley Park, Swanson Pool, local youth organizations, safe and beautiful neighborhoods, and so many other important things that make University City "more than just a neighborhood". To you and yours, my personal wish for a safe and joyous holiday season. Come celebrate with us on December 14th at our "Tree Lighting/Holiday Celebration" at Standley Park Recreation Center. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.



The newly elected Ginny Charvat, Barry Bernstein, Terry Jones and Bonnie Hornbeck.



by Sherri Lightner



by John Lee Evans

## Encouraging Use of Graywater

One of my top priorities on City Council has been to ensure that San Diego has an affordable and sustainable water supply in the future.

As part of my comprehensive approach to our water needs, I recently proposed key changes to the city's graywater policies to encourage San Diegans to install graywater systems to help conserve water and save money.

Graywater systems, popular in cities such as Santa Barbara and Phoenix, allow untreated wastewater from a home's washing machines, bathtubs, showers and sinks to be recycled on-site for such uses as outdoor irrigation. Studies have found that graywater reuse can reduce a household's water use by as much as 50 percent.

Currently, the City of San Diego has unclear and contradictory rules regarding graywater, which has inhibited its adoption. To increase the use of graywater systems, I recommended:

- Creating a "No Permit Policy" to include all simple graywater systems that discharge less than 250 gallons a day.
- Eliminating or reducing fees for simple systems while improving oversight.
- Developing an outreach and education campaign to promote graywater usage.
- Establishing a rebate program for larger, more complex graywater systems.
- Exploring incentives for developers to include "graywater-ready" plumbing for all new residential construction.

These simple policy changes would not only cut red tape but encourage water recycling and help San Diego conserve more water. I look forward to working with my City Council colleagues and the Mayor's office to institute these recommendations and to continue to work toward creating a sustainable water supply for our city.

## Voters Strongly Support Our Public Schools

**Voters in San Diego and across the state have spoken loudly and clearly in support of our public schools. Prop 30 and Prop Z won because our district has proved through hard work and dedication to students that we have schools worth investing in.**

**The positive election results are an indicator that the tide against public education has turned. The state will now have more resources that can be used to stop the hemorrhaging of the past four years. The first good news is that we will not have to cut 14 days off this school year which will help ensure that our students continue to achieve at higher levels.**

**But while we are not suffering immediate further cuts, we must still contend with our current budget that has already been decimated by four years of cuts. We can only do this by continuing to work together. We are San Diego UNIFIED.**

**Congratulations to all five UC schools for surpassing the state goal on our test scores and especially to Standley for reaching a high API score of 925. This should provide reassurance to elementary school parents who would like their students to continue in UC's excellent neighborhood schools.**

**You can contact me at *johnleeevans@sandi.net* <<mailto:johnleeevans@sandi.net>>.**

**NOTE: UC Schools Cluster Association Meeting on the fourth Monday of every month (this month on November 26) at 4:30 PM at the UC High Media Center. Open to parents and staff of all UC schools and all interested community members.**

# October – November 2012 – 13 UCCA Memberships

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Len & JoAnne Barbien  
 Bill & Joan Breher  
 Jo & Carylann Buniva  
 Helen N. Carr  
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 Bobbie Day & Chuck DiSalvo  
 John & Jeannette Holm  
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 Edmond & Anna Kuenster  
 James Lee, M.D.  
 John & Anna Lewis  
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 Heather & James Matson  
 Rita McDonald  
 Vicki Miller  
 Joanne Nagel  
 Earl & Rita Newell  
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 Raimundo & Cristina Rios  
 Jackie Schaap  
 Etta Schankerman  
 Don & Elaine Shankles  
 Marshall & Christine Varano  
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## COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Bennett  
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 Nancy & Stanley Cash  
 Ed & Sky Chwekun  
 Cecil & Sally Hawkins  
 Brian & Faye Duggan  
 Dorothy Mandelin  
 Alfred Moscola  
 Marilyn & John Rice  
 Chuck & Peggy Ritchie  
 Nils A. & Britta I. Tafvelin

## SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Jim & Ellen Beshears  
 Chiara M. Clemente  
 Ms. Nikki Hrountas  
 Kira Lebowitz  
 Bill & Carol Mahler  
 Harry & Mary Mathis  
 Richard Misell  
 Carter Shrum  
 Ed & Stephanie Smythe

