

United Commercial Travelers of America

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The United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) was founded in 1888 as a fraternal benevolent society based on the principles of unity, charity and temperance.

Its history goes back to when the West was opened up to trade and settlement, after completion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in 1885, when Saskatchewan was still a part of the North West Territories.

This "hands across the border" association serves both Canada and the United States through local councils (such as Regina Council #286), which provide financial aid and community services that are consistent with the community's needs.

Regina Council supports civic UCT programs through the promotion of safety and youth programs, support of services for those who are physically or mentally challenged (for example, Special Olympics) and sponsorship of little league baseball and soccer teams.

The Cancer Education and Assistance program is a long established community service of UCT. The organization was instrumental in founding the Canadian Cancer Society in Regina in 1938 and the building of the cancer patient lodge in Regina to provide a "home away from home" for rural cancer patients undergoing treatment.

The UCT North American Junior Golf Tournament, held annually since 1984, provides boys and girls with the opportunity to compete against regional teams for the privilege of advancing to the international championships.

In cooperation with the Associated Commercial Travellers,

UCT has sponsored the Traveller's Day Parade, which is now the Buffalo Days Parade, and many members are still actively involved in this major community event.

Members enjoy the benefits of fraternal and social activities, as well as a wide range of insurance and benevolent programs, and are encouraged to become involved in community service activities. New members are always welcome.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information or joining this active community organization, contact the membership chairperson, Bill Hastie, at 543-2456.