

May 2013



# University City

... more than a neighborhood

## Ann Armstrong Ash, One of UC's Special Mothers

by Sandy Lippe

Each Mother's Day, Ann Armstrong Ash has an explosion of roses in her front yard, thanks to the talents of her late husband, a rose expert, Phil Ash. Sadly, Phil Ash passed away a few years ago, but Ann's gardener assists her in keeping the roses thriving in Phil's memory and as a gift of visual joy to people walking by.

Ann and her family moved to the west end of University City into the Marcy School district in 1971, where her youngest daughter, Jennie, started kindergarten. The private school Montessori has replaced the once public school Marcy. Ann's older children, Mark and Anna, also attended Marcy. Ann volunteered with the Marcy PTA and became president. From there she followed Jennie to Standley Middle School and was elected president of the PTA twice.

When it was time for Jennie to go to University City High School, there was one big problem. It hadn't been built. Yes, there was land set aside on Genesee. Yes, there were plans developed. No, there was not support on the San Diego Board of Education to build the school. Ann joined forces with Betty Kellers, Patty Smith, Bobbie Wells, and other moms and dads who wanted that high school for their children and future children to have.

A committee of concerned people took on the vocal opponents of a new high school in U.C. No one was more vocally opposed than Bob Filner, a Board of Education representative who currently serves as San Diego mayor. Money was an issue in his mind and the mind of others. Ann remembers the struggle she and the UCHS proponents went through in the late 1970's. They were willing to fight for what they felt was fair to the students who lived in U.C. Many U.C. students had to take the bus to Clairemont High and pay the bus fair. Mr. Filner's argument was UC kids could go to Clairemont High, even though the school was crowded because the district couldn't afford a new school.

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### Happy Mother's Day!



- **Cinco de Mayo**  
Sunday, the 5th
- **UCPG Meeting**  
Tuesday, the 7th  
6:00 p.m., Forum Hall/UTC
- **UCCA Meeting**  
Wednesday, the 8th  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,  
UC Library
- **Mother's Day**  
Sunday, the 12th
- **UC Celebration**  
Wednesday, the 15th  
6:30 p.m., Standley Park
- **Standley Recreation Center**  
Thursday, the 23rd, 7:00 p.m.  
Standley Recreation Center
- **Memorial Day**  
Monday, the 27th

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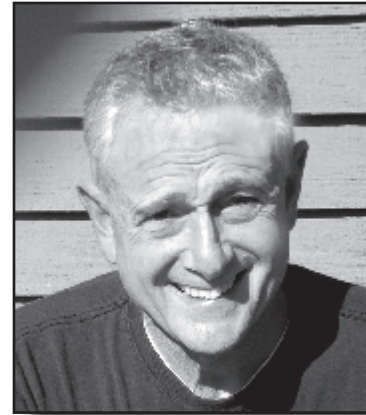
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## Message from the President

Barry Bernstein



Our April showers may bring May flowers, along with lots of sunshine for all of us fortunate enough to live in University City. Little League and girl's softball season are in full swing. The Standley Park fields become the hub for so many activities at this time of year. Mother's Day is just around the corner as is our nation's Memorial Day holiday. The re-construction of the Carl's Jr. restaurant has begun with hope that the franchise owners will step forward to become a friendly and involved community member. The newly established University City Community Foundation is off to a great start and will be seeking your input to identifying our community needs. In the photo on the next page are the key community volunteers. UCCA is pleased to announce that our 2013 membership drive is doing well and moving towards setting an all time record for membership. We have a new commander at our northern division police station. Lt. Misty Cendrun took command early in April. She is very excited to be working in University City and is anxious to implement some new online neighborhood safety programs to supplement our growing Neighborhood Watch. Keep an eye out for new street banners featuring our children and the San Diego County Fair's "Game-On" theme as we all start thinking about our summer plans.

Thank you for your interest and support of UCCA, and thank you for helping us help our community.

# University City Community Foundation

by Mack Langston

On April 9th, the University City Community Foundation (UCCF) board of directors met for the first time. Officers were chosen as follows: Greg Zinser, President; Jeff Cawdrey, Vice-President; Lynn Shields, Treasurer; Michael Alston, Secretary. The board stated that the purpose of the Foundation is to identify and complete projects that will benefit the UC Community, noting that fundraising will be an essential part of the process. Ideas for projects to be accomplished over the years are encouraged from UC residents.