## COMMUNITY ANGEL

Barry & Jacqueline Bernstein  
 Beth Crawford & Bob Crahan  
 Barbara & Irv Gellman  
 Albert, Eina & Alan Hamel  
 Cecil & Sally Hawkins  
 Eugene & Barbara Kading  
 Ernie & Sandy Lippe

## GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Earl Craig  
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 Shirley Hall  
 Janay Kruger  
 – Kruger Development Company  
 Craig & Connie Rooten  
 Eugene Swick



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## University City Community Association 2013 Membership Application

General Member \$20       Community Supporter \$40       Community Angel \$60   
 Silver Membership \$50       Gold Membership \$100

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Individual and Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed. Do NOT list my name.

### Please make your check payable to UCCA

Payment is also accepted through Paypal on our Website: [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org)

Questions? Beth Crawford, Membership Chair, UCCAmembership@gmail.com

### Which UCCA activities are you willing to help us with?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> UC 4th of July Celebration              | <input type="checkbox"/> UC 4th of July Parade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Counting/Sorting or Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Tree Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification/Landscaping              | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club           |

Comments or Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: UCCA, 3268 Governor Drive, Box 121, San Diego, CA 92122

# The Scene in University City

by Sandy Lippe

- Elections involving University City included the following. Councilwoman Sherri Lightner was re-elected to her position as City Council representative for the 1st district with 54% of the vote over businessman Ray Ellis's 46%. Her campaign theme was Neighborhoods First. John Lee Evans was back on the San Diego Unified Board of Education after defeating Mark Powell 53% to 47%. Former City Council representative for UC Scott Peters is leading in a tight race with Brian Bilbray for Congressional district 52.
- Nicole McNeil is a highly enthusiastic director of Swanson Pool. Because Swanson is scheduled to close December 31st and not reopen until March 24th, 2013, many people head out to other aquatic facilities. Let's make 2013 the year University City gets its pool back year-round instead of having it closed for so long. Swimming is not a frivolous activity and it helps ward off obesity. Stay tuned.
- Dan Pulido, a volunteer member of ProtectUC, responded to an item in this November column about drug and alcohol rehab houses. "We do not oppose these facilities; this is very important to remember relative to our efforts. We only oppose the ability within the state law to cluster these facilities locally in an unlimited number." I stand corrected.
- Phyllis Speer, former chair of UC Celebration and other activities, sent in this item. This December there will be 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays, and 5 Mondays. It only happens every 824 years. The Chinese call it Money Bag. According to legend, if you pass this message on, in 4 days you will receive money. If you don't, then you'll remain poor. So when you get that money, spend a little on rejoining UCCA because you heard it here. Happy 2013 to you.



## A Near Miss Over University City...

by Sandy Lippe

On election night, November 6th, at 8:10 p.m., an F/A-18 Navy jet flew "low and loud" over the community we call home, University City. UC loves the noise of freedom from our military and values the sacrifice of the military community. We just want the leadership of Miramar Marine Corps Air Station to love us back by making decisions that have a jet with a mechanical problem go another route than over this community. UCCA is following up with the MCAS to see how this near miss happened. Check out the UCCA website in the next few weeks to see if there will be a community meeting: [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org). You may send questions/comments to the editor via email: [EditorUCCA@gmail.com](mailto:EditorUCCA@gmail.com). Subject line F/A-18 incident.

## Volunteers Needed

### July 4, 2013 UC Celebration

by George Odera

After a successful 24th July 4th University City community celebration event, we are enthusiastic about 2013 July 4th community celebration event which will be our 25th. The event volunteers are the heroes of our consistent event successes, as we have recognized during the many years of past celebrations. To continue this wonderful tradition, the organizing volunteer committee would like to reach out to other willing volunteers to join us in making this 25th celebration another success. We need your help in all areas. There is a special emphasis for young volunteers, ages 14 to 25 to help in the children's activity areas and adults to help support the parking lots.

If you can help, have before, and can do so again in 2013, please contact George Odera at [goderog@goeadusa.org](mailto:goderog@goeadusa.org) or Betty Pardue at [bpdolphin@san.rr.com](mailto:bpdolphin@san.rr.com). Let us know what activity you participate in.

