

# University City

...more than a neighborhood

February 2013

## February 2013 Calendar

- Groundhog Day  
Saturday, the 2nd
- UCPG Meeting  
Tuesday, the 12th  
6:00 p.m., Forum Hall/UTC
- UCCA Meeting  
Wednesday, the 13th  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,  
UC Library
- Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday, the 13th
- Valentine's Day  
Thursday, the 14th
- President's Day  
Monday, the 18th
- UC Celebration  
Wednesday, the 20th  
6:30 p.m., Standley Park
- Standley Recreation Center  
Thursday, the 28th  
7:00 p.m., Standley Recreation Center

## Put the YOU in UCCA!

by Valerie O'Neill

We know you like our newsletter, but did you know that your UCCA provides financial support for many activities that make UC a great place to live? Special events, school scholarships, jog-a-thons, community beautification projects, our summer concert series, the Oktoberfest Celebration benefiting EdUCate!, UC Garden Club and our Neighborhood Watch Program, are all examples of the ways membership benefits the families of University City. We can only continue to support these and other programs if you and your neighbors support the UCCA.

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Winner  
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# University City Community Newsletter

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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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- Please no **pre-designed** flyers or announcements.
- The Editor acknowledges every submission. Email any questions.

#### **Deadline for the MARCH 2013 Newsletter Publication is FEBRUARY 15th**

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 [uccaADSathotmail.com](mailto:uccaADSathotmail.com). The UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

## Message from the President Barry Bernstein

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**appy New Year! I hope 2013 has started off on a positive note for everyone! This extended cold spell is surprising for San Diego, but by the time you read this it will probably be "paradise" once again.**

**I want to thank Darlene Ventimiglia and her wonderful helpers for their efforts in providing the community our "tree-lighting" event this past December. The inclement weather allowed for a much more intimate celebration indoors at Standley Park Recreation Center.**

**Thanks so much to Carole Pietras for the most appreciated cookies, Judy Bethel's creative lighting display, the always enjoyable, "Tuesday Night Alibi" and the inspirational childrens' choir from our nearby Mother of Confidence Church.**

**Congratulations to Marilyn Gallegos our UCCA Logo winner (please see photo on page 5.)**

**Please remember to return your 2013 membership application and to read all about the special prize distribution event taking place on Saturday, February 23rd. (see page 9.)**

**Hope to see you at our February 13th UCCA meeting at which time an update on the Miramar disabled jet flights will be discussed as well as other important community concerns.**



by Sherri Lightner

## **New Year, New Responsibilities**

**I am pleased to announce that my colleagues have unanimously selected me to serve as Council President Pro Tem, marking the first time a woman has held that position in the City of San Diego.**

**In addition to serving as the Council President Pro Tem, I was also chosen to chair the new Rules and Economic Development Committee.**

**The new committee will take on the responsibilities of the former Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee as well as those of the Economic Development and Strategies Committee.**

**In my new roles, I hope to work closely with my colleagues to continue our work to improve the city's financial picture while responsibly restoring city services and improving our neighborhoods.**

**In addition, Council President Todd Gloria has tasked me with reviewing the City Council's committee structures and duties to ensure that they address the real issues facing San Diego today.**

**As part of that review, I intend to reach out to stakeholder and community groups to ensure that their priorities are reflected in any realignment of Council committees.**

**I welcome the challenge of helping to restructure our committees so we as a Council can be more responsive to the citizens of San Diego and be better able to address the most critical issues facing this city now and into the future.**

**Please feel free to contact me with your ideas about what issues the San Diego City Council should be tackling in 2013 and beyond.**

**You can reach me either by phone at (619) 236-6611 or by email at [sherrilighner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilighner@sandiego.gov).**



by John Lee Evans

## **The Voters Say "Yes" to Public Education**

*The voters' approval in November of Propositions 30 and Z was a strong mandate in favor of the reforms and the results that we have been producing in San Diego Unified over the past four years. The opposition clearly made it a referendum against what we have done and we prevailed. The voters in California, and especially San Diego, have clearly said that we have public schools worth investing in.*

