**DESSERT POTLUCK, HONORS, REDUCED PRICES ON MERCHANDISE, & RAFFLE PRIZES**

Bring a treat to share!

The UHCA meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017, will feature our annual Holiday Dessert Potluck. After a short business meeting, we will encourage everyone to eat and drink. We will also honor our Refuse Collectors, recognize all our Plume recipients from the past year and we will name the Plume of the Year recipient. We will also have raffle prizes, but you must attend to win! You can buy a beautiful UH T-shirt or sweatshirt at our holiday merchandise sale. Credit cards accepted. Please join us at the meeting and bring a dessert of your choice to share with everyone. We always have an interesting and delicious selection, so we hope you will join us in our holiday celebration.

**STREET SEEN**

**CAROLING IN THE HEIGHTS**

Once again, ‘tis the season to grab your University Heights tote bags and go dashing through the imaginary snow for holiday gifts. Set aside a day for just museum gift shops with a serendipitous shopping tour in Balboa Park. A hidden gem at Seventh and Upas is the Marston House Museum gift shop in the Carriage House. You’ll discover a superb collection of art pottery, like Teko, Pewabic, Bauer, and Rookwood. All new, they reproduce vintage designs and glazes with care. Decorative tiles include the Frank Lloyd Wright Museum Collection and various other Arts and Crafts and contemporary patterns. From hats, scarves, and jewelry, to a great collection of architecture and design books, cards and candles, this is a treasure trove.

With visions of sugarplums and stockings to fill, Lick It Lollipops, “hand-poured in sophisticated flavors,” can be found on a trip to the Hillcrest Farmer’s Market, where other last minute gifts of a culinary variety can easily shorten the holiday list. The corner of Texas and University is a microcosm of shopping. One element is Communal Coffee, with accompanying eats and a place to relax after reveling in Native Poppy, a refreshing wild flower approach to floral arrangements.

Shanan Spearing from Red House Pizza will present the Karioe Brewing Company’s plan for the former Mueller Massage School building. Plus, he’ll bring an extra treat: a taste of their fabulous pizza!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**THERE IS NO UHCA MEETING IN JANUARY 2018**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Street Seen

**BAUBLES, BANGLES, AND JINGLE BELLS**

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**SOCKS FOR VETS**

Donate new socks for men & women

Bring to Dec 7 UHCA MTC or UH Library till Dec 20

**2017**

Come to our December meeting to purchase an ornament from The Giving Tree, which will help Alice Birney Elementary families to buy gifts or necessities for the holidays.
**UH PHONE BOOK**

**Emergency • Police • Fire • Medical** 911

**Non-Emergencies**

- Reporting suspicious activity, missing persons, suspicious persons, etc.
- Online: sandiego.gov/apps/sandiego.gov/report-a-problem/

**3D City Services**

- Non-emergency street lights, pot holes, etc.
- Online: sandiego.gov/311

**SD City Services emergency**

- Street damage: potholes, flooding, closed storm drains
- Online: sandiego.gov/311

**Alert San Diego**

- Receive notifications to mobile phones for emergencies requiring non-emergency assistance to sandiego.gov/alertsandiego/

**2-1-1 San Diego**

- Online: 211sandiego.org

**Abandoned Vehicles**

- Online: sandiego.gov/311

**Animal Control**

- Online: sandiego.gov/animal-control

**Trash & Recycling**

- Online: sandiego.gov/recycle

**Mosquito & Vector Control**

- Online: vector@sdcounty.ca.gov

** misc.

- Online: apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/

**UCSD**

- Online: ucsd.edu

**UCSD PD**

- Police: 619-549-0011

**UCSD Paramedics**

- EMS: 619-549-0011

**3-1-1 San Diego**

- Online: 311sandiego.org

**Documenting Harassment**

- Online: sandiego.gov/311

**Volunteer Your Time on a UHCA Committee!**

- **Beautification & Planning**
  - Keep UH beautiful.

- **Blockwatch**
  - Help deliver newsletters to UH residents and businesses.

- **Marketing & Merchandising**
  - Promote UHCA via marketing/advertising.

