

Upcoming Events

UCCA Board Meeting
Election of New Board
U.C. Library
November 14, 2007

Rose Canyon Walk
by Mark Carpenter,
November 4th
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Regents Road entrance

UCPG Meeting
Forum Hall, UTC
November 13, 2007

Standley Rec Council
Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Standley Park
858 552-1652
call for info

U.C. Celebration Meeting
Standley Rec Center
858-336-4437
call for info

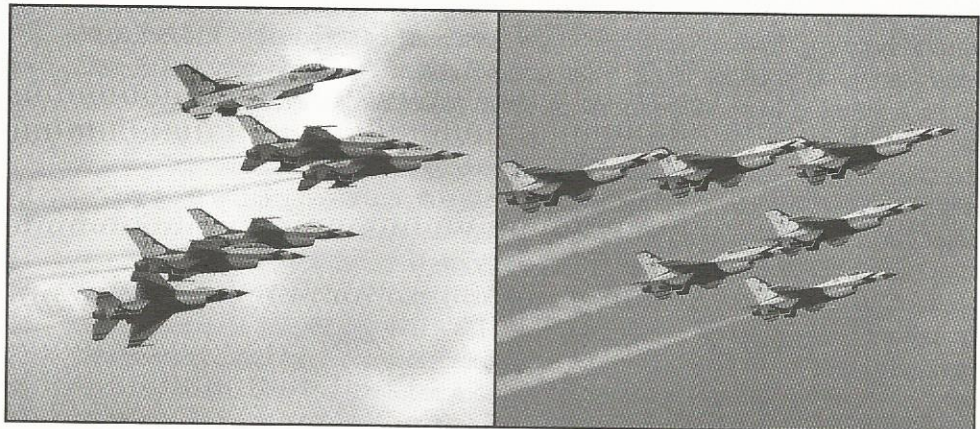
Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, December 7th
6:30 p.m.
Standley Park

Thanksgiving
November 22, 2007

Happy Thanksgiving!



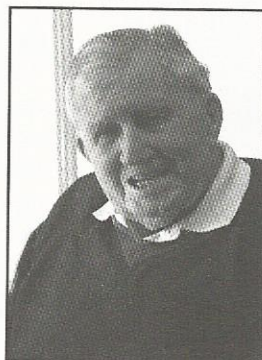
The Thunderbirds Come To Town



The majesty of our country's might, in the skies above UC....

A giant crowd of San Diegans, many of them UC Residents, attended the Miramar Air Show in October. It was refreshing to see unabashed support for our military and unbribled pride in the acrobatics of our Air Force Aces in the skies. Those in attendance were reminded that it is not the Poet, or the Campus Activist who guarantees our freedoms but the valiant men and women of our armed forces (past and present) who do. People cheered for WWI biplanes as much as they did for the F-16s, which has remained the choice aircraft of the Thunderbirds and blue angels for the last 20 years, the longest performance era for any one aircraft. This year the Thunderbirds replaced the Blue Angels, who provide the highpoint of this event every year. God Bless and Protect Our Troops!

UC Legend...Veteran of Iwo Jima.....Realtor..



Born in 1920, raised in Emmetsburg Iowa, a farm boy, definitely a veteran of the Greatest Generation, Hal Brodagan, is a Legend in University City. This year, at the age of 87, Hal renewed his broker's license. To make the \$185, he spent on it, count, he will have to continue selling homes in UC till he is 91. We know he can do it. Hal started his adult life in the Navy, serving during WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He was a part of the Navy crew who landed Marines on six beaches, including Iwo Jima, and is proud that he came through all that action without a scratch. As a member of the crew of the USS Dickens, APA 161, Hal has attended reunions of veterans of Iwo Jima for 61 years. He will go to the 62nd such reunion this year and he expects that of the 2000 vets who were there five years ago there will be fewer than 200 this time around. After his Naval service Hal retired, as a LT. Commander, and moved to San Diego, with his wife now of 61 years, and became a realtor. He has done that ever since. He has the distinction of having sold his first house for \$33,000 in 1972, the cost of a medium priced car today, and of having sold a home for \$990,000 last year, an indication of changes Hal has seen in UC. As a member of the parish of Our Mother of Confidence church for all of the years he has been in UC, Hal has done much to help his church. When he is not selling homes in UC, Hal is cutting up the turf on various golf courses around San Diego. We wish him well, and God speed in all his future endeavors.

