

University City

Community Association Newsletter

... more than a neighborhood

Membership Drive UCCA Needs Your Support

by Ginny Charvat, UCCA Treasurer

It's February, the month we start our annual Membership Drive at University City Community Association.

Enclosed in this Newsletter is an envelope that you can fill in and insert your check. Then put it in the mail and you have once again helped us to support many events in our community. You can also join with Paypal by going to our website <http://universitycitynews.org>

Upon receipt of your membership,
we'll send you an "I Love University City" sticker.

In the past we have supported the 4th of July Celebration, the Summer Concerts, the Holiday Tree Lighting, the painting of the electrical boxes, the banners on the main streets of UC, various school projects, and the Newsletter. With the newsletter now self-sustaining, we are able to direct more money to other projects. This year we are working on improving the medians on Governor Drive.

Thank you to those who have supported us in prior years. We hope you will renew this year and we encourage others to join UCCA as we work together to make

University City.....more than a neighborhood

MORE than a Tree Lighting

by Darlene Ventimiglia

It's More than a Tree Lighting, More than a marching band, More than a barbershop quartet, a children's choir AND even MORE than Santa Claus coming to town. It is the coming together of a community and enjoying our neighbors and renewing friendships.



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New Contest Banners Flying High

by Sandy Lippe



Hopefully you have looked up while driving on Governor Drive to see the four winning contest banners with the theme: "U.C. Has It All." Scripps Healthcare has made a generous contribution to underwrite the banner contest and banner design. Working with Julie Lee, Director of Community Relations at Scripps, UCCA would like to thank Scripps for their financial support. The winning artists and Scripps Healthcare will be feted in March when UCCA celebrates its 10th anniversary.

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February 2012

Calendar

UCCA Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 p.m. UC Library

Lincoln's Birthday

Sunday, February 12, 1809

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

6:00 p.m. Forum Hall/UTC

Public invited

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14

U.C. Celebration Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 p.m. Standley Rec Center

Presidents' Day Observed

Monday, February 20

U.C. Garden Club

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 p.m. U.C Library

George Washington's Birthday

Wednesday, February 22, 1732

Standley Recreation Council

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

Standley Recreation Center

Leap Year Extra Day

Wednesday, February 29

Neighborhood Watch...

A Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at University City United Church, 2877 Governor Drive, on Wednesday, February 29th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00.

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Guidelines:

- Type your article, approximately 250 words, in a document and attach to e-mail.
- Attach pictures separately in a picture format.
- Send to EditorUCCA@gmail.com
- Please, no **full page** flyers or announcements.
- No editorials or opinions.

The deadline for the next publication, the March 2012 newsletter, is February 15. Please send your submission as early as possible. Articles will be printed on a first come basis with priority given to time sensitive information. The UCCA does not discriminate nor do we endorse all information contained in the monthly newsletter.

President's Message by Peter Burch

It was wonderful seeing so many of our families at our December Holiday Tree Lighting. The entertainment, refreshments, and holiday spirit were so heartwarming. Thanks to all who made the evening so special, especially Darlene Ventimiglia and Judy Bethel, our event organizers.

I want to welcome two new members to our Board. Beth Crawford has been appointed as our 2012 membership chairperson, and George Odero, who is heading up the U.C. 4th of July Celebration, was appointed as our first publicity and promotion chair. Hallie Burch returns as our elected recording secretary, and Ginny Charvat will take over as our elected treasurer. Hugh Pates and Barbara Henshaw, both past UCCA presidents, will serve as our election protocol advisor and corresponding secretary respectively. Thank you and congratulations to all of you.

This February newsletter, delivered to your homes by our many wonderful volunteers, is the beginning of a new era. Because of the recent resignations of both our editor and distribution coordinator, we are now looking for other interested and qualified candidates to take on their job responsibilities. I, along with the UCCA Board, want to express thanks and appreciation to Kay Goodfellow and Mary Kay Hewitt for their many years of hard work and dedication in making the newsletter the shining example that it has become.

