

April 25, 2015

# HATS OFF TO VOLUNTEERS

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

**Nick Anastopoulos**  
*Chairman, 2015 Hats Off to Volunteers*

## RECOGNITION OF HONOREES

Civic and Business....Mark Kersey, San Diego City Council, District 5  
Community Associations.....Brian Maienschein, California Assembly  
School Organizations.....Michelle O’Conner-Ratcliff, PUSD Board  
Health & Safety.....Captain Dawn Summers, NE Division, SD Police  
Arts, Education & Faith.....Scott Peters, US Congress  
Youth Sports.....Steve Finley, Retired Baseball Player  
Service Clubs.....Dave Roberts, San Diego County Supervisor  
Organizations Serving Youth.....Tommy Sablan, KYYX Radio  
Seniors & Veterans.....Retired Col. Steve Pisanos, US Air Force  
Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame.....Valerie Brown, President

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Jeff Shea**  
*President, Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation*

Honorees gather for group photo  
Invitation to visit organization booths



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## HONOREE

## ORGANIZATION

### 1) CIVIC & BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

#### MAXINE SCHIMMEL.....Bernardo Gardeners Club

Maxine, a 26-year member of our club, has done an outstanding job in our volunteer projects, including civic beautification of the Rancho Bernardo library.

#### CAROL PRENDERGAST.....Conservative Order for Good Government

Carol faithfully handles reservations for our monthly meetings, which provide informative speakers to the community. She supports all our events with her time and effort.

#### DEBBIE KURTH.....Rancho Bernardo Business Association

Debbie serves on our Board, currently as Treasurer. She chairs or participates in numerous committees. She is RB’s Honorary Mayor, having raised over \$21,000.

#### PATTI HALL.....Rancho Bernardo Community Council

Patti works tirelessly on our annual Safety Fair, CPR training, Chalk It Up, public forums, and other community-wide events hosted by the Community Council.

#### DEBBIE KURTH...Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

Debbie led the effort on our silent auction for this year’s Community Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was a huge success. She always does an outstanding job.

**SHERRY GUTHRIE.....Rancho Bernardo Community  
Planning Board**

Sherry has made significant contributions to the Planning Board. She helped update our website and also took on the role of election committee chair.

**MIKE GAYLORD.....Rancho Bernardo Recreation Council**

Mike has been an exceptional contributor to our Council, representing Pop Warner Football and spearheading selection of the 2015 Glassman Brown Recreational Leadership Award winner.

**VALERIE BROWN.....Spirit of the Fourth**

Valerie is a major contributor to our organization. She has been involved with almost every committee, bringing the Independence Day celebration to Rancho Bernardo.

## 2) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

**ADRIENNE KRONENBERGER.....Casa de las Campanas**

Adrienne's dedicated and lengthy service in our Executive Council, retail shop, and Casa Residents for Education has benefited both Casa residents and the broader community.

**HARVEY LEVINE.....Community Association of  
Bernardo Heights**

Harvey's work as Treasurer has reshaped our budget process and contributed to tremendous savings. He also led our Tennis committee with success for several years.

**RON FILSON.....Eastview RB Community Center**

Ron's dedicated leadership and tireless efforts consistently promote architectural integrity throughout the Eastview community. His exceptional contributions and service exemplify the fundamental principles of volunteerism.

**DEBORAH FLECK.....High Country West Property  
Owners Association**

Deborah is a dedicated, loyal member of our Board of Directors and a well-respected chairperson of our Update, Refresh, and Advisory Committee.

**CHRIS BERG.....Oaks North Community Center**

Chris participates as the head of many groups in our community and always steps up when needed with a genuine smile on her face.

**PHILIP HILL.....Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club**

Phil has served our community for many years on the Architectural Committee as well as being actively involved in many other club events.

**AL VILLAREAL.....Seven Oaks Community Center**

Al has served on our Architectural Committee for many years. He continues to do an outstanding job for our Seven Oaks community.