Rose Canyon Project

The City of San Diego Metro Wastewater Department (MWW) is carrying out this project as part of required mitigation for impacts to habitat caused elsewhere by sewer projects. This is an exciting project, which will take place between now and next summer. The friends of Rose Canyon are offering walks for school groups, scout groups, and the general public. Come on down to Rose Canyon and check it out. This will be a learning experience for all of us.

The Canyon will be open most of the time 3 however, the dirt road near the project areas will be closed weekdays from 7:30-3:30 for the next few weeks. The contractor has heavy equipment grading some areas and moving the dirt to other areas, so there is heavy equipment moving back and forth on the road much of the day. On weekends and outside their work hours on weekdays, there are no restrictions on canyon access. The project will Create 4.36 acres of wetland habitat. This will occur in two areas on the north side of the dirt road, one to the east of Regents, one to the west. Some soil will be graded away, so that wetland plants can be planted and their roots more easily reach the moist soil they need. This will also allow Rose Creek to overflow its banks more easily (if it ever rains again), thus slowing the flow of water and reducing erosion of the stream channel. Irrigation will be installed to water the new plants for a year or two until they are well established (a water line will bring in water from Genesee Avenue). A wide variety of wetland plants will be planted. The project will also enhance 3.67 acres of upland habitat. The soil removed from the wetland areas will be trucked to two upland areas on the south side of the dirt road, both to the west of Regents. Irrigation will be installed, and these areas will be planted with a variety of native plants that prefer drier soil. Grading will start Oct. 12 and should be done by the end of October.

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UC Library Programs...for Adults and Kids

North University Community Branch Library, 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, California 92122 (858) 581-9637

Kids:

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays & Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.

Sit Up and Read!

2nd Monday of the Month (Usually, except for November, which is 11/19): 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kids: Read to a Certified Therapy Dog!

In 'N Out Burger Reading Program Oct. 15 – Nov. 21, ages 4-12 years, read 5 books, earn a free hamburger!

Ask for your reading log at the youth services desk.

Crafts

2nd Thursday of the Month (next one 11/8): 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

For elementary aged children (reservations required)

Adults:

Computer Classes, Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m.:

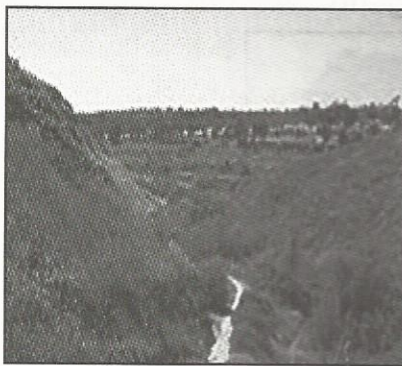
October 20th: Buying Online Safely.

Computer experience is necessary.

October 27th: Making Your Own Personal Blog: You will leave with your own personal website!

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Then irrigation will be installed and the plants planted. For the wetland areas, there will be a 50' buffer



around the planted area that will be sprayed with a sticky mix with seeds of native plants in it. This is called hydroseeding and is intended to help keep non-native plants from invading the planted area. The work should be done by next summer. After that, the project will be monitored for five years to make sure that plants survive and non-native plants don't invade the area.

Computer experience is necessary. November 3rd: Internet Basics. No experience necessary.

November 10th: Beyond the Basics: spyware & malware protection and how to get them; also, review of safe computing practices, and what NOT to do online!

November 17th: Online Photo Sites— Uploading digital photos to a photo site; linking your photos to a blog or website; managing your photos by creating sets and collections AND geo-locating your photos on a map (don't worry if you don't know what this means)!

Computer experience is necessary. Sign up for these classes at the Circ Desk!

Some computer experience is recommended for most classes.

Coming in November:

Yoga Classes, All Wednesdays except 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Space is limited, please sign up at the Circ Desk! North University Community Branch Library Hours:

M/W: 12:30 – 8 p.m. T/Th: 9:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Fri: 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. Sat: 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays

Closed Nov. 12 for Veterans' Day

UC in Wikipedia...

