

# University City

...more than a neighborhood

## All Saint's Day

Friday, the 1st

## Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, the 3rd

## Veterans' Day

Monday, the 11th

## UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, the 12th, 6:00 pm

Forum Hall/UTC

## UCCA Election/Meeting

Wednesday, the 13th,

6:00 to 8:00 pm

UC Library

## San Diego Mayoral

## Special Election

Tuesday, the 19th

## UC Celebration

## Planning Meeting

Wednesday,

the 20th, 6:30 pm

Standley Recreation Center

## Standley Recreation

## Council Meeting

Will not be held this month

## Thanksgiving/Hanukkah

Thursday, the 28th

## Assemblywoman Attends

## UCCA Meeting Hears UC Concerns

by Bonnie Hornbeck

Assemblywoman Toni Atkins, former City Council representative, shared happenings in Sacramento. Legislative session for 2013 is finished and bills passed by Legislation are being signed by Governor Brown.

For 2014 session, debate over an affordable water plan is on the docket. With voter approval of getting state budget passed on time, as well as Prop 30 win, money has gone to schools and universities, especially CSU and UC universities.

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# Happy Thanksgiving!

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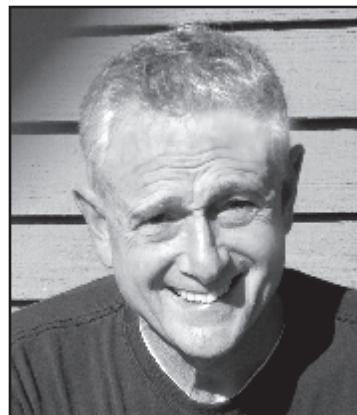
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## Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



With a fun Halloween behind us, the fall weather upon us, we can now all look forward to the fast approaching Thanksgiving holiday. UCCA, as you know, will be holding its annual election of officers (all members are eligible to vote on Wednesday, November 13th, 6:00 pm, at our Governor Drive library.) I encourage everyone to attend our election meeting and exercise your voting right.

For the first time ever, UCCA and Standley Park Recreation Center are combining efforts to make this coming Tree Lighting event something very special for all the South UC families. Of course Santa will be there, along with delicious hot chocolate and cookies for everyone. Our wonderful Standley Middle School band, the children's choir from OMS, Tuesday Night Alibi, Hawaiian dancers and the UC accordion club will be providing the holiday musical entertainment. There will be clowns, face painting, crafts and other activities for the children.

Please take time to read Jemma's "UC Scene" column to catch up on a bit of University City history and the memories of those who contributed so much to our community. Sandy Lippe, who has been working diligently with Sherri Lightner's office to have the bus stop bench replaced near the Governor Drive/Regents Rd intersection. Thank you Sandy.

Our newsletter delivery date for our combined December/January issue will be at your doorstep just a bit later next month due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend disrupting the distribution process. Our wonderful volunteers will be starting delivery the first week of December. And finally, our 2014 membership drive has begun. Join/renew now, and get your new 2014 membership decal. A membership application mailing envelope has been attached to this newsletter for your convenience. A wish from all of us at UCCA to you for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Barry

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Three areas of interest include redevelopment agencies that have been dissolved in cities with money going to schools and communities across the state. Sentencing reform is one way of honoring federal mandate to reduce overcrowded prisons. High-speed rail is pending because of current financial concerns and community impact along the route.

Residential drug rehab houses, a concern of some University City neighbors, is a complex legal problem, according to Atkins. Both federal and state laws involve Constitutional rights. ProtectUC.com is developing documentation of problems surrounding rehab facilities in the west end of UC. Zoning laws could prohibit the clustering of these facilities, but local zoning is trumped by federal and state regulations currently. Atkins promised to give regular 3-to-5 month updates on the progress of dealing with this issue as she worked with local advocates who are okay with two drug rehab homes, but they oppose clustering. To contact your assemblywoman, email [usmdc.org/members/a78](mailto:usmdc.org/members/a78).



Assemblywoman Toni Atkins speaking at the recent UCCA meeting.



**New Member Sticker  
2014**

## Days of Remembrance...

by Jemma Samala

When the beginning of November comes around, I'm usually packing away my Halloween decorations, but selecting a few pumpkin-type knickknacks that can pass as Thanksgiving items. Secretly, I'm trying to figure out what Santa will be delivering this year.

While making this transition, I like to reflect upon the projects that my kids made during Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations while at Spreckels Elementary - the biographical tributes to their deceased great-grandparents, artistic masks they created (one that looks like a tribute to the Chargers) and the directions I saved to make special breads and sugar skulls. I longingly look back at photos of their Day of the Dead dances and skits. Their second grade teacher who encouraged all this was Lydia Stevens, who happens to be a UC resident.

In the Philippines, celebrations for All Saint's Day usually included a feast at the cemetery where departed family members are included in the frolicking and merriment. There's always lots of food, drink and singing. While partying among the tombstones, I hope that those departed knew how much they meant to us while they were still living.

I also hope those who have passed from our UC community knew how much of a difference they made to all of us living in this special place.