Names from left to right are: Mike Alston, Greg Zinser, Mack Langston, Lynn Shields, Jeff Cawdrey, Rob Shaugnessy and Chris Rappley

# The Scene in University City

by Jemma Samala

- So you think that UC is too sleepy of a neighborhood to actually have a "scene"? Sure, everything seems to close down at 9:00 pm, which can be difficult when you don't start thinking about dinner until 8:30 pm. Although, I did notice that the Subway at Costa Verde is open 24 hours a day.
- The scene centers on UC's own version of Main Street, Governor Drive. This was evident one weekend in April when there was a slew of activity at Standley Park.
- Besides the usual baseball and softball games, UC Little League and UC Del Sol Girls Softball teamed up for the first time to run a MLB Pitch, Hit, Run Competition. It was open to others outside the community, and they got a glimpse of how we work around here to get bystanders to "volunteer" to help run the event. Congrats to the All-Around Winners: Girls - Samantha Bates (7/8), Ava Dimaggio (9/10), Daisy Letter (11/12); and Boys - AJ Best (7/8), Callum Olsen (9/10), Christian Wood (11/12), Gavin Rasmussen (13/14). Good luck to the kids as they go on to sectional competition.
- Standley Park was also the site for the 2nd Annual Larry Yandel Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament. Larry was a major volunteer in our youth sports programs, and Dawn Yandel continues to honor his legacy by running the tournament which benefits UC Little League, Centurion Foundation, La Jolla Pop Warner, and La Jolla Country Day. Six co-ed adult softball teams played for bragging rights, and it resulted with the younger Sooy Sluggers team beating the 2012 champs Old School. Congrats to: Becca Arbino, Cassie Butcher, Tyler Cardwell, Taryn Continelli, Bryce Dickard, Jimmy Harris, Rasheid Hodge, Taylor Johnson, Stephen Rivera, Johnny Sharghi, Sam Stein, Matthew Yandel, and Ryan Yandel. Larry would be proud. Old school - is it time for new tricks?
- The scene is also played out in our cozy venue book-ending Governor Drive. The neighborhood fixture Golden Donut is a favorite site for young and old; while relative newcomer, Starbucks, is also a popular gathering spot. I check-in on Foursquare at Starbucks on almost a daily basis and have heard conversations ranging from the status of North Korea, to recent sports figure injuries, to PTA event planning. (I still think we should have our local jazz bands play there on Friday nights if they can stay open past 9:00 pm.)
- Lately, UC is riding the food truck wave Wednesday nights in front of Spreckels Elementary. EdUCate! is hosting the Food Truck Wednesday events every Wednesday through November. Starting at 5:00 through 7:30 pm, a rotation of food trucks will serve our local community and donate 10% to our local public schools. Already, I've had Lobster Grilled Cheese, Thai Chile Chicken Wings, Truffle Fries, and a Grilled S'moreswich. Oh so yummy! You can find us tailgating in the Spreckels parking lot.
- And wait, looks like in May we will have some Friday night lights! Not football, but baseball. UC Little League will have Friday night Caps games, May 3rd, 10th and 17th, starting at 7:05 pm, at the adult softball field, next to Standley Middle School. Enjoy the night with friends and family. Bring a picnic basket or visit the snack bar. Best of all, it's free! The scene in UC is heating up.
- (Keep me updated on your UC Scene: [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com))

## PRESERVE OUR GREEN SPACE IN UC!

by Nancy Groves

The University City Planning Group was presented with a proposal to develop the land along Regents Road between Pennant and Governor on the west side. Dealy Construction plans to purchase the land from the Catholic Church and extend the now dead-end road, Renault Way, down into the small canyon to build 15-18 single family houses. There are many drawbacks with this plan:

1. Building on every square inch of open space in University City.
2. Increase of traffic on Pennant, Honors, Renault Place, Renault Street, Fried, Regents and Governor.
3. Potential loss of property values in these areas.
4. Loss of open space views along Regents.

### TO OPPOSE THIS PLAN: WRITE or CALL OUR

City Council Representative, Sherri Lightner  
Telephone: 619-236-6611  
(Council Office business)  
Email: [SherriLightner@SanDiego.gov](mailto:SherriLightner@SanDiego.gov)  
(Council Office business)

Nancy Groves  
[ngroves1513@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ngroves1513@sbcglobal.net) or call 858-453-6486

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# Neighborhood Watch News Update

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Officer Larry Hesselgesser is our new community relations officer who is the liaison between the police and our neighborhood. Larry attends many Neighborhood Watch meetings and has pertinent information as to how we can keep our neighborhood safe and how we can all help ourselves and our neighbors from becoming the next victim. (Please see Officer Larry Hesselgesser contact number below).

Lieutenant Misty Cedrun replaces Lt. Voss as our Acting Lt. of the Northern Division. She is a seasoned veteran of the police force, and we are very fortunate in having her share her law enforcement expertise with our community. (Please see Lt. Cedrun's contact number below).

## Keep your elderly, sight and hearing impaired neighbors in the loop!

Please take the time to check on them, make them aware of the safety suggestions that they need to know and to put in place. Alert them to the phone scams, requesting money or solicitors asking to come into their homes. As a Neighborhood Watch captain, please keep them in the loop with the most current information which you've received. Let them know you care and give them the security that you "have their back".