There is an attitude out there that holds that once you've been mentioned in Wikipedia, you've made it. If that is the case, then University City has, indeed, made it. If you do not know what Wikipedia is, try Googling any subject matter and in most cases, you will find an entry in Wikipedia. A type of online encyclopedia which can be edited by anyone who thinks they might know a little more about the subject matter being viewed. There is a very informative article on University City. A very nice photograph and a discussion about the neighbors we have around us. The article discusses climate, topography and the demographics of our little village. The curious might want to visit this link on the internet:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_City%2C_San_Diego%2C_California

Thanksgiving Celebration

University City United Church invites the community to a special Thanksgiving Celebration: "Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving Together," at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 18. The special vesper service will be a celebration of song and praise, and will honor UCUC Pastor Emeritus Doug Koehler's 50th year of ordained ministry. The service will feature the musical talents of all of the church's choirs from the youngest members of the Cherub Choir, the older children which make up the Seraphim Singers, the Children's Bell Choir, the youth band "To Be Delivered" and the adult Chancel Choir. A special video presentation by award-winning photographer Sandy Huffaker will accompany the music. Everyone is encouraged to bring toiletry items and note cards to donate to the collection that will be taken up, to benefit the San Diego Mental Health Alliance. Everyone is invited to enjoy pumpkin pie after the service. UCUC is located at 2877 Governor Drive. Please call 453-3444 for more information.

Humanitarian Project by J.V. of the LDS Community

In the spring of 2006 the 13th Ward of the San Diego North Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints decided on a service project to promote the humanitarian aid theme of the stake conference. Many suggestions were made as to what could be done, on the ward level, that would correspond to their theme and it was finally decided that it would be a service project. Funds were raised by asking the various groups in the stake to donate money set aside for other programs. The Relief Society donated the money that would have been used for an Enrichment Night and they also prepared quilt squares beforehand and set up quilt stands for their part of their contribution. The Youth gave up activities and donated the money they would have used to the service project. They also were responsible for cutting and sewing school bags. The materials for the project came from members of the Ward. Everything was donated. The project took place Saturday, November 11, 2006. The morning started off with a light breakfast
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Marie Curie Elementary School

The lady after whom Curie school is named is the famous Chemist/Physicist Marie Curie, who was born in Poland

on November 7th, 1867. She was a Polish-French chemist, pioneer in the early field of radiology and the first two-time Nobel laureate and the only person with Nobel Prizes in two different fields of science (physics and chemistry). She also became the first woman appointed to teach at the Sorbonne. She spent her early years in Poland, but in 1891 at age 24, moved to France to study science in Paris. She obtained all her higher degrees and conducted her scientific career there, and became a naturalized French citizen. She founded the Curie Institutes in Paris and in Warsaw. She passed away at the age of 67, in Paris on July 4th, 1934. She is credited with the discovery of the metal Radium.

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which was provided by the Activities Committee. A key note speaker, who has served as a humanitarian aid missionary, explained where the goods that were to be made would go and who would benefit from receiving them. Over 100 people came and much was accomplished. The group assembled 55 hygiene kits. Head scarves were made which would be used to help keep women warm throughout the world. School bags were filled with supplies and ABC coloring books for children were assembled. The ideas for each project were taken from the church's website and all the items made that day were taken to the Bishop's storehouse and will eventually be distributed throughout the world.

Our Mother of Confidence Website....

The church is inviting all who might be interested to visit their newly mounted website. The URL is **WWW.OMOC.Org**. Church schedules and programs as well as information on matters of personal interest are available on the site.

EdUCate Dollar A Day Campaign

EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools, is thrilled to announce the pledge of \$15,000 in matching funds for their Dollar A Day campaign.

There is no better time to donate to public education in University City than right now, when every dollar donated, up to \$15,000, will be matched by the board members who have pledged \$10,000 and an anonymous donor who has pledged \$5,000.

Dollar A Day funds go directly to the five public schools in University City: Curie, Doyle and Spreckels elementary schools, Standley Middle School, and University City High School. Since its inception in 1993, EdUCate! has granted more than \$775,000 to University City schools to fund supplementary materials and technology for classrooms.

Last year, EdUCate! was able to equip 59 classrooms with document cameras and projectors. These are state of the art classroom presentation systems which all new schools have. Their goal is to finish this project this year and provide a document camera for every classroom still without this essential equipment.

Excellent public education is the foundation of our community, but public funding frequently falls short of what excellent schools require. EdUCate! is committed to providing significant ongoing support for the public schools in University City. All Dollar A Day funds raised will be committed to classrooms within this school year. Please make a tax-deductible donation now, to the Dollar A Day campaign, so you can double the impact of your generosity! You can donate online, or print a donation form on our web-site, uc-educate.org.

Any questions may be directed to EdUCate! President Laurel Slater at president@uc-educate.org.

Doyle Elementary Book Fair!!

Come aboard ship November 10th and 11th, 2007 for the Doyle Elementary Book Fair!! Pirates of all ages are invited to come in their best Jolly Roger garb and partake in the fun! Great sea-faring adventures will be had by all! There is captain's treasure to be found and swashbuckling tales to be heard!