**TONY TRISTAN.....The Westwood Club**

Tony has been the driving force behind the luminary project at Christmas. He spends many hours planning and working to coordinate this holiday event.

## 3) SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

**TERI WYNESS.....Rancho Bernardo High School Foundation**

Teri does a great job for the Foundation, organizing our fund raisers, handling publicity, and handling communications with our families and the community.

**LORRIE RUSSO.....Rancho Bernardo High School  
Friends of the Library**

Lorrie is our Volunteer Coordinator. She is a great asset to us, recruiting and scheduling adult and student volunteers for our fundraisers supporting the library.

**JAN STEPHAN.....Rancho Bernardo High School PTSA**

Jan's brilliant smile highlights her positive personality. She is a dedicated volunteer and an invaluable asset to the parent, academic, and athletic programs she assists.

**HABIBA MABENE.....Bernardo Heights Middle School**

Habiba is committed to all students' success at our school. She volunteers tirelessly in our library, helping students on the computers and finding library books.

**HEATHER CAMORAS.....Chaparral Elementary School**

Heather is a quiet volunteer who comes many times each week to support the staff and students at Chaparral. Her helping hands make a difference.

**LIZ CAMPOS.....Highland Ranch Elementary School**

Liz is our Foundation co-president. She also organized and ran our first Spelling Bee, lining up the judges and attending every night to ensure success.

**OLIVIA (NANA) NOEL.....Turtleback Elementary School**

"Nana" arrives to volunteer each week with a smile on her face and enthusiasm for whatever comes her way in the classroom and the library.

**PATTY TOKUSHIGE.....Westwood Elementary School**

Patty is an amazing volunteer. She is very active in our PTA, where she has served a variety of positions including President for two years.

**4) HEALTH & SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS**

**JOANNE LANE.....Fired Up Sisters of Southern California**

Joanne contributes her energy and talents to the mission of Fired Up Sisters, paying it forward with support and resources for families affected by fire.

**JANICE SCHOCK.....Palomar Health Community  
Action Council**

Janice is the Master Gardener in our food bank garden, leading a team of volunteers who grow produce for families in need in our community.

**PILLY HAIGHT.....Pomerado Hospital Volunteer Services**

Pilly has volunteered at Pomerado Hospital for over 14 years and 5500 hours, sharing her caring commitment with patients, guests, staff, and volunteers.

**PATRICK HORGAN & MAE CRUZ-HORGAN.....RB  
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Patrick and Mae are a key husband and wife team, always eager to share their extensive knowledge of emergency response procedures, including amateur radio.

**EVERETT HARRIS.....Rancho Bernardo  
Emergency Radio Service**

Since 1995 Everett has performed communication drills from community centers and the Emergency Operation Center. He is our secretary and participates in all our events.

**RALPH PARRIS.....Rancho Bernardo Neighborhood Watch**

Ralph’s dedication to emergency preparedness over the years has added a valuable and important aspect to the Neighborhood Watch program

**RICHARD ABEL.....Rancho Bernardo Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)**

In addition to his regular RSVP patrols in Rancho Bernardo, Dick has served as an RSVP Ambassador at Balboa Park for more than six years.

**5) ARTS, EDUCATION, AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUSAN JOHNSON.....The Church at Rancho Bernardo**

Through the Alabaster Jar Project, Susan is helping survivors of human trafficking find the housing and resources they need to become healthy individuals.

**DICK LUEHRING....Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library**

Beyond being Treasurer and three-term President, Dick gives of himself warmly and tirelessly, managing book sales and supporting our library in so many ways.

**GREG NELSON.....Incarnation Lutheran Church**

Greg was construction coordinator during remodeling of our sanctuary and development of our youth center, ensuring a wealth of ministry opportunities for years to come.

**FRED GAHM.....Rancho Bernardo Historical Society**

Fred is a Vice President of the Historical Society. He oversees maintenance and repairs for our museum. He is a treasure every organization should have.

**CLOYD BEDKE.....RB Chorale**

Cloyd has been with the Chorale since its inception in 1974. He is a top-rated soloist and designs all the staging for our productions.

