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CHANGE IS HAPPENING IN UNIVERSITY CITY

The UC community is invited to provide input on the changes coming to South University City!

Date: Wednesday, February 11

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Standley Middle School Library

In the December/January UCCA newsletter, you read about a master planning effort to improve South University City called "Imagine UC 2020." Several specific projects could be part of that effort, including an expansion of Swanson Pool, a pavilion in Standley Park for concerts and other events, and a walking path around the perimeter of our park.

Your challenge is to DREAM BIG about the community's future and share your ideas.

The UCCA is pleased to provide an opportunity to share specific project ideas and comments regarding overall priorities with your friends and fellow UC residents.

We hope you join us and become part of the effort that will enhance quality of life in our community. Please attend this special meeting. If you cannot be there, share ideas and suggestions by email at info@improveuc.org. UCCA is co-hosting this important opportunity.

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People for a Clean UC

Sunday, February 8, 7:45-8:45 am
Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks, 3202 Governor Dr.
All supplies are provided.

UCCA Community Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 pm
Standley Middle School Library
Discussion of Imagine UC 2020

UC Planning Group

Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm
Forum Hall at UTC

Lincoln's Day

Friday, February 13
Schools Closed

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14

Washington's/President's Day

Monday, February 16
Schools Closed

UC Garden Club

Saturday, February 21, 1:00-3:00pm
7130 Rock Valley Court

UC Celebration Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm
Standley Park Rec. Center

Doyle Recreation Council

Meetings are on the 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm, Doyle Rec. Center

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Meetings are on 4th Thursdays at
6:30 pm, Standley Rec. Center

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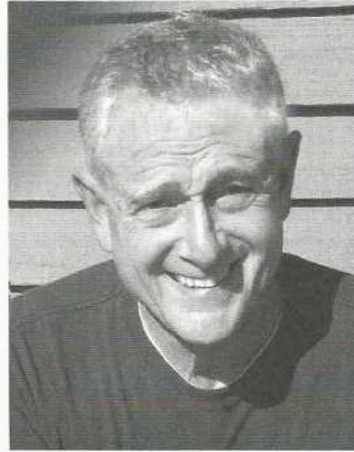
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- Send to UCCAEditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com; email any questions.

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Please send your submission as early as possible. The deadline for the March issue is February 12, but the newsletter can fill up before the deadline. Articles and news items are reviewed as they are received. Priority may be given to UCCA members and time sensitive material. Articles may also be edited for allowed space. UCCA does not discriminate against nor endorse all information in the monthly newsletter.

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**UCCA President
Barry Bernstein's
Column**

Hi Everyone...

2015 is here and it may be a year to remember in University City. "Imagine UC 2020" is the real thing, and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the community wide meeting planned

for Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., February 11th at Standley Middle School.

We want and need your input as a "master plan" should be reflective of ALL its residents. So mark your calendars!

I hope the holidays were wonderful times for you and your families. Our December Tree Lighting was once again, (even though rainy weather forced us indoors...thank you Standley Park staff), a wonderful family event. Special thanks to our co-chairs, Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw. A special highlight of the evening's activities was the recognition proclamation presented to Sandy Lippe by San Diego City Council President, Sherri Lightner, declaring "Sandy Lippe Day" in San Diego. (See back page for photos.)

Welcome to the new "Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf"...UCCA and our community is happy to have you here. (We understand a dental office will be your building partner sometime soon). On the business topic, if you have your 2015 UCCA membership card handy...take advantage of the special discount offerings thanks to our "Buy Local" program. You can go to our web site to learn more about the specific discounts.

On January 8th a small committee representing UCCA met with FAA and Miramar MCAS personnel to discuss concerns related to military aircraft and safety concerns. We owe a big thank you to U.S. Congressman Scott Peters for making this meeting possible. There's a brief report on the meeting on page 9. We welcome your comments and reactions.

Remember to renew/join UCCA...we need you to help us with our efforts in maintaining, improving and supporting all the great activities and causes that affect our quality of life in South U.C....because we are "more than just a Neighborhood."

Warmest regards,
Barry

EDITOR'S NOTES...

By Jemma Samala

Now that we've turned over that calendar for a new year, things are going to get pretty hectic in the neighborhood. Lots of planning meetings are going on for all the upcoming school events – fundraisers, showcases, graduations, etc. But we do this all for the love of our community.

And speaking of love, February is when we recognize those who we love in our lives. Of course, we shouldn't limit it to the 14th of February, but it should be a daily thing. Including the love of our University City community. I ♥ UC.

Some UC families are examples of showing a strong love of both family and the UC community. I know of quite a few UC couples that have been married over 50 years, raised their children in UC and now their grandchildren are growing up in the community. Many of these couples I have seen at their grandchildren's sporting and school events: the Cowell's, the Clark's, the Ferrier's, the Pates, and the Ahern's, which are featured to the right. And there are many more multi-generation families all around UC.

Plus I wouldn't be a good daughter if I didn't give a shout out to my own parents, Elmer and Lita Samala, who just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Although I wasn't raised in UC, my parents moved here upon retirement to be close to their grandsons, cheering them on at more basketball and baseball games that you can imagine.