- **Set up or Tear Down**

- **Beer Gardens**

- **Children's Area**

- **Parking Lot**

- **Book Barn**

- **Ticket Sales**

- **Pet & Bike Parade**

- **Gift Donations and much more...**

You do not need to attend meetings\*. Please just give us two hours of your time on the 4th and enjoy the rest of the day with family and friends  
See you there!

**Note:** Beer Garden training is required and you must be 21 or older to participate. Free training will be provided prior to event date for those volunteers planning to sign up to support this activity.

\*UCCC will not meet in November since the meeting date will fall on Wednesday November 21st which is Thanksgiving eve. Next meeting will be on December 11th, 2012 at Standley Park from 6:30-8:00 PM.

# NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 • 858-581-9637

December 1st through December 8th, do your holiday shopping early at BookStar Costa Verde, turn in a voucher and a percentage of the sale will go to the library. Also, visit [BN.com/bookfairs](http://BN.com/bookfairs) to support us online from 12/01 –12/09 by entering Bookfair ID 10888592 at checkout. Visit the library to get your voucher!

**Special note:** The library will be closed starting Monday, December 24th through January 1st, 2013. The library will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013. For details on libraries open during the holiday season, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

**Musical Stories & Songs with Mr. Molly at BookStar Costa Verde:** Join us for a very special event with the library's own Mr. Molly and help raise funds for North University Community in 2013! A percentage of the bookstore's sales will be donated to the Friends of the North University Community Library. Saturday, December 1st, at 10:00 am at BookStart Costa Verde Bookstore (across from UTC Mall).

**Getting to Know Your iPhone & Other iOS Devices:** A brief introduction to iOS featuring simple ways to keep your data secure and how to avoid losing your data. There will be a brief discussion about cool new apps, and devices such as iPhone 4s, iPad2, and iPod Touch 5th Generation. Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm.

**Oasis Presents: Aging & Memory:** Ramin Motarjemi, MD, from the UCSD Senior Behavioral Medicine and VA San Diego Healthcare System, will discuss changes in memory that occur with age and common concerns. Friday, December 7th, at 1:30 pm.

**A Very Beary Nutcracker Puppet Show:** Kathy Felker presents an enchanting holiday production featuring puppet bears of all shapes and sizes dancing, marching, and frolicking to Tchaikovsky's well-loved music. Saturday, December 15th, at 10:30 am.

**Page Turners' Book Club:** Second Wednesday, December 12th, at 4:30 pm. This month's selection is *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck.

## January:

**Project Debt Relief:** Attorney Mark Miller's office provides legal information: Tuesday, January 8th, from 6:00–7:00 pm.

**Preschool Craft with Ms. Catherine:** Bring your preschooler to enjoy a simple, easy craft! Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

**Zumba Gold:** Latin-inspired dance fitness. Ideal for beginners, boomers, active seniors, and new mothers. Starting in 2013, every Wednesday of the month (except the 2nd Wednesday).

**Homework Help:** Need help with that assignment? We've got it covered – Homework Help every Wednesday 5:30 pm. to 7:30 pm.

**Young Artist Series:** Every Saturday we showcase the talent of a local young musician at 1:00 pm.

## Events at University City United Church

by Joyce Langenbacher

### Family Christmas Party and Potluck

December 2nd, Sunday, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. in Koehler Hall. Join us for games, crafts, carol singing and a special visitor from the North Pole. Also, this is your big chance to experience a "California Style" snowball fight!

### Youth Christmas Service

December 16th, Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Get back to the true meaning of the holiday and enjoy "The Christmas Story", a service and re-enactment of the first Christmas by the Youth Group and Sunday school children.

### Christmas Caroling

December 16th, Sunday, from 5:00–8:30 p.m. Meet in the church parking lot. This is a time to bring joy to some members of our community who are unable to get out often. Join in to sing carols at some homes and a nursing facility in University City. After caroling, we will meet for fellowship, snacks and hot chocolate.

**Contemporary Worship Gathering Saturday,** December 22nd, at 5:11 p.m. In Koehler Hall – "The Reason for the Season." Take a break from the shopping, cooking, and running around! We will explore different Christmas customs and sing favorite carols. Holy Communion will be served. All are welcome at God's table. Child care is provided.