Bookstar Costa Verde/Barnes & Noble
8650 Genesee Ave St. 230
San Diego, CA 92122

Simply present this voucher at the cash register on the 10th and 11th of November and a portion of the purchase will go to Doyle Elementary School. Vouchers accepted all weekend and there will be pirate festivities all weekend from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Story time on Saturday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

For store use Only:

Transaction Number:

Purchase Sub-Total:

Date of Purchase:

Water Bill Hike Coming...

Your Water Bill will be going up pretty soon. Rates are going up to cover the cost of importing water to our town. Starting in January, the average residential water bill will increase about three percent or about \$1.40 a month. The San Diego County Water Authority is not calling for mandatory cutbacks, but farmers are now feeling the pinch. Starting January first, they will have to cut their water use by 30%. When farmers produce less, we pay more, unless one is used to eating food that is not grown locally and someone in another marketplace will produce it and send it into this market. The county water authority says mandatory cutbacks are possible as early as next spring if we don't get a lot of snow and rain in California this winter. Some experts are predicting another dry winter. That is why the county is trying to buy more water for San Diego over the next two years.

How Does Your Garden Grow??

In times of drought it can be very difficult to make sure plants get the water they need to survive, much less thrive. With our water supply drying up, we have no choice but to minimize the amount of water we give our plants.

So how can we keep them happy and healthy while using little additional water? Try thinking like a plant. If you understand how a plant gets and uses water, it's a lot easier and actually kind of fun, to figure out to how create and maintain a water-efficient garden. Most plants absorb very little moisture through their leaves. Almost all the water they need has to get absorbed through their roots. So the more roots they have, the better equipped they are to find and absorb moisture.

A well-developed root system with lots of little sponge-like root hairs is a plant's best insurance for survival in drought conditions. For a plant to develop a good root system, the roots need to be able to push out into the soil. And to do that, they need to be working in a loose and crumbly environment.

Gardeners can help create good conditions for root growth by breaking up hard-packed soil with a fork, and most of all, by adding organic matter. Organic matter works in two other important ways to help roots access moisture. Adding these materials will make your soil more porous, so water that is applied to the soil surface won't run off but rather will move down into the root zone. When water is applied to soil with lots of organic it is available to plant roots when they need it.

One-hundred square feet of good, loamy soil can absorb about 90 gallons of water, whereas 100 square feet of sand can only absorb 60 gallons.

One last note about roots. Absorbing moisture is the task of the youngest, most tender part of a plant's root system—the growing root tips and root hairs. When moisture conditions alternate radically between wet and dry, these root hairs get stressed and damaged. Covering the soil surface with a thick layer of mulch reduces water loss due to evaporation, and just as importantly, helps maintain a consistent moisture level in the soil to keep delicate root hairs healthy.

Visit This Site for Low-Water Plants:

<http://weather.nmsu.edu/AbqPlantList/index.htm>

Orphanage Visit..

by Michael Mascarenhas - age 12

When somebody mentions an orphanage, people usually think of a sad and grey place. But at Door of Faith Orphanage all the buildings have colorful paintwork and look cool. La Misión, where the orphanage is, is about 65 miles south of the Mexico border, from San Diego. One of the reasons that we make the trips to Door of Faith is to cook a meal for the kids.

To get to Door of Faith we took a bus. Going with us were two of my friends, some people from OMC's Religious Education classes and the Youth Group. Pretty soon we got to Door of Faith. One of the first sights that we saw was the many kids that live there. There were about 125 of them! We even got to go on a tour of the Orphanage. First we started in the kitchen and dining room. There DJ, the orphanage's director, talked about how two cooks cook enough food for about 150 people (400+ meals a day). Then he took us to a boy's dorm for children ages 7-10. In each dorm there is usually a Dorm Mom and Dad. There is usually a computer in each dorm. Later we checked out the baby room where they only had a few infants/toddlers. Soon it was time to cook a meal for the kids. Using a 5 ft. long charcoal grill, we cooked enough hamburgers and hotdogs and veggie burgers for everybody. There was punch as well. There were Oreos, applesauce, and chips too. It was great, and the kids loved it. When lunch was finished, we hiked up to the giant cross that overlooks Door of Faith. In about ten minutes we were halfway up the hillside, where we reached the upper campground. After a short rest we hiked up the steep stairs, over the last ridge, and up to the cross. After a while we headed back down. We were down in ten minutes or less.