- **Membership**
  - Help meet record goals for 2017 membership and meeting attendance.

- **Neighborhood/Zone Watch**
  - Join your neighbors to keep UH safe.

- **UHCA News**
  - Write articles, take photos or sell ads; these are just a few of the many ways to contribute your talent, creativity and energy to our paper.

- **Programs & Events**
  - Plan and oversee the various events and general meetings.

**Make a Difference!**

**JOIN, RENEW OR DONATE**

- Email: membership@uhsd.org

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

**Annualized Budget**

- $100 Golden Ostrich

**General Account**

- $10,000

**Program & General Operations**

- $7,100

**Marketing & Merchandising**

- $2,000

**Beautification & Planning**

- $1,400

**Disaster Contact**

- $200

**Sponsorship Program**

- $100

**Membership**

- $100

**Total**

- $20,200

**Contributions/Grant**

- $0

**Membership**

- $100

**Total**

- $20,300

**Income Summary**

- Total Income:
  - $20,300

**Disaster Contact**

- $200

**Sponsorship Program**

- $100

**Membership**

- $100

**Total**

- $20,300

**Membership**

- $100

- **Total**

- $20,400

**EXPENSE SUMMARY**

- Total Expenses:
  - $10,000

**Membership**

- $100

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- **Total**

- $10,300

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- $100

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- $20,300

**Net Income:**

- $0

**Donor**

- $200

**Donations for Keeping up the Good Work (Donate to a member or non-member)**

- **TOTAL:**

- $200
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The November 2, 2017, University Heights Community Association general meeting started at 6:05 pm. Deputy City Attorney Harshbarger introduced herself to those who hadn’t met her previously, described her community liaison position, and encouraged residents to contact her regarding their issues. She also presented the monthly Crime Watch report.

UCHA President Carol Neidenberg then welcomed everyone, thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting, and encouraged everyone to join UHCA’s many generous donations and memberships enabled UHCA to contribute to the school in several ways, including the Giving Tree holiday gift cards for students and their families.

Brief reminders and updates followed, which included giving gift cards and recognizing our Trash Angels, who help keep our neighborhood clean and safe.

Looking back at 2017, UHCA has accomplished much and your involvement—whether it was by joining the community association, renewing your membership, or volunteering your time—is the foundation of our success. Without you, we could not have done nearly as much.

Events – The successful sign celebration in April on Park Blvd was attended by many neighbors and friends. Support ed by our local businesses, it was by all counts an event worth repeating more than once every 20 years. Thanks to Supervisor Ron Roberts and his former aide, the new “Buddha and singing bowl, Buddha-for-You” exhibit has had on-again/off-again food service over the years. Now, near the end, as the bar is tunnelling up with the next door Park Boulevard neighborhood restaurant and cocktail bar Madison on Park (4622 Park Blvd.), to offer a regular menu based on items from its kitchen next door. This “pop-up,” in-house food service will reportedly be available Tuesdays through Sundays starting at 5 pm.

Speaking of Madison, the bar/restau rant comfortably fits a new definition of the month. For December, a Cabernet Franc from Domaine Gouvern Chiron from the Loire Valley in France. Pricing has not yet been determined, but this Cab Franc has an $80/100 aggregated score on wine-searcher.com.

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LAB GIRL BY HOPE JAHREN

Hope Jaren's memoir tells about her childhood in Minnesota, an inflexible mother, and a father who encouraged hours of play in his classroom’s laboratories, and how from those early experiences she found a refuge in science. Along the way to her becoming a leading scientist, she battles sexist attitudes, loneliness, joy, family, mental health, work, misadventures, struggles, and friendships. Jaren has built in which she has studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil.

At the center of this book is the story of a relationship developed over time with a brilliant, wounded man named Bill, who becomes her lab partner and best friend. Sometimes their adventures in science take them from the Midwest across the United States and back over the Atlantic to the North Pole and to Hawaii, where she and her lab currently make their home.

If anyone has doubts about whether climate change is real and dangerous to the world as we know it, this book will change how you see the natural world and the inherent relationship that exists between plants and people.

Join the Book Club and Salon discussion. New members are always welcome! The book will be available at the UH Library’s front desk during December and January.