Love of our entire community makes our UC village such a great place to raise a family. Make sure to show love for our community on a daily basis, and your family will love you for it.

Do you have a great UC family love story? Let me know. In the meantime, go forth and love your family, and our community neighbors...and they will love you back.

Editor's Event Picks

February 27, 6:30-11:00pm: Curie Party with a Purpose. The Curie PTA's second annual fundraiser will be at the Marina Village this year and offers food, drink, auction and live music. For info: www.curiepta.org/parent-party-2015/

April 10: The UCHS Music Boosters is presenting a "Sights & Sounds Showcase – A Musical Journey Featuring Students, Staff & Special Friends." Come to a fun evening and become acquainted with the many talented individuals in our community. All proceeds will benefit the University City High School Music Department, which provides a high quality, comprehensive music program for our students. The UCHS Music Boosters operates under the umbrella of the UCHS Centurion Foundation. More details will follow next month.

May 2: EdUCate's annual Taste of the Triangle will be held at the UCSD Faculty Club. Guests will help EdUCate "reach for the stars" in supporting our five local public schools. Sponsors, auction basket donations, and lots of volunteers are needed. To help out, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com. More info at: www.uc-educate.org

A Legacy of Love



Three generations of the Ahern Family. Photo courtesy of Sara Owens.

Long time University City residents Susanna and Fritz Ahern are the couple behind a three-generation strong UC family, including their children Sara, Roger, Fritz and Travis. The younger generations all attended or are still attending local UC schools. Married 52 years, Susanna and Fritz cheer on their grandchildren at every sporting event offered. Baseball, softball, wrestling, you name it – the family has the sport covered.

Son Roger has learned from them that "Family is everything. And that Wednesday night dinners every week on Stresemann Street is what keeps us strong."

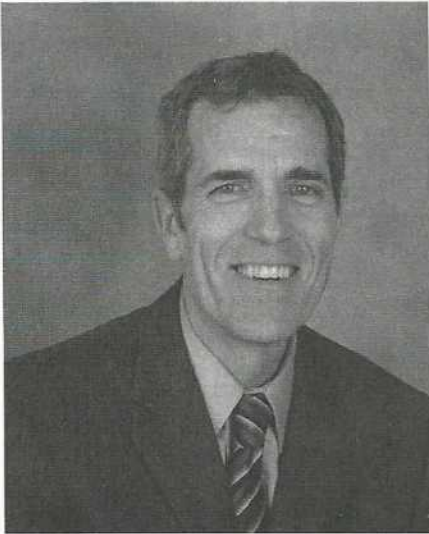
The Ahern's have also always been strong supporters of UC organizations, including UCCA. Their living legacy exemplifies the spirit of why UC is one of the best places to raise a family.



UCHS Marching Band. Photo Courtesy of Greg Hom

UCCA PROVIDES GRANT TO UCHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

The University City High School Music Boosters would like to thank the University City Community Association for their very generous donation of \$1000 toward the purchase of a sound mixing board. The addition of a mixer to the UCHS Music Department will allow the ensembles, including the marching band, to amplify soloists and achieve a better balance and blend of sound during rehearsals and competitions. We are extremely grateful for the continuing support of the University City Community Association. Thank you UCCA!



Fixing Up Our Schools and the Neighborhood

John Lee Evans
San Diego Unified
Trustee, District A

We are continuing on our quest to integrate our neighborhood schools into our local communities. There are many ongoing improvements to UC High sports facilities that will benefit students from all of our UC schools.

Imagine UC 2020 is another step in this direction. We are looking at how we can use school district resources to improve our schools and enhance our community at the same time. One proposal is to improve the school district/park joint use area from Standley Middle School to Spreckels Elementary. Ideas include an enhanced aquatics center at Standley Park that would allow for high school practice and competition, swimming instruction for all of the UC schools and continued use by the public; a jogging track around the park connecting the two schools that could be used by PE classes and running clubs and available to the neighbors the rest of the time.

ImproveUC already has been developing a plan for a permanent stage/pavilion in the park for community performances, which could be utilized for outdoor school performances and events. We also need to look at how to make Governor Drive pedestrian and bike friendly to enhance access to this neighborhood gathering place

We will have a special community meeting co-sponsored by San Diego Unified, UC Community Association and ImproveUC. We will present the above ideas, listen to feedback and solicit other ideas to improve our community. We want to develop a plan that will take us from now to the year 2020. Don't miss this opportunity to give your input. It will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Standley Middle School Media Center in the center of the campus. Parents, students and community members of all ages are invited to attend *Imagine UC 2020*.

Happy 2015 from Council District 1

Sherri Lightner
San Diego City
Councilwoman



I am proud to serve Council District One as the newly elected San Diego City Council President. As we enter the new year, there are many issues to address, and I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with the Mayor and my Council colleagues to tackle the challenges ahead.