*We can certainly be optimistic about the future of our schools. I am more optimistic than I have ever been in my four years on the board. First, there is a sense of relief. This vote immediately canceled our need to close our schools nearly three weeks early this year, which would have had a significant effect on our student achievement gains. For some time, however, we will still reel from the cumulative effects of several years of cuts, but at least we are starting to move in the right direction.*

*The main goal for next year will be to bring much needed stability to the district. The kids, the parents and the staff need to recover from the uncertainty that has hung over us the past few years. As funds gradually return to the schools, we must maintain our laser-like focus on student achievement. That means we will have a discussion about the programs that most contribute to that, but it will be a while before that revenue starts to come in.*

*Our focus on student achievement is one of the reasons that we prioritized spending on technology in the past four years. That investment is paying off with steady gains in student achievement.*

# Neighborhood Watch News Update

by Barbara Gellman

University City owes the 40 existing captains a big "THANK YOU" for their commitment to help provide a safer environment for their neighbors. Those of you who have attended your street neighborhood watch meetings are enlightened and empowered. Knowing what to look for and who to call makes the police department and officer's job easier; they need us to be their extra eyes and ears and report any suspicious activities. Just a reminder: if you see a crime in progress, call 911. If the crime is not witnessed call the non-emergency number at 619-531-2000. Be sure to ask for an incident number so the crime can be traced in the future. *Do not call the Northern Division number since it does not generate assistance. It is not to be used for emergency or non emergency problems at anytime.*



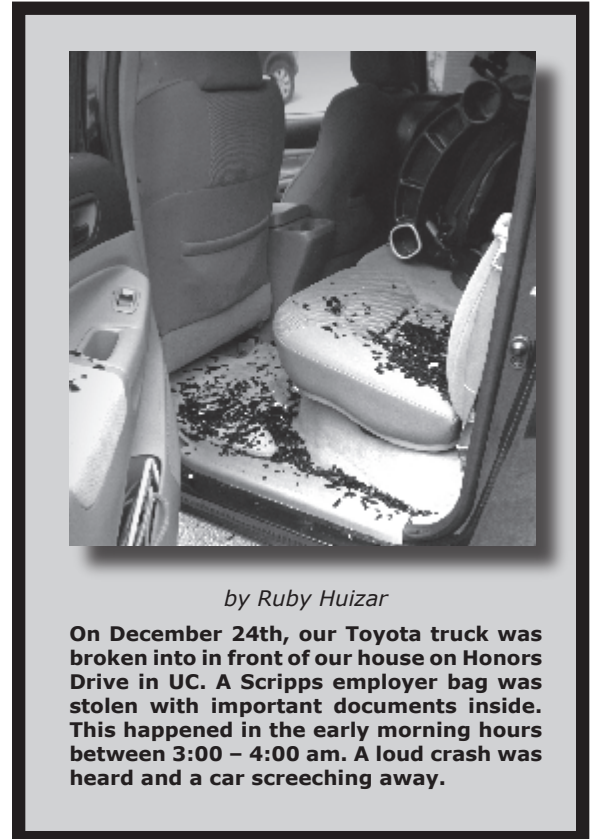
The number one way to prevent vehicle burglary is to remove everything from the vehicle and lock the doors. If the suspect doesn't see anything in the car and it's locked, then he has no reason to be there. These suspects prowl our streets checking car doors hoping to find one open. If you see anyone who appears out of place, dressed inappropriately, nervous or walking and looking in cars, call the police. If you hear a car or house alarm near by, don't ignore it. Look outside as you may see something irregular to report to the police.

If you do not see one of these signs on your street, there isn't a neighborhood watch captain yet. Please email me to meet and discuss becoming one. The goal is to cover all the streets so all residents are in the loop. It really feels good when you know what to do to prevent or report a crime.

**Safety tip:** Did you know that anyone can have a key made for your car just by using your VIN number that is on the dashboard. The suspect, copies the number and calls the auto dealer with the story that he/she lost the key to the car. Later, they come back at their leisure and open the door to take whatever is inside. The solution is to cover the VIN number with dark tape.

