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WELCOME TO GREENVILLE & THE UCT CONVENTION!

We're glad you're joining us for the 130th UCT convention! We have a lot planned for the next few days, but we encourage you to take in this charming city whenever you have a chance. We've made it easy for you – downtown Greenville is literally right outside the Hyatt Regency's back door. If you haven't been here before, here are a few ideas for things to do and places to see while you're here.

Main Street's shops are all within easy walking distance and offer great retail therapy. Make sure to check out Mast General Store, a retail landmark since 1883! Just a short stroll away is the **West End Historic District**, which offers a number of unique shopping and dining options. While you're there, you might want to take in a **Greenville Drive's** baseball game at the newly constructed stadium.

Speaking of baseball, the **Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum and Baseball Library**, which features the home where the baseball legend lived and died, is a must-see for sports fans. **Falls Park on the Reedy**, a tribute to the Reedy River, and the acclaimed **Liberty Bridge**, a 355-foot pedestrian walkway overlooking the river's historic 60 foot waterfall, are also musts while in Greenville.

Last, but not least, are the **Mice on Main**. The city's bronze mice are spaced here and there, on one side of Main Street or the other, all the way from the Hyatt to the Westin Poinsett Hotel. Searching for them is a great way to get some exercise, learn about Greenville, and see the city's art. See the hotel concierge for more details.

Greenville is a vibrant city chock full of history and culture. Don't miss your UCT meetings, but DO take some time to explore the city when you can.

Don't miss our Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service tonight

The Opening Ceremony kicks at **6 p.m.** this evening in the **Regency Ballroom** with the Memorial Service following right after. Two Past International Presidents, an Auxiliary Past International President, two Past International Chaplains, and a Fraternalist of the Year, as well as 22 Past Regional Presidents will be remembered during the memorial service.

Keynote Speaker Warren Barhorst set for this evening!

Do you want your council to continue for the next generation? Are you looking for ways to expand your council's membership and mission? Do you want your own personal passion and knowledge leveraged into future council leaders? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you don't want to miss the keynote presentation by Warren Barhorst taking place tonight after the Memorial Service!

Check out our new member benefit!

Take a minute to stop by the Precise Hearing and Ideal Hearing table in the registration area today to find out more about UCT's new hearing benefit for members! Stuart McMillin, Director of Business Development at Precise Hearing, will be on hand to share details and answer any questions you might have.

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HAPPY 4th OF JULY!!

Celebrate the 4th with some red, white and blue! The **Wells Fargo Red, White, & Blue Festival** is downtown Greenville's premier patriotic party! This annual event is set to run from 5-10:30 this evening and will feature two live music stages with four different bands, delectable food, and frosty beverages. Fireworks are scheduled to light up Greenville's skyline at 9:45 p.m. See the hotel concierge for more information.

UCT general business session opens today

The general business session begins today at **1 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom North**. The roll call of attendees is one of the first items on the agenda, so if you're being paid by UCT to be at the convention, you need to make sure you're present.

2017 Volunteer of the Year to be announced

Each year UCT's Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an individual member who provided outstanding volunteer service to his or community throughout the past year. The award will be presented during this afternoon's business session, so don't miss it!

Check out our special convention presentations!

If you liked last night's presentation by keynote speaker Warren Barhorst, you're going to love what we have to offer for the rest of the convention! First up at 1 p.m. today in the Regency Ballroom is **The UCT Story** with Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward covering the high points of our organization's history. Following at 8 a.m. on Wednesday in the Regency Ballroom is **The Right Stuff: Recruiting & Retaining the "Right" Members** with Julie Vreeland from the Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (MAVA). Also on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom is our presentation to the **Meyer Center for Special Children** featuring Judy Woodworth and Dianna Loafman.

Take the 130 Challenge!

UCT is approaching its 130th anniversary – a major milestone made possible by our dedicated members and councils. To celebrate, we're kicking off a new campaign designed to increase our membership, expand our community service efforts, and raise awareness about UCT! Join us Wednesday in the **Regency Ballroom** to hear **Marketing Manager Kate Chillinsky** tell us all about it. We hope to see you there!

Councils and individuals support UCT Charities

Councils and individuals were recognized for their generous support of UCT Charities by UCT President Gordon Woodworth and his wife Judy during yesterday's Millionaire's Reception. This generosity makes it possible for UCT to continue to support individuals with intellectual disabilities. Thank you to all of our donors!