My top priorities for the coming year include:

1. **Fiscal Year 2016 Budget:** I look forward to approving a budget that increases essential public services such as police, fire and lifeguards, includes more funding for essential infrastructure needs, including more street resurfacing, as well as restores services such as tree trimming and recreation center hours.
2. **Economic Development:** I am excited about working on topics such as closing the job skills gap and promoting the San Diego/Tijuana Mega Region. I am especially looking forward to positioning San Diego as THE hub for innovation, and advancing our tech and cyber-security sectors.
3. **Water Policy:** I am committed to developing an affordable and sustainable water supply for our future. I am excited to work on expanding the use of grey water, as well as storm water capture and re-use.
4. **Charter Review Committee:** On Thursday, January 15th, the newly formed Charter Review Committee met for the first time. The goal of the committee is to bring our City's Charter into the 21st century and make it work better for both our citizens and city departments. Many sections of the Charter are outdated, confusing and contradictory and need to be corrected or updated.

In the first meeting, the committee discussed the history of Charter reform in San Diego, as well as Charter reform in other large California cities and jurisdictions, including the County of San Diego. In examining the changes made and processes used elsewhere, the Committee hopes to approach Charter revisions in San Diego in the most efficient way possible.

The City is currently soliciting input on which provisions of the Charter might need to be changed or improved. Members of the public can email suggestions to sherrilightner@sandiego.gov.

THE U.C. PLANNING GROUP REPORT

by Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1

At the January 13 UCPG meeting, reports were given by MCAS by Col. Farnam, the police and the UCPG president. The police report covered a recent string of robberies and scams. A question was asked about the new no right on red from Regents Road to Governor; the police will refer a request for a more prominent sign to the transportation dept. The chair announced that we will have one vacant North UC resident seat on the board starting in January and an interim will be appointed.

The UCSD report listed two new projects: the Center for Novel Therapeutics on the Science Research Park and an Outpatient Pavilion to consolidate outpatient surgical services and diagnostics and physical therapy in the Health Sciences area with both projects on the East Campus.

City Council President Sherri Lightner attended and emphasized that she will be working to revise and simplify the city charter this year. She announced that Mayor Faulconer was to give the state of the city address on Thursday, January 15. It was announced that Mel Millstein from her office will be leaving but the good news is that Jamie Hoover will now be her rep. Lightner's office has always been helpful and well represented at UCPG meetings. Marty Block's representative reported on SB 15, a possible 5% tuition reduction with incentive to graduate in 4 yrs. Scott Peters' representative Hugo Carmona reported that the congressman was working on increasing jobs, making college affordable.

During the public Comment, Barry Bernstein announced a UCCA meeting on February 11 at Standley School library at 6:30 p.m. as a large community meeting on Imagine UC 2020. Joe LaCava announced that he will run for election in District 1.

An informative digital presentation was given by Caltrans on the rebuilding of the I-5 Genesee Interchange with a new wider bridge with 6 lanes and double the number of lanes on the on and off ramps, and an I-5 southbound auxiliary lane between Genesee and Sorrento Valley

Road as well as a paved bike path and bridge over Genesee on the West side of I-5. Clearing for construction will start February 15 and the project will open to traffic in 2017. Unfortunately, the January 21 meeting will not be rescheduled. You can check plans and progress on the project at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/Genesee and see the video which was shown at the UCPG meeting as well as details of the bike paths.

Sewer repairs are being done primarily on Angell Avenue in U.C.; temporary above ground pipes will be used until completion.

The Bike Coalition of San Diego showed slides of the Rose Creek bridge planned to span the existing railroad, the planned trolley and the I-5. The bridge will be located just north of the 52/La Jolla Parkway entrance to La Jolla for bikes and pedestrians. This will be necessary since the tracks will be fenced and prevent illegal crossings. The bike path will start at Bothe, go west in San Clemente Canyon and turn north running along the railroad linking the Rose Canyon bike path with the San Clemente Canyon path with the bridge crossing from East to West. This item will be continued at the next meeting since the meeting abruptly ended when all the lights went out.

February 10th will be the next UCPG meeting in Forum Hall, above Wells Fargo Bank, UTC at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items so far are the continuation of the Rose Creek Bike path and bridge, the UC East Apartments on Genesee expansion, and the Alegria Regents Road housing development. But keep in mind that the city must approve each stage of the planning before the UCPG can vote, giving their opinion to the city council.

Changes and additions to the UCPG agenda are ongoing until required posting three days before the meeting. You can view the posted agenda at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas.shtml>

If you would like to receive agendas via email, send your request to sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov and indicate University planning group. Hope to see many of you at the UCPG meeting February 10.

On Sunday, February 8 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm Our Mother of Confidence will exhibit Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece "La Traviata". The church hall has a 14-foot wide screen and a special sound system, which will make this a very enjoyable screening. The production stars Rene Fleming and Rolando Villazon. This event is free to everyone. All are welcome. Bring your own snacks, lunch and beverages and join us for an afternoon of Opera. No registration is necessary.

Library on Governor February Event Highlights

4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-552-1655 | sandiegolibrary.org

Many thanks to the Friends of the UC Library for their generous sponsorship. You, too, can be a Friend. Ask at the Check Out Desk.

Events for Children/Families

Preschool Story Time for Kids - Every Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts, finger plays and songs with Mr. Larry.