**FREDA HELLER..... Temple Adat Shalom**

Freda does so much -- chairing numerous positions, working on holiday productions, and more. At 92, she proves you’re never too old to make a difference.

**6) YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS**

**DAVE PARRISH.....Rancho Bernardo Girls Softball League**

Dave has been a fantastic board member, helping the league by organizing successful fundraisers, soliciting sponsorships, and managing several teams.

**BRIAN LORENTZ.....Rancho Bernardo Little League**

Brian’s interest in the safety, well-being, and overall development of children make him outstanding in preparing today’s youth to be tomorrow’s leaders.



It’s not too early to secure your premier sponsorship at this year’s Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Thanksgiving Luncheon.

The Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation puts on this annual event to bring together friends as well as community and business leaders in the Thanksgiving spirit. The proceeds of the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Thanksgiving Luncheon event have benefited many community organizations, with more than \$100,000 distributed!

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**LIZ CAMPOS...Rancho Bernardo Pop Warner Football & Cheer**

Liz does a tremendous job as our Academic Liaison, using students' love of football to motivate academic achievement and seeking scholarships for high achievers.

**TIM SPITSER.....Rancho Bernardo Youth Basketball League**

Since Tim joined our board five years ago, enrollment has surged. Tim manages evaluations and drafts, and also coaches two teams, earning multiple championships.

**DEBBIE NEYHOUSE.....San Diego Soccer Club**

Debbie is the ultimate volunteer, in charge of our Opening Day event and co-chairing our end-of-season banquet. She always steps up when needed.

**AL STEIN.....Glassman Brown Recreational Leadership Award**

Al is both a winning coach and outstanding President of Pop Warner Football and Cheer. His leadership has added stability and professionalism to the organization.

**7) SERVICE CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

**ANNA MITCHELL.....Gently Hugged**

Annie collects baby clothes and make beautiful quilts. Her efforts support our mission of providing new and gently used clothing to babies in need.

**NANCY SARGENT.....Kiwanis Club of Los Rancheros**

Nancy has been an award winning Kiwanis volunteer for almost 25 years, always generous with her time and expertise as needs arise in Rancho Bernardo.

**AL ROUBEN.....Rancho Bernardo Lions Club**

Al volunteers for many community projects. He delivers donated food to a homeless shelter and makes hand-crafted wooden toys for *Toys for Tots*.

**SHIRLEY NAPIERALA.....Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club**

Shirley exemplifies Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." She has served as our President and Vice President and also volunteers through her church and other organizations.

**NASRIN BARBEE....Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club - Sunrise**

For over 10 years, Naz has epitomized Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." She has led the charge for local and international community service projects.

**RON GROSS.....Rancho Bernardo Toastmasters**

Ron has been a dedicated member for 26 years, helping community members improve their public speaking and leadership skills for work, volunteer service, and other activities.

**WANDA ROY.....Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club**

Wanda has volunteered as our official photographer, capturing all the smiles, tears of joy, and great moments in our club's history since 2000.

**LYNNE ARONEN.....San Diego Love on a Leash**

Lynne and her dog Sparky have done pet therapy visits at libraries, senior facilities, Veterans' apartments, colleges for distress days, and special events since 2010.



When you make a gift of \$1,000 or more, your name will be embedded on a granite plaque in Webb Park along with past community donors.

Donations are added to the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation endowment that, in turn, gives back each and every year to those organizations that improve the community's quality of life.

Ask a Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Volunteer about how you can donate to Rancho Bernardo's future!

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**PHIL JOHNSON.....Shrine Club of Rancho Bernardo**

Phil works tirelessly to support the club and its functions as we support the Shriners Hospitals for Children. He's a fine man and invaluable member.

**PAT HAMILTON.....Soroptimist International of Rancho Bernardo**

Pat, a member for 11 years, has served as President, Treasurer, and chair of our Transitional Housing Committee, providing housing for victims of domestic abuse.