UH Book Club & Salon

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 6:30 pm
San Diego Public Library,
University Heights Branch
4153 Park Boulevard (at Howard Avenue)
619-692-4912

THE FRIENDS OF THE UH LIBRARY
A COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED LIBRARY

The Friends of the University Heights Library is an all-volunteer group that provides needed fundraising and program support for our community’s branch library. As the local chapter of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, we depend on Friends membership dues and volunteer time to help us make our library a great resource for everyone in the community. Thanks to our members, we have been able to help our branch do all of the following this year:

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• Improved the facilities by working with City of SD staff and the UHCA Certification Committee

The Friends of the University Heights Library are open to all, we encourage anyone to join. If you would like to become a member, please join us at our next event. You may also call us at 619-692-4912.

Some of our upcoming events:

• Wednesday, December 6 @ 4:30 Book art with Yvonne “Lotus Book Ornament”
• Friday, December 8th & 22nd @ 19:30 STEAM Story Time
• Wednesday, January 17th @ 4:30 Reuben H Fleet “Body Works”
• Friday, January 19th @ 4:30 STEAM Story time
• Every Thursday @ 11 Morning Story Time
• Every Saturday @ 10:30 Arts & Crafts

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YEAR-END FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As you read this, pumpkin season is ending and holiday season is beginning. It is also a time to assess financial options for the year end. Here are four ideas to consider:

• Roth IRA Conversion. Although you have until April to make a Roth conversion, a Roth conversion must be done by the end of the year. A conversion allows you to take an IRA or old 401(k), and pay the tax now so you can have potential tax-free growth. A Roth withdrawal in the future is particularly advantageous if you have lower income this year and may be in a lower tax bracket.

• Disability Insurance.* This is an often-overlooked part of a benefits enrollment package from your employer. About one in four people will have an accident, injury, or illness that prevents them from working for some period of time. Buying additional coverage through your employer is often cost-effective protection. If it’s not an option in your benefits, consider purchasing an individual policy.

• Financial gifts. Instead of writing checks or giving cash to your family, consider a gift of college or retirement savings in a tax-advantaged account.

• Holiday Spending. November and December are by far the biggest consumer spending months and a time when many people overspend themselves on gifts, entertainment, and travel. Try to set a budget for your holiday festivities that prevents credit card balances from increasing. This may be the biggest gift you give yourself.

– Scott Schechter, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company; Financial Advisor, Eagle Strategies LLC, a Registered Investment Adviser, CA Insurance Lic. #052859

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THE UH BRANCH LIBRARY
BETWEEN THE COVERS

Well, well. Guess what? We have a new librarian. I could tell you how our new librarian, Holland Kessinger, has been at the Scipio Miramar Ranch Branch Library and that she used to work at the Central Library in the Pauline Foster Teen Center. Or that she has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art History from the University of California, San Diego, and a Master of Library and Information Science Degree from San Jose State University. Or that she was also the Librarian at the Museum of Photographic Arts in the Dubois Library and in the Research Library of the San Diego Museum of Art. I could do that, but an anonymous source has provided more salient information: “Holland Kessinger is well-known for her ‘can-do’ attitude, even when it calls for a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA when it comes to a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA when it calls for a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA when it calls for a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA when it calls for a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA when it calls for a spontaneous ABBA dance party. She’s been a huge fan of ABBA.”
When it comes to ringing in the holidays, nothing kicks off a celebration like a bottle of sparkling wine. With so many kinds of bubbly to choose from, the next question becomes: what should I buy, but also when should I buy it, and will I like it?

Sparkling wine has many names that indicate the wine’s geographical origin. Champagne and Cremant come from France, Prosecco from Italy, Cava from Spain, and sparkling wine is made here in the United States.