Signing Story Time - Every Saturday @ 11:30 a.m. Sign language fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with Jennifer Duncan.

Events for Tweens/Teens

Kendama Club - Every Wednesday @ 1:30 p.m. (starts again February 18th). Kendama is a traditional Japanese toy which consists of a ken (sword) and tama (ball) connected by a string. Test your skills against others, learn new tricks and just have FUN!!!

Video Game Friday's - Every Friday @ 3:00 p.m. (starts again February 20th). Wii gaming with your friends! Teens! Get your game on!

Events for Adults/Seniors

Go Gaming - Every Tuesday @ 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Learn the ancient mind game of Go from the President of the San Diego Chapter of the American Go Association.

Adult Yoga - Every Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m. Gentle exercises to aid flexibility and improve concentration. Bring your own yoga mat or towel.

Movie Matinee - Wednesday, February 11 @ 2:00 p.m. Call the library for the title.



Chair Sit Yoga - Tuesdays, February 3 and February 17 @ 2:00 p.m. Get fit where you sit! Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support.

Memoir Writing Class - Thursday, February 12 & 26 @ 1:00 p.m. Find guidance, inspiration and acceptance of the past in this writing group.

Accordion Club - Saturdays, February 14 & 28 @ 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. New members are always welcome!

Asian Family Story Theater - Wednesday, February 18 @ 2:30 p.m. Asian Story Theater began in 1989, dramatizing Chinese folk tales. Join us for a theater production related to the Lunar New Year Celebrations.

Fine Wine Seminar - Wednesday, February 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Wine Basics or a Common Sense Approach to Wine. Join Bill Curtis who will share what questions to ask clerks in a wine shop, and servers in a restaurant when ordering wine.

Gardens of France - Thursday, February 19 @ 2:00 p.m. Join local author Glenda de Vaney present a slide show of France and reading from her book, "Journeys Through France and Life."

Concert - Neave Trio - Wednesday, February 25 @ 6:30 p.m. Hailed by critics for their "bright and radiant music making." The Neave Trio is violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov and pianist Toni James.

North University City Library February Event Highlights

8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 | 858-581-9637 | sandiegolibrary.org | friends.northuclibrary.org/

Events for Children/Families

Craft Time - Saturdays @ 11:45 a.m. Let your creativity run wild with a fun craft activity! Children under 8 welcome with an adult or older sibling.

Young Artist Series - Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. Local young musicians showcase their talents in an informal, interactive setting designed to expose children to the world of music.

Family Movie Night - Tuesday, February 4 and 17 @ 5 p.m. Enjoy a family-friendly movie in our Community Room. Please call the library for more details.

Family Yoga - Monday, February 9 and 23 @ 10:30 a.m. Families enjoy healthy fun and bonding while exploring yoga poses and breathing exercises. Please bring your own mat.

Lunar New Year Celebration - Saturday, February 14 @ 11 a.m. Celebrate the year of the Sheep/Goat/Ram with storytelling, arts & crafts, and a special Dragon Dance and martial arts showcase.

Events for Adults/Seniors

Small Business Assistance - Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help in navigating the process to starting a business. Appointments available by calling the library.

Job Help Assistance - Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m. Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers help with resume writing and job searching. Appointments available by calling the library.

ESL Conversation - Wednesdays @ 5:00 p.m. Improve English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting.

Zumba® - Sundays @ 12:30 p.m. The exercise class that started the dance-fitness revolution and changed the way we look at a "workout" forever. It's fun, effective and made for everyone!

Knitters' Circle - Thursday, February 5 and 19 @ 1:00 p.m. Yarn enthusiasts at all skill levels are welcome. Basic instruction is available.

Note: All San Diego Public Libraries will be CLOSED Presidents Day, Monday, February 16. Please contact the library to confirm events and for a complete schedule. Changes are rare, but may occur.



The microscopes at Standley being used by the science department were more than 20 years old, most of them having been broken and repaired from use over time. Through a Teacher Grant, EdUCate! was able to fully fund all 36 microscopes!

EDUCATE! FUNDS LOCAL SCHOOLS

The EdUCate! Foundation recently granted much needed funds to the five UC public schools. Teachers from each school submitted requests, and the following were granted:

Curie Elementary: Alphabet Sounds Teaching Tubs and Storage for Transitional Kindergarten; 140 4th Grade Literature Circle Books; "History Brought to Life", 4th grade assembly that brings California history to life.

Doyle Elementary: Books for K-5 Speech and Language Program; 28 Wired Computer Mice for 3rd grade; Big Bopper Batting Tee and Portable Recess Rack for PE Department; PermaBound Library Books TK-5 for Media Center; Basketball Hoop and Net for Kindergarten Playground; 1st grade "Math Reads", literature books for Math and Magnetic Scheduling Clocks; Classroom Rug of the United States for 5th grade; Tumbling Mat and Portable PA system for PE.

Spreckels Elementary: Joy Cowley Collection of BIG books for TK and Kindergarten; IXL Math Online Classroom License for 1 year for all students in computer lab; iTunes Gift Cards with which to purchase Educational Apps – 1st Grade Team; Non-Fiction Guided Reading Books for 1st grade team.