**As the weather is getting warmer and we all love to open our windows at night,** be sure to have the opening such that no one can climb in.

This can be done cheaply and in a couple of ways;

- Place a *dowel rod* or a *PVC pipe* in the track of the window frame.
- One can also buy a "*u*" *latch* which fits onto the window frame which is available at any hardware store.

## SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY OR  
REPORT A CRIME IN PROGRESS**  
911

**SDPD Non-Emergency**  
Suspicious behavior, solicitors, noise complaint,  
report crime not in progress.  
Obtain incident number.  
619-531-2000  
or  
858-484-3154

Report Crimes not in progress online:  
[www.sdpdfilemypolicereport.org](http://www.sdpdfilemypolicereport.org)

Sign up for alerts about crimes in  
our neighborhood: [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)

**SDPD Contacts, Northern Division**  
4275 Eastgate Mall  
San Diego, CA 92037  
858-552-1700

**UC Relations Officer**  
L. Hesselgesser: [lhesselgesser@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:lhesselgesser@pd.sandiego.gov)  
858-552-1631

**Acting Lieutenant**  
Lt. Misty Cedrun  
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858-552-1700

**Division Sergeant**  
Sgt. Alan Alvarez  
[aalvarez@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:aalvarez@pd.sandiego.gov)  
858-552-1700

**RSVP**  
Cites handicapped parking violators,  
checks homes of residents on vacation,  
visits shut-ins, etc.  
858-552-1737

**CAPP (party houses)**  
Fred Zuckerman  
[fzuckerman@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:fzuckerman@pd.sandiego.gov)  
858-552-1717

**Drug Dealing and Gang Activity**  
619-533-5675

**Abandoned Vehicles (over 72 hrs)**  
858-495-7856

## CITY/COUNTY SERVICES

**Animal Control (24 hr emergency)**  
619-236-2341

**Animal Shelter (SD County)**  
619-767-2675

**Code Compliance**  
619-236-5500

**Environmental Services**  
Dead Animal Removal  
858-694-7000

**Graffiti Control Hotline**  
619-525-8522

**Noise and Other Nuisances**  
Each time nuisance occurs, report to SDPD  
non-emergency number to obtain an incident number.  
Keep log. If problem persists,  
call the Neighborhood Nuisance Program  
858-552-1717

**National Disaster Hotline**  
SD County information is available for health, disaster,  
wildfire updates, suicide counseling, etc.  
211

**Poison Control (24 hr emergency)**  
800-222-1222

**Streets**  
Potholes, lights, drains, signs  
619-527-7500

**Trash**  
Uncollected containers  
858-492-5055

**Water & Sewer Emergency**  
619-515-3525

**Additional SD Contact Numbers**  
[www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov)

**Adult Protective Services**  
To report elder or dependent abuse  
800-510-2020

## Suggestion:

Add the non-emergency number  
to your cell phone:  
619-531-2000. The number  
for MCAS Miramar concerning  
noisy aircraft or other concerns  
is 858-577-4277. Email to file  
a complaint at [miramarmcas.odo@usmc.mil](mailto:miramarmcas.odo@usmc.mil).

Cut Out and Save!

# GRAD NITE 2013

## University City High School

### UCHS Gymnasium

6949 Genesee Ave. San Diego, CA 92122

June 11th-12th, 2013 • 9:00 pm to 4:00 am

by Karen Chapman

Grad Nite, the annual all-night party given by University City High School parents for seniors on the night of their graduation, will be held in the UCHS gymnasium starting at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11th. It is anticipated that the graduating Centurions will leave the party with a lifetime of wonderful memories, plus some pretty cool prizes and mementos.

You can go directly to the UCHS website (<http://www.uchsptsa.org/>) and select the Grad Nite icon for Grad Nite ticket sales to purchase tickets for seniors and to make donations.

The UCHS Grad Nite prize committee is working hard to ensure that there are **MANY** assorted prizes for our 2013 graduates. We are in need of some donations! Some great prize ideas would include **GIFT CARDS** to Starbucks, Amazon, Target, gas stations, In and Out, Chipotle, Carl's Jr., Subway, Noodles & Co., Corner Bakery, Panera Bread Bakery Café, Jamba Juice, movie theaters, bookstores and UTC Westfield Shopping Center. You can also donate any items that are new such as a laptop, small refrigerator, bicycle, outdoor games, small coolers, beach gear, car accessories. Any donations would be gladly accepted. If you would like to make a prize donation or have any questions, please contact Jemma Samala at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

Food donations from local restaurants and/or businesses are appreciated to help sustain our seniors throughout their fun-filled night. If you would like to make a donation for food or have any questions, please contact Shawn Skillin at [skish2@san.rr.com](mailto:skish2@san.rr.com) or Dawn Yandel at [dawnyandel@aol.com](mailto:dawnyandel@aol.com).