February is the beginning of our 2012 membership drive. Please carefully detach the envelope provided and give thought to joining as well as selecting one of the listed volunteer community activities. Without your support and membership these activities and others could not be accomplished. "University City.. more than a neighborhood", is a slogan with special meaning for all of us. Let's work together for today's success and tomorrow's future.

I welcome your comments and support.

Sincerely,

Peter Burch, UCCA President

When sending your submission for print, follow these guidelines:

- ▶ Type in **plain paragraph form**. Please **no formatting**, no section breaks, no columns, no headers or footers, no symbols, no extra hard returns, etc. . all of these must be **removed** before I can use your article.
- ▶ **Name the file appropriately**. Make sure it has **your** event or name so I can readily identify it.
- ▶ Make it as brief & concise as possible, 250 words or less. Editing is time consuming and may result in errors.
- ▶ The Editor reserves the right to edit out any opinion, conjecture and editorial comments in an article.
- ▶ Submit early. **Deadline is the 15th of each month.**
- ▶ The Editor acknowledges every submission.

The History of Our Newsletter

By Carole Pietras

From humble beginnings in 2002, the UCCA newsletter has become a part of the University City community. When the University City Community Association (UCCA) was revived in March 2002, the officers agreed our community needed a newsletter. At the April meeting, residents in attendance responded to a call for volunteers to help deliver the first issue throughout UC in May. The “can do” spirit of UC residents launched the first edition—a simple two-sided page filled with information about the budding association, the first street banners, community clean up, free street trees and a newly launched website and Garden Club. A membership application was attached. Long time resident, Tom Ventimiglia, placed the first ad. His generous contribution helped defray the cost of duplication. Sixteen volunteers walked multiple streets in UC and became the nucleus of the neighbor to neighbor distribution system.

Our second edition, in June, grew to four pages, thanks to an anonymous donor who offset paper costs by supplying enough paper stock to print a four page edition through the end of the year. The printer helped us by storing the paper. Four ads helped to defray printing costs. The number of our volunteers grew, and we were on our way to publishing ten editions of the newsletter each year.

By the first anniversary of the newsletter in May 2003, our delivery team had grown from 16 to over 100 volunteers. In those early days, we didn’t have websites where we could easily count the number of homes on a block. Our faithful volunteers counted the number of homes on a street as they walked their route and helped establish accurate counts throughout the community. Eight volunteers served as area coordinators for delivery volunteers; they, along with other volunteers, faithfully sorted the newsletters into bundles for delivery routes each edition. Ad revenue offset part of the printing costs, with membership dues covering the rest.

Fast forward to 2012, and the newsletter continues as a bigger, better publication thanks to the “can do” spirit of everyone involved. Through the combined efforts and support of many individuals and businesses, the newsletter has been self sustaining the past few years with ad revenue paying for publication and the editor.

As we look forward to future editions, we give special thanks to all our past and present volunteers for making the newsletter possible, and to the staff at Master Print Communications for their continued support as we transition to a new editor and delivery coordinator.

Credit Union ATM at Sprouts Parking Lot

By Bonnie Hornbeck

The California Coast Credit Union ATM located in the parking lot at the Sprouts shopping center at Governor Dr. and Regents Rd. is scheduled to be removed at the end of Jan. 2012. This ATM is heavily used by University City residents, especially our elderly population, because it doesn’t charge fees and is conveniently located. With the removal of this ATM, the nearest no-charge ATMs would be in Clairemont Square, at UCSD, or at the North UC Vons off Regents Rd. Any of those locations involve driving in significant traffic to access them.