Standley Middle School: iPad Mini and iTunes Gift Card for ASB to run lunch music program, create promotional videos, record Principal Chats, manage ASB events and fundraisers; 7th and 8th grade Historical Flags for Social Studies Department; 6th grade Social Science High Interest Reading Material

University City High School; Printing costs for "The Commander"; School-wide Recycle Bins and Program Implementation; Inquiries in Science: 7 Kit Series for Chemistry; A Computer for Computer Applications in Business; Books for Reluctant Readers for AVID and ESL 9-12 graders; Dissection Kits and Trays for AP Environmental Science and Marine Science; Cell Communication Kit (cell interactive model) for Biology; Meiosis – Lily Anther Slide Set for Biology; AP Literature Novels (All the Pretty Horses, Beloved, Heart of Darkness), OASIS student incentives; Ultimate Frisbee/Footballs/Tennis Racquets and Jump ropes for PE; 5 White Lab Coats for the BioMedical Program's White Coat Ceremony

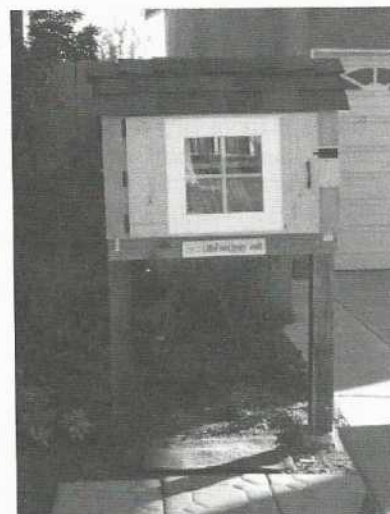
Garden Club Talks Orchids

The February meetup of the UC Garden Club will be held on Saturday, February 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the garden of Sue Boudreau, 7130 Rock Valley Court. Sue's garden is extensive and wonderfully landscaped, with herbs, passionfruit, milkweed, a water feature, beehives, a bird coop, and many other features. Nico Goossens of the Orchid Society, a well-respected expert on orchids, will speak. Nico will bring orchids for display and purchase. For info, email: ucgardenclub@gmail.com

THERE'S ANOTHER LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN UC!

Please check out the latest Little Free Library in UC! It's located at 5147 Via Cinta at the home of Christine and Joe Bride. When Christine asked for the free library for Christmas, Joe researched sample building plans available on the Little Free Library website:

littlefreelibrary.org. Joe then came up with a custom design for the library. However, building it took the help of neighbors. Some neighbors lent tools for the project while others donated shingles for the roof. Joe also built the bench in front of the library. Come by, rest a bit, and see what you could be reading today!



SPRECKELS IS A STAR PERFORMER

by Staci Torgeson

Spreckels is proud to be recognized as a Star Visual and Performing Arts school by the school district for the 2013-2014 school year! We are pleased to offer our students instruction in all of the visual and performing arts disciplines this year as well. This school year we are once again partnering with Young Audiences of San Diego, a local arts education not-for-profit organization, to bring an artist in residence program to the school.

Through this program, professional local artists come into our classrooms and work with our teachers to instruct students through dance (Kindergarten and 1st grade), visual arts (2nd and 3rd grade) and theater (4th and 5th grade). In addition to the Young Audiences program, each grade level enjoys music class with Mr. Sibley and 4th and 5th grade students also have opportunities to join chorus, band and orchestra. Our students also enjoy BASE (Before and After School Enrichment) programs that include theater, dance and piano. Students love to perform at our annual Fiesta de Mayo and we invite the University City community to join us for a fun and festive family night - Save the date for May 20th!

Save money when you Buy Local; exclusive offers for UCCA members*

UCCA members can take advantage of the following Buy Local offers when presenting their 2015 UCCA membership card at time of purchase. For an up-to-date listing, including location and contact information, visit the Buy Local page at www.universitycitynews.org.