**Family Christmas Eve Service Monday,** December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Church service and music will be geared to families with young children. Message by Rev. Curt Fuller – "One Shining Moment".

**Traditional Candlelight Vesper Service Monday,** December 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Join us in celebrating the joy and wonder of the birth of Christ. The service will feature a choral performance of "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" by Hal Hopson, a work consisting of scripture passages and carols. Message by Rev. Curt Fuller – "What Difference has this Night Made in Your Life?"

**Contemporary Worship Gathering Saturday,** January 26th, 2013 5:11 p.m. in Koehler Hall. "Life is a Celebration!" Come join us for our two-year anniversary of 5:11 p.m. Worship Gatherings. We've come a long way and it is time to celebrate. This will be a special time for sharing, music, prayer, and scripture. What a great way to start a fresh new year! Refreshments and child care will be provided.

For more information about the above events: Call 858-453-3444 or visit us online at [ucuc.org](http://ucuc.org).

**University City United Church**  
2877 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

# University City High School

by Marie Byrd

## Biomedical Sciences Program

On October 16th, UCHS' Biomedical Sciences Program celebrated its first White Coat Ceremony. Thirty-two Seniors were presented with a white coat and honored as the first generation of students to complete all courses of the program pathway: Principles of Biomedicine, Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions and Biomedical Innovations. The White Coat Ceremony began in 1993 at Columbia University and marks the transition from the study of pre-clinical to clinical health sciences. The Seniors will begin their internships in January with placements at Scripps Clinics, Veterans Medical Center, Governor Animal Clinic, Governor Urgent Care, Scripps Genomics, and UCSD Thornton and UCSD Cognitive Science.

The seniors were joined by their parents, UCHS principal Jeff Olivero, SDUSD Board President Dr. John Lee Evans, Assistant Superintendent Bernie Rhinerson, Director of Project Lead the Way, Duane Crum, Volunteer Coordinator Veterans Medical Center, Nonnie Artero, Director of College, Career and Technical Education, Shawn Loescher, and Program Manager, College, Career and Technical Education, Lynn McConville.

The students and Ms. Vandiver would like to thank University City High School, Project Lead the Way, CTE, community members, and parents for their inspirational and dedicated support to the students and a successful future.

The program is led by Ms. Ellie Vandiver, RN, BSN MED., who was recognized last school year as one of the 2012 High School Teachers of the Year. For more information about the program, please contact Ms. Vandiver at: [evandiver@sandi.net](mailto:evandiver@sandi.net) <<mailto:evandiver@sandi.net>>.



## Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) Program

New to UCHS this year, the MCJROTC program promises to prepare high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. The program serves as a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and provides instruction and rewarding opportunities which will benefit the student, community, and nation. JROTC teaches young men and women the kind of self discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills that can help them successfully meet the challenges of adulthood.

JROTC is not a recruiting program into the U.S. Military. The instructors are not recruiters and students participating in JROTC are not obligated to join the armed forces. The instruction and training provided in this program is designed to give students increased opportunities beyond high school, whether the student chooses college, a civilian career or military service.

The program is led by Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Brian Josten and First Sergeant (retired) Mark Keller. For more information, please contact: [bjosten@sandi.net](mailto:bjosten@sandi.net)

## BOOKFAIR AT COSTE VERDE

by Bonnie MacRitchie

A bookfair benefitting the UCHS Music Program will be held December 8th - 14th at Bookstar/Barnes & Noble in Costa Verde, 8650 Genesee Avenue.

Please join us for the kick-off event on December 8th as student musicians perform from 1-4 pm. Enjoy our string and jazz ensembles while you get some holiday shopping done. Gift wrapping will be available in the afternoon.

Please mention your participation in the Bookfair at the register prior to checking out. Educator and B&N member discounts may be used. Purchases may also be made December 8-14 at any store across the nation or online at [www.bn.com/bookfair](http://www.bn.com/bookfair). Enter BOOKFAIR ID: 10928323 when checking out.

Spread the word to your family and friends to support the UCHS Music Program during their holiday shopping!