Monetary donations can be made at the UCHS PTSA website Grad Nite link.

Your donation can also sponsor a "student-in-need". Donations can be made online or with a check made payable to: UCHS-Grad Nite, 6949 Genesee Ave. San Diego, CA 92122. If donating by check, please include your email address so we can send you a tax receipt. All donations, for either prizes or sponsorship, are tax deductible.

We appreciate the continued generosity and support of UC parents and community!

## What's in a Street Name?

by Don Hotz

*Did you know that many streets in the UC area are named after Nobel Prize winners?*

*This is the first installment of a series of reports that will highlight the background and accolades of these important people.*

*Curie Place and Curie Street were named after Marie Sktodowska-Curie, often referred to as Marie Curie or Madame Curie (November 7th, 1867–July 4th, 1934).*

*Madame Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland. In her twenties, she left for Paris to study chemistry and physics after finishing her early education in Warsaw's clandestine Floating University.*

*In 1903, she won the Nobel Prize in Physics for her work in radioactivity for isolating radioactive isotopes. Her next Nobel Prize came in 1911 in chemistry making her the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in two fields and in multiple sciences!*

*Unfortunately Curie paid the ultimate price for her work and died in 1934 of aplastic anemia brought on by her years of exposure to radiation.*

## July 4th Community Celebration Still Needs Volunteers

by George Odero

Thanks and appreciation to those community neighbors who answered our call for volunteers for this year's 25th Community Celebration event. We are also grateful for our dedicated team of volunteers who have selflessly committed their time to make this community event a success for the past 24 years. High appreciation goes to those volunteers who have stepped forward to help organize a family style, unsanctioned, 5K run for this year's event. We are still short of volunteers in all activities areas of the event. We specifically need more volunteers for the 5K run, children's activity areas and parking lot attendance. Please step forward to help us make this 25th July 4th celebration event a success. All we ask for is for two hours of your time on July 4th. Please contact me at 619-987-1377 or via e-mail at: [Goderog@goreadusa.org](mailto:Goderog@goreadusa.org), or Betty at: [bpdolphin@san.rr.com](mailto:bpdolphin@san.rr.com) to volunteer.

Our next meeting will be held on May 22nd at Standley recreation center from 6:30–8:00 pm. Community members are welcome and to join us.

## Girl Scout Troop Book Sale

by Staci Torgeson

Got used books you want to get rid of? Looking for some great, new summer reading? Girl Scout Troop 3681 will hold a used book sale May 22nd, 23rd and 24th at Spreckels Elementary. On Wednesday, the 22nd, it will be from noon till one and the other days from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Gently used books can be donated in the box in the library or in Room 8. Troop 3681 is holding the event to raise money for the school. Stop by and shop! As always we appreciate your support!!

# University Community Library

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## SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY

Diverse musicians and instruments come together to perform music spanning 300 years – from Bach and Handel to Piazzola and Peter Schickele! TUESDAY, May 14th, at 6:30 pm.

## ASIAN STORY THEATER

Come celebrate Asian Heritage month with the play "The Year of the Snake". Kids will be amazed at the beautiful costumes. The Los Angeles Times describes their show as enchanting and magical. WEDNESDAY, May 15th, at 1:00 pm.

## MICHELLE RUMLEY FLUTE RECITAL

Michelle Rumley, Director of the Rumley Flute Studio will be performing. All are welcome to attend. Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:30 pm.

**TEEN TUTOR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY** Children who have been tutored over the school year at our branch are invited to recognize their special teen friends who have helped them. There will be no tutoring again until next October. THURSDAY, MAY 30th, at 3:30 pm.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### KNITTING AND CROCHETING CIRCLE

Do you love to knit or crochet, or have you always wanted to learn? All levels welcome. First time materials provided. FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, at 1:00-2:30 pm.

### FAMILY YOGA

Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring own yoga mat or towel. SATURDAY, MAY 18th, at 10:30-11:00 am.

### UC BOOK CLUB

The UC Book Club will discuss *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwarz. In the winter of 1919, a young mother drowns beneath the ice of a rural Wisconsin lake. The shock of her death dramatically changes the lives of her daughter, troubled sister, and husband. The narrative gradually and tantalizingly reveals the dark family secrets and the unsettling discoveries that lead to the truth of what actually happened. Pick up your copy at the checkout desk. WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd, at 2:00-3:00 pm.

### PAWS TO READ

Love on a Leash brings patient, lovable dogs for children to practice their reading skills. THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, at 4:00-4:30 pm.

### SIGNING TODDLER STORYTIME

Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan. MONDAY, MAY 27th, at 3:00-3:30 pm.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### ZUMBA GOLD!

Calling all baby boomers! An exhilarating workout with easy-to-follow moves to Latin music! EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY at 12:00-1:00 pm.