Remember, lights are one of the best deterrents in preventing crime along with locking up your home and car. Purchase inside timers that will come on in the evening in the front and back room areas of your home. Dark homes are invitations to burglars. Add timers to your "to do" list for 2013 along with motion detectors for the outside. You can also leave an outside light on all night.

Watch this column in the upcoming months for timely safety tips and reminders. Please stay alert and report suspicious behavior or activities.



by Ruby Huizar

**On December 24th, our Toyota truck was broken into in front of our house on Honors Drive in UC. A Scripps employer bag was stolen with important documents inside. This happened in the early morning hours between 3:00 - 4:00 am. A loud crash was heard and a car screeching away.**

## WANTED

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET CAPTAINS  
MINOR EFFORT, MAJOR REWARD**

Please email: [bggellman@yahoo.com](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com)  
for further information University City  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

## San Diego Police Department Needs Your Input

The San Diego Police Department wishes  
you a prosperous, healthy and safe new year.  
We are looking for what your community would like to see from us in 2013.  
Please mail Lt. Voss ([dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov))  
or Officer O. Sinclair ([osinclair@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:osinclair@pd.sandiego.gov)) with your comments.



**Marilyn Gallegos, logo contest winner receives \$100 prize from Barry Bernstein, UCCA president.**

**Marilyn Gallegos was presented with a \$100.00 check by the UCCA Board after her entry was selected as the winner of the UCCA logo contest. Mary, a longtime resident of University City, holds a Masters in Architecture degree. She and her husband Roger have two sons attending school here in UC. Mary serves on the PTSA and School Site Council at Standley Middle School and volunteers at other local events. Congratulations, Marilyn and thanks for all you do!**

**LOGO  
Winner!**



## **Rose Creek Fest**

*by Kelly Makley*

The inaugural Rose Creek Fest in Mission Bay Park will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Campland on the Bay (2211 Pacific Beach Drive). Brought to you by San Diego EarthWorks (the producers of the San Diego Earth Day Fair) with their partners Friends of Rose Creek and Campland on the Bay, this free event will have music, entertainment, barbecue, art, activities and displays that are unique to Rose Creek and its communities.

Rose Creek meanders for 16 miles to Mission Bay through the hearts of University City, Clairemont and Pacific Beach. "Although hundreds of thousands of people live, work and play along Rose Creek and its urban canyons, many don't realize that it also provides a haven for local wildlife ranging from hawks to herons", said Karin Zirk, Founder of Friends of Rose Creek. "We felt compelled to create this event to celebrate the role Rose Creek plays in our community and to inspire our neighbors to care for its natural beauty as much as we do," said Zirk.

Special features include: "The Rose Creek Rubber Duck Derby" presented by Think Blue San Diego, the "Love Your Wetlands Day" service event at the neighboring Kendall Frost Marsh, "CreekWalk" led by Friends of Rose Creek, and activities provided by Ocean Discovery Institute, local high school students studying the creek, and community partners. Mark your calendar today for this free event. You can learn more about the event and volunteer opportunities at [www.rosecreekfest.org](http://www.rosecreekfest.org).

If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview, please contact Kelly Makley at 858-220-2556 or [kelly@rosecreekwatershed.org](mailto:kelly@rosecreekwatershed.org).

## **New Events from Standley Recreation Center**

*by Courtney Roberts*

**There will be a spring egg hunt on  
March 30, 2013 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

**The age brackets are: 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years.  
Please arrive early with a basket. We will meet in the gym at Standley Recreation Center. There will be an opportunity to win a gift basket for every age bracket and face painting and crafts will be available.**

**All classes at the recreation center started on January 7th.**

# NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

**Special note:** *The library will be closed Monday, February 18th in observation of President's Day.*

**OASIS PRESENTS:** Investing for Income: George Chamberlin will explain all the alternatives from annuities to municipal bonds and much more. Materials will be provided. Friday, February 22nd, 1:30 pm.