So what to choose? Look to both your palate and your budget. But first determine what flavor profile appears to you:

- **Extra Brut** - Extra Brut is a bone-dry style with only 0-6 grams of sugar per liter.
- **Brut** - “Dry, raw, unfined” in French, Brut style wines taste quite dry with sugar levels of less than 15 grams per liter.
- **Extra Dry** - Although the name suggests the wine would be drier than a Brut Champagne, this is not typically the case. Extra Dry is usually slightly sweeter than Brut with sugar levels between 12-20 grams of sugar per liter.
- **Sec** - French for “dry or lean,” sec styles typically have a slightly sweet taste with sugar in the 17-35 grams per liter range.
- **Semi-dry** - Literally “half-dry” or semi-sweet, demi-sec styles have 33-50 grams of sugar per liter.

- **Doux** - “Sweet” in French, this style is quite sweet and quite rare with a whopping 50 grams or more sugar per liter (over 5% sugar).

Now that you know what appeals to your palate, your budget will play a key role in choosing your wine.

**Champagne**
Quality Champagne is expensive, typically $40 or more a bottle. Ruinart, Charles Heidsieck, Bollinger, Dom Perignon, Krug, and Perrier-Jouët, among others, will generally be available at your local supermarkets and retail outlets. A really good Champagne will have yeasty, bready notes with apple and melon characteristics with no residual sweetness. Look for Extra Brut and Brut styles.

**Cremant**
One of the best values for Champagne lovers, Cremant will typically have all the characteristics of Champagne, but because it originates outside of the Champagne appellation area of France, pricing is much gentler. My personal favorite comes from the Alsace region. These wines have beautiful floral aromas on the nose, and pretty, citrus notes on the palate. Great values can be had for $20-$30 per bottle and styles range from Extra Brut to Extra Dry.

**Cava & Prosecco**
Both of these wine styles are really gaining traction because they tend to be very inexpensive and taste delicious. You will also find style for every bubbly lover from Brut to Doux. Flavor profiles run the gamut, but typically these wines will have beautiful fruit and creamy little bubbles that make a bottle disappear fast. If you love Mimosas, these are the wines to choose. Look for values $25 and under.

**Sparkling Wine**
Made here in the United States, the sparkling wine scene is diverse and exciting. You can find wines that rival the Champagnes of France. Some of my personal favorites are Schramsberg, Domaine Carneros, and Roederer Estate. As with Champagne, budget a little more for these wines. The best ones are in the $35-plus range.

Best wishes for a holiday season full of bubbly!

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**Mild (big front door)**
4135 Park Blvd.
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**Circa Restaurant**
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2123 Adams Ave.
269-6612

**El Zarape**
4642 Park Blvd.
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264-7268

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501-6360

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Happy Holidays from Birney Elementary! We look forward to our Winter Break from December 18 through January 16, but we have a few opportunities we’d like to welcome the University Heights community to participate in.

On Thursday, December 14th, Birney Elementary will be hosting our 7th annual Big Give in an effort to raise much-needed funds in order to maintain our International Baccalaureate (IB) program and associated specials such as Garden, Spanish, and Art. Our special, an integral part of our IB program, differentiate Birney from other elementary schools. Those specials cost $170 a year per student. That’s just $1.00 a day per student!

Donating to this fundraiser is simple. On Thursday, the 14th, go to the Friends of Alice Birney website between the hours of 7 am to 7 pm and click on the Big Give link to make your donation. That’s it!

If you miss this opportunity, you can always go to http://friendsofabirney.org/ to make donations or click on the Amazon.com button to make your holiday purchases. Amazon will donate a portion of profits from your purchases to Birney.

When students return to school in January, we’ll celebrate Great Kindness Week for two solid weeks. Students, teachers, and staff will focus on performing acts of kindness as part of our IB learner profile attributes. It is also a wonderful way to welcome the new year.

Happy Holidays from Birney Elementary

--Laura Dadmun

Roosevelt Middle School wishes our Roosevelt Community a wonderful holiday without the hassle; Roosevelt gets support for our enrichment programs. Parking Going to December Nights? Don’t waste your time looking for parking. Come to Roosevelt Auditorium.

Grimm’s Fairy Tales with a comical twist on Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm in the San Diego Junior Theater, will be giving a free performance of a compilation of Roosevelt Middle School’s after-school student theater group, in conjunction with creative genius, designed the signs.