## UCHS WINTER CONCERT

Our annual Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7 pm in the UCHS Auditorium. Band, Orchestra, and Choir will perform. Tickets will be sold at the door. Seniors, students, and children are \$3. Adults \$5. Take a break and join us for a wonderful evening of music.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The band and colorguard have been working hard all season on their field show. On Saturday, Nov. 10th, band and percussion took first place and colorguard took 2nd in their division at the Vista Invitational Field Tournament. Thank you to Mr. Brandon Corenman, our new director, who pulled this program together and marched us to victory. Way to go UC!

# University Community Library

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## VILLA MUSIC SINGERS

An all-women chamber singing group will bring their lovely repertoire of holiday music to our library.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 6:30 P.M.**

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB

Do you love to knit or crochet, or have you always wanted to learn? All levels welcome.

**DECEMBER 7TH & JANUARY 4TH at 1:00-2:30 P.M.**

## ARTIST RECEPTION & FUNDRAISER

Meet juried artist and philanthropist, G. Shaevel, whose whimsical paintings will be both an opportunity for holiday shopping and a fundraiser for the library. Ms. Shaevel will donate 100% of the proceeds of her sales as well as one of her pieces as a door prize. Ms. Shaevel's artwork will be on display through December.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 5:00-8:00 P.M.**

## HOLIDAY CONCERT - BARBERSHOP QUARTET

University City's favorite Barbershop Quartet, Tuesday Night Alibi, returns for a free holiday concert.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th at 6:30 P.M.**

## HYPNOSIS: AN OVERVIEW

Diane Edwards, CMH, master hypnotherapist, tells the origins and history of hypnosis and how to use the power of your subconscious to break habits and achieve goals. An OASIS program.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th at 2:00-3:30 P.M.**

## OPERA TALKS

San Diego Opera Docent Ms. Josie Gomez returns with her popular Opera Talks for the upcoming season. The series kicks off with Donizetti's *Daughter of the Regiment*, an opéra comique.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th at 10:30-11:30 A.M.**

## UC BOOK CLUB

No meeting in December. January's selection will be announced December 1st. Please contact the library for the title and to pick up your copy at the checkout desk.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd at 2:00 P.M.**

## ESL CONVERSATIONAL CLUB

Teens and adults work with instructor to further spoken English as a second language.

**EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY at 12:30 P.M.**

## ZUMBA GOLD!

Calling all baby boomers! Exercise to Latin music, like salsa, merengue, and cumbia. An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves and an invigorating party-like atmosphere.

**EVERY MONDAY at 1:00-2:30 P.M.**

## SUMI-E BRUSH PAINTING CLASS

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper. Sumi-e, along with Zen Buddhism, was introduced from China to Japan in the 15th Century.

**EVERY TUESDAY at 12:30-3:30 P.M.**

## THE NUTCRACKER PUPPET SHOW!

You will delight in *The Nutcracker* as performed by Kathy Falker, president of San Diego Puppetry.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 12:30-1:30 P.M.**

## SIGNING TODDLER STORYTIME

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th & JANUARY 28th at 2:00 P.M.**

## FAMILY YOGA

Gentle poses to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring own yoga mat or towel.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd & JANUARY 19th**

## CHILDREN'S BOOK ARTS

Teens 12-19 create beautiful folded gift books. Reserve a spot at the checkout desk.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 4:00-5:30 P.M.**

Children can practice reading skills with loving dogs. This program is made possible through "Love on a Leash", San Diego Area Chapter.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th at 4:00-5:00 P.M.**

## CIRCUS HILARIOUS PUPPET SHOW

An adventure where the sky is the limit! *Circus Hilarius* is a modern take of Amelia Braveheart, who was born a greatness, but when her biplane crashes into a circus ring she discovers that we still all have much to learn, and things aren't always as they appear. Please call to confirm showtimes.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd at 2:00 P.M.**

## LIBRARY SCHOOL STORY TIME

Stories read and fun! All ages ones welcome.

**EVERY THURSDAY at 10:00 A.M.**

## GO GO GO GAMING CLUB

Join the ancient rule game "Go" with the president of the San Diego Chapter of the Go Association. All ages welcome.