**Cinema Cafe:** Wednesday, February 20th will showcase a 2012 American fantasy drama film directed by Benh Zeitlin. Call for details: 858-581-9637. Refreshments will be provided.

**BoHua Music Academy Performance:** Celebrate Chinese New Year and listen to a splendid concert of traditional Chinese music! Saturday, February 2nd, 1:00 pm.

**Spring Music Series!:** Toni James, Classical Piano, Wednesday February 13th, 6:30 pm and Andy Wang & Kendall Patrick, Classical Guitar, Wednesday February 27th, at 6:30 pm.

**Page Turners' Book Club:** Second Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 pm. This month's selection is *The Professor and the Madman*.

**Project Debt Relief:** Attorney Mark Miller's office provides legal information. Tuesday, February 12th, 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. *New Time!* Thursdays, at 9:30 am.

*Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur. Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.*

## Happy New Year to All Community Neighbors

by George Odero

Our 24th July 4th community celebration event was a success thanks to the efforts of our tireless volunteers who selflessly donated their valuable time and efforts to make the event happen. Similar thanks to UC community for showing up in large numbers to participate and enjoy the event.

2013 will mark our 25th UC community celebration of this significant national event. Our event volunteers and I are seeking greater community members' participation in this year's event. We are looking for community members involvement and contribution in the following areas:

1. Community members and their families are encouraged to help with event activities in two-hour shifts throughout the event day. Please contact me to indicate the activities and time slots for which you would like to volunteer.

2. As a community event, we are asking and encouraging community members and families to share their ideas and suggestions for new games, activities for families and children, food/refreshments, music and other related entertainment. We welcome any other suggestions that would help invigorate the event.

We believe that such input and participation by community members and families will make our celebration more enjoyable and fulfilling. Contact me with your ideas, suggestions or volunteer suggestions at: [Goderog@GoreadUSA.org](mailto:Goderog@GoreadUSA.org).

Community members are also encouraged to attend our event planning meetings held at Standley Recreation center on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20th, 2013.

# The Scene in University City

by Sandy Lippe

- Our neighbor UC San Diego has been ranked by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine as the 10th best value public university in the nation based on cost and financial aid, average student debt, competitiveness, graduation rates and academic support. Now all you have to do is qualify to get in.
- Dan Pulido wants to remind folks who their government representatives are. At the federal level, Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein represent us. Congressman Scott Peters is one of the new members of the House of Representatives from District 52. At the state level, Assemblywoman Toni Atkins represents District 78. State Senator Marty Block is in Senate district 39. Sherri Lightner represents UC in District 1. Lightner was unanimously selected to serve as president pro tem of the City Council, the first woman to have this position.
- UCHS senior Alex Wells was selected to perform in the 2013 CBDA All-State Honor Band on bassoon. The All-State conference is February 21-24 in Fresno. Alex plays in the San Diego Youth Symphony and has applied to UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Congratulations to Alex!
- Del Mar Fair's theme for 2013 is "Game ON!" Lots of University City kids and adults who play video games will have their faces on banners flying on Genesee, Governor, and Regents in late spring.

Please Remember:  
Deadline for the  
March 2013 issue of the  
UCCA newsletter publication is  
**February 15th.**  
Please submit your articles to:  
[editoruccaatgmail.com](mailto:editoruccaatgmail.com)

## Low Flying FA/18 Jet Gets Attention of MCAS Commanding Officer

by Barry Bernstein

*Colonel Farnam, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, addressed UCPG on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Colonel Farnam, a SDSU graduate, took over command at Miramar this past August. After a brief overview of current base activities, he addressed the disabled jets flight paths over University City and expressed his understanding and concern of past occurrences. On November 6th, Election night, an FA-18 jet flew very low over University City around 8:10 p.m. As your UCCA president, I questioned him as to how these flight decisions are originated and directed, and how they can possibly be avoided in the future. Ron Belanger, a retired naval aviator living in University City, and an expert on the current protocol, questioned the colonel as to other possible alternatives to review when and if these situations should occur.*