Finally it was time to go. Once we were in the bus, we started back to OMC. On the way Mr. Lenny (Papp), our bus driver (and OMC parishioner) pointed out Fox Studios where the movie "Titanic" was filmed. If we went again I would be willing to go. Would you? If you want to visit the website for Door of Faith, it is www.dofa.org

President's Perspective

Hugh Pates
President

It is election time for officers of the University City Community Association! The election will be held at the University City Library at 6:00 P.M. on Wed. Nov. 14th. All members of the association are invited and encouraged to attend. This year the nominations committee of the Board of Directors has put forth a slate of officers for the Association to consider as their officers for 2008. The nominees are; President - Andy Freeburn. Andy is the energetic, enthusiastic chair of the very successful 4th of July Celebration in U.C. He has also been the chair and co-chair of our annual U.C. clean -up day. He brings a wealth of experience, wisdom and good humor to the position of president.

Vice President: Barbara Henshaw. Barbara has been a community activist since taking up residence in U.C. She has been very active in education activities, being prominent with the PTA groups in our community and also very involved with the EDUCATE program. Currently, she serves as Banner Chairperson for the Association and is mainly responsible for the beautiful fall banners that adorn our neighborhood streets. She also ably organized the children of the community for the bike parade on the 4th of July.

Treasurer: Debbie Betzenderfer. Like many women in our community, Debbie is a mom, who is continually giving of her time, effort and energy to make life full, rich and rewarding for her husband and two children. The time she has to share with others, she has devoted to community activities. She has made significant contributions to the PTA organizations at our schools and to our Association as treasurer. The Association is very fortunate to have a person who is so capable and competent to serve in this very important position.

Secretary: Mike Lamp. Mike has brought his considerable computer and personal skills to the position of secretary of our association.

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He is committed to helping create a beautiful, safe and clean neighborhood.

Mike has been involved in all Association activities, being out on our medians cleaning up weeds and trash on Clean Up Day, leading his little tyke on his bike during the parade on the 4th of July and volunteering his time and talent to various other Association projects. If there is a model community volunteer, Mike fits that description.

The Association is continually looking for willing hands and hearts who are interested in devoting a few hours a month to improve and enrich our community. Folks of any or all ages are most welcome. Just show up at one of the monthly meetings which are held at the U.C. Library on the 2nd Wed. of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

The members of the board are a very friendly and accepting group, who would love to have you join them.

If you don't have the time to join the board, please join the Association by filling out the application form in this newsletter. The more members in the association, the more opportunity the board has to serve the community!

A Personal Alarm for Older Adults

The Senior Emergency Alert System (SEAS) provides individuals with a personal emergency response system for the home. This is a way for older adults to continue living, independently, in their own homes.

A tiny locket containing a small push-button is worn around the neck at all times, including while swimming and while bathing. The button can be pushed to get help, when the person is unable to get to a phone. The button alerts paramedics who can be on the scene within minutes.

The program has been an offering of LiveWell San Diego since 1979 and it is offered on a sliding scale with no long term contracts. Call 858-483-5100 and ask for SEAS.

Area Restaurants Showcased Annual Taste of the Triangle

The list of fabulous restaurants participating in this year's Taste of the Triangle continues to grow. There to provide mouth-watering samples of their gourmet cuisine throughout the evening will be *Jack's La Jolla, The Melting Pot, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, The French Gourmet, Cozymel's Mexican Grill, Lorna's Italian Kitchen, Barolo Ristorante Italiano, Kikuya Sushi, Blue Coral Seafood & Spirits, Miami Grille, Harry's Bar and American Grill, Pick Up Stix, Whole Foods Market, and Islands Fine Burgers & Drinks, and more.* The Taste of the Triangle will be held Friday night,

November 16th, 7 p.m. at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in La Jolla. In addition to the new night and new venue, several other exciting changes are planned. Bill Menish, NBC 7/39 News Anchor will be the Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer. In addition, childcare for ages 4-10 will be available through Standley Park and Recreation's "Kids Night Out: Taste Edition". The cost is only \$10 per child and includes pizza, snacks, games, crafts and a movie. For more information about "Kids Night Out", call 858-552-1652.

EdUCate! is extremely pleased to have as the guest speaker at the VIP reception **Dr. Irwin Jacobs**, co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Qualcomm Incorporated. The VIP reception, for donors of \$250.00 or more, will be held immediately prior to the main event from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. The ever-popular silent auction will provide great opportunities for vacation and spa packages, VIP tickets to the Dr. Phil Show, a sunset sail on the bay, an owner's tour of the Del Mar races, deluxe family photography packages, wine baskets, a gourmet dinner prepared in your home by a prominent local chef, and so much more. And once again, our very talented local student musicians will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

EdUCate!, the non-profit University City Foundation for Public Schools is dedicated to improving the quality of our children's education by providing supplemental resources to all five University City public schools - Curie, Doyle and Spreckels elementary schools, Standley Middle School and University City High School. Tickets to the Taste of the Triangle are (\$50) in advance or (\$60) at the door. Proceeds directly benefit the public schools of University City. Look for an invitation in the mail, or purchase tickets and donate online at www.uc-educate.org. For more information visit the EdUCate! website at www.uc-educate.org.