- AlphaGraphics on Governor, Scott Weathers: **Save 20% on your first project (print, mail, large format, promotional products) of \$150 or more.**
- Better Than Home Placement, Merle Berman Langston: **\$200 toward moving costs when our free service helps you find an assisted living residence for your loved one.**
- Chabad Center of UC: **New members save almost \$30 monthly on the \$150 per month Family Rate.**
- ComForcare Home Care: **New customers receive 50% off your first 25 hours of care; also includes free nurse assessment.**
- Cycle Quest: **Save 10% off MSRP on any store purchase (labor excluded) when you mention this UCCA Buy Local offer; or visit our website and share in the same savings by using coupon code "UCCA".**
- Dance 9: **Save 10% for new dancers ages 3 to adult.**
- Diane Medina, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty: **I'll pay your escrow fee when you buy or sell with me.**
- Discovery Property Group, Mark Powell, Realtor: **Free Home Warranty valued at \$450 when you buy or sell your next home with me.**
- Gray Loan Team, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage: **Free initial consultation with Steve Gray and mortgage pre-approval.**
- Helping Hands Senior Concierge Services: **Free 1 (one) Hour Service per month.**
- Kelly Johnson Fitness: **Free consultation and 10% off fitness package for new clients.**
- Klassen Painting: **10% discount for UCCA members that call for a new estimate on any house painting project.**
- Lori Miller, First Choice Properties: **Save thousands in commission when you sell or buy with me.**
- Lorna's Italian Kitchen: **Save 50% on Bottles of Beer and Wine Sunday through Thursday (In-House Only). With current UCCA membership card, receive 10% off your meal.**
- Outcast Grill: **Free drink of your choice with the purchase of any meal on the first Wednesday every month! Limit one per person.**
- Remcon Design Build: **Free in home estimate & 10% off any Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels, Room Additions, or Complete Home Remodeling projects.**
- Roberts Carpet Cleaning: **New customers save 25%.**
- Round Table Pizza on Governor: **Save 20% on any meal purchase, dine in or take out. Excludes alcoholic beverages. Not valid with any other offer.**
- Save Their Story Video Biographies: **Save 10% on either regular or extended video interview package.**
- STUDIO A SALON: **New clients save 10% on any service with Hairstylists, Manicurist and Esthetician.**
- Terri Day, Realtor, First Choice Properties: **Free Home Inspection when you buy your next home with me, valued at \$450.**
- UCSolarClub.org: **Save up to \$1000 when you purchase a Solar System and up to \$500 when you purchase an Energy Storage System.**



Buy Local with UCCA: Meet Two Local Business Leaders

Gray Loan Team, Steve Gray

Steve Gray of Wells Fargo Mortgage and a UC resident since 1985 has been helping the families of University City purchase and refinance properties for 26 years. With his background in financial planning, Steve can help you make a sound mortgage decision.

Thinking about buying a house? Regardless of your level of home buying experience, Steve can provide you with the information you need to make informed home buying and financing decisions.

Thinking about improving your home or need to make emergency repairs? Learn about financing your home improvement plans and staying on track during each step of the project. Find out how to finance home maintenance or repairs.

Thinking about refinancing? With the recent drop in mortgage rates and a 'no closing cost' mortgage, anybody with a mortgage rate higher than 4.0% could save a substantial amount of interest with a new Wells Fargo mortgage.

For a free consultation, Steve can be reached at 858-254-1740 or www.grayloanteam.com.

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Better Than Home Placement, Merle Berman Langston

Better Than Home Placement is a local company providing a free compassionate, personalized placement service in the San Diego County area.

When a family member or friend can no longer live safely at home alone, we can help you find a place where your loved one will be nurtured in a caring, safe and healthy environment. There are no fees associated with this service since our fees are paid by the providers.

If your loved one would prefer to live at home, we can also recommend caregivers who are honest, reputable and caring. We can also advise and coordinate in the transition process and help find sources of additional funding.

Not only do you have our expert knowledge of the communities and caregivers in the area, but you also have our personal time commitment to drive or meet you there to participate in these meetings with you.

Visit us at www.betterthanhomeplacement.com or contact Merle Langston (formerly Berman), a UC resident since 1974, for more information at 619-772-1125.

*There is still time to join UCCA. Refer to the membership coupon in this issue for information. All members receive a membership card and personalized calendar; those who join at the \$100 level receive an insulated shopping bag as well. And there is still time for local businesses to participate. Visit the UCCA website at www.universitycitynews.org for details.



Coffee Bean & Tea's District Manager Yolanda Griffin and Store Manager Brittany Soucier

University City Welcomes Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

University City's new and colorful Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, founded in 1963 in Southern California, is located in the Vons/RiteAid shopping area on Governor Drive. The location features a "drive-thru" service lane and comfortable indoor/outdoor seating. Coffee Bean & Tea is known for their handcrafted coffee and herbal tea drinks, and very friendly service. Stop by and welcome our new neighbors!

Miramar MCAS Air Controllers Update

On Thursday, January 8th, UCCA president Barry Bernstein, along with two U.C. residents familiar with jet aircraft and flight protocol, Ron Belanger and Andy Gurney, met to review with supervisory FAA air controllers AND Miramar Air Station personnel, (including the Lt. Col. in charge of air operations and two community liaisons). Barbara Blake, MTAC chairperson also was in attendance. The meeting was arranged by and held at U.S. Congressman Scott Peters' office.

The purpose was not only to serve as a neighborly reminder to those that control the air traffic and how aircraft in the area can affect our residents, but to also discuss some agreed upon specific issues. Those were; 1) the sometimes deviation of take-offs that may occur and cause unnecessary concern to residents, 2) the "distressed" aircraft that fly over when a decision to land at Miramar is made, 3) the very large fuel filled tankers that do not manage to head in the most northerly prescribed path, and 4) the preparations for the F-35, single engine jets that will be replacing the current F-18s.

No follow-up meeting date has been established. If you have questions or are interested in serving on this committee please contact Barry Bernstein.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TELEPHONE SCAMS!

