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**2018**  
***Hats Off  
To Volunteers***

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***The Rancho Bernardo  
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# HATS OFF TO VOLUNTEERS

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## PROGRAM

WELCOME . . . . . Debbie Kurth  
*RB Community Foundation President &  
Hats Off to Volunteers Chair*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF HONOREES

Our Distinguished Presenters:

Community Associations. . . Brian Maienschein, California State Assembly  
Civic and Business Groups . . . Mark Kersey, San Diego City Councilman  
Service Clubs. . . . . Kristin Gaspar, San Diego County Supervisor  
School Organizations . . Jeff Shea, Past Pres, RB Community Foundation  
Safety, Health & Human Services. . . . . Captain Chris Knighten, SDPD  
Serving Seniors & Veterans . . . . . Carl DeMaio, Former City Councilman  
Serving Youth. . . . . Brian Sipe, Retired NFL Quarterback  
Arts, Education & Faith . . . . . Mark Mathis, KUSI Television Personality  
Leadership Awards . . . . . Robin Kaufman, President, RB Recreation  
Council and Past President, RB Hall of Fame

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Debbie Kurth

GROUP PHOTO OF HONOREES

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## Hats Off to Volunteers

Hats Off to Volunteers started in 2010 at the suggestion of City Councilman Carl DeMaio, who was impressed by the extraordinary volunteer spirit exhibited during the recent wildfires.



The purpose of the event is to recognize the volunteers and volunteer organizations that make our community great.

Each year we contact about 70 community organizations and invite each one to name a volunteer to be honored.

Hats Off to Volunteers brings together the honorees, their organizations, and the entire community to celebrate their contributions.

## THIS YEAR'S HONOREES

### 1) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

**FRED GRAWAY** ..... **Casa de las Campanas**

Fred, a six-year RSVP volunteer, administers Casa Internet communications to residents, manages the Hobby Shop, and partners with wife Jody producing performances for residents.

**DEBBIE KURTH** ..... **Community Association of Bernardo Heights**

As our Treasurer, Debbie has been vital in maintaining the finances and reserves of the largest homeowner association in Rancho Bernardo, with over 3,600 homes.

**DIANNE MUNGER** ..... **Eastview RB Community Center**

Dianne has conducted fitness classes for 30 years and serves on our Social Committee. She's a former Architecture Committee member and major contributor to Eastview.

**DON SCHMIDT. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club**

Don served on our Board of Directors as chairman of the Legal Committee for 6 years. He also volunteers to help at every Club event.

**LINDA EGGEN. . . . . Seven Oaks Community Center**

As our Architectural Committee Chairperson, Linda has been instrumental in closing several open cases. She also drafted guidelines to verify that procedures are properly documented.

**NANCY CANFIELD. . . . . The Westwood Club**

Nancy was a Board member and continues to serve the Westwood community. She is extremely supportive of our programs and always volunteers at our events.

**2) CIVIC & BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS**

**ROSE MARIE DISHMAN . . . . . Conservative Order for Good  
Government**

Rose Marie stepped up to lead our Community Speakers forum at a critical time and has revitalized accomplishment of its mission to “Keep Informed.”

**TRACEY VAN PUTTEN. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Business  
Association**

Tracey is serving her second year on our Board. As a result of her fund-raising efforts, she is the current Honorary Deputy Mayor.

**MIKE MAIORANO. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Community Council**

Mike has served tirelessly, volunteering countless hours to help us succeed in advocating for the health, safety, and quality of life in Rancho Bernardo.

**STEVE DREYER . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation**

Steve has served on our Board for five years and has been Grants Chairman for three. He does an outstanding job for the Foundation.

**KAREN PARLIN . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Community  
Planning Board**

Karen did an outstanding job working with the Planning Board to resolve parking issues in the Westwood area of Rancho Bernardo. Her work got results.

**JANE MEINERS . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Republican Women  
Federated**

Jane was a tireless volunteer, tutoring at Midland Elementary and volunteering at the RB Library. She expressed her joyful outlook with “I love being 90!”

**ROBIN KAUFMAN. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Recreation Council**

Robin is the greatest advocate for the RB Recreation Council. She helped the City develop transition plans and policy around a financial policy change.

**CAROL McCOTTER. . . . . Spirit of the Fourth**

Carol has been the driving force behind our evening fireworks display for ten years. Her efforts make this event awesome for the thousands who attend.



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

**The RB Community Foundation puts on this annual event to bring together friends and community and business leaders in the Thanksgiving spirit. Proceeds have benefitted many community organizations – over \$800,000 distributed to local non-profits.**

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### **3) SERVICE CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

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

Nancy works tirelessly for the betterment of children and families, with special emphasis on our projects at Ronald McDonald House. She is greatly appreciated.