Entertainment and Camaraderie for Seniors.....All Are Welcome

The University City Senior Center is a program of the Jewish Family Service.

As of October 1st they will be located at 9001 Town Centre Drive at Congregation Beth Israel. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Coffee and tea are offered in the morning, followed by gentle exercise. A delicious, kosher lunch is served daily. Round-trip transportation is available upon request. For more information please call the center at 858-550-5998.

Thursday, November 1

Outing to College Avenue Senior Center
1:00 Richard Lederer "Presidential Trivia: The Feats, Fates, Families, Foibles & Firsts of our American Presidents.

Members \$14.00 Non-Members \$15.00
Tuesday, November 6

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 David Amos lectures on "Ernest Bloch and his Jewish Soul."
1:00 Movie Matinee: "The Holiday"
138 minutes

Wednesday, November 7

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Ron Loscalzo performing on Keyboard
11:00 Meet the JFS Staff & Learn about our many programs
"Meet the Artist" Israeli Artist Orna McCann and meet the Staff and Volunteers of the Senior Center
12:45 Welcome & Introductions from Ronnie Diamond, Peter Louis and Craig Lambert
1:00 San Diego Jewish Men's Choir Perform

Thursday, November 8 UCSC HEALTH FAIR

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Flu Shots given by Sharp Senior Health Center
11:00 Representatives from Sharp, Kaiser and Silverado Senior
1:00 Discuss medications with the Pharmacist

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 Current Events with Harold Polesetsky
1:00 Pianist Andrea Ladmer

Wednesday, November 14

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Orna McCann "A Discussion on Using Oils"

1:00 High Energy Fiddler-Celia Lawley

Thursday, November 15

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Dr. Christopher Chisholm "Managing Chronic Pain"

1:00 Zina Aminova on keyboard

Tuesday, November 20

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 Holocaust Survivor Ernest Schoen discusses the "History of Vienna's Jews"
1:00 Movie Matinee: "The Pursuit of Happiness"

Wednesday, November 21

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Sandra Parkington RN and author from Sharp Health Plan discusses "The Good News about Eating Salt." Her book is titled "How to keep track of your salt intake."

1:00 Louis Levinsohn presents "The Magnificent Rothschild's—A Family of Fortune"

Tuesday, November 27

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 Rabbi Michael Berk from Congregation Beth Israel
1:00 Rachelle Danto performs

Wednesday, November 28

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Peter Small, Historical Impressionist performing as "GOLDA MEIR"

1:00 Al Jacobs-performs Show tunes, Old Time Music

Thursday, November 29

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Joy Durbin does an overview of The Braille Institute & Services
1:00 Holocaust Survivor Trudie Richman sings Yiddish Folk Songs.

Dollar -a-Day Campaign

Last year, EdUCate initiated its Dollar A Day campaign to ask for the support of UC's entire community to help transform UC schools. Over \$46,000 was raised, which helped provide 59 teachers in University City with document cameras and projectors for their classrooms. Their goal this year is to finish providing document cameras so that every teacher in the UC community has a state of the art classroom presentation system.

Public funding falls short of what our schools require. EdUCate, the University City Foundation for Public Schools, is committed to providing significant ongoing support for the five schools in the University City cluster, Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary Schools, Standley Middle School, and University City High School.

The support of the entire community is needed to continue this essential work. One dollar each day from each family will make a dramatic difference in the UC schools. Donations of any size are welcome. EdUCate's pledge is to commit 100 per cent of donations received into classrooms within this school year. Please become involved and make a tax-deductible donation to the Dollar A Day campaign. Visit the web-site at www.uc-educate.org to learn more about all they are doing to benefit students in the UC community.

Any questions may be directed to EdUCate! President Laurel Slater at president@uc-educate.org

ADVERTISING PRICES

Reservations for ad space will be accepted on a **first come-first served basis beginning the 1st of the month preceding publication.** A backup list will be maintained.

To reserve space, please contact **Terri Day**, UCCA Advertising Manager at uccaADS@hotmail.com.

Ad copy in jpeg or tiff format must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication (i.e., Feb 10th for the March edition) by Terri Day, Advertising Manager, at uccaADS@hotmail.com as an attachment.