At a recent UCCA meeting, Lt. Tina Williams and Community Relations Officer Larry Hesselgesser reported an increase in telephone scams in our area and throughout San Diego. The scammers come up with a convincing story and ask you to send money through a pre-paid credit card. Once you give them the scratch off numbers on the back of the card, the money is theirs. Unfortunately, the police are not able to solve many of these crimes because the bad guys use untraceable pre-paid cell phones. If someone you do not know asks you to send them money via pre-paid credit card, assume it's a scam. For more information on scams and other crime alerts, visit the Crime & Safety link on www.nextdoor.com.



GOOD DEEDS OF LOCAL POLICE

Kudos to our Northern Division Police and Capt. Hara who decided to do a good deed for a Clairemont family whose Christmas was nearly ruined. They donated their own money to help burglary victims when on December 20, a Clairemont family came home to find someone had broken into their apartment, opened all their children's presents and stolen the expensive ones, in addition to the family computer. The thieves broke in through a window.

Nine-year-old twins Aldo and Aylin, 14-year-old Daniel and their parents came home to see the gifts opened and many of them gone. "And I was wondering where the computer was," Aylin said. "They left the clothes, the socks and little balls, like basketballs, soccer balls," Hara added.

Officers who responded felt so bad for the children they took up a collection at the station to replace the gifts. "To have their gifts in shambles and most of them missing – our officers felt really bad about that," San Diego Police Department Cpt. Jerry Hara said. "Everyone just reached into their pocket \$10, \$20, \$50, whatever our officers can afford."

By Monday night the parents were able to buy new presents, but the family is still out a computer and other items. Officers set up a donation box at the Northern Division station in UC so the public can donate too. No one has been arrested for the burglary.



Standley Middle School Basketball Champs

By Marie Minnick

Congratulations go out to our University City Standley Middle School 7th grade boys Centurions basketball team for winning the 2014 Fall basketball league Championship at Alliant University. The Team is all Standley 7th graders: Jalen LeFear, Luke Minnick, Rowan Hicks, Ian Tom, Bradly Lawrence, Sebastian Knox, Liam Bailey, Dylan Pursel, Antoine Walker and Coaches Mike Minnick and Julie Hicks.



SWANSON POOL TO OPEN SIX WEEKS EARLY

Thanks to funds from our Council District 1 and council president Sherri Lightner, Swanson Pool will reopen six weeks earlier than originally scheduled. The new pool closure dates are from January 12 through March 8. Please send your appreciation to sherrilightner@sandiego.gov.

Centurion Girls Volleyball Earns Top Academic Honors

A big congratulations goes out to the UCHS Varsity Girls Volleyball Team which was recently named the All Academic Team for the Metro region of the CIF San Diego Section. UCHS Athletic Director Mary Ann McLaughlin said "this is a very big accomplishment" and is very proud of all the players.

The All Academic teams for each sport are selected by earning the highest team combined GPA. The Cymer Scholar award was earned by UCHS Senior Emma Choi based on having the highest cumulative, weighted GPA. For parents of student athletes, you know the amount of dedication it takes to keep up the grades while spending hours upon hours at practices, games, and tournaments.



UCHS plans to honor the girls at a future event. Congrats to the entire team: Jocelyn Aguilar, Maya Arriaga, Noella Arriaga, Melia Carlin, Emma Choi, Avalon Denocochea, Jessica Doyle, Sara Frederich, Katie Gleaves, Daniela Gregor, Justine Hart, Hannah Hartin, Audrey Kinshofer, Taylor Martin, Jennifer Provencher, and Sierra Varano.





UC's Little Known Treasure – Its Very Own Cricket Team

by Shabari Ramegowda

If you passed by the Standley Park on Governor Drive on a Sunday morning, you would most likely see a group of men passionately playing a game. Although the sport being played is intriguing to a few many would recognize it as Cricket, a sport to some and a way of life to others. It is a bat and ball game played between two teams. Each team takes its turn to bat attempting to score runs while the other team fields. Sounds a bit like baseball. But one look at the wooden stumps (wickets) on both sides of the central play area (the pitch) and you would know it's not baseball. The modern game of cricket has its origins in the British Empire and is popular in South Asia, Australia, Southern Africa and the Caribbean.

These men are passionate about Cricket and meet every Sunday come rain or shine either to practice or play a friendly game. They call themselves *The Doyle Devils*. The team was formed almost 9 years ago when a group of postdoctoral scholars and technology professionals came together at Doyle Park on Regents to play their favorite sport. Today they have grown in number and remain strong and loyal to the game. They hope to keep growing and are always happy to recruit new faces to share the joy and friendship the game brings. The team welcomes members of the community to play or to watch the ongoing games.

One of the cricketers, Vivek Mariyanna, a cricket aficionado says "Cricket is much more than just a game. It brings people together. When I am playing with *The Doyle Devils* I am not only sharing the love of the game but also meeting and interacting with people from different professional and cultural backgrounds."

The games are played on Sunday mornings till noon at Standley Park on Governor Drive (next to Swanson Pool). You are welcome to email doyledevils cricket@yahoo.com for additional information. The Doyle Devils cricket team is proud to be part of the UC community.

SPORTS SHORTS

UC SPIRIT RUN: Save the date of Saturday, April 25 as the Centurion Foundation hosts the 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk around the UCHS campus. The event supports UCHS sports teams and extracurricular groups, and is available for all UC schools to fundraise. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Contact jemmasamala@gmail.com if interested.

