

***2019
Hats Off
To Volunteers***

April 13, 2019

Hosted by:



The Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

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, Assembly Member
77th District of California

Civic and Business Groups _____ Mark Kersey, Council Member 5th District
of San Diego

Service Clubs _____ Trudy Armstrong, Director, Regional
Affiliates of The San Diego Foundation

School Organizations _____ Dave LeMaster, Principal,
Rancho Bernardo High School

Safety, Health, and Human Services _____ Captain Christopher Knighten,
San Diego Police Department

Serving Seniors & Veterans _____ Nick Herbka,
Lt. Commander US Navy, Retired

Serving Youth _____ Brian Sipe, Retired NFL Quarterback, Retired

Arts, Education, and Faith _____ Nick Anastasopoulos, Past RB Community
Foundation President and Hats Off Chair

Leadership Awards _____ Robin Kaufman, President, RB Recreation
Advisory Board and President, RB Hall of Fame

CLOSING REMARKS _____ Debbie Kurth

GROUP PHOTO OF HONOREES

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

CHARLOTTE GRAGG _____ **Casa de las Campanas**

Charlotte presents monthly visual programs on artists' lives and their paintings at Casa de las Campanas and Continuing Education Center in Rancho Bernardo.

MARGE JOYCE _____ **Community Association of Bernardo Heights**

Marge's ideas, suggestions, and leadership skills have helped improve our community events. When called upon, she organized various event activities as an invaluable team player.

KAREN AMAYA _____ **Eastview RB Community Center**

Karen has been the Eastview Block Captain since 2015. She does a great job-sharing information and ensuring we are kept informed.

JOE ROSANO_____Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club

Joe has been a board member for many years and all social activities, is responsible for racquet sports, helped grow competitive tennis and pickleball.

SKIP POWERS_____Seven Oaks Community Center

Skip has devoted countless hours working to improve our sound system. He also works the sound board at the monthly karaoke events.

GREGG SMITH_____Westwood Club

For more than ten years, Gregg has musically entertained our community by playing free of charge at various events.

2) CIVIC & BUSINESS GROUPS

CAROLYN WELLS_____Conservative Order for Good Government

Carolyn became Speaker Chair at a critical time; reenergizing our purpose of Keeping the Community Informed on political matters and social issues.

LYNN ROSS_____Rancho Bernardo Business Association

Lynn has done an outstanding job as Program Director for Miss RB Pageant. Having them assist in RBBA monthly events for many years, wonderful addition!

BETTYANN PERNICE_____Rancho Bernardo Community Council

Bettyann, Vice President, works tirelessly on numerous annual events, contributing to our success in advocating for health, safety & quality of life in Rancho Bernardo.

MARY KARSCIG_____Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

Mary has served on RBCF Board for five years. She has done an outstanding job with attracting new members. Great asset to the Board.

GARY LONG_____Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board

Gary spearheaded the Job Aide Election Procedures which will greatly assist in the process of future Planning Board annual elections.

DANI ANTIQUE_____Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Board

Dani has successfully contributed to our Board representing Pop Warner as Field Coordinator, Cheer Player Agent and Volunteer Coordinator for RBHS Grid Iron.

SARA KADOWAKI___Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated

Sara works at the RB Senior Center helping seniors file their taxes. She also helps document local veterans war experiences for the Library of Congress.

RESA COPAT_____RB Spirit of the Fourth

Resa has been a key member having serving terms as secretary and treasurer. She produces our program, obtains sponsors and helps at all events.

3) SERVICE CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

JODY MASON_____4 Paws of Love Pet Therapy

Jody and her certified pet therapy poodle, Remington, are one of our valued facility team leaders, bringing warmth, comfort and smiles to those they visit.

JUDY NORMAN_____Kiwanis Club of Los Rancheros

Judy Norman, friend of Kiwanis always volunteers at Ronald McDonald House and LRK events, has also volunteered at many other events in San Diego.

WILLA GREGORY_____Love On a Leash

Since 2015, Willa has served with her two dogs, Sarah and Sundae (who both play piano and tricks) and leads our chapter fundraiser.

ERIC KANT_____Rancho Bernardo Toastmasters

Through his selfless dedication and can-do attitude, Eric reliably helps meet the needs of our members and this leadership program as a whole.

JANE LEMEN_____Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club

Jane has taken one of the clubs philanthropic endeavors above and beyond. As project coordinator to Ronald McDonald House, she delivered 1304 shower packets.

