



# UCT inAction

Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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## Texoma Council 90 in Denison, Texas wins UCT Photo Contest!

Congratulations to Texoma Council 90 in Denison, Texas, for winning the January-March quarter of the UCT Photo Contest – and receiving \$500 for their efforts!

In the photo council members Jo Adams, Jan Lackey and Lisa Linnebur display the gift boxes they assembled for the Christmas Child project through Samaritan Purse. The boxes were filled with a number of child-friendly items and distributed to local children.

We want to let others know about the good works your councils engage in - that's why we sponsor the photo contest. It's simple, really. You send us your best photos of your council's community service efforts each quarter and, if your photo is chosen the winner, your council receives \$500!

Remember, you can submit up to five photos per quarter, and you may submit photos from events taking place beginning Jan. 1, 2016. Send photos of your council's community service projects and events to UCT's Public Relations Department. Photos may be emailed to [lfisher@uct.org](mailto:lfisher@uct.org) or mailed to: UCT, Attn: Linda Fisher, UCT Photo Contest, 1801 Watermark Dive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215.

We prefer high resolution JPG or TIFF files. Please set your camera photo size as



high as possible. Digital photos are the best, but we'll accept 4 x 6-inch colored glossies. Send information about each photo that includes your council's name and number, details about the action taking place in the photo, and the names of any individuals in the photo in left-to-right order.

Photos are due by the last day of the first month of the quarter. At the beginning of the second month of each quarter home office judges will choose the most appealing photos as finalists, and these photos will be posted on our website at [www.uct.org](http://www.uct.org) and on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/UCTinAction](http://www.facebook.com/UCTinAction) for viewing only.

Judges will determine the winner early in the third month of the quarter. We'll also announce the winner on our website and Facebook page – and we'll send a **\$500** check to the winning council's secretary! There can be no consecutive quarter winners, and each council is eligible to win a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

**For more details, take a look at the photo contest flyer on the Members' Area of our website at [www.uct.org](http://www.uct.org) under UCT Photo Contest.**



## Aloha – this year’s UCT convention banquet is going tropical!

Don’t forget your grass skirts, tropical shirts and flip flops! The 2016 UCT convention banquet at the Hyatt Regency Louisville is going tropical.

UCT President Tom Hoffman is declaring the dress attire for this year’s banquet a casual tropical theme. Wear your flowered shirts, shorts, sundresses, or even grass skirts, and we’ll provide the leis! For those who insist on formal attire, white dinner jackets must be paired with Bermuda shorts.



## Give us a break!

Regional and local councils and/or individuals that would like to sponsor a coffee break at this year’s convention can do so by making a minimum donation of \$100 by no later than **June 15**. Signs recognizing each contribution will be displayed at the convention.

## 2016 UCT convention heads to Louisville, Kentucky!

The 2016 UCT convention will be here before we know it! This year’s convention will take place July 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. Room rates are as follows and are applicable three days prior and three days following the convention, based on availability:

- \$109/night – single/double rooms
- \$129/night – triple rooms
- \$149/night – quadruple rooms

Reservations must be made by no later than **June 8, 2016**. You can book your reservations online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/unitedcommercialtravelers>. If you prefer to make reservations by phone, you can do so by calling 1.888.421.1441. Be sure to tell them you’re with UCT. For more details, contact Ann Marshall at [amarshall@uct.org](mailto:amarshall@uct.org) or at 800.848.0123 x126.

Self-parking with in/out privileges is available to UCT member hotel guests in the Hyatt Regency’s covered garage. The cost is \$13 per day with a 30 percent discount.

## Convention service project will benefit Kosair Kids®

This year’s convention service project will benefit Kosair Kids® Book Blast for kids 2-12 years old. We’re calling on UCT members to help support this reading program by donating 1,500 NEW books to the blast. Invite your fellow members who won’t be attending the convention to also take part in the project by picking up a new book or two and sending them to the convention.

If you would rather send your new books to us to transport to the convention, send them to: UCT, Attn: Jessica Spring, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215 by no later than June 24, 2016.

## Check out this year’s convention presentations!

On Sunday, immediately following Opening Ceremonies, you can find out how to **Bridge the Generation Gap**



with keynote speaker and generational expert **Phil Gwoke**. On Tuesday there will be three presentations you won’t want to miss! From 8-9 a.m. Community Outreach Manager **Keith Ward** will talk about volunteer opportunities for members and the benefits derived from volunteering during his **UCT – What’s in it for Me?** presentation and Sales Director **Justin Hamill** will discuss **The Value of UCT Insurance**.



From 9-10 a.m. you can catch the **Member to Member** panel discussion that will highlight three different UCT local councils and how they have used community service projects, media, and social media to build awareness of and reenergize their councils. Panel members include **Jessica Spring** from Buckeye Council 2000 in Columbus, Ohio; **Sam Adams** from Cape Breton Council 883 in Sydney, Nova Scotia; and **Dianna Wolfe** from Racine, Wisconsin Council 337.

