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Community Association Newsletter

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2006

Candidate Forum

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Wednesday, March 15th 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Standley Middle School Auditorium

Upcoming Events

UCPG Meeting Tuesday, March 14th 6:00 p.m. Forum Hall,

UTC above Wells Fargo Bank Election of district representatives Full agenda available at UC Library

Kids Night Out
(ages 4-11)
Friday, March 17th
Standley Rec Center
Advance reservation required

UC Weed Whackers Saturday, March 18th

Standley Recreation Council
Thursday, March 23rd
7:30 p.m. Standley Park
Public Welcome

Deadline

for the April issue is March 10th.

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Kevin Murray, Andy Brooks, Katie Brooks, Mia Sheperd, Southern California champs.

Robomasters are So-Cal Champs

Will Compete for national championship in April

Four University City middle and elementary schoolers, who together comprise the Robomasters, recently won the Southern California state championship in the FIRST Lego League, a competitive robotics league.

The Robomasters are Mia Sheperd and Katie Brooks (sixth-graders at High Tech Middle School), and Kevin Murray and Andy Brooks (fourth graders at Curie Elementary).

The FIRST Lego League includes over 7,000 teams from around the world that design, build, and compete Lego Mindstorm robots. The Robomasters defeated 47 other teams from as far north as Bakersfield to win the Southern California championship. By winning, they have qualified to attend the world championships in Atlanta in April, where they will compete against more than 70 teams from each state and many foreign countries.

The theme of the competition this year was protecting the oceans. In addition to building robots, the com-

petition also challenged the participants to devise a practical solution to a problem facing the world's oceans. The Robomasters chose the problem of human damage to tide pools, and proposed the installation of educational signs to teach visitors that handling the tide pool animals can harm the fragile tide pool ecosystem.

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Learn More about the Candidates at March 15th Forum

As a service to the community, UCCA is hosting a candidate's forum Wednesday, March 15th at from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Standley Middle School auditorium. UCCA President Hugh Pates has outlined the format in his President's Perspective on page 4. As this newsletter went to press, Brian Bilbray, Sen. Bill Morrow, Francine Busby, Paul King and Alan Uke had confirmed their participation. Come and bring a friend.

Neighborhood News...

...Congratulations to **UCHS** Junior, **John A. York** who was awarded the rank of **Eagle Scout** on February 23rd. Jon's project involved building several corral fences in Mission Trails Park...

...UC resident, Michelle Swope, a volunteer at the Braille Institute writes that San Diego Delta Gamma Alumnae chapter will hold the 2nd Annual Race for Sight at the Miramar Speed Circuit. Proceeds will benefit the Vision of Children Foundation and the Braille Institute. For more information, about the event, go to the website www.sandiegodeltagamma.org/race.htm, e-mail lilpwrs@yahoo.com or call 619-851-8986....

... The black stockade is gone from the corner of Radcliffe and Governor Dr. by **Standley Middle School**, and landscapers are preparing the area for replanting. Soon the school will once again have a beautiful green lawn. Thanks to all who wrote letters and pressed the school district to get this work completed...

2006 Celebration Planning Continues

Planning continues for the 2006 Fourth of July Celebration. The committee needs solid volunteer commitments in order to maintain the level of success of the last two years. Please contact Deb Torres or Mike Kappler at 858-220-5679 or 858-597-0212 or e-mail at TorresDeb1@AOL.com.

Any group interested in reserving a booth should contact Joe McLaughlin at Joe@HomesofSanDiego.com or 858-558-8987 Groups wishing to sell food must reserve before May 1, 2006.

The book barn will also appreciate your donation of books so please start sorting them out.

We are also looking for sponsors and donations. Anyone knowing of interested companies or groups should contact Andy Freeburn at

AndyFreeburn@Century21Award.com or 858-336-4437

Join UC's CERT Team

CERT San Diego (Community Emergency Response Team) is a disaster preparedness program taught to citizens by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. Citizens learn how to make their homes and neighborhoods safer, build disaster preparedness kits, perform medical triage and treatment. how to build teams, use fire extinguishers and work with authorities during disasters. CERT San Diego is building CERT volunteer teams in communities throughout San Diego. University City has two graduates and five residents attending the 8th CERT academy. More volunteers are needed to build a team in UC.