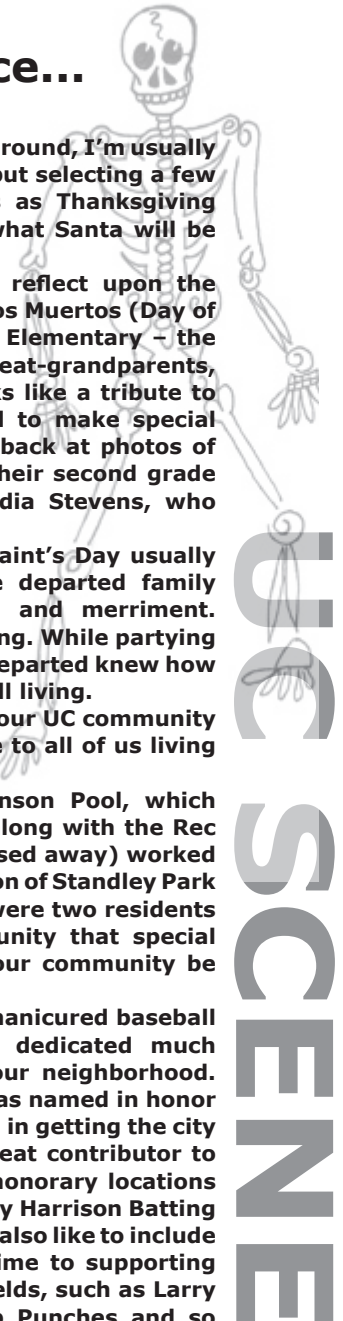
My kids learned how to swim at Swanson Pool, which was named after Ed Swanson. Swanson, along with the Rec Council and Don Reeves (who recently passed away) worked ferociously for the building and the expansion of Standley Park back in the late 60's and early 70's. They were two residents who worked hard to give the UC community that special neighborhood feel. How different would our community be without the centralized Standley Park?

Much of the community park areas and manicured baseball fields are named after individuals who dedicated much of their free time to the betterment of our neighborhood. McElroy Field (Governor and Gullstrand) was named in honor of Gene McElroy who was also instrumental in getting the city to establish the parks in UC and was a great contributor to UC Little League. Other UC Little League honorary locations include: Jim Carl Field, Jerry Fort Field, Andy Harrison Batting Cages and the Carl Emma Flag Pole. I would also like to include the many volunteers who gave of their time to supporting the youth, who have gone on to greener fields, such as Larry Yandel, Pat Preston, Joanne Conroy, Bob Panches and so many more in baseball and other youth groups. We must not forget our beloved former UCCA president Peter Burch, who got me involved in the newsletter, and is now memorialized at Marcy Park with a new dog and owner water fountain. He would love it if you and your pooch come by for a drink.

We have so many extraordinary UC community members who have made the special place where we live what it is today. Let's remember them and honor them by thanking the many living neighborhood folks who continue to work diligently for our community. You'll probably see many of their names mentioned in this newsletter. Next time you see them, say "thank you." Let's not wait until they can't reply "you're welcome." And when it's time to give thanks at your Thanksgiving meal, remember how thankful you are to live in UC.

If you would like to send me info for the UC Scene, contact: [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

(Correction to October article: UTC Farmer's Market is held on Thursday's from 3:00-7:00 pm, at the Costa Verde shopping center, corner of Genesee and La Jolla Village Drive.)



## News Update

by Larry Hesselgesser

### PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

**Analysis:** *Every day residential burglaries occur in San Diego. When officers investigate these crimes, we can determine how and why a particular home or neighborhood was targeted through analysis. Most burglary suspects drive through a particular neighborhood during the day looking for easy targets in nice neighborhoods. Others may have acquaintances that currently or previously lived in area and are familiar with the neighborhood or the residence. The majority of burglaries occur via unlocked doors, windows and gates.*

**Casing the Neighborhood:** *A common method of "casing," used by suspects in residential burglaries, is lengthy door knocking and doorbell ringing in an attempt to determine if anyone is home. If the door is answered by a resident, the suspect (caser) may claim to be lost, solicit some type of service or product or ask for someone that does not live there. If you believe this person was casing your home, politely refuse their services and call the San Diego Police at (619) 531-2000. Try to obtain a good description, a direction of travel and a license plate if possible. A good way to let the solicitor know you are home if you do not want to answer the door is to simply yell from behind the closed door that you are not interested. Making your presence known to a potential burglary suspect means you are much less likely to have an attempted break in while you are home. Security screen doors are a great asset as well.*

**Secure Your Garage:** *Treat your garage like your front door; many residential burglaries occur through open garages where people are home but are either in the house or in their backyard. If you are home working in your house or your backyard, thieves may take the opportunity to go through the garage or an unlocked garage-to-house door to steal valuables. Residents should close their garage doors when not present in their front yard. It can take less than a minute to walk in undetected and steal small items such as a lap top or iPad. Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle if you park outside the garage.*