**EVERY THURSDAY at 2:30 P.M.**

## COMING HOME! GAMING ALL AGES

Join your friends for some friendly video game competition.

**EVERY FRIDAY, 3:00-4:30 P.M.**

Please call the library to confirm a program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library and their generous sponsorship.



# Neighborhood Watch News Update

by Barbara Gellman

Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of residents devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within University City. We act as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement.

We are an empowered group of people who know what to do and whom to call when something irregular occurs on our streets. After all, by observing and reporting suspicious activities or crimes, we own the street, not the intruder. We let them know they are not welcome.

We have 38 wonderful captains so far and have hung 80 new signs, but we are not done yet. The goal is to have captains for every street so all residents will be in the loop and the crime rate will continue to decrease. Being a captain takes minor effort with major rewards. Please contact me at [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com) to discuss the step-by-step process to assume this responsibility.

My thanks to the following residents who have become captains this past month: Bill Gahan on Weller, Iris Clauss and Heidi Woodworth on Bunche, Jack and Cindy Warren on Carnegie, Jeff Goodan on Briand, Mike Alston and Karen Martinez on Edmonton and Calgary, Kate Shanon and JC LeBours on Eton St. and Eton Ct. partial and Tulane Michelle Hagstrom on Lange.

**Reminder: Leave nothing in the car that serves to tempt someone to break in. Keep garage door closed unless working on your property. Let neighbors know when you will be out of town so they can watch your house. Make sure you have a way of reaching them when they are gone in case something happens.**

**It is always a pleasure meeting new residents and providing a safety net for empowerment.**

## University City Little League

by Jemma Samala

### 50 Years of Baseball Memories

University City Little League will be celebrating 50 years of youth baseball during the upcoming 2013 spring season. In order to give credit to all 50 years, we are looking for UCLL memorabilia: shirts, caps, programs, buttons, photos, etc. Round Table Pizza has graciously offered to showcase our historical finds. If you have any UCLL artifacts to lend, please contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

Along with UCLL stuff, we need UCLL people. Former players, board members, coaches are asked to send us contact info so we may invite you to our anniversary events. Plus, we need volunteers (current and from the past) to help plan celebratory activities. Special fundraising efforts will be taking place throughout the season, which will help with needed upgrades to our fields, uniforms and snack bars. Again, please contact Jemma.

### 2013 Spring Registration starts November 30th

Yes, that time of the year is here again. No need to go shopping. All your kids want for the holidays is to play baseball! Registration starts November 30th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Standley Recreation Center. Additional registration dates are: December 12th, 11:30 am-1:30 pm (Doyle Recreation Center); December 15th, 9:00 am-12:00 noon (Fort Field) and 1:00-3:00 pm (Nobel Recreation Center); and December 31st, 4:00-6:00 pm (Starbucks by Sprouts). Go to [www.ucll.org](http://www.ucll.org) for more info.

### FREE Baseball Clinic

UCLL will be offering a free baseball clinic for players ages 6-13 on Saturday, December 15 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Fort Field (by Spreckels Elementary). Last year's UCLL All Star managers will work with your player's basic skills to get them ready for the spring season. Players will be rotating through various stations dedicated to improving mechanics in hitting, throwing, and fielding. To register, please contact UCLL President Steve Calvao at [presidentucll@gmail.com](mailto:presidentucll@gmail.com).

### Centurion Foundation Supports UCHS Extra-Curricular Activities

The Centurion Foundation is a non-profit organization which helps all types of extra-curricular activities at UCHS, everything from sport teams to the music program to cheer. CF also helps support the UCHS Hall of Fame program and was instrumental in pushing along the completion of the renovated stadium, bringing with it Friday Night Lights which has become a popular activity for all members of the UC community. The CF is always in need of donations to fund grants and scholarships, and volunteers to help with these efforts. For more info about CF, go to: [www.uc-centurionfoundation.com](http://www.uc-centurionfoundation.com). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

## WANTED

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET CAPTAINS  
MINOR EFFORT, MAJOR REWARD

Please email: [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com)  
for further information University City  
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# UCCA's Past Holiday Tree Lighting



## Breakfast with Santa Standley Recreation Center

Saturday, December 15th, 2012,  
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tickets go on sale

November 26, 2012.