Hard copy of ad plus check for the proper amount made payable to UCCA

should be mailed **by the 10th of the month preceding publication to:**
UCCA Ads, 3368 Governor Drive,
#121, San Diego, CA 92122.

AD PRICES:

Business card 3.5"x2.0"	\$60
Double business card 3.5"x4"	\$110
Quarter page ads 3.5"x4.5"	\$150

Additional costs incurred for preparation of ads for publication will be billed separately.

Advance reservations: Ad space may be reserved in advance only once per calendar quarter.

Swanson Pool Meeting....Well Attended.

There was a great turnout on Wednesday evening, October 10, for a special meeting devoted to the Swanson Pool expansion at the University City High School Media Center, by the University City Community Association.

Almost 50 interested members of the community and a representative sampling of the UCHS boys' water polo team showed up to listen and then talk about what they want in a new pool.

A short presentation by Julia Cooper highlighted the current uses and users of Swanson and noted the drawbacks of the pool's current size which limit its use as a competition pool by the high school aquatics teams as well as its revenue-generating potential. At the end of the formal presentation, the meeting broke up into small groups for discussion. Each group then presented its ideas to the entire audience. Parking, of course, is a concern and various solutions were offered. Different sizes and pool configurations were presented.

One group suggested that community fund-raising might be easier if improvement of Standley Park as a whole were included, as well as beautification of the medians along Governor Drive (a long-stalled project).

Any donations of time and services to the University City Community Association are tax-deductible because the UCCA is a 501 (c)(3) entity. For information or input or if you wish to serve on the pool committee, please contact Julia Cooper at newpooluc@earthlink.net

History of Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived over 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Celts thought that the otherworldly spirits did damage to property and crops. To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

Adopt a Freeway Plans

The UCCA is interested in applying for the EEMP grant for the Governor Drive -805 interchange. More information can be had at the EEMP website here: <http://resources.ca.gov/eem/>

The UCCA is working on a landscaping plan for the interchange by adopting the interchange, and has submitted their draft AAH application for Caltrans review on October 1st.

Another site where information is available is : <http://adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov/>.

Once adopted, the UCCA would be responsible for a five-year maintenance in agreement with the usual standard provisions. There is a special agreement which governs this relationship between the city and the association.

Supervisor Ron Roberts is very interested in this project and would entertain a funding request proposal. He has asked Gary Rotto, on his staff, to work with the UCCA to obtain a grant proposal, but the expectations should be viewed with caution. So far the Supervisor has not pledged support of the effort and is still considering the level of commitment his office will be involved in. The County grant program is structured on a limited term/one year basis and it is not always known what funds will be available in subsequent years.

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...The **City of San Diego** awarded the construction contract for the **Genesee Avenue Widening project**. This project will widen **Genesee Avenue from I-5 to Campus Point Drive** in the University of California – San Diego area from four lanes to six lanes. The project is scheduled to be opened to traffic by spring 2008...

...**Daylight savings time ends 2 a.m. November 4th**. Remember to "fall back" an hour...

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

Fr. John Paul Forte..of the Newman Center UCSD

Fr. John Paul was born in Hollywood, California on May 15, 1964. His mother tells of how she went into labor while watching a James Bond film — a Sean Connery Bond film. He has 3 older brothers and a sister who is fourteen months younger than he is.



His parents were always into volunteering for something, so he received the "the call" to serve at an early age. As a youngster growing up in

Southern California, he was always attracted to opportunities that invited him to grow beyond himself and his local community. It was for this reason that he enrolled in the Queen of Angels High School for boys exploring a vocation to the priesthood and other ways of service in the Church.

This was a life-changing experience for John Paul, mainly because it stirred the flames of "a call of service" that he wanted to discover and express.

Following high school, he studied at St. John's College Seminary for two years to continue to explore his journey. He discovered quickly that he was called to explore another path.

The road to this path presented itself in one of the mission statements of the Western Dominican Province: "Seek God and truth, and be of good use to others."

He had never heard, so well articulated, what he wanted to do with his life. The path was to become a Dominican priest.

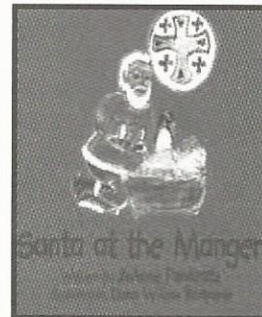
He studied at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley which was a unique consortium of Catholic, Protestant, and other religious institutes. After eight years of study, prayer, community, questions, distractions, and discernment, he was ordained a Dominican priest with three others, one being Fr. Dominic DeLay, who used to serve with him at UCSD.