**The Point of Entry:** *For most residential burglaries, the side gate to the rear of the residence is the most common entry point. Any unlocked/unsecured door or window becomes an easy way in. Once out of sight from any passers-by (if a burglar feels concealed), they will spend extra time to get in. Use locking pins or dowels on sliding doors and windows with no more than a 2" gap if ventilation is needed. Keeping your side gate locked at all times is mandatory. Change the lockset to a key pad style if needed. Trim large amounts of foliage in the front yard if you have an overgrowth for easy concealment. The most common items thieves are looking for are jewelry, cash, guns, cell phones, wallets, purses, iPads, lap tops, tools and car keys.*

**Hardening the Target:** *In addition to what has been discussed, here are some other great deterrents and suggestions to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a residential burglary: alarm systems, video surveillance, LED motion lighting for the front, side and rear of the house, leaving a radio or TV on while you are away, owning a dog or appearing as if a dog lives there and notifying a trusted neighbor when on vacation. Inspect your house as if you were trying to get inside and strengthen any weak areas. Nextdoor.com is a great tool to stay informed about what is going on in your neighborhood.*

## Protect UC

[protectUC.com](http://protectUC.com)

### Concerned Neighbors Against the Proliferation of Drug & Alcohol Addiction Treatment Facilities

For historical background on how it has come to this, read the state publication, "Residential Care Facilities in the Neighborhood", at [www.library.ca.gov/crb/02/18/02-018.pdf](http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/02/18/02-018.pdf). These facilities are governed under the State of California Health and Safety Code, Section 11834.23 which treats them not as businesses but as residential homes: <http://law.onecle.com/california/health/11834.23.html>.

#### LOCAL FACILITIES

Two drug & alcohol addiction treatment businesses are located in the west end of University City: Reunion San Diego, 2821 Lange Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92122, 800-977-6110, <http://www.reunionsandiego.com>, Lic. # 370132AP. (up for renewal 5/2015) Men's Residential Program, 5497 Bloch Street, San Diego, CA, 92122, 800-977-6110, <http://www.practicalrecovery.com/pr/mens-residential-program>, Lic. # 370132BP. (up for renewal 1/2014).

To voice a concern to the owner of Practical Recovery facilities, contact: A. Tom Horvath, Practical Recovery, 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive, Suite B214, La Jolla, CA, 92037-1708.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Phone (858) 546-1100, Fax (858) 455-0141, Email [info@practicalrecovery.com](mailto:info@practicalrecovery.com).

1. Sign up for Email Updates: [protectuc@gmail.com](mailto:protectuc@gmail.com).
2. Keep a detailed log/photos if there are any neighborhood nuisance issues caused by these facilities. These can be submitted to local and state offices below:  
State of California Health Services Licensing and Certification, San Diego North District Office, 7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 104, San Diego, CA, 92108-4402, (619) 278-3700, toll-free (800) 824-0613 and fax (619) 278-3725.  
The Department of Healthcare Services Alcohol and Drug Program Compliance Branch 1700 K Street, Second Floor Sacramento, CA, 95811-4037, (877) 685-8333, toll-free message line (916) 322-2911, (916) 327-9549 (direct), email [DHCSLCBCOMP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSLCBCOMP@dhcs.ca.gov).
3. Report incidences including disorderly conduct, public intoxication, loitering, disturbing the peace and parking issues to the San Diego Police at 619-531-2000.
4. When a petition is drafted, please sign and get others to sign as well.
5. Contact your elected officials to voice your concern:  
City Councilmember Sherri Lightner (Council District 1), City of San Diego, 202 C St., MS 10A, San Diego, CA, 92101, (619) 236-6611, [sherrilightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilightner@sandiego.gov).  
State Senator Marty Block (District 39), San Diego Office 701, B Street, Suite 1840, San Diego, CA, 92101, (619) 645-3133, [senator.block@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.block@senate.ca.gov).  
Assembly member Toni Atkins (78th District), District Office, 1350 Front St., Room 6054, San Diego, CA, 92101, (619) 645-3090.

## 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

# Improve UC Logo Design Contest!

by Greg Zinser

**We are inviting the community to help us design a logo for our new organization that we will use on our website, business cards and materials we distribute throughout the community. The logo must be legible in both a large and small scale and be consistent with the mission of IMPROVE UC. All entries become the property of the University City Community Foundation (IMPROVE UC) and we reserve the right to reject all entries, or to modify the entries as we deem appropriate. The contest will remain open through November 15th, and a cash award of \$100 will be made for an entry selected. Entries and questions should be submitted to [info@improveuc.org](mailto:info@improveuc.org).**

## Big Hearts? Good Cause

by Tricia Samora

*Over the summer, four girls and an advisor took time out of their schedules to work on a Girl Scout Silver Award project together. The girls chose to combine their energies to work toward helping the county animal shelters collect supplies and inform the public about their needs.*

*You may have seen these lovely young ladies around Standley Park at the 4th of July festival, and during the concerts in the park, on Sundays, collecting supplies for the county animal shelter.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank*



*everyone who supported and donated to our cause. We were amazed at how many people were interested in our cause and wanted to help us. In addition, we wanted to remind everyone that you can continue to support the local animal shelters by taking surplus supplies and used items directly to shelter. Most shelters have a wish list on their website.*

*The staff at the County Animal Shelter specifically asked if we could help raise awareness for rabbits as pets. We made signs, sewed a banner and planted marigolds and geraniums in painted pots to spiff up the outdoor bunny area, where people considering adopting a bunny can take them outdoors to play.*

*A sincere thank you from Kathleen, Sarah, Zena and Teresa (of Troop 3171.)*

## Help us Improve UC

by Greg Zinser

Improve UC, also known as the University City Community Foundation, is looking for individuals with particular skills that will be instrumental in the success of our projects. They include:

- Experience in fund raising, capital campaigns and donor recognition;
- Experience in public relations and "awareness" campaigns;
- Website design and maintenance;
- Personal and corporate connections that could lead to financial support.