I called the credit union and also Kam Walton at Cushman & Wakefield (the shopping center representatives for the owners) to find out why the ATM was being removed. Kam expressed a willingness to take renegotiation to the shopping center owners. Rob Miller, a Sr. VP of the Credit Union, helpfully informed me that (a) the ATM was very old and needed replacement and (b) the American Disabilities Act required them to make expensive physical changes to meet new ADA requirements. The credit union was willing to pay the modest increase in rental rates, but the shopping center owners were unwilling to share the cost of the ATM upgrades. Since talks between the credit union and Cushman & Wakefield about cost sharing to bring the ATM kiosk up to ADA codes fell through, the credit union felt it had no choice except to remove the ATM.

I worked with UCCA’s Sandy Lippe and Shelley Plumb to place flyers at the ATM regarding whom to call. The flyers resulted in UC residents calling Rob Miller at the Credit Union as well as Cushman & Wakefield representatives. UCCA supported our efforts on behalf of the community. The Credit Union (Rob Miller) told me that they are back in discussions with Cushman & Wakefield. There seems to be some positive movement toward keeping the ATM where it is. The deadline for the newsletter came before I had received the final decision.

Community Blood Drive All are welcome!

Sponsored by University City United Church
2877 Governor Drive San Diego, CA 92122
March 3, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment
please call Ginger Taylor at (858) 453-0828.

Help Wanted:

Web Page Helper / Social Media Assistant

for the UCCA. Please contact Tanya at 858-598-3171 if you are interested in becoming part of the volunteer UC community!

Spotlight on Economic Development

By Sherri Lightner

I know firsthand the sacrifices that business owners must make. It can mean going without so you can make payroll or mortgaging your house for business collateral.

As small business owners, my husband and I have done this several times over the years.

That is why I am thrilled that my City Council colleagues have chosen me to chair the newly created Economic Development and Strategies Committee.

The focus of this new committee will be on creating a long-term vision for San Diego's economy and finding ways to cut red tape at City Hall.

That means streamlining permitting processes and making it easier to fill out forms online. In this day and age, no one should have to drive all the way downtown to fill out a form.

What I have learned both through my experience as a business owner and as a Councilmember is that in order to do right by our small businesses we need listen to them. We need to know what programs work and what ones don't.

I hope that you will be a part of the dialogue and let me know your ideas for how San Diego can become even more business-friendly.

Councilmember Sherri Lightner represents University City on the San Diego City Council.

She can be reached at (619) 236-6611 or SherriLightner@SanDiego.gov.

Sign up for email updates at Sherri's website at: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/



Excellence in University City Schools

By John Lee Evans



University City schools have a lot to be thankful for as we begin 2012. We have a strong and dedicated staff at all of our five neighborhood schools. On a district level we received a national award from the Kennedy Center for outstanding music education. A contingent of UC orchestra students performed at the December 13 meeting of the

Board of Education. San Diego Unified is also a national leader in technology with our acclaimed i-21 program that is putting a laptop in the hands of every student in the district.

San Diego Unified is placing an emphasis on a district level for a broad curriculum that goes beyond our high test scores and includes an emphasis on music and the arts, physical fitness, character education and critical thinking.

We are all aware of the economic crisis affecting our community, our state and our nation. Since I came on the board three years ago we have cut hundreds of millions from the budget and have reduced our teaching and support staff. We are now doing the same job with about 2,000 fewer employees. Nevertheless, the teachers and staff continue to work hard. National test results released before winter break showed that we are doing an outstanding job in improving student achievement in comparison with other districts across the country.

As President of the San Diego Unified Board, I will do everything within my power to continue the fine work of our schools. We can only divide up the money that the state decides to give us. We will take whatever measures necessary to make sure we balance our budget to protect our local control of the schools. We will not do anything that would allow the state or county to intervene. This will require shared sacrifice on the part of our employees, students, parents and community. I have noticed a sincere desire on the part of our unions to cooperate in this crisis. We have already made many tough choices. Now the Governor and the legislature need to make the tough choices to ensure that our schools have the funds we need to operate.

San Diego schools are worth investing in and we have the results to prove it.

John Lee Evans

President, San Diego Unified Board of Education

Neighborhood Watch...