After ordination he was assigned to St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco for three years,

Stanford University for six years (where his love of university work was born), and to graduate studies in counseling at the University of San Diego. After one year at USD, his studies were interrupted when he received "the call" to serve as Director of the Catholic Community at UCSD. He has been serving there ever since the summer of 2003. He some day hopes to complete his studies in counseling, but he is not sorry for the GIFT of serving the Newman Center at UCSD. God Bless you, Father John Paul.... May you always "seek the truth" and discover how God is calling you "to be of good use to others."

Local Author...Published

Many Christian parents and grandparents find it difficult to harmonize the Santa beloved by children everywhere to the Christ of Christmas. In delightful, fanciful poetry and fun illustrations, "Santa at the Manger" shows how the historical Saint Nicholas was the origin of Santa, and why there are



many "Santas" today. It's sure to become a favorite of children, as well as a helpful resource for

those who explain Santa to them. Having written poetry since childhood, many with Christian themes, Jo Pankratz penned this poem as a Christmas card insert in 2000. Encouraged by friends and brother-in-law Tom Burke to make it into a book, she invited "Red Hat" friend Dona Barbarie to do the illustrations. Both Jo and Dona have macular degeneration - an eye disorder, and live in San Diego.

This book will be on sale at all Christian Bookstores and at the Curie Craft Fair November 3rd, 2007. Contact the author at 858-449-3624 or e-mail at wpankratz@san.rr.com

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Holiday Tree Lighting

Our Christmas Tree Lighting at Standley Park has turned out to be quite a well attended highlight of the Winter Season in UC. This year it will be on December 7th, 2007 at 6:30 pm. Standley Middle School Band, a Barber-Shop Quartet, Our Mother of Confidence Church Choir, Hot Chocolate & Cookies (Compliments of Westfield Shopping Centers), a Fire Truck, Holiday Inspired Balloon Artist, Helium Balloons and the Arrival of SANTA CLAUS. Our warmest thanks and gratitude to Westfield shoppingtown for their generous contributions and to Miramar Nursery for our Christmas tree.

The ladies responsible for making this event happen, Mary Ann Guerra and Darlene Ventimiglia, have been doing this for us for several years now and it might be time for some new volunteers to step up to the plate for next year. If you are a new resident of UC anxious to be an active part of our community which is not overwhelming or you have been to a Christmas Tree Lighting and enjoyed yourself, consider being a part of a group which would be responsible for mounting this event for UC each year. The time commitment is minimal and the satisfaction of providing a fun evening for families in our neighborhood is immeasurable.

From Our Hearts to Their Homes

Holiday Food Drive

We invite you to reach out to the less fortunate & donate what you can to our food drive. Food will be distributed during and after the holidays by St. Vincent de Paul.

PICK UP will be Friday, Nov. 16th. Please call us & leave your address so we don't miss your participation. Leave food on your porch & we will gladly pick up on Friday, Nov. 16th, 12 to 4 pm, or you can drop off at our office located at 4085 Governor Drive.

Wishing you & your family a happy holiday season!



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UC Residents Helping Wildfire Victims...

Several UC residents including Mike Lamp, our association secretary and his family, Marty and Tom Hawley and Barry and Jacque Berntein donated water, canned food, pre-packaged food, canned beverages, sunscreen, toilet seat covers, a tarp and some clothing to the victims of San Diego's firestorm. These good people drove these much needed supplies down to Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday October 21st afternoon. They made a second trip to take hand sanitizer, toilet paper, Chap Stick and children's clothing, to the victims of the wild fires. Part of the difficulty was trying to find out what was needed. The Association is proud of all UC residents to come to the rescue during this awful disaster. It's what makes UC more than just a neighborhood.

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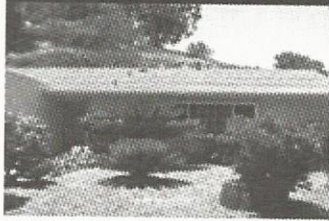
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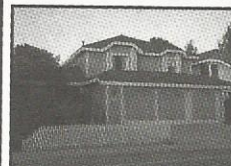
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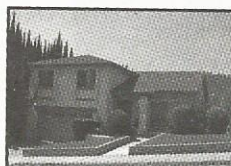
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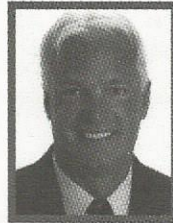
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