Please let us know by email at [greg@improveuc.org](mailto:greg@improveuc.org) if you or anyone you know may be willing to help us in any of these areas.

## Community Comes Together to Discuss UC University City Community Foundation

*IMPROVE UC, also known as University City Community Foundation conducted Town Hall Meetings on September 23rd and October 3rd to exchange ideas for improving our community. Both meetings were well-attended and a very long list of suggestions included: improving our medians and sidewalks, constructing a community stage at Standley Park, improving signage at community entry points, improving Marcy Park, improvements that facilitate walking and biking throughout the community, and improving pedestrian safety at major intersections*

*IMPROVE UC also presented information regarding its purpose and mission, along with the results of our on line survey to date, and the criteria that will be used to evaluate all project opportunities. Go to [www.improveuc.org](http://www.improveuc.org) to see these documents and complete our online survey. Contact us at [info@improveuc.org](mailto:info@improveuc.org) with questions and ideas or to get on our mailing list and receive periodic notices.*

*Based on all of the input received, we will soon be selecting our first project and begin the process of confirming feasibility. We will post information regarding our progress on our website, and also send periodic notices to those on our mailing list. If you would like to be added to that list, please send that request to [info@improveuc.org](mailto:info@improveuc.org).*

*Finally, we want to thank all of you for your support of our efforts to date. We look forward to working with you in the coming years to create a better UC.*

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY AND NOVEMBER 28th AND 29th FOR THANKSGIVING.

### CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAR OF INDIA

Longtime Star of India docent Dr. Hemingway presents a slide presentation and might even sing a few sea shanties!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th at 6:30 pm

### "WRITE OUT LOUD" PRESENTS A READING OF CALEB'S CROSSING BY GERALDINE BROOKS, THE ONE BOOK ONE SAN DIEGO 2013 SELECTION

A tale of love and faith, magic, adventure and a secret friendship that draws two souls into the alien world of each other.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 12th at 5:30-7:30 pm

### MOVIES FOR ADULTS

Join us as we sleuth through mysteries of the movies. This month features one of Scotland Yard's finest who will solve a heinous crime.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, at 2:00 pm

### COPING STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING LIFE'S STRESSES

Just in time for the holidays, Sharp Health Care will present a workshop on Managing Stress.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, at 6:30 pm

### CUERDOS del MAR CONCERT

Enjoy a wide variety of music genres including classical, Irish, folk, gypsy, and jazz on classical guitar and violin.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th at 6:30 pm

### UC BOOK CLUB

*A Vintage Affair* by Isabel Wolff

Therese Bell, an elderly Frenchwoman, has an impressive clothing collection she is offering to sell to London dressmaker Phoebe Swift—all except a child's blue coat. As the two women become friends, Phoebe learns the tale of that little blue coat and discovers an astonishing connection between herself and Therese, one that will help her heal the pain of her own past and allow her to love again.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH at 2:00 pm

### ZUMBA GOLD

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music.

MONDAYS/TUESDAYS at 12:00 pm

### SPECIAL NEEDS ZUMBA

Lisbeth Garces leads a safe, fun workout created for persons with special needs.

MONDAYS at 1:00 pm

### ADULT YOGA

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

TUESDAYS at 4:30 pm

### ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING

Sumi-e is an Asian art form in which paintings from nature are depicted in black ink on white paper.

TUESDAYS at 12:30-3:30 pm

### ACCORDION CLUB

New members are always welcome!

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS

NOVEMBER 9th AND 23rd at 9:30-11:30 am

### PUPPET VARIETY SHOW

Kathy Felker has performed puppet shows for children and family audiences in San Diego for over twenty years. She designs and builds all the puppets used in her shows, as well as writes and records a lot of her own music.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th at 1:00 pm

### GO GAMING

Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association.

TUESDAYS at 2:30-3:30 pm

### GAME ON

Teens! Get your game on!

Wii gaming with your friends!

FRIDAYS at 3:00-4:30 pm

### SIGNING STORYTIME

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th at 3:00-3:30 pm

### PRESCHOOL TODDLER STORYTIMES

Stories and songs!

WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 pm

THURSDAYS at 10:30 am



Brick at the new Central Library.

***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.***

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**<http://tinyurl.com/universitycommunitylibrary>**

# Standley Park & Recreation Center

by Shawna Aubu

Fall is in the air and winter is coming! There are many things to look forward to here at Standley Park and Recreation Center. This year, we will be having the Tree Lighting and Dinner with Santa on Friday, December 13th, which begins at 5:30 pm. Tickets for this event will go on sale November 29th. Hurry in and get your tickets because space is limited! The cost of this event is \$2.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults. Don't miss this special opportunity to hang out with Santa, watch live entertainment and eat delicious food.