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UCT Convention Highlights

MANITOBA'S CHARLENE CLAEYS GODARD NAMED 2017 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Charlene Claeys Godard of Glenboro, Manitoba Council 943, who was named the 2017 Volunteer of the Year during yesterday's business session! Whether it's coordinating clothing drives for underprivileged families, planning holiday food drives for those in need, overseeing Meals on Wheels projects for seniors, or organizing community-wide bike rodeos and safety poster contests for local students, Charlene is a true community advocate who works tirelessly and inspires her fellow members to join her in her efforts. Thank you for all you do, Charlene. You should be proud!

Congratulations, Drummers!

Eleven members celebrated their success at writing 10 or more new members for a total of 283 during the 2016-2017 membership year at the annual Drummer's Club reception hosted by Gordon and Judy Woodworth: Benjamin Becker, Kathleen Chisholm, Rodney Culp, Mark Finken, Warren Gillies, Mike Kurtz, Marc Malin, Dave McKay, Tony Ricci, Cindy Waugh and Doug West.

Thanks for giving us a break!

Thanks to the generosity of the following individuals, businesses and councils we were once again able to enjoy business session coffee breaks. It's always nice to have a little pick-me-up in the afternoon, and we appreciate it: Tom & Kathleen Hoffman; Leon & Jerlene Boyte; Precise Hearing & Ideal Hearing Aids; Colorado-Wyoming Regional Council; Southeastern Regional Council; Texas Regional Council; Natchez, Mississippi Council 175; Kokomo, Indiana Council 494; San Gabriel Valley Council 779, San Gabriel, California; San Jacinto Council 915, Pasadena, Texas; Gem City Council 3, Dayton, Ohio; Lancaster, Ohio Council 6; Providence, Rhode Island Council 67; and Tyler, Texas Council 306.

Lifetime Achievement Award/Past International President honors to be presented at this evening's banquet

We hope to see everyone at tonight's UCT banquet at 7 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. In addition to the other festivities, the UCT Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to a special member and outgoing UCT Chairman of the Board Tom Hoffman will receive his Past International President honors. Don't miss it!

UCT Board of Governors to be installed tomorrow

The UCT Board for 2017-2018 will be installed tomorrow morning in the Regency Ballroom after the close of the business session. Make sure to be there to support our new officers and congratulate new UCT President Numan Loafman!

Safety Poster Contest winners

A brochure featuring the 2016-2017 winning safety posters is included in your registration packet. If your council would like your winning posters, ribbons and checks sent to you so you can make a special presentation, notify **Linda Fisher** at lfisher@uct.org or at **800.848.0123 x1130**, by no later than **July 29**. Otherwise, winning posters, ribbons and checks will be sent directly to the students.

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UCT BOARD OF GOVERNORS INSTALLED TODAY

The UCT Board of Governors for 2017-2018 was elected during yesterday's business session and will be installed today. Board members are:

UCT President – Numan Loafman, Texas
UCT Chairman of the Board – Gorden Woodworth, Atlantic
UCT Vice President – Chris Phelan, ACT-UCT
UCT Secretary-Treasurer – Steve Desselles, Mississippi-Louisiana
UCT Director – Mary Applegate, Southeastern
UCT Director – Dianna Wolfe, Wisconsin
UCT Director – Kenneth Milliser, Ohio
UCT Board of Governors – Glenn Suever, Michigan
UCT Board of Governors – David Syrota, ACT-UCT
UCT Chaplain – Susan Vogel, Texas



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Tom Hoffman honored as UCT Past International President

Outgoing UCT Chairman of the Board Tom Hoffman received his Past International President honors at last night's banquet and was recognized for his dedication and service to UCT. John Lind was also honored as a Past UCT Chaplain.

Charlie Cavallaro of New England receives UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award

Charles (Charlie) Cavallaro of Providence, Rhode Island Council 67 was named the recipient of UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award during last night's banquet. He was recognized for the exceptional volunteer contributions he has made over the years to his community and his dedication to UCT and his local and regional councils. Congrats, Charlie – you've earned it!

UCT members help the Meyer Center for Special Children

UCT really is the place where community and compassion unite - and we make sure good causes in and around our convention host cities know that every July. This year's convention service project was collecting needed items for Greenville's Meyer Center for Special Children, whose mission is to help children living with disabilities reach their maximum potential. Members were asked to help support this worthy cause by donating much-needed items to help the children the Meyer Center is dedicated to. As always, members outdid themselves by contributing over seven boxes of items and donating more than \$7,000 to the center. Thank you, UCT members!

Get your UCT convention highlights!

Some of you use the UCT Convention Highlights to share convention information with your local and regional council members. If you'd like copies of the highlights emailed to you, contact **Linda Fisher** at lfisher@uct.org.

See you in Savannah!

The next UCT convention will be held July 2-5, 2018, in that jewel of a southern city Savannah, Georgia. We hope to see you there!