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Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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UCT's 2020 convention heads to horse country



The 2020 UCT convention will take place **JUNE 27-29** at the Hyatt Regency in the heart of horse country – Lexington, Kentucky!

The Hyatt Regency Lexington offers numerous amenities for guests such as room service, a fitness center, an indoor swimming pool, the onsite Bluefire Bar & Grill, and a gift shop. Only one mile from the University of Kentucky, the hotel is at the heart of everything Lexington has to offer, with world-class shopping, dining and entertainment at Triangle Center and Victorian Square within easy walking distance.

If you're thinking of making a vacation of it, there are lots of interesting things to do, see and experience in the Bluegrass Region. Lexington is Kentucky's centerpiece, offering all the best the state has to offer. Horse lovers can check out nearly 50 breeds of horses, plus museums, art galleries, shows and demonstrations at the 1,200 acre Kentucky Horse Park and even meet some four-footed celebrities in their

own homes on a Horse Farm Tour. And if you like to gamble, you can try your luck at Keeneland Race Course during a race meet, and/or take a tour of the grounds.

If history is more to your liking, you can visit four period historic homes of the area's most famous citizens: Mary Todd Lincoln, Henry Clay, John Hunt Morgan and Joseph Bryan, a grand-nephew of Daniel Boone. Or you can wander through Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, the largest restored Shaker village in the world, with 34 original buildings on 3,000 acres.

Last but not least, celebrate Kentucky Bourbon at nearby distilleries such as: The Woodford Reserve Distillery, Buffalo Trace, Four Rose, Wild Turkey, James E. Pepper, Barrel House, Bluegrass Distillers and Town Branch. These aren't just "visitor experiences" but real working distilleries.

Interested? Mark your calendars and watch for more details coming from the home office and in the winter issue of *The Sample Case*. We hope to see you there!





We're calling for Volunteer of the Year nominations!

Every UCT local council has at least one member who goes the extra mile in their volunteer efforts and deserves to be nominated for their achievements. **Don't let the good works of these members go unrecognized** – submit a nomination for the Volunteer of the Year Award before **April 30, 2020**.

Nominations are to be based on volunteer service provided during the past year only, and you may consider your council's fiscal year as the past year.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available on the Members' Area of our website at www.uct.org under **Programs & Contests** or by contacting Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1130. Again, the deadline for submissions is April 30. **Nominations RECEIVED after this date will not be considered, so get started on your nomination today!**

Helping Membership Thrive

UCT's programs & contests for members and councils

UCT has a number of programs to motivate councils and promote volunteer activity. We encourage you and your UCT local council to get involved by participating in any or all of these programs. So take a look to see what might interest you or your council – and share the word with potential members too!

MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM

The Medal of Honor Program provides UCT local councils with incentive to become more involved in their local communities and to increase council activity.

The program runs from April 1 to March 31 each year and gives councils set requirements to strive to achieve on four award levels – gold, silver and bronze medals of honor and the community service award – and provides opportunities to mobilize members and receive community and financial recognition.

Program awards for 2020-2021 are:

- **Platinum Medal – \$750**
- **Gold Medal – \$400**
- **Silver Medal – \$200**
- **Bronze Medal – \$100**

JOIN HANDS DAY

Join Hands Day is a multi-generational volunteer opportunity that allows UCT

members to work side-by-side with children and teens in their communities. Each year, Join Hands Day brings together youth and adults to create and coordinate joint community service projects. UCT local councils across the U.S. and Canada have been making a difference in their communities by participating in this event for 20 years.

While the “official” Join Hands Day is the first Saturday in May, projects can be held any time during the year. Typical projects include coordinating local festivals, cleaning and sprucing up local parks, highways and nursing homes, supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities, volunteering at food banks and homeless shelters, and brightening the lives of seniors and veterans.

UCT SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

UCT sponsors an annual safety poster contest for students in public, private and parochial schools and for students with intellectual disabilities. Schools across North America are eligible to participate, once contacted by a UCT local council.

Judging is conducted in three levels for each division. Posters are judged according to originality, artistic ability and clarity of content. Judging takes place at the UCT home office, and winners are awarded cash prizes.

Check out our promotions and new hires!

UCT has recently welcomed some new – and not so new – faces to our home office.

Kate Chillinsky has been promoted from Marketing Manager to Vice President of Membership & Communications. Her new role includes overseeing the Fraternal Department, planning the annual UCT convention, developing marketing initiatives and working with both the UCT Board of Governors and the UCT Insurance Oversight Board.

After spending 14 years at Nationwide Insurance, **Kevin Roberts** returns to UCT

as Vice President of Insurance Operations & Agent Services. Kevin is no stranger to our organization, having worked at the UCT home office from 1995-2004. Kevin has attained the following designations: FLMI, ACS and SPHR.

Last, but not least, **Ray Sherrick** has joined UCT as our Director of Information Technology (IT). Ray has more than 20 years of experience in the IT industry. He has worked for Nighthawk Consulting Service, AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Abbot Laboratories and System 3X Corporation. He brings to UCT a diverse mix of IT knowledge, and he's also a Certified Scrum Master and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

Congratulations and welcome, everyone!