Enjoy a hearty breakfast,  
entertainment, and a chance to  
talk with Santa himself.

Space is limited, purchase your  
tickets early!

For safety purposes, baby strollers  
will not be allowed in the room.

3585 Governor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122  
(858) 552-1652

Photos by Sandy Lippe



## What's In Your Backyard??



Recent photo taken by Carol Birch  
from her UC backyard!

# SWANSON POOL PREMIERES "PUMPKIN PLUNGE"

by Elly Newman

Who knew that pumpkins can float??? (The photos prove it without possibility of prevarication). The 1st annual Halloween Pumpkin Plunge, held on Halloween evening at the Swanson Pool, proved to be a particularly pleasurable and unpredictable party. Eighty people were in attendance, members of the City of San Diego recreation swim team and water polo team and their families. They were initially treated to the sight of a proliferation of 137 pristine pumpkins adrift in the pool. Each participant captured a pumpkin by using a hula hoop attached to a rope. They then proceeded to compete in prettying-up their pumpkins (no carving, piercing or poking permitted) with an astounding array of polychrome paints, feathers, decals, and other peripheral applications.

Games, including Musical Chairs and the Ghost Run, were played with enthusiastic enjoyment. Plenty of prizes and treats were offered to all, in addition to lavish refreshments. Thanks to all the volunteers and staff who provided materials, help, supervision, and very importantly, clean-up. Special thanks to Home Depot for their presentation of 77 pumpkins, and to the friends of the pool who rounded up 60 more.

Nicole McNeil, pool manager and prime producer, is pondering the possibility of perpetuating the party in future years, perhaps expanded to public participation. A promising prospect!

*P.S. The Swanson Pool is promised to be closed from December 31st, and scheduled to reopen March 25th 2013.*

*photos by Nicole McNeil*



## GREAT NEWS FOR ARTISTS IN UC!

There is still time to enter the UCCA logo contest! Let your creativity and pride in our beautiful UC community be your inspiration to design a logo that will become recognized as a symbol of the UCCA. The designer of the winning logo will receive a \$100 prize. Contest rules and entry form are available at [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org).

## Get Off Your Rockers!

*by Fred Shatsky*

**Get Off Your Rockers** was organized in 1992 by a group of men and women age 50 and over intent on staying active and participating in various types of sporting activities. While the main interest was skiing; bicycling, bowling, golf, hiking, kayaking, sailing, and tennis soon became mainstays in the "Rocker's" list of activities.

As camaraderie grew among the members, social activities were added to the active calendar. Today, additional activities include: weekly happy hours, monthly potlucks, summer beach picnics, annual membership brunch, Holiday Dinner-Dance, theatre outings and more. While most of the activities are in the San Diego area, longer distance trips are often organized with specific themes involved.

GOYR has sustained a membership of 200 since its inception. The success of the organization can be attributed to its variety of activities and diversity of members' backgrounds. Singles and couples, employed or retired from a variety of professions, enjoy the organization and its activities. For more information you may call membership at 858-485-5996 or e-mail [membership@getoffyourrockers.org](mailto:membership@getoffyourrockers.org)

## Annual University City Food Drive

*by June Kubli and Katie Dunahoo*

**Saturday, December 1st, Coldwell Banker will be hosting their 16th Annual University City food drive. Feeding America San Diego will receive your donations and distribute them to families in need. According to Feeding America, 1 out of every 4 children in San Diego County is without a reliable food source every weekend. Your contribution is most appreciated.**

**On that morning, agents will pick up bags of food that you have left by the curb. If it is more convenient, you may drop off your contributions at 3688 Governor Drive by Monday, December 3rd. We look forward to working with you to provide local families with much needed support.**

**For further information about how you may participate in the Food Drive, please contact your local Coldwell Banker Agent or 411SanDiegoHomes at 858-633-4611.**



## University City Racquet Club News

*by Bob Morrison*

The Thanksgiving Round Robin for members was held on Sunday afternoon, November 18. Twenty two members participated and had a fun time. While this was the only social event scheduled for this year, you can look forward to more next year.

