The UC San Diego’s recently rehabilitated chancellor residence (re-christened Geisel House) features breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean and Black’s Beach.

Back in the Black
Historic UCSD chancellor residence reopens after lengthy remodel

BY PAT SHERMAN

Following an extensive rehabilitation set in motion nearly 10 years ago, UC San Diego’s chancellor’s residence (rechristened the Geisel House in honor of primary donor Audrey Geisel) is again habitable and ready for current Chancellor Pradeep Khosla and his family, who will move in during the holiday break.

Built in 1952 by renowned Santa Fe, N.M. architect William Lumpkins for William and Ruth Black, the Pueblo Revival-style home (also known as the William Black House) is a national, state and local historic landmark. Ione Stiegler of IS Architecture, the lead architect on the rehabilitation, said she sought to preserve as much of the home’s historic integrity as possible. Wood beams, corbels and posts that had rotted throughout were replaced with historically accurate reconstructions.

The oak veneer flooring — one of the earliest uses of wood veneer flooring Stiegler said she has encountered — has also been accurately reproduced.

Subtle modern upgrades, including light fixtures and hand-painted tiles, also were added, as well as two new ADA-accessible public restrooms.

An advisory group, consisting of members of the La Jolla Historical Society and Save Our Heritage Organisation, as well as representatives from UCSD, the University of California system and Native American tribes, consulted on the project throughout the design and construction phases.

All inspection and review of the property was conducted by UCSD, which has its own building inspectors and fire marshals. “The university is considered its own review body, sort of parallel to the state,” Stiegler said.

Khosla will be the first chancellor to inhabit the residence since Chancellor Robert Dynes, who moved out after noticing the

UCSD’s Audrey Geisel University House features an original octagonal tile feature made of encaustic tiles that was added by the home’s original owners in 1952.
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La Jolla Country Day students hold Philippine aid drive

When students of La Jolla Country Day School heard about November’s typhoon in the Philippines, they wanted to help in a meaningful way. Susie Nordenger, the school’s director of public service programs, and several parents, joined with a group of students to lead an effort to collect clothing. They learned from past disasters that this could really help the recipients.

The school community responded, and over the next few weeks, thousands of pieces of new and lightly used clothing were donated. The clothing was then sized, bagged and tagged for easy distribution.

Early last week, the shipment went off to the Philippines in special containers, heading to two small communities that will be wearing a lot of Torrey gear in the coming months.

A note in Tagalog language was added to each box with best wishes from Country Day students and families.

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OBITUARIES

Ruth Catherine Mooney 1917 – 2013

Ruth Mooney passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. She was 96 years young with a clear, sharp and beautiful mind. Ruth was born on April 19, 1917, in Needham, Massachusetts, to Alfred Leafield and Augusta Parks.

She started her young working life as a nurse during which she found love and married Paul Mooney who became a renowned physicist and inventor in the field of Optics. They shared an adventurous life together through Paul’s work with the government which transported and transplanted the family all over our country. They finally settled in California and Ruth lived the last 27 years of her life in La Jolla.

Everywhere she lived, she created lasting friendships. Ruth was a true patriot and always interested in the issues of the day. She was a Chef extraordinaire and showed off her talents especially around Christmas time creating ginger bread houses and all the other Christmas trimming delights. Ruth is survived by her son, Paul; daughter, Frances; three grandchildren, Damon, Karen and Brian; and three great-grandchildren, Sidney, Brooklyn and K’leo. She is also survived by three of her five siblings, Lucy Keith, Ale Parks and Edith Manning; and a very long line of nieces and nephews.

She was an extraordinarily strong woman who valued family above all. Her gracious and caring manner was constant. Everyone in our family would turn to her for advice because all knew she would be straight and open minded in her approach. Her words were always wise and centering. She ran deep into our souls.

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