UC Del Sol: Opening Day is Saturday, February 28, noon at Hickman Fields in Kearny Mesa. For info: www.ucdelsof.com

UC Little League: Opening Day is Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am at Standley Park. For info: www.ucll.org

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Share the Road

By Sharon Goodis

The Three Feet for Safety Act is now in effect. The Three Feet for Safety Act requires motorists to give at least three feet of clearance when passing people riding bikes. **How does a motorist tell if they're giving at least three feet?** Motorists park their cars with enough space so they can open the passenger-side door — which is about three feet wide — without hitting anything else. That is at least the clearance a motorist should give a bicyclist when passing in the same lane. To make it easier, just change lanes.

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Sandy Lippe Day

SD City Council President, Sherri Lightner declared December 12, 2014, as "Sandy Lippe Day" in San Diego. She received a special proclamation with all kinds of "whereas"... she did this and she did that...it was very impressive.

Sandy is a past president of Standley Park Recreation Council and UCCA. She has been an organizing advocate

for the SDPD library on Governor and many community beautification projects, in particular the recent establishment of the Peter Burch Memorial Fountain at Marcy Park. Some of her accomplishments include: Being a writer and past chair of the UCCA newsletter; and serving as liaison with city officials and Scripps Health for support of many UCCA-sponsored community projects. The UCCA will miss her knowledge, kindness and 'getting things done' for the UC community. We know she'll stay involved with important issues affecting UC as she now plans to devote more time to her family and church. Congratulations and thank you to Sandy Lippe, UCCA's and University City's 'super volunteer'. You're the greatest!

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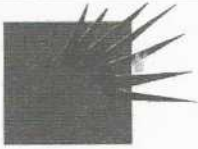


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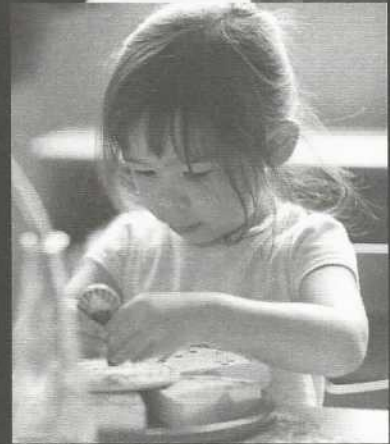
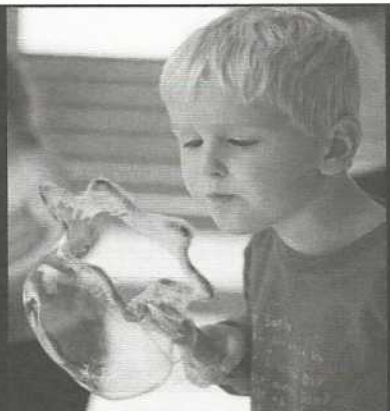
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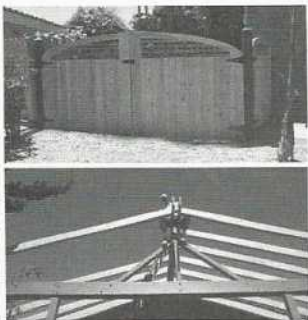
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A SPLASHING SUCCESS!

by Darlene Ventimiglia

Great songs played from the past did not dampen a rainy night at UCCA's 13th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 12. Because of groups like the Standley Middle School Marching Band, under the direction of Phillip Marcus gave their usual spirited performance, performing classics such as "Singing in the Rain", "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head." Ernie Lippe's Tuesday Night Alibi Barbershop Quartet "helped keep spirits bright." Our Mother of Confidence Children's Chorus directed by Mary Jo Mathis and Sister Angela brought smiles to our faces and brightened our hearts. Moreover, Fire Truck #35 and the Firemen warmed the hearts of children and adults alike on this dewy evening.

A highlight of the night was the Proclamation of Sandy Lippe Day by City Council President, Sherri Lightner. With boundless energy and passion for her beloved University City, Sandy has contributed countless hours to make our community "more than a neighborhood."

Canned goods and non-perishable food donations were collected and delivered to the Marines' Food Locker by John Hargrove. Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies were served, along with a generous donation of chocolate chip cookies by Carl's Jr.

We again, thank Judy Bethel our local creative Tree and Christmas Display Designer. Jim Simon and Dave Buttemer, long-time UC residents are who make this UC holiday tradition HAPPEN! Their enthusiasm, loyalty, attention to detail, engineering feats and dedication to UC is appreciative and gratifying.

Special thanks to community volunteers Andy Freeburn, Bobbie Westdal and Carole Pietras. UCCA Board Members: President, Barry Bernstein, Chairs, Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia, also Sandy Lippe, Barbara Gellman, Terry Jones, Ginny Charvat, Hallie Burch, Diane Ahern, Merle Berman and Mack Langston lent a helping hand.

This event is supported through funds made available by your UCCA memberships and we hope this small town tradition will continue to spread "Joy to the World."

(Photos courtesy of James Floyd)