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EDITORS NOTE

As we are reminded nearly every day in the news, this is the season of dangerous wildfires that wreak havoc with our environment throughout the state and the West. These fires cause numerous deaths and untold millions of dollars in property damage to residences and businesses. We found this reminder that the threat of wildfires is nothing new. It has been a part of our existence in Southern California for a very long time and we need to remain ever vigilant to protect our families, friends, and neighbors, as well as our property, against this danger. This excerpt from the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune newspaper on September 27, 1957, reveals that the very first five-alarm fire in the city’s history occurred 60 years ago right in our neighborhood, in the canyon at the west end of Madison Ave. That is too close to home to ignore!

5 ALARM FIRE CABRILLO FREEWAY

DATE, SEPTEMBER 27, 1957
TIME, 2:30 PM
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September 27, 1957 ... 2:25PM (tap out 7:36) ... CABRILLO FREEWAY CANYON ... $100,000. damage.

For the first time in city history, 5 alarms were sounded for a single fire. Response to the 5 alarms brought into action 19 engines, 2 trucks and one rescue company under the direction of Deputy Chief A. C. Penrose (acting Fire Chief) and 3 battalion chiefs.

Seventy-two hose lines were laid with a total length of 30,450 feet. 112 and 3 battalion chiefs. The company under the direction of Deputy Chief A. C. Penrose (acting Fire Chief) and 3 battalion chiefs.

Although 20,250 GPM total capacity was available, the four- and six-inch water mains hampered firefighting operations. Responding companies logged over 78 hours of fire fighting exclusive of patrol activity.

Canyon area was 59.22 acres surrounded by 3.3 miles along the perimeter. Weather data included 750 temperature, 55% humidity and 9.5 MPH winds whipped to 40-50 MPH by the fire storm conditions within the canyons.

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1916

The first bridge connecting Hillcrest to University Heights was built following the 1915 Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park. The wooden trestle bridge shortened the walk between the residences in the two neighborhoods and access to Balboa Park. The wooden trestle bridge was built.

1952

Opening in 1953, Sears was one of the first stores to abandon downtown, thriving in uptown until being eclipsed by the malls in Mission Valley a decade later. Sears was one of the first stores to abandon downtown, thriving in uptown until being eclipsed by the malls in Mission Valley a decade after opening. Various uses for the 14 acre site were proposed including the new San Diego Central Library.

1978-1994

Deemed unsafe, the rotting trestle bridge closed in November 1978 and demolished in the spring in 1979 leaving UH without a bridge for the next 15 years. Before its closure the city estimated that at over 400 people used the bridge daily. The Sears building was razed in 1988. Various uses for the 14 acre site were proposed including the new San Diego Central Library. Transformed into an infill, mixed-use mall, the Uptown District opened in 1989. Sold for 81.1 million in 2012, the complex was renamed the HUB in 2015 after a 3 million facelift.

1994-2017

UHCA led a 15 year fight to have the bridge rebuilt, tirelessly lobbying city and state officials for help.

Although funding was a problem and a battle ensued over rebuilding it, the present modern steel bridge was opened in December 1994. Local residents concerned about original proposals by CalTrans played a major role in shaping the design. City engineers hired the firm Stone Paper Scissors to develop what became one of the largest public art installations in California. Artists Lynn Susholtz, Aida Mancillas, and Gwen Gomez created 32 laser-cut panels that include pictographs and quotations about everyday life. Each holiday season, UHCA volunteers decorate and light the bridge with over 5,000 lights.
The evening of Saturday, November 4, provided the opportunity for an extra hour of sleep as we all set back our clocks from daylight savings time. Many throughout University Heights took advantage of the opportunity to sleep in. But 55 of our neighbors, including members of the UHCA Beautification Team, 10 young people and their parents from “Kids Cleanup Crew,” and volunteers from throughout the community gathered early in the morning on November 5 at the top of Texas Street for our fall cleanup.

Over the next two hours, our industrious volunteers removed graffiti, cleared debris from drainage ditches, removed dead brush and weeds from hillsides and along the sidewalks, and collected and bagged trash throughout the area. An industrial-size dumpster and an additional smaller one were filled during the cleanup leaving the west side of Texas Street clean and clear of all trash, dead brush, and overgrown vegetation.