Neighbors in U.C. have been concerned about the recent uptick in crime, including the home invasion of our former City Council representative. On Angell Avenue and Arnoldson Court, there were two break-ins by the same woman on the same night in mid-January. This meeting will be run by Officer Alan Alvarez, our community relations policeman. Officer Alvarez can be contacted at aalvarez@pd.sandiego.gov. If you have questions about the meeting, contact Sandy Lippe at sandylippe@gmail.com

University City's Kyle Crews Sings His Way To Stardom on "American Idol" Auditions

By Sandy Lippe

Kyle Crews is not yet a household name in America, but in the small community of University City he is. Having graduated from UCHS in 2010, he headed to Berkeley to study engineering. However, he made his mark in the musical world of U.C. with his singing talents. He said goodbye to a ton of local friends and their parents who admired Kyle and appreciated him as a good kid with lots of potential academically and artistically.



On, Sunday, January 22nd, he made his way to auditions on "American Idol" at the Midway in San Diego, where he serenaded Jennifer Lopez and her teammate judges with "Angel of Mine." Cheering from Berkeley for the 19-year-old were his Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers. Kyle was branded best male voice on "American Idol." University City is watching his star rise. Just google Kyle Crews and follow his star.

The UC Garden Club News:

By Tanya Aria

The UC Garden Club kicked off the 2012 year with Gina Benzien from <http://benziendesign.com>. Gina shared some of her landscape design jobs that she has completed in San Diego, Arizona and in the West Indies! She even raffled off a two hour free design consultation! Mark your calendars for Feb 21 - to play with garden worms from Susan Taylor as she presents us with her world of vermiculture (worms for the garden!).

The next Garden Club events are:

- **Feb.21st- vermiculture, Susan Taylor**
- **March 20th- owl boxes- Stephen Cancun**
- **April 17th- Pet friendly landscape- Judy Macomber**

The UC Garden Club meets at the UC Library on Governor Drive at 6:30 pm - every third Tuesday of the month. To join, simply sign up when you attend one of our monthly meetings. The annual fee is \$20.

We are also planning our first UC Spring Garden event.

If you or someone you knows has a backyard that you would like to show off, please call 858-598-3171 or send an email to ucgardenclub@gmail.com



U.C. Artist Bruce Schmidt painted this action shot of former Charger Ladainian Tomlinson. This work is now hanging in The Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Schmidt has displayed some of his work in the U.C. Library.

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The Incentives at the Queen Bee

by Diana Lee

The Incentives are none other than our very own Anthony Le Calvez and Tim Notestine (from UC High), and Sloan Quessenberry, Collin Seaman and David Berard (from Standley Middle School). Wow, what a treat to see this all-boys band entertain a standing-room-only crowd. The young but talented group played original compositions as well as cover songs from Coldplay and U2.



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FEBRUARY 2012 EVENTS

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- **Job Search Assistance every Tuesday at 4:00 pm.** Dr. Adolpho Sanchez offers resume reviews and tips on interviewing.
- **Signs at Play** signing storytime with Jennifer Duncan. Sign language is used to enhance the telling of well-loved children's stories. Includes a Q & A session for parents. **Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Game On!** Enjoy family-friendly games on the Nintendo Wii every **Friday at 3:00 p.m.** Friendly, all-ages competition on a big screen!
- **Heart Art:** Valentine-themed crafts for all ages. **Thursday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Author Talk:** Bush Pilot, Photographer and Author Mark Stadskev will present a slideshow on his book *Alaskan Air: Nature's Artwork on the Alaskan Landscape*. **Saturday, February 11 at 12:30 p.m.**
- **Author Talk:** Join John Ivanko and Lisa Kivirist, owners/operators of the eco-friendly (and award winning) Inn Serendipity Bed and Breakfast in Green County, Wisconsin, for a lively talk from their award-winning cookbook, *The Farmstead Chef*. The co-authors will share how you can eat healthy, fresh and local no matter where you live. **Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Our OASIS "Third Thursdays"** series continues with **"Be an Ancestor Detective"**. Have you always wondered what information is available on the Internet about your family? Now is the time to find the answers to questions about your ancestors: where they lived, how they lived, how they came to the U.S. and more. Facilitated by Randy Seaver, San Diego Genealogical Society. **Thursday, February 16 at 2 p.m.**
- **Yoga for Kids:** Gentle exercises to help improve flexibility and concentration. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel. **Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **The UC Book Club** meets on **Wednesday, February 22 at 2 p.m.** to discuss *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway.

