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Hats Off to
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PROGRAM

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Nick Anastasopoulos
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School Organizations Dave LeMaster, Principal, RB High School
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Organizations Serving Youth.Brian Sipe, retired NFL Quarterback
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Arts, Education & Faith. Tommy Sablan, KyXy Radio Personality

CLOSING REMARKSDebbie Kurth
President, Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

GROUP PHOTO OF HONOREES

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THIS YEAR'S HONOREES

1) SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

GRETCHEN CHRISTENSEN. RB High School Foundation

Gretchen is our secretary and has put in countless hours volunteering at our fundraisers, acting as a chef at our Pancake Breakfast and Pasta Dinner.

SHARON ELLISON. RB High School Friends of the Library

Sharon has been our Treasurer since 2012. She spends countless hours tracking and posting our income and expenditures, a very important contribution to our group.

CATHERINE HUNT. RB High School PTSA

Catherine has devoted many hours to college and career readiness programs. These programs prepare students for their future and also raise funds for PTSA events.

RENE CARMICHAEL.Bernardo Heights Middle School

Rene coordinated this year's Adopt a Family program, providing gifts to ten families in need. She worked tirelessly to make sure others' dreams came true.

JOELLE KOHN.Chaparral Elementary School

Joelle makes Chaparral's garden grow! From maintaining the garden, to writing grants for garden funding, to developing garden-related lesson plans, Joelle does it all.

TIM CHEN. Highland Ranch Elementary School

Tim did an amazing job organizing our Chinese New Year celebration. He even coordinated a troop of Lion Dancers that made this a memorable day!

NANCY MYLES. Turtleback Elementary School

Nancy is the amazing, highly intelligent, patient coach of our 4th and 5th grade award-winning Future Problem Solvers. They're so lucky to have her!

WINNIE LEE. Westwood Elementary School

Winnie has a keen eye for the future. She volunteers in a classroom, serves on the PTA, and is our social butterfly for school events.

2) CIVIC & BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

DONNA ZIMMER. Bernardo Gardeners Club

Donna started the Bernardo Gardeners' spring garden tour. This fundraiser has enabled our club to donate generously to our community.

**LYNN ANN REAGAN. Conservative Order for Good
Government**

Lynn Ann has been a member for over seven years, serving as Board member, Secretary, and President. She is a selfless, outstanding, reliable volunteer.

HILDA TEEL. Rancho Bernardo Business Association

Hilda has served on our Board for seven years. She's a great asset, assisting on many committees, events, and projects to serve the community.

ROBIN KAUFMAN. Rancho Bernardo Community Council

As our leader for thirteen of the last sixteen years, Robin has done an outstanding job preserving the quality of life in Rancho Bernardo.

**SHIRLEY NAPIERALA. Rancho Bernardo Community
Foundation**

Shirley is a great addition to our Board. She has served as Board Secretary for over four years and has assisted our Grants Committee.

**DON GRAGG..... Rancho Bernardo Community
Planning Board**

Don successfully chaired our by-laws committee, working with members and city officials. The new by-laws will let us work more effectively on RB planning issues.

**MARY BAKER..... Rancho Bernardo Republican Women
Federated**

As our President, Mary is an inspiring leader who encourages and motivates us by example to improve our community through community service and participation.

KELLY BATTEN Rancho Bernardo Recreation Council

Kelly has done an outstanding job as President of our Council, helping us fulfill our mission of enhancing the visitor's experience at our community park.

MYRNA DE LA PEÑA..... Spirit of the Fourth

Myrna took a leadership role in our Fourth of July event. Starting with very little training, she overcame many obstacles to ensure a successful event.

3) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

JEANNINE MCCULLAGH..... Casa de las Campanas

Jeannine volunteers on our Foundation's Legacy, Education, Donor Relations, and Advisory Committees, serves on our Education and Scholarship drives, and reads at Felicity Elementary.

**ERIK JOHNSON.....Community Association of Bernardo
Heights**

Erik's wealth of knowledge in construction and landscaping have proven invaluable to our homeowner association. We were fortunate to have him on our Board.

VICKI OWEN..... Eastview RB Community Center

Vicki's 30-year leadership in our community as association president, architecture committee member, and frequent volunteer enhances the quality of life for all our residents.