**ANNIE ZUCKER . . . . . Love On a Leash**

Annie volunteers countless hours of community service with her therapy dogs, conducts orientations for new teams, and is a member of our chapter's leadership team.

**ROGER ROBINSON. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Toastmasters**

Roger is the one person who can be relied upon to save the day at any meeting by stepping into an unexpected vacant leadership role.

**SYLVIA KAHN. . . . . Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club**

Sylvia has been our hospitality chair for six years at our monthly luncheons, where we raise funds for scholarships and to support other community organizations.

**DON GLOVER . . . . . Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo**

Don is the consummate volunteer. He leads or participates in virtually every Rotary outreach effort. Don is the epitome of "Making a Difference."

**BOB DAVIE. . . . . Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise**

Each of our 65 members deserves to be honored. We have chosen Bob to represent us because of his exceptional leadership and community involvement

**SHIRLEY CRAWFORD. . . . . Shrine Club of Rancho Bernardo**

Shirley has been a constant supporter of the Shrine Club for many years, offering special items and gifts to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children.

**THERESA MARTIN. . . Soroptimist International No. San Diego**

Theresa, working with Debbie Swanson, achieved notable success implementing the Soroptimist “Dream It” program for girls at risk in Rancho Bernardo and Westview High Schools.

**4) SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS**

**THERESA BONAFEDE . . . . . RB High School Friends of the Library**

Theresa’s tech savvy skills are of great importance to our organization. She maintains our website, facilitates our on-line auction, and organizes student tech week.

**TERRY NORWOOD . . . . . RB High School PTSA**

Terry serves on our PTSA Board as Chairman of RB High’s Grad Nite. She also serves the community in several other capacities. She is amazing.

**WINNIE LEE . . . . . Bernardo Heights Middle School**

Winne is a member of our school site council and works diligently to build the fund-raising Booster Clubs that support our performing arts classes.

**BRANDI FOISIE. . . . . Chaparral Elementary School**

Brandi gives endless hours to organizing, planning, and executing many events at Chaparral. Her dedication shows with the time she shares throughout our school.

**AMY THROCKMORTON. . . . . Highland Ranch Elementary**

Amy is our volunteer choirmaster – a true artist who brings out the best in every student, producing Broadway-quality theater for every child who participates.

**PAUL PEATY . . . . . Turtleback Elementary School**

Paul does so much for Turtleback – traffic control, playground supervisor, school site council, logistics, Saturday clean-ups, Dad’s group, Running Club, event scheduling, We love him!

**CARA LANE .....Westwood Elementary School**

Cara and her partners Morgan Burgwald and Tracy Hotze work tirelessly making our Running Club a wonderful experience for the students at Westwood Elementary.

**5) SAFETY, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**DEE DEE TOMIHIRO. . Assistance League of Inland No. County**

Dee Dee has been our Thrift Shop Chairman for three years. She keeps us organized and was very dedicated to our recent remodel project.

**LORI SHEIN ..... Backyard Produce Project**

Lori is a dedicated leader in our food bank garden, where we grow fruits and vegetables for low-income seniors and families in our area.

**ELINOR SHACK ..... Fired Up Sisters of Southern California**

Elinor is very involved in Fired Up Sisters, serving as Board president, supporting our activities, and helping to "pay it forward" to recent wildfire survivors..

**JANE COLOMBINO ..... Gently Hugged**

Jane is a long-time volunteer. She coordinates our faithful group of knitters, quilters, and crafters who make items to be donated to newborns in need.

**CRAIG GRAHAM ..... Palomar Health**

Craig shares his time, talents, and positive, caring personality at the hospital, helping the lobby desk, volunteer office, gift shop, and patient transport service.

**ARTHUR "PAT" JONES ..... RB Emergency Radio Service**

At 100 years old, Pat is the oldest member of our group. He was one of the first amateur radio operators in North County.



**STEVE TUTUNJIAN .. Rancho Bernardo Neighborhood Watch**

Steve is both our Treasurer and a Block Captain. He keeps both our neighbors and our finances safe and secure.

**CHRISTY BONNER . . . . . RB Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol**

Christy has been a stalwart and valued member of our organization for several years. She epitomizes the meaning of the word Volunteer.

**ERIKA RAYE . . . . . Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center**

Erika is an invaluable member of our team, raising funds to support our work offering therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with special needs.

**NANCY PRYOR . . . . . Seven Oaks Radio Emergency Team**

Nancy joined our radio team with her husband. She became a “ham” operator, able to share accurate information with our Seven Oaks neighbors in an emergency.