Volunteers Needed for 4th of July Celebration!

By George Odero

Happy New year to all University City residents. I wish to thank all our UC neighbors/ residents for their unwavering support for our community's festive July 4th annual celebration during the past 23 years.

To make this 2012 July 4th celebration a 24th success, I am appealing to all our community neighbors to roll their sleeves, come forward and volunteer to assist with activities in the following areas:

Fundraising, Pancake Breakfast, Pet parade, Children activities (rock climbing, target tank, water balloon tossing, paper airplane throw, 5K run, Ticket sales for children activities, putting up signs, beer garden, Sorting books, book sales, Parking, floaters (to relieve and rotate), cleaning up, plus other activities to be determined. We need as many volunteers as possible to ensure that every volunteer has a chance to enjoy the celebration along with other neighbors and friends.



Remember: Your community is counting on your volunteer service to make this significant event a reality. Without volunteers, we may not have the celebration. That would be a big disappointment to our community. Don't let that happen.

Call me: George Odero at: 619-987-1377 or send me an e-mail at: godero@goreadusa.org with the activity you would like volunteer for.

I would also like to invite all community members, including those who would like to volunteer to join us at our February 2012 meeting scheduled for February 15, 2012 at Standley Recreation Park; 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We will assign specific volunteer responsibilities during the February meeting.

UCCA Elected and Appointed Board Members for 2012

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ADULTS

AARP Tax Assistance: Every Thursday till April 12 at 10:00 a.m. Walk-ins only. For more info call (858)581-9637

Book Club: Second Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. February's selection is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.

Cardmaking Class: Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. Sign up at circulation desk.

ESL Conversation Class: Every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. Practice English conversation at an intermediate level.
Sign up at class.

ESL Writing Class: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Practice writing in English at an intermediate level. Sign up at class.

Facebook Basics Class: Learn the basics of social networking with this beginner's guide to Facebook class. Sign up at the Reference Desk. Friday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. New comers welcome.

Job Search Assistance: Every Wednesday (Except February 8) from 3:00-8:00 p.m., Instructor Dr. Adolpho Sanchez assists with resumes and job searching. Call to sign up.

Knitters Circle: Second and Fourth Wednesday, February 8 and 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Musical Performance: Classical Concert Series, *Villa Musica*—Violin Students and Junior Strings. First Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Performance: Chan Jenuine and Arthur Golden, Classical Guitarists, Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Performance: Peter Sprague, Jazz Musician, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

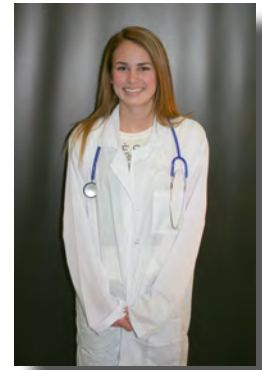
Musical Performance: Harpist, Leah Panos, of the San Diego State University School of Music and Dance, Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Musical Performance: *de la Motte String Quartet*, Wednesday, February 29, 6:30 p.m.

Paper Craft Class: Artist Jan Kregers will teach adults how to create beautiful items from books, which will then be sold to help raise money to support the library, *Second and Fourth Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

Thanks to the Friends of the North University Community Library for sponsoring these free community events.

