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WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE & THE UCT CONVENTION!

You're going to love Louisville!

Welcome to the 129th UCT convention! If you've never been to Louisville, here are a few ideas for things to do and places to see while you're here.

Take a short walk to **Fourth Street Live!** Just a hop, skip and a jump from the Hyatt Regency, this vibrant area offers some of Louisville's best in dining, shopping and entertainment. If you like horse racing, a visit to **Churchill Downs** and the **Kentucky Derby Museum** are a must. Here you can learn about the history of the venue as well as the back story of "the most exciting two minutes in sports."

Attention baseball fans! Get over to the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory!** Here you can learn about the most famous lumber stick in baseball – and even watch the bats being made. You'll also want to check out the 34-inch, 120 foot tall, 68,000 pound replica of Babe Ruth's Louisville Slugger. If historical homes is more your interest, you won't want to miss **Old Louisville**, which contains the largest collection of Victorian homes in the United States and is considered the third largest historically preserved district in the country.

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

Memorial Service takes place this evening

UCT's "opening night" has been switched up a bit this year, so please take note. First up is the 2016 Memorial Service, which will take place at **6 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom North**. A Past International President and an Auxiliary Past International President, as well as 33 Past Regional Presidents will be remembered during the memorial service.

Don't miss our Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speaker Phil Gwoke tonight!

The Opening Ceremony kicks off at 7 p.m. with a keynote presentation by Phil Gwoke following right after. Phil is a passionate generational expert with a firm belief that the right motivation, training and support can make it easy for every generation to work together to achieve remarkable results! His advice and ideas apply directly to the challenges UCT faces, so we urge you stay and listen to what he has to share.

Safety Poster Contest winners

A brochure featuring the 2015-2016 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 the **Public Relations Department** at

lfisher@uct.org or **800.848.0123 x130**, by no later than **July 29**. Otherwise, winning posters, ribbons and checks will be sent directly to the students.

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BUSINESS SESSION STARTS THIS AFTERNOON

UCT general business session opens today

The general business session begins today at **1:30 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.

2016 Volunteer of the Year to be announced

Each year UCT's Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an individual member who, through example and accomplishment, 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 tomorrow's special presentations!

In an effort to provide members with information and ideas to take home to local councils, we're offering not one, but **THREE** informative and interactive presentations tomorrow morning! First up at 8 a.m. in the Kentucky Suite is **UCT: What's in it for Me?** With Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward covering different aspects of volunteering. Following Keith is CEO Joe Hoffman discussing **The Value of UCT Insurance**.

Last, but certainly not least, is the **Member to Member Panel Discussion** at 9 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom North. Join us to hear panel members Sam Adams, Jessica Spring and Dianna Wolfe talk about their individual local councils and how they've used community service projects, media and social media to reenergize their councils and members!

Councils and individuals support UCT Charities

Councils and individuals were recognized for their generous support of UCT Charities by UCT President Tom Hoffman and his wife Kathleen during yesterday's Millionaire's Reception. This generosity makes it possible for UCT to continue to support individuals with intellectual disabilities through the UCT Scholarship Program and our partnership with ASHA. **THANK YOU** to all of our donors!

Get your tickets to win a gift basket!

Speaking of UCT Charities, don't forget to buy a ticket or two or four for our **BIG** raffle drawings this year to support this important charity! The first place winner gets a \$500 gift card and a 2016 Woodford Reserve commemorative bottle, second place receives a \$250 gift card and a 2016 Woodford Reserve commemorative bottle, and third and fourth places each

get a gift basket filled with Kentucky-made products. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, so get yours today!

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MANITOBA'S NEIL CAMERON NAMED 2016 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Neil Cameron of Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926, who was named the 2016 Volunteer of the Year during yesterday's business session! According to his fellow members, Neil gives 100 percent to every project he works on – which are many – while providing significant service to his community. He was recognized for his outstanding dedication to his local council and community. Thank you for all you do, Neil. You should be proud!

Members enjoy Kathleen Hoffman's luncheon

More than 100 members joined first lady Kathleen Hoffman for her luncheon yesterday in the Regency Ballroom South. What a wonderful celebration of UCT's 129th convention! Kudos to Kathleen and her crew on an outstanding job – and to Susan Vogel and Lisa Mitchell for the excellent entertainment.

Drummers recognized for writing new members

Twelve members celebrated their success at writing 10 or more new members for a total of 254 during the 2015-2016 membership year at the annual Drummer's Club reception hosted by Tom and Kathleen Hoffman:

Sam Adams
Benjamin Becker
Kathleen Chisholm
Rodney Culp
Mark Finken
Warren Gillies
Greg Hanlon
Brandon Hardy
Mike Kurtz
Marc Malin
Dave McKay
Anthony Ricci



UCT Convention Highlights

Thanks for giving us a break!

Thanks to the generosity of UCT members and local and regional 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! A BIG thank you to our donors, who are listed on the back of this bulletin!

THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL COUNCILS THAT GAVE US A BREAK!!

Tom & Kathleen Hoffman
Arkansas-Oklahoma-Missouri Regional Council
Indiana Regional Council
Michigan Regional Council
Southeastern Regional Council
Texas Regional Council
Wisconsin Regional Council
Sudbury, Ontario Council 1051
Gem City Council 3, Dayton, Ohio
Lancaster, Ohio Council 6
Capitol Council 95, Springfield, Illinois
Providence, Rhode Island Council 67
Tyler, Texas Council 306
Kokomo, Indiana Council 494
Hammond, Indiana Council 857
San Jacinto Council 915, Pasadena, Texas
Columbus, Ohio Council 2000

Get your UCT Convention Highlights!

Many 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 UCT's **Public Relations Department** at Ifisher@uct.org.

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UCT BOARD OF GOVERNORS INSTALLED TODAY

Meet the 2016-2017 UCT Board of Governors

The UCT Board of Governors for 2016-2017 was elected during yesterday's business session and will be installed today. Board members are:

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

David Burt and Jerry Giff honored as UCT Past International Presidents

Outgoing UCT Chairman of the Board Jerry Giff and outgoing UCT Board Member Jerry Giff received their Past International President honors on Tuesday and were recognized for their dedication and service to UCT. Thomas (Butch) Liebaert was also honored as a Past UCT Chaplain.

Myrtle Hudson receives UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award

Myrtle Hudson of James B. Chrisp Council 448 in Brandon, Manitoba, was named the recipient of UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award during our convention. She was recognized for the exceptional volunteer contributions she has made over the years to her community and her dedication to UCT and her local and regional councils. Congratulations, Myrtle!

UCT members help Kosair Kids® Book Blast!

UCT is committed to serving communities in the spirit of compassion - and we make sure good causes in and around our convention host cities know that every July. This year the focus was on Louisville's Kosair Kids® Book Blast for kids up to age 12. UCT members were called upon to help support this worthy cause's reading program by donating 1,500 NEW books to the blast – and to say that the goal was exceeded is an understatement! Members generously contributed over 2,000 books and over \$3,000 to support the program, proving once again that UCT is, indeed, where community and compassion unite. Thank you, UCT members!