*I will be attending an MCAS community leaders' committee meeting later in January to share our community concerns and to seek support from other nearby community groups to forge a strategy that would encourage the Marines/Navy representatives to look into the matter and develop and utilize plans that would minimize the danger to University City residents. Please plan to attend our regularly scheduled February 13, 6:00 meeting for an update on this matter at the UC library on 4151 Governor Drive. If you are interested in joining our efforts in working with MCAS Miramar as we move forward with our campaign for a safer University City, please contact me. You do not need to have military aviation experience, only a need or desire to be part of a reasonable solution to this very serious community concern. Thank you. Contact Barry Bernstein, President, UCCA (858) 453-3713 or email: [APDRFN@AOL.COM](mailto:APDRFN@AOL.COM)*



Left to right:  
Kristin Camper, liaison for MCAS,  
Co. John Farnam, Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar,  
Barry Bernstein, UCCA President at the January UCPG meeting.

# University Community Library

4155 GOVERNOR DR. (858) 552-1655

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! NEXT 3-DAY BOOK SALE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**We've received lots and lots and lots of wonderful book donations from the community. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up some great reads!**

## JAZZ CONCERT

The Zzymzzy (rhymes with "whimsy") Quartet play it like it was when it was unamplified, melodic, swinging, dreamy, and full of sly surprises. From the Prohibition through the Second Big War, the glory days of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington are recaptured humbly and with humor.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at 6:30 pm

## BRING ON THE BIRDS!

Bert & Sharon Kersey, Bird Enthusiasts Did you know that we live in one of the birdiest counties in the country? *Bring On the Birds* is Bert Kersey's latest video, offering beginning birders an excellent overview of the birds of California. It's all about our everyday local birds, featuring great photography, fun facts and useful information. ID tips for beginning birders. An OASIS program.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, at 2:00-3:30 pm

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING CIRCLE

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, at 1:00-2:30 pm

## 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 pm

## UC BOOK CLUB

*The News from Paraguay* by Lily Tuck. Pick up your copy at the checkout desk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 2:00-3:00 pm

## WORLD FOLKTALES ALIVE

Storyteller Steven Gregory and musician Reiko Obata bring to life Japanese, African, African-American, Latin American, and other world folktales. They wear traditional clothing and use authentic ethnic instruments.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, at 3:00-4:00 pm

## 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 & THURSDAY at 1:00-2:00 pm

## ESL CONVERSATION CLASS

Teens and adults practice English conversation in relaxed setting while making new friends.

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY at 12:30-1:30 pm

## FAMILY YOGA

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, at 10:30-11:00 am

## PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Stories, song and fun! All wee ones welcome.

EVERY THURSDAY at 10:30 -11:00 am

## SIGNING TODDLER STORYTIME

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, at 3:00 pm

## GO GAMING CLUB

Learn the ancient mind game of Go with the President of the San Diego Chapter of the Go Association. All ages welcome.

EVERY THURSDAY at 2:30-3:30 pm

## GAME ON!! WII GAMING – ALL AGES

Join your friends for some friendly video game competition!

EVERY !



**Please call the library to confirm any given program. Cancellations are rare, but may occur.**

**Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship.**

**This information will be made available in alternate formats upon request.**





## Free Coffee! Show Your UCCA Decal!

On Saturday the 23rd of February, between 9:00-10:00 am, UCCA president Barry Bernstein will be walking the parking lot in front of Starbucks. If your car is displaying the UCCA membership decal (awarded when you become a member), he will leave a Starbucks gift certificate on your windshield!

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## Put the YOU in UCCA!

Our goal is to have 15% of households as members of the UCCA. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment now to join the UCCA or **RENEW** your membership for 2013. It's easy! Just go to our website [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org) and sign up online or use the membership form in this newsletter.

Let's keep University City more than just another neighborhood!