Visit www.SanDiegoLibrary.org to see a list of **Events** or find us on **Facebook** under *North University Community Branch*. **Please call ahead to verify each program.**



Congratulations to Leah Chang, Nate Rafke, and Shaun Salehyan for helping beautify our local streets with their designs. An attractive community events banner was designed by Megan Geilman.

On another note, Del Mar Fair is involved in community banners celebrating the theme of science in space and discovery for the 2012 fair. Recently Nicola Bysouth, a marketing person from Del Mar Fair, took pictures of 23 scientists who live in the community and are either with UCSD or are outstanding science students at UCHS. UCCA oversaw the pleasant task of finding the subjects.

Thanks to Pia Sud for referring UCCA to Dr. Linda Arden, a U.C. resident. Dr. Arden, whose field is genetics, molecular biology, and cancer research, found seven willing PhD types and physicians to pose for the photos. These incredible people will have their picture on the banners that will go up in May and stay up until the end of the Del Mar Fair.



Ellie Vandiver, an R.N, with a B.S. in nursing and M.S. in education, teaches at UCHS. Ms. Vandiver and her colleague, Dr. Sandra Mann, AP Biology teacher, rounded up sixteen brilliant, wonderful future scientists with interests in medicine and science. All of the students will be featured on the street banners that go up in May, as will Ms. Vandiver.

University City Community Association is rightfully proud of the local adult scientists who live in our community and the exceptional students who study at UCHS.





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Greetings from Standley Park Recreation Center.
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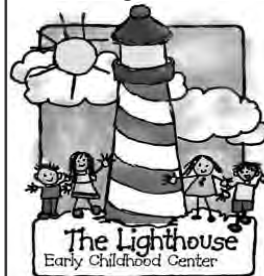
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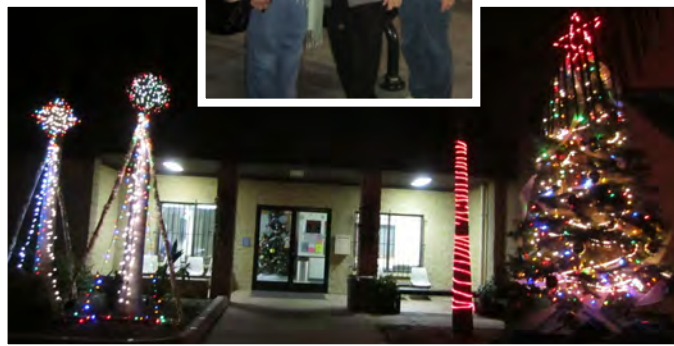
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On Friday, December 9th the University City Community Association sponsored the 10th annual Tree Lighting at Standley Park and Recreation Center. We enjoyed the rousing and spirited sounds of the Standley Middle School Marching Band, under the direction of Philip Marcus; the melodious and harmonious tones of Ernie Lippe and his Tuesday Night Alibi Barbershop Quartet; the angelic voices of Our Mother of Confidence Children's Choir, under the direction of Mary Jo Mathis and Sister Angela and the Fire Truck #35 for a longer visit this year - fortunately there were no emergencies.



left-right: Kern Taylor bass, Lonnie Folsom lead, Tony Coe tenor, and Ernie Lippe baritone.



We extend our sincere gratitude to the Westfield Shopping Center, UTC for contributing the lighting, sound system and Melody the Clown, and for the hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Once again, we thank Miramar Nursery for donating the 12 ft. Nobel Fir Christmas Tree which provided the backdrop for Santa Claus.

Our heartfelt thanks to Judy Bethel, our local Tree Designer for her imagination and continuous enthusiasm and to our community volunteers, Jim Simon, Dave Buttemer, John Walsh, Bobbie and Stew Westdal, Joe Garrigan, Roma Beaton, Toby Giesting and Lynn Shields. To our dedicated Board members, Peter and Hallie Burch, Barbara Henshaw, Barry Bernstein, Carole Pietras, and Sandy Lippe.

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