MAE CRUZ_____RB Auxiliary Communication Service

Mae supports RBACS by maintaining the paperwork, rosters, and information, co-hosts meetings, provides assistance with license testing, and is a valuable asset to our organization.

CHARLEY CREW_____Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

A past president and board member for years, Charley single handedly rewrote Foundation by-laws, was a Youth Protection Officer and helped choose Youth Leadership Awards.

GORDY ERICKSON_____Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary

Gordy has chaired our beer festival for eight years. Growing it from 100 to 1,000 attendees, now donating over 100,000 to various local charities.

JUSTIN SOUTER_____SD Rancho Bernardo Lions Club

Justin, graduate of RBHS, professional financial advisor, father of 5, is Treasurer of Rancho Bernardo Lions devoting many hours to maintaining our records.

STEVE SHULTZ_____Shrine Club of Rancho Bernardo

Steve embodies the teaching and concepts of Freemasonry. He is always supportive and faithful in helping others.

NANCY EASTMAN_____Soroptimist International No. San Diego

Nancy works tirelessly each year on largest fundraiser, now Hats & Heels. High energy and can-do-attitude. Website, invitations, registration, she's our tech and numbers lady!

4) SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

MARIANNE HILL_____Chaparral Elementary School

For 16 years, Marianne has volunteers at Chaparral, quietly making a difference with staff and students. She brings happiness with smiles, lemons, and limes.

JEANNETTE MAGANA_____Turtleback Elementary School

Jeanette-Volunteer extraordinaire- is sunshine, boundless energy and positivity - brightening every day with sunshine is at Turtleback, helping with everything from teaching art to Spanish.

KIM FLOYD_____RB High School Friends of the Library

Kim skillfully handles all the treasurer's duties with an easily understandable monthly report. Thanks to Kim's expertise we know our asset are secure.

LISA ROSE_____RB High School PTSA

Lisa is the creator and administrator of the RBHS Moms and Dads Facebook page. She spends hours keeping parents informed about the about all the events at RBHS.

NOELLE BERGMANS_____Shoal Creek Elementary School

For the past two years, Noelle has headed up Multicultural Night. This event showcases all of the different cultures in our community.

MARCI LEE STEWART_____Westwood Elementary School

Marci is dedicated to bringing rich family-centered activities to Westwood. She offers endless hours and creates amazing programs.

5) SAFETY, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUE SUSE_____Assistance League of Inland No. County

Sue is a dedicated member for 18 years. She has been secretary, roster and HUB administrator in addition to volunteering for many programs serving children.

KIM FRANZEN_____Backyard Produce Project

Kim has been a leader in our food bank garden since 2010, growing fruits and vegetables for low-income families and seniors in our community.

JUDY KRUPSKI_____Bernardo Gardeners Club

Judy has chaired our Garden Therapy Program held at the Gateway Assisted Living for seven years. She also renovated the entrance garden at RB Library.

DORIS OKONSKY_____Fired Up Sisters of Southern California

Doris's ongoing support of the Pay It Forward Mission of the Fired Up Sisters Southern California serves as a model for all of us.

MOLLIE KADEN_____Gently Hugged

Mollie works diligently to prepare clothing donations for babies in need. She inspires others and is a vital part of our team.

SHEILA O'BRIEN_____Palomar Health

With great respect, we honor Sheila for generously donating over 3100 hours in the Palomar Medical Center Poway Emergency Department and volunteer office.

BECKY MRACHEK_____Palomar Health Foundation

Becky's efforts for seven years has increased golf tournament fundraising for women suffering from breast cancer at the Jean McLaughlin Women's Center at PMC Poway.

COEANN PETTIT_____Rancho Bernardo Neighborhood Watch

Coeann is a block captain who as the office manager, purged and organized documents and supplies which allow us to do our job better.

**GEE SILBERMAN_____Rancho Bernardo Retired
Senior Volunteer Patrol**

Gee goes above and beyond normal RSVP duties, as Balboa Park Ambassador setting up special events does extra office work. She is a true volunteer.

LIBBY MILLS_____Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center

Libby is great with all of our students and a great leader and side-walker. She often covers and saves us on days we are short volunteers.

6) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING SENIORS & VETERANS

**NICK HERBKA_____BGEN JP Holland Chapter
of the Military Order of World Wars**

Nick has been the Chapter Commander for the last five years, newsletter editor, building membership and sponsorship for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference.

LYNN WOLSEY_____Ed Brown Center for Active Adults

Lynn has enriched the RB community as EBC President and manager through her tireless service, creative special events, brilliant marketing and fundraising.