You may also join UCCA by going to our website at [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org)

See Next Page for Our Membership List & Goals

# University City Community Association 2013 Membership Application

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

Please print:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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, [UCCAmembershipatgmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembershipatgmail.com)

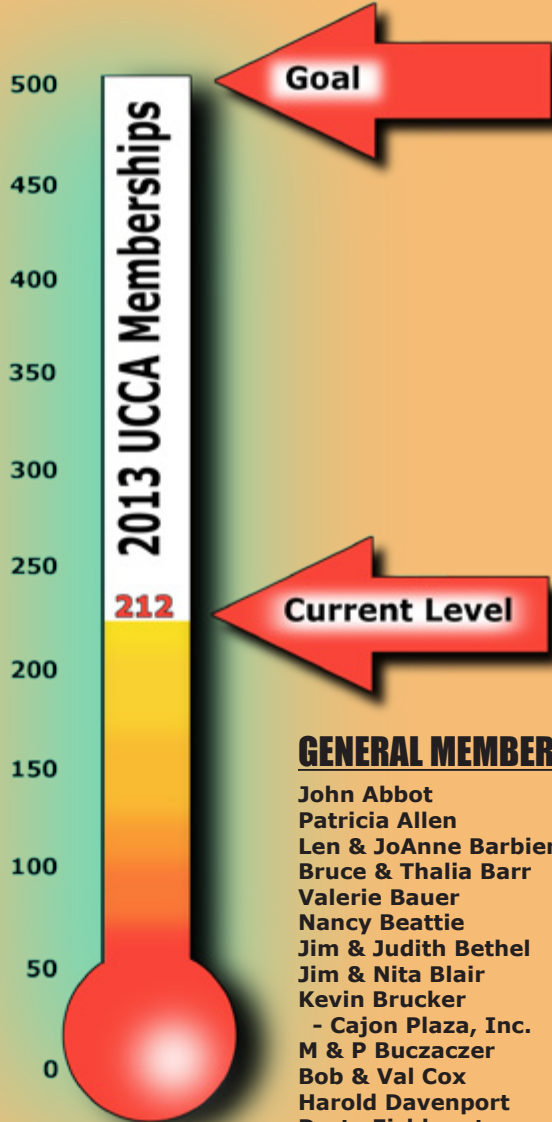
**Which UCCA activities are you willing to help us with?**

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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

# UCCA THANKS THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR 2013 MEMBERSHIP



**Goal**

**Current Level**

2013 UCCA Memberships

212

- Helga Marchione
- Barbara Mauro
- Mary Murray
- Marion & Ralph Nebiker
- Earl & Rita Newell
- Century 21 Award
- Valerie O'Neill
- Florence O'Shea
- Walt Parker
- Marie Pleasant
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- Paula Ries
- Kim Roberts
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- Dianne Villone
- James Warner
- Ben & Martha Weaver
- Pia & Christoph Weber
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- Conrad & Margaret Witt
- Matthew Wuest

## SILVER MEMBERSHIP

- Better Than Home Placement
- Merle Berman
- Better Than Home Placement
- Mack Langston
- The Bryden Family
- Jack & Ginny Cassidy
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- Tony Hugli
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- Dorte Eichhorst
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- John Ensch
- Robert & Diane Estus
- Lloyd & Eileen Farrar
- Tom & Gee Gee Ferrier
- Liz Fort
- Andy Freeburn
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- Sandy Goldsmith
- Leslie & Dorothy Graham
- Andy & Nan Gurney
- David & Amanda Hirko
- Greg Hom & Sharon Joe
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- Don Hotz
- Rod Innes
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- Terry Jones
- Ronald Kay
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- Dan & Karen Harvey
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- & Richard Daniel
- Fred Lonidier
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# December 2012 - January 2013 UCCA Memberships

by Darlene Ventimiglia

# The Show Must Go On!

## UCCA's 10th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

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Darlene Ventimiglia & Sandy Lippe



Our Mother of Confidence  
Children's Choir and Santa



Tuesday Night Alibi  
Barbershop Quartet



"The Show Must Go On!," that old theatrical cliché not only applies to show business but to the University City Community Association's 10th annual Holiday Tree Lighting which took place on Friday, December 14th, at Standley Park and Recreation Center.