DENISE MOORADIAN..... High Country West Property Owners Association

Denise has done an excellent job chairing our architectural committee this year. She has earned respect from the community and from her fellow committee members.

ROBERTA MIKLES..... Oaks North Community Center

Roberta has been a dedicated Oaks North volunteer for many years. She has worked tirelessly as a Board Member and as our Activities Committee Chair.

KEN BAUMANN..... Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club

Ken has been a leader in the club over 40 years. He has been instrumental in building our Fitness Center into a first-class facility.

DEANNE MANLEY..... Seven Oaks Community Center

Deanna has been entertaining at the Center for 25 years. She heads up karaoke, a live band, and dances ó real treats for our residents.

LARRY EVANS..... The Westwood Club

Larry serves as inspector of elections and never says no when asked to help with community events. He makes a positive impact in our community.

4) SAFETY, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

BARBARA CECELSKI..... Assistance League of Inland North. County

Barbara is efficient and dependable. She has been largely responsible for making our thrift store a favorite among shoppers, helping to fund our philanthropic projects.

JOANN KLING. Fired Up Sisters of Southern California

Joann is a valued member of our Board. An innovative and committed volunteer, she spearheaded projects to help Harmony Grove and Northern California fire survivors.

KATHLEEN DEGRAFFENREID. Gently Hugged

Kathy is enthusiastic and dependable. She helps us collect and prepare new and gently used clothing and blankets for donation to infants in need.

JANE RADATZ. Palomar Health

Jane coordinates Pomerado Hospital's needlework volunteers and leads the Backyard Produce Project, ensuring that hundreds of local families in need receive fresh fruits and vegetables.

FRITZ WOELLER. RB Emergency Radio Service

Fritz joined our group in 2006, already a leader in radio communication. His support of emergency communications keeps Rancho Bernardo prepared for any disaster.

JULIE SANDERS. Rancho Bernardo Neighborhood Watch

Julie led a successful effort to keep our organization going, relaunching it into the newly revitalized organization taking form this year.

SHELBY LONG. RB Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol

Shelby is our organization's cornerstone. As our Assistant Administrator, she works tirelessly for the betterment of the community and the advancement of RSVP.

DANICA TAYLOR. Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center

Danica embodies the heart of Ride Above Disability, where we use horseback riding to help those with special needs build skills, increase confidence, and thrive.

SALLY BENCANGEY Seven Oaks Radio Emergency Team

Sally is one of our newest volunteers. Even with no previous radio experience, she has become a star, available to provide neighborhood information during emergencies.

5) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING SENIORS & VETERANS

LILY BIRMINGHAM Ed Brown Center for Active Adults

Lily has done an outstanding job as our special events coordinator. Our members greatly appreciate her efforts, and attendance has increased.

NANCY SHEFFLER. Jewish Family Service - On the Go

Nancy is a valued Rides & Smiles volunteer driver. She has provided over 1700 rides since 2013. She is devoted to her regular riders.

JOHN CANTOR. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766

John has held every position in the Post, and though 98 years old, still stands two-hour watches distributing poppies on Memorial and Veterans Days.

CARL SWEPSTON. Military Order of the World Wars

Carl is our Director for Guest Speakers and future Senior Deputy Commander. He is always there to help, brainstorm ideas, and make our events better.

COOKIE SIEGEL.Quilts of Valor

Cookie has been a devoted member of Quilts of Valor for over six years. Her beautiful quilts have been awarded to many local Veterans.

BETTY JEAN DYE. Rancho Bernardo Senior Services

Betty has been a loyal volunteer for ten years and was very helpful during our recent transition, helping new management come up to speed.

EARL WENTWORTH . . . Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

Earl is essential to our patriotic ceremonies. He hauls and sets up the equipment, and he recruits and trains the flag bearers for the ceremonies.

JEN FRIDOLFS Team Red, White and Blue

Jen's patriotic spirit and big heart for Veterans motivate the countless hours she spends organizing our twelve-hour Team Red, White, and Blue Relay Challenge.

6) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING YOUTH

NANCY VOGEL Boy Scouts Black Mountain District

Nancy has a heart for serving those with special needs. She helps us provide these children with a wonderful Scouting experience that meets their needs.

STEPHANIE WEISENFARTH Girl Scouts of RB / 4S Ranch

Stephanie is our go-to person when looking for local community service projects where our troops can volunteer. Her knowledge and ideas are indispensable.