**8) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING YOUTH**

**SUE MCLAUGHLIN.....Assistance League of Inland North County**

Sue is a major factor in the success of our Thrift and Consignment Store. Her efforts help us fund the League's nine philanthropies.

**KEVIN WALSH.....Boy Scouts Black Mountain District**

Kevin has done an outstanding job bringing to life programs that promote science, technology, engineering, and math for the scouts in our area.

**KAREN MCKENZIE.....Chelsea's Light Foundation**

Karen spearheads a Bernardo Heights Middle School team for Finish Chelsea's Run. Her commitment results in one of the largest teams at the race each year.

**MARILYNN NEL.....Girl Scouts of RB & 4S Ranch**

Marilynn helped coordinate cookie sales for 70-plus troops for the last five years. She headed up the team in 2012 and 2013.

**JANE LEVIN.....Seniors Helping Our Kids**

Jane has been a classroom helper at Chaparral Elementary for twenty years. Her kind and helpful manner makes the school day brighter for the students.

**9) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING SENIORS & VETERANS**

**MEL CARRILLO.....Ed Brown Senior Center**

Mel has been the rock star behind the Center's revitalization, running Monday dances for four years, decorating for each holiday, and hosting member parties.

**EUGENE KUJAWSKI.....Jewish Family Service – On the Go**

Gene is a valued Rides & Smiles volunteer driver. He has provided over 4700 rides since 2008 and is dedicated to the seniors he serves.



**MIKE VAUGHN.....Major Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766**

Mike is responsible for collecting and properly handling worn out American flags from Rancho Bernardo homes, businesses, and government buildings. He does an excellent job.

**EARL WENTWORTH.....Military Order of the World Wars**

Earl is our Vice Commander and “go to guy.” His fund raising efforts provide funds for our support to the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference.

**KAY LETTINGTON.....Quilts of Valor**

Kay has been a tireless volunteer, preparing and awarding quilts to deserving veterans of all wars and services. She is crucial to our organization.

**ELEANOR ELLIS.....Rancho Bernardo Senior Services**

Eleanor has volunteered with us for the past 10 years. She makes appointments, answers phones, greets visitors, and is a valuable asset to our organization.

**MERV ADAMS.....Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association**

Merv is instrumental in getting the Memorial in Webb Park set up for each of our three annual patriotic ceremonies. He’s always ready to help.

**KATHLEEN KENNEDY.....Team Red, White and Blue**

Kathleen has worked tirelessly and selflessly, coordinating our annual 12-hour Rancho Bernardo Relay, enriching the lives of America’s veterans through physical and social events.

**10) RANCHO BERNARDO HALL OF FAME**

**SHIRLEY BLACK.....Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame**

Shirley has shown outstanding leadership as fundraising chair of the Rancho Bernardo High School Friends of the Library, improving the library for students and staff.

**NANCY CANFIELD.....Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame**

Nancy has shown outstanding leadership as President of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, leading the group in preserving our community’s history.



**The purpose of the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding volunteers leaders who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Rancho Bernardo.**

**The idea for the Hall of Fame began in 1974. Representatives from RB organizations met to develop selection criteria and to select the first members.**

**An average of two to three new members have been selected each year since then. Two large plaques listing the members selected over the years are displayed in the lobby of the Rancho Bernardo Library.**

**For more information, visit our web site [RBHallofFame.org](http://RBHallofFame.org).**

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### Purpose and Vision

- Meet emerging needs by encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy by and for the benefit of all who live, work and play in Rancho Bernardo
- Continue to build a Rancho Bernardo Community endowment, which is now over 1.3 million dollars

### Structure

- Individuals and businesses can become members by making a minimum annual donation of \$500 to the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation
- Half of the funds go to a permanent endowment and the other half goes immediately into the annual grant making account for distribution at our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon



*A Special Thanks to the Hats Off Committee*

Nick Anastasopoulos  
Gary Carlson  
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Valerie Brown  
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*And to those who helped make this event what it is:*

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