**6) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING SENIORS & VETERANS**

**JOAN SIGURDSEN . . . . . Ed Brown Center for Active Adults**

Joan volunteered to teach our Friday yoga class several years ago. She willingly shares her knowledge and her loving kindness with everyone she meets.

**DAN HUGHES . . . . . Jewish Family Service - On the Go**

Dan is a valued Rides & Smiles volunteer driver. He has provided over 1,200 rides since 2013 and donated over 1,800 hours to our organization.

**DON HERSHBERGER . . . . . Military Order of the World Wars**

Don sets up our monthly luncheons and is our "go-to" guy when help is needed as we serve America's youth through leadership and award programs.

**MELODY RASCO . . . . . Quilts of Valor**

Melody has been quilting only a few years, but has honed her skills to make beautiful Quilts of Valor for deserving military members and Veterans.

**GLORIA SOLSTAD . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Senior Services**

Gloria is friendly, helpful, and professional. She is a self-starter committed to doing special projects when needed.

**PAUL ATTERBURY . . . . Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association**

Paul has secured wonderful speakers from the military for our ceremonies at the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

**TRISTAN MCCOY . . . . . Team Red, White and Blue**

Tristan challenged RB High students to support Veterans. Seven years later, six high schools participate with hundreds of Veterans in our annual walk across I-56.

**DON SCHMIDT . . . . . Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766**

Don is in his fifth year as Commander of our VFW Post. Last year he led us to be named an All-American Post.

**7) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING YOUTH**

**FAITH HALTERMAN . . . . . Boy Scouts Rancho Mesa District**

Faith goes above and beyond the Scout Oath and Motto “Be Prepared.” She provides an inclusive environment to include all boys in Scouting.

**BRENDA MAAS . . . . . Girl Scouts of RB / 4S Ranch**

Brenda has done a fantastic job as our Service Unit Treasurer. She is always willing and able to assist the troop and leaders.

**CINDI KARL . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Pop Warner**

Cindi has worked tirelessly as our Concessions Director. Her efforts raised over \$10,000 for our cheerleaders to attend nationals in Florida.

**DENIS GRADY. . . . . RB Youth Basketball League**

Denis is our President-Elect. He has taken over most of the critical league duties and is one of the hardest working men we know.

**KELLEY GREEN . . . . . San Diego Soccer Club**

Kelley has been an outstanding member of our Board of Directors. As Banquet Coordinator, her efforts have transformed our annual banquet into a memorable event.

**DORIS GOLDSTEIN . . . . . Seniors Helping Our Kids**

Doris has been a volunteer reading tutor for 16 years, working with children at risk to build their skills and love of reading.



**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.**

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## **8) ARTS, EDUCATION, AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **DIANE SCHARAR . . . . . Bernardo Gardener's Club**

Diane is our Program Chair and also works on our Spring Garden Tour. This fund raiser enables us to donate generously to our community.

### **CAROL SAUNDERS, MD . . . . . Continuing Education Center**

Carol worked tirelessly for many years as president and in other capacities to bring 90 outstanding speakers a year to the Continuing Education Center.

### **BOB LUEHRING . . . . . Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library**

When we need help, we ask Bob. He works unstintingly, sorting books, stocking our bookshop, co-chairing our Friends Lending Library, and subbing for other volunteers.

### **DAVID SOLOMON . . . . . Incarnation Lutheran Church**

David has served as a volunteer in our church for 45 years, ushering our Saturday and Sunday services and helping in many other ways.

### **VINCENT ROSSI . . . . . Rancho Bernardo Historical Society**

Vince has been an active member for over 15 years, as a volunteer board member, author, and head of our successful Speakers series.

### **DEBBIE HONEYCUTT . . . . . RB Chorale**

Debbie has led our publicity and marketing efforts for over ten years. She was instrumental in spotlighting our performing arts scholarship program in the community.

## **9) LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

### **SALLY GRIGORIEV ..... GLASSMAN BROWN RECREATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Sally has been the force behind RB youth soccer, played by thousands of kids annually. Her leadership has built the biggest youth sport in RB.

### **MICHAEL FARRELL ..... RB HALL OF FAME**

Michael was selected for his outstanding leadership in Los Rancheros Kiwanis Club and throughout the community, benefitting everyone from youth to seniors.

### **ELDON JENNINGS ..... RB HALL OF FAME**

Eldon was selected for his outstanding leadership in the Rancho Bernardo Boy Scouts – Scoutmaster for 31 years, mentoring close to 90 Eagle Scouts.

### **KAREN STELMAN ..... RB HALL OF FAME**

Karen was selected for her outstanding leadership in the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo, in Light the Cross, and in the Healing Fields commemoration.

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