CERT is now offering fast-tracked

academies on a first-come, first served basis. The 10th CERT San Diego Academy 2006 will be held at Westfield UTC in the community room on Wednesday, April 12th, Thursday, April 13th and Tuesday April 18th from 6-10 p.m. FINAL DRILL will be held Saturday, May 6th, 8:30 am-1:00pm Pre-requisite: Graduation from the FEMA on line CERT class.

Class materials fee -\$45 disaster kit (backpack, goggles, CERT helmet, CERT vest, work and exam gloves, flashlight, and dust mask) — available at class. For more information: www.CERTsandiego.org, (619)533-3075, or email cert@sandiego.gov.

Friends of the Library Funds Summer Reading Program

Hey, little ones! If it slithers, hops, crawls or flies, you might be reading about it this summer during the Library's summer reading program! Friends of the Library has funded an exciting program about animals. See you at the library this summer!

Parents: this is one of the many uses for the funds we receive from sales of used books at our University Community Library. Your assistance in making this happen by buying books is very much appreciated. Why not visit the library this week to see what's new?

KCB Aids UC's WeedWhackers

KCB (Keep California Beautiful) is a non-profit environmental education organization that helps communities like University City involve volunteers in cleanup, recycling, and beautification projects. On Saturday, March 18th, U.C. Weed Whackers will attack some unsightly areas in U.C., and KCB will provide litter bags, gloves, and information about changing behaviors in order to prevent litter in the first place. Check out the KCB website at www.keepcaliforniabeautiful.com and call UCCA president Hugh Pates to tell him you will help for a couple of hours on Saturday, March 18th in the morning. His number is 453-0645.

Robomasters (cont. from page 1)

Right now, the Robomasters are working with the City of San Diego to install several of these signs near tide pools in La Jolla.

The Robomasters are following in the footsteps of several other University City students — Jeb Brooks, RJ Sheperd, Chris and Laura Decorte, and Justin Ripley — who won the Southern California competition two years ago and placed second at the world championships. They are busy

raising money for their big trip to the world championships and fine-tuning their robot for the Atlanta competition.

The Robomasters learned a lot about engineering and the oceans from the competition. They are grateful to their science mentors — Dale Sweetnam of the Department of Fish & Game, and Shelly Glenn of Scripps Aquarium — as well as their coaches Marion Brooks, Cindy Murray, and John Brooks.

Second Annual Thalia Murray Scholarship to be Awarded to a UCHS Senior

Applications due May 1st

Bruce and Kevin Murray, the sons of the late Thalia Murray, are again this year offering a scholarship in her memory to an eligible University City High School senior via EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools. EdUCate! sponsors numerous events to benefit public education in the UC community such as the Taste of the Triangle, the Friendraiser, and Honor-a-Teacher.

Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 20 years, including 17 vears at Marcy (now Elementary Mission Bay Montessori) in UC. Upon graduation from high school, Thalia Murray received a scholarship which allowed her to attend a high-quality, four-year college and to make new friends. This experience dramatically influenced her

life. Her family's goal is for this scholarship to have a similar impact on a graduating UC High senior each year.

A committee comprised of key EdUCate! members and her sons will award the \$2,000 scholarship for 2006. Applications are due by Monday, May 1, 2006. Interested seniors should contact Nanci White, Counselor at UC High School, at 858-457-3040, ext. 222, for eligibility details, scholarship criteria, and applications. Applications can also be downloaded from the EdUCate! website at www.uc-educate.org. scholarship recipient will be announced at the UC High School Scholarship and Awards Ceremony at UC High on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at

Educate! Spring Friendraiser will Showcase UC's Public Schools

Mark your calendars for EdUCate!'s 2006 UC Schools Open House Friendraiser to be held on Saturday, April 22 from 11 am - 3 pm at UC High School. Come join the fun as EdUCate!. the University Foundation for Public Schools, showcases our five UC public schools. New this year to the Friendraiser is EdUCate!'s Grants Award Ceremony in which EdUCate! will award our schools checks for grant requests written by deserving teachers and staff. Here's what you'll enjoy during the festivities:

Showcase of Student Work
Student Performances
Musical Performance by the Five UC
Principals (the highlight of every
Friendraiser!)
Student Art Show and Sales
Demonstrations and Interactive
Activities
Games and Activity Booths
Food Sales
Display of Teacher Wish Lists

Honor-a-Teacher Recognition

EdUCate! Grants Award Ceremony

EdUCate! is planning an international theme for the food sales to benefit our schools. Attendance for the event is free, so come join EdUCate! in this wonderful celebration of our UC schools, staff, and students! Visit the EdUCate! website, www.uc-educate.org, for more information.