### ZUMBA FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Certified Zumba Instructor Lisbeth Garces leads a custom-designed workout for persons with Special Needs. EVERY MONDAY at 1:00 -2:00 pm (BEGINNING MAY 6th)

### 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. TUESDAYS, at 12:30-3:30 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. TUESDAYS, at 2:30-3:30 pm.

### PAJAMA STORY TIME WITH MISS BARBARA

Families, wear your jammies and cuddle up with some good books. Join Miss Barbara for stories, songs and fun! WEDNESDAYS, at 6:30-7:00 pm.

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Stories, song and craft fun! All wee ones welcome. THURSDAYS, at 10:30 -11:00 am.

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY

Join us for a special Mother's Day themed Tea Party and story time during our usual Preschool story time. THURSDAY, MAY 9th, at 10:30-11:00 am.

### GAME ON!! WII GAMING – ALL AGES

Join your friends for some friendly video game competition. FRIDAYS, at 3:00-4:30 pm.

**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.**

## 21st Annual University City Neighborhood Garage Sale

by Katie Dunahoo

Saturday June 1st, 8 AM – 12 PM

"If you aren't using it, let someone else enjoy it!"

Here is a great chance to get your closets and garages cleared out. In previous years, over 100 homes have participated in this gigantic event. What a chance to sell some things or to go shopping! As always, there will be sales throughout south UC. Signage, ads and maps will be provided by Coldwell Banker. Maps and addresses will be at Golden Donut in the Von's Center and Starbucks in the Sprouts Center by 7:00 am on June 1st. Feel free to gather your neighbors and have a multi-family sale. It is fun, profitable and free to participate. The deadline to be printed on the map is May 29th.

To join or for more details, call 858-633-6411 or your neighborhood Coldwell Banker agent.

Katie Dunahoo 858-775-1239

## BACK ON THEIR FEET

by Michele Hagstrom

Many of you may remember our UC jewelry shop owners, Enrique and Consuelo Ochoa, who were members of our UC community for over 20 years.

They were forced to leave the Sprouts Shopping Center over four years ago. Their shop was burglarized in August of 2007. The thieves smashed in the front door, broke their security gate, stole jewelry and trashed the store. It was only two months later that the Ochoa's got hit again. This time, the burglars broke through the roof! They took whatever was left. This was a devastating blow to the Ochoa family because their insurance did not cover what was stolen. Enrique and Consuelo found it necessary to close their shop at the UC location.

Recently, they finally got back on their feet and opened up a new place in La Jolla. Congratulations and good luck to the Ochoa's!

## Wild Notes

by Katie Dunahoo

The University City "Wild Notes", a funding raising group for Classics4Kids, invites you to this wonderful family event. Just \$15/ person. It's on Saturday, May 11th. The auction starts at 6:00 pm while the program is at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley.

The prestigious Yale University cappella group, The Spizzwinks(?), will be making a stop in San Diego. Be prepared to be dazzled by their unique blend of sweet harmonies and tongue-in-cheek humor. During the auction, enjoy serenades by the Thursday Songsters and other vocal groups, and bid on silent auction items to benefit Classics 4 Kids' music and the arts programs. Be sure to stay after the performance for a reception and refreshments.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call 619-231-2311 or visit [www.classics4kids.com/the-yale-spizzwinks/](http://www.classics4kids.com/the-yale-spizzwinks/).

## Food Truck Wednesdays = Headstart on Summer + Funding for Math Academy

by Diane Lueke

*The first week of Food Truck Family Night was a great success! Thanks for a fantastic turnout. For those of you who missed it, plan to join us at Spreckels every Wednesday, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, through November. We will be rotating the food trucks weekly. Check out the EdUCate! website, [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org), or Facebook to see which purveyors are participating each week. There will be a variety of tasty food options, generally offered for \$10 or less. Enjoy a great dinner, knowing that 10% of the proceeds will be going directly to EdUCate! Join your friends and neighbors at this exciting community event!*

**May 1st**  
Chubby's  
Underdogs  
Meltdown  
Pizza Pazza  
Chop Soo-ey

**May 8th**  
Sno Cal  
Urban Eats  
Slider House  
T10  
Delicioso

**May 15th**  
Chubby's  
Chips Beach  
Eats  
Mangia  
Asian  
Persuasion  
Devilicious

**May 22nd**  
Opera  
Super Q  
Ms Patty Melt  
CrabCakes 911  
GreenGo

**May 29th**  
Urban Eats  
T10  
Underdogs  
Snow Cal  
Chips Beach  
Eats



## EdUCate! Launches Math Academy Program

by Diane Lueke

Working in partnership with educators from Standley Middle School and UC High, EdUCate! is proud to announce the launch of an exciting pilot program aimed at improving middle school math performance. The EdUCate! Math Academy provides students with homework help as well as online instruction using the Khan Academy math curriculum. Program interest is strong with 25 Standley students volunteering to be part of the pilot and a waiting list of interested students. An added benefit of the program is that students gain an insight into high school math expectations as they are being mentored by UCHS math teachers and UCHS student volunteers. The Academy meets every Tuesday and Thursday for 1 hour after school in the Standley Media Center and will continue until the end of the semester. With enough funding, the program will begin again in the fall and will hopefully be expanded to serve more students in math and other subject areas.

# NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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**Friends of the Library Booksale:** Wednesday, May 29th, 5:00–7:00 pm. Loads of books at very low prices! All monies raised go to new materials, equipment and programming!

**Family Music Series:** Kick off summer with outdoor music and a picnic! Be sure to bring the whole family and a blanket.

**Concerts featured this month:**

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 6:30 pm:** Dean Ratzman (Rock, Swing and Jazz)

**Wednesday, May 29th, 6:30 pm:** Adrienne Nims (Jazz, World Music)

**Family Yoga:** 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 10:30 am. Music, stories, games and props will be integrated in this fun child-centered class. Please bring your own mats.

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

**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.

*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.*

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## Standley Recreation Center What's Coming?

**YMCA Summer Daycamp**

**Ages: 5 to 12 years**

**Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
extended care provided.

**Register online beginning April 15th**

[www.lajolla.ymca.org](http://www.lajolla.ymca.org)

**Call the YMCA at 858-453-3483 for details.**

**Master Sports Youth Basketball League**

**Registration Fee \$125**

**Grades: 1 through 9**

**Dates: June 22nd – August 11th**

**Register online at [www.masteryoursports.com](http://www.masteryoursports.com)**

**UC Celebration, Banana Split & Summer Concerts**

**Summer is almost here!! Volunteers needed!**

**Please call 858-552-1652**

### FYI...

by Sandy Lippe

**Attorney Mike Kaplan was selected as a top personal injury attorney in San Diego County in San Diego Magazine's annual March 2013 listing. Mike has practiced law in UC over 30 years. He's also been a UCRC member enjoying tennis at Standley Park.**





# March – April 2013 UCCA Memberships

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

## 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, [UCCAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:UCCAmembership@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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Ann credits Betty Keller, chair of the UCHS committee, and John Witt, San Diego Board representative, for helping seal the deal for UCHS. "We went to board meeting after board meeting for months. We rallied the UC community, and not everyone wanted the high school; some remained neutral. We argued with Clairemont people who wanted to keep the U.C. kids in their high school. We tried to reason with Mr. Filner, knowing he kept his tiny elementary school of under 200 students open in his district."

After an exhausting battle, the day of the San Diego Board of Education vote turned out to be 3-2 in favor, and the rest is history.

UCHS opened in 1981 with three grades, 10th, 11th, and 12th. Jennie Armstrong proudly entered as a 10th grader and was part of the first graduating class. Her mom continued to be involved in education as a volunteer coordinator at Standley Middle School, a member of a district integration committee, and finally as a member of the Board of Education for two terms. Susan Davis was a Board of Education member who encouraged Ann to run for the Board. Ann enlisted other UC moms like Mary Croft to serve as her chair and Justine Moracco to serve as treasurer. Political consultant Tom Shepard helped with her successful campaign. During her two terms on the Board, she distinguished herself and served as president once in each term.

Ann Armstrong mothered our little UC community from the first time she saw an opportunity to make a difference at Marcy School. She still gets together with a group of Marcy, Curie and Spreckels moms one Friday night a month, and they never run out of conversation. She is happy to deliver our UCCA newsletter in her neighborhood.

Ann loves visiting her daughter Jennie and two teenage granddaughters, and their stepdad in San Juan Islands, north of Seattle. She sees her son Mark, a v.p. of Oracle Computers, who lives in West L.A. with his wife, another Oracle computer person. Daughter Anna and her husband own a landscape architect business in Monrovia and welcome their mom's visits. Ann stays busy in her retirement.

Looking back over the history of University City, many moms and dads stood shoulder-to-shoulder to make U.C. a wonderful community. We see it continue today. Happy Mother's Day to Ann and all UC moms.



University City's new street banners, featuring our children and librarian with the San Diego County Fair's "Game-On" theme.



Dawn Yandel helps out at Larry Yandel's 2nd annual memorial baseball tournament on April 13th. The day was a big success.



Mayor Filner and Councilwoman Lightner helped celebrate the 40th anniversary of the UC Library on Governor by presenting City proclamations and sharing in the festivities.



Karen and John Liu are happy to show off their UCCA sticker and enjoy Starbucks courtesy of UCCA.



Another happy UCCA member pointing out her "I love University City" sticker on her car.

## BREAKING NEWS!!!

by Sandy Lippe

Peter Burch's memorial fountain for humans and canines should have been ordered the last week of April.

(At our May newsletter deadline, City staff said this was the plan.)