Rain showers didn't dampen the festivities from happening as the venue was changed from outside to inside. However, the event did go on as scheduled. Even though the Standley Marching Band was unable to play, some band members attended to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. We would not be able to enjoy a tree lighting without the appearance of Tuesday Night Alibi. This celebrated barbershop quartet, under the direction of Ernie Lippe, has performed each and every year for the past 10 years and has entertained us with our favorite holiday songs of the seasons. Once again, the Our Mother of Confidence Children's Choir, under the direction of Mary Jo Mathis and Cathy Whelan, arrived with smiling faces, singing their hearts out. Our heroes, those firefighters from Fire Station #35 together with their Capt. Ted Chialtas stopped by, not to put out a fire, but to light up the faces of many of our UC youngsters.

The creative artistry of Petals the Clown provided balloons and face-painting and sketch artist, Joanne England's talent lent a well-rounded touch to the evening. Santa, who is the perfect example of "The Show Must Go On," has never missed a show!. His much anticipated arrival delighted young and grown-ups alike. We also deeply appreciate and thank Miramar Nursery for donating our Nobel Fir christmas tree.

This year the Holiday Tree Lighting was sponsored and supported solely through funds made available by your memberships to UCCA. It is hoped that this UC family tradition will be able to continue through your support. We thank you.

All of this could not have happened without the dedication of Judy Bethel, our local tree designer and longtime resident, whose creative energy and tireless talent brings new and innovative ideas every year. Jim Simon, another "home grown" resident and our "engineer," has been a loyal and integral part of this event. Our heartfelt thanks to co-chair, Barbara Henshaw, board members, Barry Bernstein, Sandy Lippe, Andy Freeburn, Carole Pietras, Bonnie Hornbeck and Terry Jones. We also thank our community volunteers, Lynn Shields, Bobbie and Stew Westdal, Marylis Bielunski, Joe Garrigan, Cecil Hornbeck and Richard Betzenderfer.

# Grant Recipients Fall 2012

by Diane Lueke

# Holiday Book Drive a Success!

Teachers from all five University City schools applied for and benefitted from EdUCate!'s Teacher Grant program this year! More than \$18,300 in grant monies was distributed directly to teachers' classrooms for the Fall 2012 cycle. EdUCate! commits at least one-third of its donations to teachers each year.

The Teacher Grant committee carefully considers and scores all grant applications on the basis of several factors, including the number of students the grant will impact, its educational value, the longevity of the project, its practicality, innovation, collaboration and cost effectiveness.

This program directly impacts our children, so please consider supporting these grants through a tax-deductible donation through any one of our giving programs: Honor a Teacher, Dollar a Day, Oktoberfest and Taste of the Triangle. We appreciate your donation!

## **Congratulations to Our Fall 2012 Grant Recipients!**

### **Curie Elementary**

Ms. McKelvey - iMac

### **Doyle Elementary**

Ms. Walker-PE Mat and Portable Dock  
Ms. McKenna-Easel and leveled chapter books  
Ms. Harris-Pedometers  
Ms. Mitchell-Science DVD's, science books  
Ms. Pope-i21 Teacher Tablet  
for Promethean technology  
Ms. Siegler-Classroom carpet

### **Spreckels Elementary**

Ms. McCabe-iPod Touches  
Ms. Sharman-Apps and eBooks  
Ms. McKay-iPad  
Ms. Gomez-Neri and Ms. Herrera-Ramos-iPod Touches  
Special Education Staff-2 iPads  
Ms. Alessio-Kinder carpet and Yoga Mats

### **Standley Middle School**

Ms. Ohlin-Daybooks for Critical Reading and Writing/  
"Time for Kids" online subscription  
Ms. Cartier, PTSA-Ping pong table equipment  
PE Staff-\$2000 for replacement equipment

### **University City High School**

English Department-Turn-it-in online service  
Science Department-new and replacement  
science equipment

EdUCate! and Barnes & Noble/Bookstar would like to thank the patrons of their Costa Verde store for purchasing over 800 books during the 3rd annual holiday book drive benefiting all five University City public schools. Each elementary school received 203 books, Standley added 123 new books to their library, and 103 books were purchased for UCHS.