MARCIA FERNANDO_____Jewish Family Service On the Go

Since 2012, Marsha has been a valued Rides & Smiles driver providing over 170 rides, 200 hours, making a huge difference in our community.

LYNNE LOWN_____Quilts of Valor

Blue Star Mom, Lynn Lown, for six years has created numerous ‘Quilts of Valor’ too honor and thank our active duty and military veterans.

KATIE YOUNG_____Rancho Bernardo Senior Services

A dedicated 7 year volunteer, Katie is an instructor, office leader, and keeps comprehensive instructions We are lucky to have her.

MARTY JUDGE_____RB Veterans Memorial Association

Marty has done an outstanding job as secretary and has been emcee, arranged significant keynote speakers and interfaced with other community organizations.

DARLENE DUNN_____Team Red, White and Blue

Darlene and family have served RB 25 years, groups like Team RWB. Darlene’s patriotic spirit has been an integral part of bringing veterans together.

MICHAEL VAUGHN_____Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766

Michael, Adjutant of our Post, exemplifies professionalism and accuracy in everything he does. He flawlessly manages all correspondence and our web site.

7) ORGANIZATIONS SERVING YOUTH

CINDY HAGER_____Boy Scouts Rancho Mesa District

Cindy has been the driving force for Troop 686 for over fifteen years, guiding and inspiring scouts to benefit and thrive in the Scouting movement.

**PAULINE TETLOW_____Rancho Bernardo Service Unit
for Girls Scouts San Diego**

Pauline as Service Unit Manager leads troops, events, encampments, and service projects. She is reliable and important recruiter getting new troops up and running.

BRET BALAZS_____RB Youth Basketball League

Bret has coordinated the registration of over 200 youths the last 4 years for RBYBL. He also coaches one or more teams per season.

PAM VALENTINO_____San Diego Soccer Club

Pam works tirelessly as a board member and team manager. Her ability to bring people together and passion for the sport as elevated SDSC.

BETTI JELI_____Seniors Helping Our Kids

Bettie has been a volunteer reading tutor at Chaparral Elementary for 17 years, giving children the gift of skills, confidence, and love of reading.

8) ARTS, EDUCATION, AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS

PAT MOLLER_____Continuing Education Center

Pat has guided the Continuing Education Center as a board member for a dozen years. Her efforts let us send 25 children to summer camp.

JAN ASH_____Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library

Always first to volunteer, Jan served countless hours as treasurer, workroom coordinator, essay contest coordinator, in our bookshop, at book sales, and on nominating committees.

WARREN & NANCY SARGENT_____Incarnation Lutheran Church

The Sargent's have over 50 years of service supporting the Kiwanis Club of RB. Their efforts have benefitted child and adults in the RB community.

NANCY CANFIELD_____Rancho Bernardo Historical Society

For 7 years, Nancy was twice president of the RB Historical Society. She is a tireless fundraiser, community spokesperson, and our #1 in house volunteer.

EARL CHINN_____RB Chorale

A long time member, Earl is famously known as the Ambassador of the Chorale as he continually promotes the Chorale in the RB Community.

9) LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**SANDY BUCCAT_____GLASSMAN BROWN RECREATION
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Sandy's energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude is an inspiration, running a youth sports organization with many operational and social challenges, always focusing on player's needs.

**PATRICK SHEFFLER_____GLASSMAN BROWN RECREATION
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Patrick has coached a variety of teams over the years, always focusing on the overall experience the kids would have learning about the game and life.

DON GLOVER_____RANCHO BERNARDO HALL OF FAME

Outstanding leadership in RB Rotary Club, Spirit of the Fourth, and Community Foundation which benefited those in our community and throughout the county.

DEBBIE KURTH_____RANCHO BERNARDO HALL OF FAME

Outstanding leadership with the RB Business Association and RB Community Foundation, both of which support various efforts and organizations throughout the community.

DON SCHMIDT_____RANCHO BERNARDO HALL OF FAME

Outstanding leadership in VFW supporting the RB Veteran's Memorial which benefits veterans, families, and those who wish to honor the military, past and present.

Your Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

THANKS GIVING LUNCHEON



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 nonprofits.

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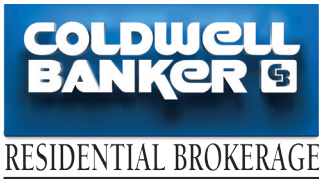
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