Additionally, the annual Tree Lighting ceremony will take place at Standley Park on December 13th, at 7:00 pm. The Tree lighting is hosted by the UCCA, and you can expect a lot of fun that evening including performances by the Standley Middle School Marching Band, Tuesday Night Alibi (Barbershop Quartet), OMC Children's Choir (Our Mother of Confidence Church), a visit from the Fire Truck #35 and of course hot chocolate and cookies.

Registration for the classes that begin in January will start December 16th. Registration must be done in person. Be sure to check our website for registration hours and payment methods. Go to [Sandiego.gov](http://Sandiego.gov) keyword "Standley Park."

Did you know?

- Standley Park has a gymnastics program for children that are as little as 15 months up to age 10.
- There is yoga at Standley on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. (Drop-ins welcome)
- The local community college offers free exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:30 am.
- We have adult leagues for co-ed softball, co-ed volleyball and men's basketball.
- We are always in need of volunteers and would love to get your help!

## Swanson Pool

by David Fullen

The Swanson Memorial Pool will be open until December 13th. All of our hours and programs will be the same until then. We offer lap swimming Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm. We also have lap swim Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 7. Lap swim admission prices are \$2 for children, seniors and disabled individuals. It is \$4 for adults. We are no longer open on the weekends.

We offer two separate types of water fitness classes. The first is our aquatic body conditioning class which is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8 to 9. We focus mainly on cardiovascular endurance and large muscle groups. We also offer an arthritis class the same days from 9:30 to 10:30 am. This class is a low impact, medium intensity class that focuses on increasing range of motion. The water fitness classes are \$3.50 each time or you can buy a pass for \$30 that is good for 10 classes.

Our last session of lessons has already started for the year. We will offer more classes in the spring time. We will continue to have swim team practice and water polo practice until the pool closes. Swim team meets Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 4 to 5. Water polo practices Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6. To join either team there is a mandatory tryout. The fee for both teams is \$25 per month.

The water temperature at the Swanson pool is usually kept around 86 degrees which is a few degrees warmer than most municipal pools. After the pool closes December 13th for maintenance, we will reopen on February 17th. I will have more information about the spring program in January. For any questions please give me a call at the pool (858) 552-1653.

# HANUKKAH & THANKSGIVING

by Burt Becker

**The first night of Hanukkah will be on Thanksgiving this year, for the first time ever, and never again! So expect to see, or be sure to put turkey and latkes on the table. This is the only time it will ever happen. Read below to see the explanation!**

**Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November, meaning the latest it can be is November 28th. This November 28th date is also the earliest Hanukkah can be.**

**The Jewish calendar repeats on a 19 year cycle, and Thanksgiving repeats on a seven year cycle. You would therefore expect them to coincide roughly every  $19 \times 7 = 133$  years. Looking back, this is approximately correct. The last time it would have happened is 1861. However, Thanksgiving was only formally established by President Lincoln in 1863. It has never happened before.**

**Why won't it ever happen again?**

**The reason is because the Jewish calendar is very slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar at a rate of four days per 1000 years!**

**This means that while presently Hanukkah can be as early as November 28th, over the years, the calendar will drift forward, such that the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. The next time Hanukkah falls on November 28th is 2146, which is a Monday. Therefore, 2013 is the only time Hanukkah will ever overlap with Thanksgiving!**

**Of course, if the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way, then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar until it loops all the way back to where it is now.**

**So, Hanukkah would again fall on Thursday, November 28th, in the year 79,811. Given our trajectory with global warming, it is fair to say humans won't be here any longer. If there are no humans, the holidays will be cancelled.**

**On this November 28th, 2013, enjoy your turkey and your latkes. It has never happened before, and it will never happen again.**

## 19th ANNUAL SAN DIEGO JEWISH BOOK FAIR

November 2nd -10th

by Patricia Short

**Presented by the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture**  
GENERAL INFORMATION – The book fair is open to the entire San Diego community. Access to the bookstore, Family Day and a variety of afternoon lectures are free of charge. For a complete list of programs and prices, visit [www.sdjbf.org](http://www.sdjbf.org) or call the JCC Box Office at 858-362-1348.

**On-site bookstore is open to the public and will offer hundreds of titles for sale.**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** <http://www.sdcjc.org/sdjbf>

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# NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Climate Change Crisis with San Diego 350:** An engaging presentation from *SanDiego350.org* about what we can do together to fight climate change. Tuesday, November 12th, at 6:30 pm

**Music!:** Cuerdas del Mar (Classical Guitar music) Wednesday, November 13th, at 6:30 pm

**Job Search Assistance:** Mondays, from 3:00–5:00 pm. Get job coaching, resume and interview help! Please call ahead to make an appointment.

**Art Adventures with Janene Farmer:** Brought to you by the Picerne Foundation. Artist Janene Farmer begins free art classes at the library for children in grades 1-8. Please call the branch for times and further details.

**Knitter's Circle:** Now on a new day of the week, please join this informal knitting club and learning how to knit, crochet and make new friends while making great new creations. 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm.