Thank you

to all who make this newsletter possible by advertising, joining UCCA, volunteering to deliver and helping with newsletter production.

Did You Know?...

...The UCPG (University Community Planning Group) will hold an election Tuesday, March 14th to fill six seats on the Executive Committee. Voting will take place between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The University Community plan area consists of three districts, with each district having three residential and three business representatives. UCPG members may only vote for candidates in their district and membership classification (resident or business) i.e., District One residential members elect the District One residential representative while District One business members elect the District One business representative. South UC comprises District One and has one residential seat and one business seat open. There are two candidates for the resident seat- Linda Colley, current UCPG president, and Dana May. Deryl Adderson is running unopposed for the business seat. February 14th was the deadline for submitting membership applications. Only members in good standing will be permitted to vote. Voters should bring proof of residency (drivers license or utility bill showing resident's address if not shown on drivers license).

...The \$7.9 million La Jolla Village Drive widening project was completed February 15th. The project includes additional traffic lanes eastbound and westbound between I-5 and UCSD, as well as new sidewalks and bike lanes, improved landscaping and drainage and improvements to the Gilman Drive bridge and ramps. The majority of the funding came from the North UC FBA (Facilities Benefit Assessment)...

...The **Airport Authority** is studying joint use of military installations, including **Miramar**. You can keep informed by checking the website:

www.san.org/authority/assp/resources. asp. There you will find a calendar of events, archived reports, interactive maps and copies of newsletters...

... No date has been announced for the release of the EIR for the UC North South Corridor alternatives (Genesee widening/Regents Rd. Bridge, etc.) Word is it will be released this Spring.

President's PerspectiveAnother political season is upon us!

One of the purposes of the University City Community Association is to help our neighbors know the candidates and issues that might impact our community. The first election that will effect our community this year will be the race for the 50th congressional district seat, formerly held by Congressman Cunningham. The election will be held on the 2nd Tues. of April. Association is sponsoring Community Forum on Wednesday, Mar. 15th from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. at the Standley Jr. High Auditorium. leading candidates for this seat have been invited to share their views on the many concerns facing our country and community. The format for the evening will be:

- 1 Two minutes for each candidate to present themselves and why they should be elected to office.
- 2 One minute answers by each candidate to questions posed by the audience and presented by the Master of Ceremonies.
- 3 Two minute wrap up statements by each candidate to end the evening.

Each person attending the forum will be given an index card and pencil to write out a question he or she might have for the candidates. Members of the Board of the Association will select the questions to be asked in order to avoid duplication. We hope that anyone who has a question will attend this gathering and get to know the candidates up close and personal.

Please join the Association by filling out the application in this newsletter so that we can continue to have projects and events that enhance and enrich our community!

Many thanks to those of you who have already joined or renewed your membership.

Hugh Pates

Spotlight will Shine on UCHS Students March 18th

Fashion Show Benefits Grad Nite

To break up the intensity of testing, college applications, and wondering "what will I do after high school," students from the senior class of 2006 are having some fun! On Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 P.M., they will hold a Senior Fashion Show in the UC High gymnasium where a diverse group of students, along with Principal Ernie Smith, will model clothes from some of their favorite local clothing stores. Most of the organizing is done by the students themselves led this year by seniors Danny Creagh, Anna Dembo. Sierra Papp and Alissa Wright. Participating stores include Clairemont Surf Shop, Charlotte Russe, Pacific Sun, Buffalo Breath, The Closet, After Hours Formal Wear, Sun Diego and more!