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 and community and business leaders in the Thanksgiving spirit. The proceeds of the luncheon have benefited many community organizations, with more than \$100,000 distributed! Phone 619-764-8602

LORA STARRY. Rancho Bernardo Girls Softball League

Lora's dedication to our league is exceptional. She was President for 10 years when her children played and she's back now with her granddaughter playing

BRIAN UNDERHILL Rancho Bernardo Little League

Brian's tireless efforts as RB Little League President have been a home run. He has brought renewed energy and made impressive upgrades to all the fields.

BILL OXIDINE RB Pop Warner Football & Cheer

Bill has done an outstanding job as our equipment manager for many years. He always fights for what is best for the kids.

NANCY HENROID RB Youth Basketball League

Nancy has coached in our league for many years. She wins championships, creates better players, and promotes a fun atmosphere. She represents our league well.

RON LEWIS. San Diego Soccer Club

Ron is doing a great job growing our recreational programs. His communication and organizational skills keep our families returning to play soccer.

VIRGINIA GRAY. Seniors Helping Our Kids

Virginia has volunteered in our program for twenty years, helping children in the Poway Unified schools learn to read and to dance. She's a gem.

**GEORGE BRASHEAR. Glassman Brown Recreational
Leadership Award**

George stepped up when the Rancho Bernardo Youth Basketball League was struggling. He has built it into a strong, thriving organization serving our youth

7) SERVICE CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

RANDY TENZER Kiwanis Club of Los Rancheros

Randy does a wonderful job coordinating all of the Key Clubs and student leadership programs that our club sponsors. He helps create leaders of tomorrow.

GREG CODY. Rancho Bernardo Lions Club

Greg advises the Leos service clubs at Rancho Bernardo High School and Bernardo Heights Middle School. He also recruited four new members to our club.

LYNN ROSS Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

Lynn has coordinated the Miss Rancho Bernardo / Miss Teen Rancho Bernardo program for eight years, selecting and accompanying the young ladies representing our great community.

KAREN MORTIMER. Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Club

Karen is there for every event, work day, or planning meeting. Her contributions make a deep and lasting impression on our club and our community.



When you make a gift of \$1,000 or more to the RB Community Foundation, 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 gives back each year to organizations that improve quality of life in the community. Phone 619-764-8602

BILL BAILEY..... Rancho Bernardo Toastmasters

Bill has served four terms as our Vice President of Membership, introducing many new members to our club and helping us become a thriving group.

BARBARA T. HARKINS..... Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club

Barbara has filled key positions in our club for ten years and has been instrumental in raising membership, increasing our ability to do philanthropic work.

RICHARD VAN OVERMEIREN..... Shrine Club of Rancho Bernardo

Besides being a dedicated supporter of the Shrine Club, Richard has contributed to RB by devoting thousands of hours to the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol.

PAM WARNOCK Soroptimist International of Rancho Bernardo

As co-President and 19-year member, Pam is a leader in our work fighting human trafficking and providing transitional housing to survivors of domestic violence.

8) ARTS, EDUCATION, AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS

SUSAN CHAMBERLAIN..... Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library

Susan is always helpful. She created written guidelines for sorting donated materials, designed and updated brochures and bookmarks, and served on our nominating committee.

CAROL HASSETT..... Incarnation Lutheran Church

As Altar Guild Chairman, Carol handles the set up for over 175 worship services each year. She also serves on the Hospitality and Decorating Committees.

RICHARD THORPE Rancho Bernardo Historical Society

Richard envisioned building a small stage coach, called a Mud Wagon, for our museum. He researched it, engaged an expert, and built it. All aboard!

BOB CARROLL RB Chorale

Bob is the glue that holds our shows together. His mastery in the production booth keeps our audiences saying “That was the best show ever.”

LAUREN SHAPIRO-MILANA Temple Adat Shalom

Lauren is an extraordinary volunteer. Whether it’s women’s activities, youth, or events for the whole congregation, Lauren brings her enthusiasm, know-how, and love.



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 Hall of Fame began in 1974. An average of two to three new members have been selected each year since then. Two plaques listing the members are displayed in the lobby of the RB Library.

For more information, visit our web site RBHallofFame.org

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the other half go immediately into grants distributed
at our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Phone 619-764-8602**

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