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*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.*

## Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

**Want to ride with us?**

[www.knickerbikers.com](http://www.knickerbikers.com) or • [info@cyclequestsd.com](mailto:info@cyclequestsd.com)

### What's in the Bag?

I used to ride my bicycle with a large trunk bag attached to the back of my bicycle behind my saddle over the back wheel. I like to carry my stuff! The more rides I went on, the heavier the bag got. I just kept shoving stuff in! One day, as I rode over a bump in a road, the bag actually fell off my bike! After that episode, I decided it was time to lighten my load!

Most cyclists have a bag or two attached to their bicycle. One bag might be attached to the front handlebar. Another bag might be tucked under the saddle or a trunk bag could fit on a rack that sits over the back wheel. There are many options. Do you ever wonder what cyclists take along on a bike ride?

In addition to my helmet and water, I take the a patch kit in case of an unfortunate and all too common situation, a flat tire. In case the tube cannot be fixed easily with a patch kit or I don't want to patch the tube while out on a ride, I also carry a spare tube. A flat repair also requires tire levers to ease the removal of the tire from the wheel rim. To avoid dirty hands, I carry a few thin rubber gloves. The pump I need to re-inflate my tire is securely attached to the frame of my bicycle. I also pack a few zip ties, Velcro straps and safety pins because they are useful. I have a handy-dandy small tool kit that is bicycle specific and can tighten, loosen or adjust most every part on a bicycle! I carry a small first aid kit, a pen and sunscreen. I always take a snack, just in case. I carry money (lunch on a bike ride is a necessity!) and a lock to secure my bicycle so I can enjoy my lunch without worrying. I also tuck a small nylon backpack into a corner in case I find something amazing at a farmer's market that I simply must have!

I carry identification and my cell phone is always tucked into my back pocket.

Wondering how I get all that into a little bag under my saddle? I must confess that I just can't cram it all in, so I attached a small bag to my handlebar. But that's it! No more bags for a local ride, that is!

## Little Free Library

by Pia Mantovani-Sud

**Dear Neighbors,**

**If you wonder where the Little Free Library has gone, she's still there, just around the corner of  
4523 Cather Avenue, on Lipmann.**

**Stop by and take a book or drop one off.**

**The responses to this project have been very positive and we are very happy about it!**

***The Neighborettes***

## UCHS

by Marie Byrd

### Australian Host Family

**Would you and your family be interested in an AMAZING opportunity in FRIENDSHIP? Be an Australian Host Family!**

Australian High School students will be visiting University City and staying with students from University City High School. The group will be bringing three teachers who work at the school in Australia.

We are seeking host families for these adults! They will stay with your family from January 10th to January 21st 2014. If you would like more information about this cultural experience, contact Gail Hall at UCHS 858-457-3040 ex 147 or email [ghall@sandi.net](mailto:ghall@sandi.net).

### GOLF ANYONE?

**DO YOU HAVE ANY USED GOLF CLUBS OR EQUIPMENT THAT NEED A NEW HOME?  
DONATE THEM TO THE UCHS GOLF CLUB!**

Girls Varsity Golf at University City High School is off to a great start to the season with a six wins over Our Lady of Peace, Mira Mesa and Henry.

We are finding the need for any used golf equipment including clubs, balls, shoes and gloves. Girls want to try the game and join the team. We need equipment for them to play with.

If you are cleaning out the garage and find some clubs or other golf equipment not being used, consider donating to the Golf program at University City High School!

Contact Gail Hall at [ghall@sandi.net](mailto:ghall@sandi.net) or call 858-457-3040 ex 147. Thank you for your support!



# SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2013 UCCA MEMBERSHIPS

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## KNOW YOUR UCCA!

by Valerie O'Neill

Which of the following statements about the UCCA is true?

- Produces and distributes 6,000 newsletters, yet only has about 500 members.
- Provides financial support for activities in our local schools, community beautification, summer concert series, the UC garden club and much more.
- Is a forum for residents to discuss issues that affect us.
- Could do more for the community.

If you guessed they are all true, you are correct!

We do a lot, but with your membership we could do more. Our 2014 membership drive is officially under way. Join or renew now and your membership is good through December 2014. It's easy. Simply use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or go to our secure website: [www.universitycitynews.org](http://www.universitycitynews.org). We'll send you our new 2014 membership decal, along with our thanks for helping keep University City a great place to live!

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Questions? Hallie Burch, Membership Chair, [UCCAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembership@gmail.com)

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

- |                                                                  |                                                |
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# UC's Oktoberfest A Big Success!

By Jemma Samala



Photos by Greg Hom

**E**dUCate's 5th Annual University City Oktoberfest, which was held on October 5th, broke all records in attendance and funds raised. Over 1,500 attendees helped raise almost \$12,000 to help EdUCate fund educational needs to all the five University City public schools.

Participating breweries included: AleSmith, Ballast Point, Coronado Brewing, Gordon Biersch, Mission Brewery, Monkey Paw Pub and Brewery, Rock Bottom Brewery and Stone Brewing. Our community also seems to have a growing band of homebrewers as the UC Home Brew Contest garnered 21 entries. This year's category was Stout, and the winners were: 1st - Alan Turken, 2nd - David Pfannenstiel and 3rd - Brian Trout.