The following members donated money toward the purchase of the new ball machine:

**Andrew Engel and Mary Domm • Stephanie Mel and Partho Ghosh • Steven Nakamura • Paulette and Tim O'Shea • Jim and Deborah Young**

Remember! Anyone can rent it for a half hour (members \$10/nonmembers \$15) or an hour (members \$15/nonmembers \$30).

Don't forget to vote in the pending election for the new 2013 board.

It is also time to join the club or renew your membership for 2013. The cost for membership is \$289 for families, \$189 for a single adult, and \$50 for juniors. Remember! If you are a current member, you can get one-half off a single adult 2013 membership by bringing in three 2013 members who are either new to the club or past members who did not join in 2012.

**For additional information,  
check the web at [www.ucrctennis.com](http://www.ucrctennis.com).**

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# EdUCate!

by Diane Lueke

## Annual Book Drive

*EdUCate! and Noble/Bookstar in the Costa Verde Center that will benefit all five schools in the UC cluster. We will be giving back to our school communities to promote literacy through the 2012 EdUCate! and Barnes and Noble/Bookstar Annual Book Drive. November 1st, 2012, Barnes and Noble/Bookstar Costa Verde will post lists customers can buy books from; a list compiled by their favorite UC school. At the end of the book drive, January 1st, 2013, the books will be delivered for use in the classrooms and libraries. Over 750 new titles were added to our schools' classrooms and libraries last year.*

*Also, Barnes and Noble/Bookstar in Costa Verde is offering local PTA's/PTSA's and school clubs/organizations a gift-wrap fundraising opportunity during the holidays. From Friday, November 23rd, through Monday, December 24th, students and their adult chaperone will be provided 4-hour shifts with tables, chairs, gift wrap paper, scissors, tape, and gift enclosure cards. Clubs/organizations can distribute flyers about these activities and what they are fundraising for. Students work for tips only, but reports from clubs who participated in prior years have been very positive.*

*Please contact Emily, Community Relations, at Barnes and Noble/Bookstar in the Costa Verde Center. Call 858-457-7561, or email [CRM1823atbn.com](mailto:CRM1823atbn.com) to arrange for your school or club's 4-hour slots are available.*

## "Honor A Teacher"

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

**For more information on how to say "thank you" to an educator, go to [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org) and honor your teacher with "Honor A Teacher"!**

## "Dollar A Day" Campaign 2012

Thank you, UC community, for your generous support of "Dollar A Day"!!! We've started off the year with great progress toward our goal of \$20,000. If everyone gives a little, we can all achieve our objective this year. Oktoberfest donations alone were \$5,600. So far we've received an amazing \$14,527! That's almost 75% of our goal. Don't forget, your "Dollar A Day" commitment is just \$175 for the entire school year, which also applies toward the \$250 minimum donation for entrance into the VIP Reception at Taste of the Triangle on April 19th, 2013. Donate today at [uc-educate.org](http://uc-educate.org) or mail your check made out to EdUCate! to 3268 Governor Drive, PMB 154, San Diego CA 92122. All of UC's students and teachers appreciate your support!

**Please Remember: Deadline for the February 2013 issue of the UCCA newsletter publication is on January 15th.**

**Please submit your articles to: [editoruccaat@gmail.com](mailto:editoruccaat@gmail.com)**

**The Burn Institute in San Diego will install free smoke alarms for seniors (62 yrs.+).**

**They recommend that each bedroom, dining/living room, hall areas have an alarm.**

**Call 858-541-2277 to make an appointment for your free alarms and installation; volunteers will come out to install.**

# Poinsettia

Poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*), which are indigenous to Mexico and Central America, need minimum six hours of natural sunlight daily. Temperature should not exceed 70 degrees F or go below 65 F at night. Frost will kill them. Keep soil moist, not too wet or dry. The roots should not sit in water. Do not fertilize while they are blooming.

After the blooming season, decrease water, allowing plant to dry out a little. Place in a dark, cool area until spring and transplant to sunny location.



UCgardenclub@gmail.com

**With the closing of another year, UCCA would like to wish you and your family a very warm and happy Holiday Season.**

**We hope the New Year will bring prosperity, joy, happiness and most of all, peace...**

**A very sincere "Thank You" to all the many volunteers and unsung heroes for their time and effort and also to all the UC residents for their wonderful contributions to this newsletter.**