Thank you to all the volunteers whose hard work has returned this major thoroughfare to an inviting and attractive entrance to University Heights. Also thank you to Councilmember Chris Ward and his team for providing the dumpsters. And thanks to Mystic Mocha, Parkhouse Eatery, and Grains for donating raffle gift cards and to Twiggs for donating coffee for the event.

The UHCA Beautification Team has ongoing activities throughout the year to keep our community clean and beautiful. Everyone is welcome to participate in these projects, large and small. I encourage you to join us in the future. New volunteers are always welcome. For information regarding upcoming events, contact me. –Rod Girvin, UHCA Beautification Team Leader, crgirvin@cox.net

The University Heights Beautification Team has been working to bring more street trees to UH. Street trees have many benefits. They reduce carbon in the air, provide habitat for migrating animals, shade streets and parked vehicles, raise property values, and make walking a more desirable mode of transport. Our most recent project was getting nearly 40 new trees installed in the parkway in front of Birney Elementary. You can imagine in ten years how much shade and protection they will provide for kids walking to school.

Working with the City of San Diego, the UH Beautification Team is ready to plant trees all over the neighborhood, but we need your help! The trees come free from the City, but we need residents to help water them until they are established. If you would like to get free trees planted at your property, please get in touch with Michelle Fenwick at fenwicmk@miamioh.edu. You qualify for trees if you have a parkway or a space between the sidewalk and the street curb in front of your house, apartment, or business.

Thank you for supporting the University Heights Urban Tree Initiative! Check back for further progress updates in the spring! –Michelle Fenwick
During the holidays, many of us celebrate while listening to classic songs like “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.” Unfortunately, the reality is that not everyone will be home for the holiday season. California’s housing crisis has left thousands without housing and many just one rent increase away from ending up on the streets. These facts spurred me to take the urgent and important action this year to address the housing crisis. Governor Brown signed AB 1637 into law last month. We need to consider more innovative solutions like this next year to keep making progress on the housing crisis. With the Legislature on recess until the New Year, I am continuing to work with housing experts and community leaders to find additional solutions that I can take back to Sacramento and turn into progress for San Diegans struggling to make the rent. California is off to a good start, but we must do more because everyone deserves a home for the holidays.

– Assemblymember Todd Gloria, Assemblymember for California’s 78th Assembly District, which includes University Heights

As we wrap up one year and prepare to start another, I am reminded of the good friends I continue to connect with in University Heights, especially at milestone events.

After celebrating the 25th anniversary of Old Trolley Barn Park in 2016, one of the occasions that brought me back this year was the refreshing and 20th annual Susan Davis District 53 Race for the Cure. While there, I saw friends who were my partners in University Heights from Day One. All of us gathering to share that day is reflective of “Live Well San Diego,” our county’s blueprint for achieving healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

The Board of Supervisors adopted this vision in 2010. It is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veterans groups, community and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—to bring about positive change. A primary mission is to remind San Diegans to keep regular tabs on their health.

One of my favorite health events is “Strike Out Stroke,” where we just celebrated 10 years of partnering with the Padres to teach people to act when they see signs of a stroke. For the sixth year we held our “Love Your Heart” event to coincide with Valentine’s Day, encouraging San Diegans to get a free blood pressure screening at more than 170 locations. Each year, we find people at these events with undiagnosed problems and get them on the path to wellness. So far, I’ve been lucky with all these tests and screenings. Not everyone in my family can say the same. My oldest daughter, Christine Trimbile, regularly gets a mammogram. Three years ago she was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer. The great news is she tackled the disease with knowledge and effective medical care, and just served as Honorary Survivor for the Year for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The message is she got tested. You should too, as well as know your lab numbers, the signs of a stroke, and the value of healthy eating and regular exercise. We all have a lot of living to do in 2018. Live Well, University Heights, and Happy Holidays and New Year to you all.

– Supervisor Ron Roberts represents University Heights as part of his Fourth Supervisorial District. You can follow him on Facebook at Supervisor Ron Roberts, on Twitter at @RonRobertsSD, and at www.RonRoberts.com.
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