Besides the popular beer garden, there were lots of fun activities for the kids, food, refreshing beverages and entertainment from Standley Middle School and University City High School marching bands. Oktoberfest also brought out all the school principals for their annual challenge. For this year's toilet paper rolling event, bragging rights belong to UCHS Principal, Jeff Olivero.

Big thanks to the Oktoberfest sponsors: University City Community Association and Nancy Beck; and the games and in-kind sponsors - 3 Steves Winery, Coldwell Banker UC Agents, Ditzler Family Chiropractic, Feerick and Associates, Golden Triangle Optometric, LabDx, Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Youth Sports Fund, Melanie and Achim David, Patricia Freund and family, Primerica; Paul & Debbie Hedley, Ruby Huizar and family, Samala-Gafford family, the French Gourmet, the Madden family, the Skillen family (in honor of Larry Yandel), Tom and Brook Feerick, UC Rugby Club and Wikitiki.

Oktoberfest would not have been possible without the many parent and student volunteers! Thanks to all.

Big thanks to those who contributed to the Dollar-A-Day (DAD) program. They received special VIP treatment and received all-you-can-drink wristbands! It's still not too late to donate. Go online and contribute at least \$180. Better yet, donate \$250 which will give you and a friend VIP status at EdUCate's Taste of the Triangle on May 2nd, 2014.

UC's Oktoberfest continues to grow and is quickly drawing its own groupies. One retired Navy veteran from Bonita specifically comes to UC's Oktoberfest as he likes UC's the best - great environment, loves the cause and most importantly, loves the music!

Save the date for next year: Saturday, October 4th. For more info or to contribute, go to: <http://www.uc-educate.org/>.

# Peter Burch Memorial Fountain Dedication

by Sandy Lippe

On a windy Saturday, September 21st, at Marcy Park, a group of 70 people joined about 20 canines in the dedication of the Peter Burch Memorial fountain. Barry Bernstein, UCCA president, welcomed the crowd seated under a canopy or standing with their pups on the sidelines. A bright yellow ribbon and bow were wrapped round the fountain and designed by Barbara Henshaw. Both co-chairs of the memorial fountain project, Barbara Mauro and Sandy Lippe, spoke of their yearlong labor of love in getting donations from the community in memory of Peter Burch.

Councilwoman Sherri Lightner joined Hallie Burch, Peter's widow, in cutting the ribbon, and Barclay, the Burch golden retriever, was the first dog to get a drink from the fountain.

To honor Peter's roots, both the British flag and American flag waved in the wind. Merle Berman oversaw delicious refreshments with the help of bakers from the UCCA board. Barbara Gellman and Barbara Mauro organized the delivery of tables and chairs from Standley.



UCCA would like to thank Julie Ditzler for her art work of canine paw prints on the sidewalk going from the fountain to the bronze plaque listing names of the gracious donors, many of them dog lovers, just as Peter Burch was. RemconDesignBuild owners, local UC folks who also own Outcast Grill at Governor and Regents, were "good neighbors" who stepped up to help us with the placement of the plaque in the ground near the fountain. It was not an easy task, but Roy and his team generously donated time and talent to make this happen. We need to support businesses like these, where community caring is still important.



**Peter, his wife, Hallie and Barclay**

**Photos of dedication courtesy of James Floyd**



by Sherri Lightner

## PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

The fire season is well underway. Unfortunately, the dry weather conditions San Diego has recently experienced will only worsen and lead to a higher fire threat, and it is critical that homeowners are prepared for wildfires.

San Diego City Fire Chief Javier Mainar recently reported that in order to avoid a bad fire season, homeowners should take necessary precautions to protect their property. He said the best thing residents can do is to create 100 feet of defensible space around their house by trimming down brush.

This slows the spread of the fire as it's coming toward you and it also provides the firefighters a safety zone from which to protect your house.

Avoiding using metal-bladed tools that can spark if struck against rocks and keeping branches 10 feet away from a chimney are other suggestions to prevent unwanted fires.

A few helpful reminders and fire prevention tips include:

- Don't mow or use a weed-eater to trim dry grass on windy days.
- Ensure campfires are allowed, and if so, be sure to extinguish them completely.
- Never pull over your vehicle in dry grass.
- Never burn landscape debris such as leaves or branches.
- Make sure all portable gasoline-powered equipment have spark arresters.

Thank you for reading, and please contact me at 619-236-6611 or [sherrilightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilightner@sandiego.gov) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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



by John Lee Evans

## What is the New Common Core in our Schools?

San Diego Unified and all other school districts are making a big change to what is known as the Common Core curriculum. What is it?

At San Diego Unified we have been pushing for a broad and challenging curriculum. Not only do we want our students to know all of the basics, but we also want them to be critical thinkers and innovators. We want them well prepared in language and the arts, as well as science and technology and even physical fitness.

We don't just want to increase the graduation rate. We want to make graduation more meaningful. We want more students prepared for college, but we also want students prepared for technical jobs and other career paths. This month we are focusing on the great graduates of San Diego Unified public education, ranging from our Interim Mayor to a Mars Rover landing scientist.

