



UCT inAction

Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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Get moving to submit your Volunteer of the Year Award nomination!

UCT members are special volunteers who every day, across North America, make a difference in their communities and have a positive impact on those who live there. UCT members are also humble volunteers, going about the business of making life better for others without much thought of what they might get in return.

That's why it's up to us to show them the appreciation and give them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for the UCT Volunteer of the Year award.

Every UCT local council has at least one member that goes above and beyond for their council and community. And every year

each council is asked to submit a nomination for that member to the Volunteer of the Year award. It's not a difficult form to complete, it can be done online, and in the past it's helped us show our gratitude to some pretty terrific members.

Nominations are based on volunteer service provided during the past year only - and you can consider your council's fiscal year as the past year. Focus areas for nominations are local council support, community service involvement, and the ability to actively engage and mobilize others.

Make the little extra effort to recognize the efforts of that exceptional member/volunteer in your local council by nominating them for volunteer of the year! Get those nomination forms sent to the home office by no later than April 30. Not postmarked, but actually received at the UCT home office by April 30.

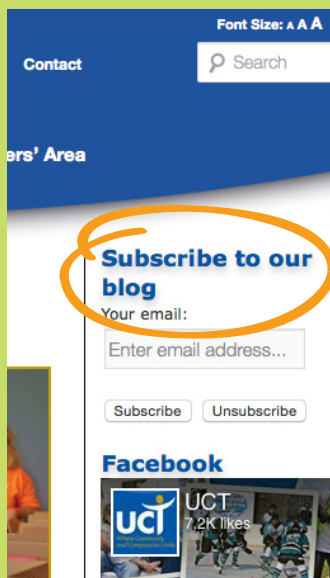
Contact Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1130 for guidelines and nomination forms or visit the Members' Area/UCT Contests page of our website at www.uct.org.



Keep up to speed through the UCT blog!

There's a lot going on with UCT that doesn't always make the pages of *UCT in Action* or *The Sample Case*. You don't have to feel like you're missing out though. You can keep up on our activities and efforts by subscribing to the UCT blog.

Just go to the upper right hand corner of the home page of our website at www.uct.org and subscribe to receive an email notification every time there's a new blog post! If you have questions about subscribing, contact Kate Chillinsky at kchillinsky@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1148.



You can explore all that magical Savannah, Georgia, has to offer when you join us July 2-5 at the **Hyatt Regency Savannah** for our 2018 UCT convention.

The Hyatt Regency Savannah offers direct access to River Street and the city's Historic District with parks, squares, shops and restaurants within easy walking distance. In addition to its luxurious guestrooms, the hotel offers convenient, Southern-inspired dining and drinks at Moss + Oak Savannah Restaurant, Bar and Market along with an indoor pool, a 24-hour gym and complimentary Wi-Fi. There's available nearby parking and the hotel offers valet parking as well.

Start making your plans now! Watch for more details coming soon and in the meantime do some research by finding out more about Savannah at www.savannah.com and/or Like the Visit Savannah page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/visitsavannahga.

Room rates are as follows and are applicable three days prior and three days following the convention, based on availability:

- \$119 per night – single/double rooms
- \$144 per night – triple rooms
- \$169 per night – quadruple rooms

CLICK TO RESERVE

Reservations MUST be made by no later than June 7, 2018, by calling 888.421.1442. Make sure to tell them you're with UCT. You can also register online by using the Hyatt Passkey: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/16251322/owner/3948/home>.

Start planning your **JOIN HANDS DAY** projects now!

For years, a number of UCT local councils organize Join Hands Day projects each year in an effort to build relationships with young people and make an impact in their communities through volunteering. Join Hands Day is a multi-generational volunteer opportunity that allows UCT members to work side-by-side with kids and teens in their communities by creating and coordinating joint community service projects.

While the first Saturday in May is the traditional date for Join Hands Day events, UCT projects can be held any time during the year. Typical projects include volunteering at 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 working on small projects with seniors and veterans.



Send photos and a description of your project to Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org immediately following your event. We want to share your experiences on our Facebook page and in *The Sample Case*. Please note that the Join Hands Day recap is published in the autumn issue of *The Sample Case* each year, so we need your photos and project descriptions by no later than mid-July, regardless of when you held your project.

Need some tips for planning your project? You'll find them – along with the project description form – here. Or contact Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1130.

Here's how to find out about what's happening with UCT!

UCT offers a number of programs, contests, benefits, scholarships, products and volunteer ideas for members on our website at www.uct.org. Have you visited the site lately? If not, you might be missing out on some valuable resources.

Make sure you're informed – and stay informed – by checking our website regularly. That also goes for our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCTinAction (Like us!), our UCT blog (see Page 2), and mail and email that's regularly sent to members. We don't want you to miss out on a thing!

Have questions? Contact Marketing Manager Kate Chillinsky at kchillinsky@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1148.

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Planning to attend this year's UCT convention? Check out the guidelines for reimbursement

If you intend to travel to Savannah, Georgia, for the 2018 UCT Convention, being held Monday, July 2, to Thursday, July 5, you'll want to make note of who can be reimbursed and how much you might receive:

- Past International Presidents Three (3) days at \$125/day
- Past Auxiliary Presidents Three (3) days at \$125/day
- Past President Widows Three (3) days at \$125/day
- UCT Standing Committeepersons/Delegates-at-Large..... Three (3) days at \$125/day
- UCT Convention Delegates/Council Guests Three (3) days at \$125/day

Note that in order to qualify for UCT convention reimbursement, you must be registered at the Hyatt Regency Savannah for the nights in which reimbursement is applicable. If two or more members authorized to receive UCT convention reimbursement choose to stay in the same hotel room, only one registered member will receive reimbursement.

If you want to go to **Dianna Loafman's luncheon, tickets are \$22 each**, while UCT convention **banquet tickets are \$37 each**. Luncheon and banquet tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance, and no reimbursements will be made. Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward is in charge of accepting luncheon and banquet reservations for the convention. You can email him at kward@uct.org or call him at 502.758.4280.



Howdy Y'all

PUT ON YOUR BOOTS AND MOSEY ON OVER

TO THE

HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH

CAUSE WE'RE KOOTIN' AND KOLLERIN'

IT'S THE UCT BANQUET

AT 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY JULY 4, 2018

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
WITH YOUR REGIONAL SECRETARY
OR RSVP KEITH WARD AT
[KWARD@UCT.ORG](mailto:kward@uct.org)**

Be sure to wear your western attire!