EdUCate! board members delivered the books to each school on January 10th. Curie Elementary staff reacted to the delivery of their 203 books with "Holy Toledo. Wow! Thank you!" When they began looking through the titles and saw "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books, they said they had just bought some because the kids LOVE THEM. Mrs. Lara Wuhrmann, librarian at Standley Middle School, stated she is "delighted to get all these beautiful books. They will be gobbled up by the students, and there is enough of a variety there to appeal to all the kids." Doyle and Spreckel's deliveries were met with smiles from staff and students alike. "Wow, this is fantastic! What community support we have!" was the reaction from UCHS library tech Liz Hurwitz.

Thanks once again to everyone who participated. The students and staff at all the schools appreciate very much your generosity, as does the EdUCate! Foundation and Barnes & Noble/Bookstar.



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.



**Free Coffee!  
Show Your  
UCCA Decal!**

On Saturday the 23rd of February, between 9:00-10:00 am, UCCA president Barry Bernstein will be walking the parking lot in front of Starbucks. If your car is displaying the UCCA membership decal (awarded when you become a member), he will leave a Starbucks gift certificate on your windshield!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

**NEXT 3-DAY BOOK SALE  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
4155 GOVERNOR DRIVE**

**Thursday, February 28th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Friday, March 1st, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, March 2nd, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**

We've received lots and lots and lots of wonderful book donations from the community. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up some great reads!

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# UC Garden Club



Dear Garden Enthusiasts,

by Tanya Howe Aeria

Our UC Garden Club is changing its formats! We will now be having all our meetings outdoors at one of your UC neighbor's gardens! Please see the list below for the developing list of gardens that will be shown during this year! If you are interested in hosting a "Coffee in the Garden" event in your yard, front or back, please contact Tanya at 619-884-2658. There is little to do on your part other than presenting your yard and bragging about how much you love it! We bring all the food, beverages and do all the clean up!

Starting on February 2nd, the UC Garden Club will be hosting a UC neighborhood "Coffee in the Garden" event each month. Look for signs directing you to the exact house. Here is a sneak preview of our coming confirmed gardens:

## February 2nd, 10:00-noon -WELLESLEY

Come and see the blooming Aloe! This amazing and plentiful plant only blooms for a short time in the early winter. A beautifully landscaped secret canyon yard, complete with Aloe and Ceanothis in bloom! An unexpected view greets you as you enter this amazing backyard!

## March 9th- 4:00-6:00 pm -BRAGG STREET

Evening under the stars! Bring a mug and fill up on cocoa or hot homemade soup and enjoy all the work these homeowners have put into their outdoors. A lighting guest speaker is tentatively planned. In addition, this yard features chickens, palms, a front veggie garden, along with a greenhouse full of palms.

## April 21st- 10:00-noon

Hannah's garden is blooming in full spring-swing at this colorful yard featuring succulents, roses, and tropicals. There will be a plant cuttings sale!

May : [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

June: [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

## July 21st, 10:00-noon -WELLESLEY

Jan's garden features lots of blooming plants and a covered patio lookout over this small finger of canyon on Wellesly. Her garden features a lovely view as well as a grassy area.

## August 10th: noon-2:00 pm -ERLANGER STREET

Kris' garden is in Pennant Village! Please come and meet this enthusiastic do-it-herselfer. This garden features a beautiful mixture of flax grasses, kangaroo paws, dozens of varieties of succulents, dry rock streams, cairns (rock towers), sculptures and other interesting items. Her garden's Jacaranda tree will be in full bloom too!

September: [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

October: [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

November: [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

December: [YOUR GARDEN HERE]

## Garden Tours Every Month!



**Aloe Blooming**