The rest of the nation is joining onto our idea. Rather than having different curriculum standards in each state, 45 states have signed onto the Common Core State Standards. Students across the country will be held to the same standards. This will make us more competitive in the global economy.

These standards will require a greater emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving. For example, rather than asking what a text says, students could be asked to find a common theme between three different texts. There will be no more "just looking up the answer."

As the curriculum advances, so must the tests. Rather than fill-in-the-bubble tests where students just repeat facts, the new tests will require them to think more deeply about the subject matter. These more comprehensive tests will be administered with computers that will allow them to go into more depth.

Through Google and other means our students already have access to an amazing amount of information. Now they must learn how to navigate through all of that information and how to critically analyze it. It is certainly a new world and we are preparing our students for the next Google, Apple or Mars Rover.

# UC People

## An Ultimate Honor: Wende Pinz

by Jemma Samala

UC is a pretty active place. We regularly see baseball and soccer games, basketball pick-up games, runners and walkers and even martial arts at the park. Now, one of UC's own has been inducted into the USA Ultimate Frisbee Hall of Fame.

Wende Coates Pinz was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame, located in Frisco, Texas. The induction ceremony takes place every five years and was established in 2004. Over four days of play, sixteen men's, women's and coed-teams from all over the US compete for the title.

Ultimate Frisbee started in 1968 at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey. Wende started throwing the Frisbee at La Jolla Shores with her brother Steve in the late 1970's. She started playing competitively from 1982-1997 in San Diego on the women's team Safari. In 1984, she set a world record in self-caught flight. Wende is arguably one of the best throwers in the history of the game. Wende plays with fierce intensity but is always a great sports person. She has been referred to as the "Michael Jordan" of Ultimate.

The sport has progressed through the years and is now being considered as an Olympic event. Ultimate is unique as being a self-officiating sport. USA Ultimate now has 35,000 members: 16,000 college and 9,000 youth. With Wende's support and encouragement, UCHS Junior Alec Lolly-Wilson has started a coed Ultimate Frisbee club. History teacher, Daniel Millard, is the advisor. Wende will be helping to teach and coach the club which currently has 12 members. The goal is to have a competitive team that will compete with other local high school teams. Currently, they play Tuesdays after school at Marcy Park and Sundays at 3:30 pm (either at Standley or UCHS.) Sunday is family day when the adults and siblings can mix in.

Wende has also volunteered to teach the science of the sport to Boy Scout troops, high school physics classes and elementary school classes. As a young girl growing up in UC attending Curie, Standley and Clairemont High School (UCHS wasn't built yet), Wende probably didn't foresee what an inspiration she would become to UC's future youth. She is still a UC resident, along with her husband Greg, also an Ultimate player, and their two sons, Kent and Troy.

When you see those discs flying around at the park, you never know what future Ultimate Hall of Famers may be in our own backyard.



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## 1000 New Books for UC Schools! EdUCate! Needs Your Help!

by Diane Lueke

EdUCate! is pleased to announce for the fourth year in a row our partnership with Barnes 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 2013 EdUCate! and Barnes and Noble/Bookstar Annual Book Drive. All five schools are compiling wish lists of titles needed at each site. Beginning Friday, November 1st, Barnes and Noble/Bookstar Costa Verde will post lists and customers can buy books from them for their favorite UC school. At the end of the book drive, January 1st, 2014, the books will be delivered to the schools for use in the classrooms and libraries. Over 800 new titles were distributed into our schools' classrooms and libraries at the end of the book drive last year. Please visit Barnes and Noble/Bookstar Costa Verde for your holiday shopping and be sure to ask about UC schools'/EdUCate!'s book drive.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** that although the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month for submitting articles, this is not a guarantee your article will be included.

**The newsletter can fill-up early.**

Please submit as soon as possible.

Thank you. The Editor















# UC Garden Club

by Tanya Howe Aeria

The UC Garden Club is still looking for lovely gardens to feature in 2014. Please email [ucgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ucgardenclub@gmail.com) or call 619-884-2658 if you are able and willing to share! We provide all the beverages and snacks. You provide the backyard. Your choice of morning, afternoon, or evening and your choice of date.



## UC Resident Does a Great Job!

by Ellen Reardon



Vince Reardon beautifies Regents Road with his weekly cleanup volunteering.

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## Art Show at UC Community Library

by Jean Shen

Jean Shen, local artist-teacher-author, long time resident of University City, is having a Chinese brush painting exhibit with her students at the University City Community Library on Governor Drive from November 1st to December 20th. Exhibiting with Jean are professors, doctors, scientists, authors, teachers and other lovers of art who have been pursuing this exciting art form called "The Dance of the Brush" (i.e. Chinese brush painting and calligraphy) for many years at Jean's Dance of the Brush studio in University City and Athenaeum School of the Arts in La Jolla. Many are award-winning artists. Framed original paintings of animals, birds, seascapes, landscapes, bamboo and flowers, powerful abstract calligraphy, done with bamboo brush and ink and colors on rice paper, will be on sale for the holiday season.

A reception to meet artists is on December 3rd, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Viewing is on regular library hours. Come and enjoy! Children young and old and lovers of art are most welcomed.