Many thanks for your individual generous support, Standley Rec Council's and UCCA's.

We are in the process of putting together a plaque with the names of the families and individuals who have been donors.

Thank you again.

We will keep you updated by email and snail mail.

**Editor's note:** Missing dog owner's name from the April issue is Diana Meisenholder.

## Cat Companions

by Cindy

Dear Friends of UCCA,

My name is Kazi. I'm an eight-year old flame-point Himalyan cat, adopted three years ago through the efforts of the Rosebud Society Cat Rescue of San Diego. They matched my personality with my new owner who spoils me constantly. As you can see, I am a well-cared for cat, though considered something of a prima dona, which is typical of my breed! There are many other wonderful cats needing homes. You can choose one from on-line photos or by contact with one of the friendly volunteers at one of the cat rescue societies listed below. Good Luck. I hope you find your heart's desire, as my owner did!



**Rosebud Society Cat Rescue, San Diego**  
(858) 551-7574

**San Diego Humane Society and SPCA**  
5500 Gaines St., San Diego (619) 299-7012

**Helen Woodward. Rancho Santa Fe**  
(858) 756-4117

**Shelter Pet Partners, San Diego**  
(619) 390-9028

**Loving Arms Rescue and Adoption, San Diego**  
(619) 895-1955

**National Cat Protection Society, Spring Valley**  
(619) 469-8771

**Friends of Cats, El Cajon**  
(619) 561-0361

Meow!

Meow!

## We Need GOOD Homes too!

by Sue Nizyboriski



Above, left to right:

**Kristmas:** I was abandoned Christmas day three years ago. I am a neutered male, very affectionate, part Siamese and want to come inside. We guess my age at approximately 4 years. I get along with well mannered dogs. At night, I've been living under a house to protect me from the street and other hazards. It's not really where I would like to be.

**Buster:** I, too, was banded over four months ago, and I am about a year or so old. I am a neutered male, very affectionate with great, big, blue eyes. I try so desperately to come into the house, but the established cats won't welcome me in. I sleep outside (somewhere) at night. My caregiver worries about the street and other dangers, but I have nowhere else to go.

My friends, the shelters are full, and many cats are lost to euthanasia when they are perfectly lovable and adoptable. These are two that have found their way to my home. If anyone is interested in either one of them, please email [editorucca@gmail.com](mailto:editorucca@gmail.com). I can give you more info on them and also offer a trial period to see if the kitty will work for you. I will take them back, no questions asked. Again, please email me if you have the space and room in your heart for either one of these beautiful guys.



by Sherri Lightner

## STEAM

*To help promote arts in education, I provided a \$5,000 grant to Young Audiences of San Diego for an arts residency program at Spreckels Elementary School in University City. As part of this innovative eight-week program, two artists-in-residence worked closely with students on hands-on painting and pottery projects. This program provided the much-needed foundation for budding artists, instructing them in the fundamentals of the visual arts including such topics as perspective and the color spectrum. The experience culminated in March during a final exhibition of the student's work, where children had an opportunity to show their parents and the community what they had learned.*

*As a huge proponent of STEAM education, which focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, I was proud to help fund this cutting-edge program and its mission of exciting young minds and unleashing their creativity so we can begin to build the workforce of tomorrow. As Young Audiences of San Diego says on its website: "The world desperately needs workers and leaders who are creative, disciplined and visionary. The arts – music, dance, theater and visual arts – foster those qualities in today's students and tomorrow's workforce." It was an honor to bolster this project with funds from my office budget as it was a tangible way to show my support for our local schools and our students. To find out more about Young Audiences of San Diego, please visit its website at [http:// www.yasandiego.org/](http://www.yasandiego.org/).*



by John Lee Evans

## March Madness: Final Four for San Diego Unified

On March 28, 2013 we received news that San Diego Unified had made it into the Final Four of 75 large, urban school districts across the nation. The Broad Prize is awarded by the Broad Foundation, an educational philanthropic organization. This is an award for which we did not apply. They noticed our steady progress in test scores and our increasing graduation rate. They analyzed our progress over the past four years.

The next step is a week-long visit by a team of academic researchers to gain more in-depth information about our schools that cannot be derived from statistics and test scores. We will talk about our community-based school reform that has led to our steady progress. We will point out our nationally recognized music programs and our role as a leader in high tech classrooms. We will show them our career technical programs that prepare students in fields ranging from medicine to automotive technology to construction to culinary arts.

We will show the team our Vision 2020 for a quality school in every neighborhood. Vision 2020 includes higher standards for student achievement, schools as attractive neighborhood learning centers, parents and community supporting our schools and the development of more effective teaching in the classroom.

Some naysayers have been questioning the value of public schools. Our teachers, staff, parents and students are to be congratulated for their success in making San Diego a nationally recognized school district. At San Diego Unified, we are all in this together. Our efforts are paying off.