The Fashion Show is a fund raiser to help support UC High Grad Nite, which is an ambitious all-night event held at the high school on the evening of the last day of school, with its emphasis ca "fun, safe and sober celebration". Grad Nite was established by concerned parents after statistics showed the night of high school graduation had the highest number of alcohol and drug related accidents and deaths than any other night of a high school student's life.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this upbeat and entertaining fashion show. Tickets range from \$6.00 for general seating; \$12.00 for VIP seating and \$15.00 for front row. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. You may purchase tickets in advance from any of the UC High models or by emailing Cherylc@san.rr.com calling or 858.587.1945. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

UCCA Memberships

Following is a partial list of new and renewed memberships as of February 15t (Some members wished to remain anonymous.)

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Monthly Newsletter					
Summer Concerts in the Park					
UC Celebration					
Suggestions for other activitie	s, events or sp	onsorship	in 2006:		
	Thank you j	for your c	ontinued sup	port!	

March 2006

Questions: Hugh Pates, UCCA President (858) 453-0645

March Events at Standley Park

Spring Class Registration Begins: Monday, March 13, 2006

Youth Classes:

ABC Tiny Tots, Aikido, Hula Dance, Gymnastics, Spanish, American Sign Language, Kidz Art, Wacky Wednesday After School Program, Soccer, Junior Sports, and Volleyball Skills

Adult Classes and Leagues:

Aikido, Hula Dance, Yoga, Stressbusters, Men' Basketball, Coed and Men's Softball, and Co-ed Volleyball

Kids Night Out (ages 4-11)
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Standley Recreation Center.
All registration, including "Daily,"
MUST be completed in advance.

SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 10am SHARP!

Activities include: Egg Hunt, Arts and Crafts, Face Painting, Jump House, and a visit from the Spring Bunny! More information available at Standley Recreation Center.

NOTICE

Flyers or handouts about businesses or non-UCCA events, activities, issues or organizations are neither inserted nor distributed with the UCCA newsletter.

Spreckels News Farmer's Market Coming Soon

Plans are currently under way for a certified Farmer's Market to be held at Spreckels parking lot on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everything from fresh produce, flowers, food products, food vendors and artisans will be selling their specialty items. Student groups will also be allowed to hold fundraisers at the Farmer's Market.

If you or someone you know, would like to have a booth at the Farmer's Market, contact Mike Echavarry at 619-593-9604. Spreckels not only hopes the Farmer's Market will raise additional funds for the school, but will add to the close community atmosphere of University City.

Mardi Gras & Silent Auction

Mardi Gras Night & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday March 18, from 6 – 9 p.m. The event is FREE, and we only ask for \$5 donations from each family to cover some evening expenses. Food will be available for purchase. Enjoy dancing to the sounds of Radio Parties, delicious Mardi Gras and Mexican food, arts & crafts and games and browse the Silent Auction tables where you can bid on items including The VIP Limo Night, Weekend Getaways, Padre Game

packages or mystery restaurants.

The Silent Auction is Spreckels PTA's biggest fundraiser and helps directly fund the art instruction program at Spreckels. Sponsorships and auction bids will not only pay for art instruction costs and supplies, but will help pay for the nurse's aid, field trips, enrichment programs, assemblies and school supplies, since funds are increasingly depleted due to continuing budget cuts. If you would like to be a sponsor, make a donation or like more information, contact Jemma Samala at 858-774-3266.

Heath & Fitness Fair

Spreckels PTA will be hosting a Health & Fitness Fair the evening of Thursday, April 6 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Heath and fitness professionals giving blood pressure checks to massages will be there, and can answer and help with any questions you have. The American Cancer Society will also provide a Mad Science assembly about the dangers of smoking. The Spring Book Fair will also be open that evening. For more information on the Health & Fitness Fair, contact Sherie Todd, 858-505-9290.

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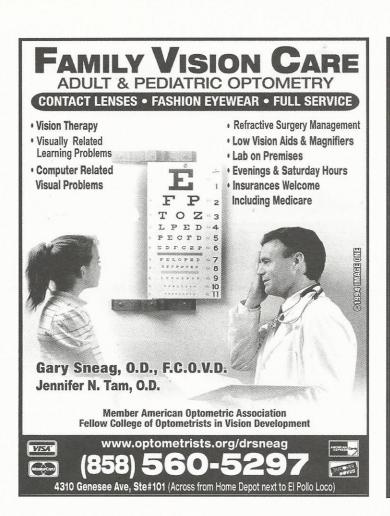


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