**Please Note:** UC School Cluster Committee Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the UC High School Media Center. Additional dates are on website: [www.uccluster.com](http://www.uccluster.com) <<http://www.uccluster.com>> .

## Much More

by Judy S.

On Friday, April 5th, I had a bicycling accident near the corner of Radcliffe and Governor Drive. I fell right in the middle of Governor Drive. Luckily for me, all I had was a skinned knee and bruised pride.

Far more significant is what happened afterwards. One car driver immediately on my right stopped. He asked if I was okay and said that he had observed a woman first driving behind me and then driving up close and honking. "Stupid!" he said. Another car stopped with two young women asking if I had been hit by a car and said that they had taken down the license plate number. A third man came out of his house, asked if I was okay, and offered ice and a band-aid.

I was delighted to learn that there are still such nice people in the world! And yes... "University City is More Than A Neighborhood." So thank you unnamed persons for being so kind.

A word of caution: please drivers, **do not come up close to a cyclist and honk your horn** – it is distracting and very frightening. And everybody, please wear a helmet. It helps protect the skull when crashing into the concrete.

## To Remember...

by Linda Roberts

Chrissy Peterson was the kind of woman who not only lit up any room she graced with her presence, but the room stayed lit long after she had left the building. Chrissy, a long time resident of University City (she attended Curie Elementary, Standley Middle School and Clairemont High), lost a valiant battle with cancer earlier this year. Her good friends at the First Baptist Church of San Diego on Governor Drive wish to honor her and carry on her service to God by raising funds in her name to send local youths to Hume Lake Christian Camp this summer.



If you remember Chrissy and would like to help or, if you would like more information, please contact the FBCSD office at 858-457-4827 or email [info@fbcsd.com](mailto:info@fbcsd.com).

## Wheeling Around

by Sharon L. Goodis

Want to ride with us?

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

As an avid cyclist, I would be remiss if I did not remind University City residents that May is Bike Month! In 1956, The League of American Bicyclists, founded in 1880 as the League of American Wheelman, designated May as National Bike Month, now simply called Bike Month. Each year, we celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the reasons we ride.

Get back on the saddle and ride your bike to work or school. Save money and/or save time, improve your health and improve the environment. Enjoy University City by bike. Pump up your tires, check your brakes, grab a backpack and put on a helmet. Ride your bicycle to shop locally, go to our post office or library. If your bicycle has been neglected, bring it into a bike shop for a check up!

Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 8th.

Bike to Work Week is May 13th-17th and Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 17th. Pit stops will be set up all over San Diego. Cyclists are invited to visit any stop to refuel with free snacks and to get encouragement. Pick up an official Bike to Work Day T-shirt! Simply search online for Bike to Work, 2013, to see a map and list of all the pit stops around San Diego.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about in May, June and July!

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Concert

by University City High School Music Boosters

The UCHS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Concert is a fundraising event for the University City High School music program located in San Diego, CA. It will be held on Saturday, May 11th, 2013 at the Musicians Hall of San Diego from 2:00-4:30 pm.

It will feature light, playful and uplifting songs, from the UCHS choir and orchestra with welcoming music by the UCHS jazz and string ensembles. Get your friends together or make it a multi-generational kind of day. Enjoy a delightful afternoon of tea, treats and good company! Bid on prizes in our blind auction or win a door prize for free! Our gracious sponsors will be offering their goods in our Mother's Day market, making preparations for Mom super easy! Early birds get a complimentary \$5 voucher to spend in the blind auction – just get your tickets by April 30th! Go to [www.uchsmusic.com](http://www.uchsmusic.com) to purchase tickets online or email Carina Wheatley at [uchsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:uchsmusic@gmail.com).

The UCHS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Concert is sponsored by the University City High School Music Boosters which is part of the Centurion Foundation – a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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# UC Garden Club

by Tanya Howe Aeria

## Garden Tours Every Month!

Our May 18th garden event will be on Bragg St., from 5:00-7:00 pm. Recently, this garden was professionally renovated. Please join us in welcoming these new UC homeowners and enjoying their yard. Our hostess, Diana, will be serving warm wine, and we are anticipating a talk on landscaping.

Please let me know if you have a garden to share with your neighbors! September, October, November, and December are all in need of a garden to host a party! Remember, the Garden Club does all the work...you provide your yard. Big or small, professionally landscaped or do-it-yourself yards are all welcome!

If you would like to receive Garden Club emails, please sign up at [ucgardenclub.org](http://ucgardenclub.org).



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

## Lap Robes for VA Hospital



by Sandy Lippe

Earl and Rita Newell delivered another trunk full of lap robes to the VA Hospital in La Jolla from yarn donated by UC residents. The yarn was collected by Jean Reilly at the Postal Annex and the afghans were made by the men and women inmates at the Brig, Marine Corp Air Station, Miramar.