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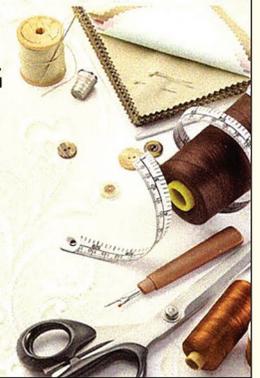
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Awards Ceremony

APRIL 26, 2025 at 10 A.M.

WELCOME

Marty Judge & Scott Lawn
Co-Chairmen, Hats Off To Volunteers

PRESENTATIONS

Group 1 + Education, Faith
Hans Becker, Principal
Rancho Bernardo High School

Group 2 + Safety, Health, Human Services
Marnie von Wilpert
San Diego City Councilwoman

Group 3 + Seniors, Youth, Veterans
Darshana Patel
California State Assemblywoman

Group 4 + Community Associations
Judge Jan Goldsmith
Former San Diego City Attorney

Group 5 + Civic, Business
Debbie Kurth, President
Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

Group 6 + Service Clubs, Organizations
Terry Heck, President
Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

Music by The Will Faerber Ensemble

2025 HONOREES



1. Education and Faith

CHIAKI MILTON Bernardo Heights Middle School

Chiaki runs our Annual Scholastic Book Fair. She loves to play games with our Bobcats and teaches games to our EL students. She is always quick to help in many capacities and the library is so grateful for her.

KENDRA DASTEEL Chaparral Elementary School

Kendra's dedication to Chaparral Elementary shines through her tireless volunteer work, positively impacting both students and staff with unwavering support and thoughtful contributions.

CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Church

Christopher is our executive chef and is in charge of the fundraisers for all the meals that we serve at the church. He has increased our fundraising abilities 25 percent and by doing that we have been able to increase our grants by the same percentage.

MICHELLE ZEIDLER Meadowbrook Middle School

Michelle is the leader in coordinating and inspiring volunteer activities at Meadowbrook through her role as president of our foundation and in the PTSA.

JULIE VARI Morning Creek Elementary PTA

Julie has been a volunteer for eight years. She is a former PTA President and has coordinated and chaired the Running Club, Parents' Night Out, Movie Nights, Fifth Grade Promotion, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

FRED BERCOVITCH The Continuing Education Center

Fred has served as president of our Center for three years and has spearheaded the effort to expand our membership and more precisely tailor our classes to the interests of our members.

MAUREEN HONS Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library

For seven years Maureen has worn many hats in our organization: treasurer, board member and website committee member and is an invaluable member of our team.

JACK TRIPP Incarnation Lutheran Church

Jack has been a vital member for about 40 years. He has been on council, an active member of bible study, and on the property committee, keeping our facilities working beautifully with his vast skill set. He's a blessing to Incarnation.

KARIN EDNEY San Diego Oasis Tutoring

Karen has been a tutor since 2016 in the Poway district. She tutors at Westwood & Chaparral.

SUSAN SHAW San Diego Oasis

Susan is one of our amazing Cooking Class volunteers and assists our guest chefs with the class. She has also helped us with our last two successful Taste of Oasis's in the kitchen.

PATTY TOKUSHIGE RB High School Foundation

As assistant treasurer since 2021, she enables the foundation to provide financial services for over 30 sports and organizations at RBHS, and has pioneered online and mobile payments for all who use the foundation to manage their funds.

SUBBU GANAPATHY RB High School PTSA

Subbu led efforts to solicit grant funding for RBHS. This year, her efforts yielded a \$5,000 grant from the RB Community Foundation to support the Sophomore "Breaking Down Walls & Community" workshop.

KATHLEEN SLEVIN RB Historical Society

Kathleen has been an RB Historical Society Docent for more than eight years. Her knowledge of Rancho Bernardo's history is an asset that makes a visitor's museum experience exceptional.

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2. Safety, Health & Human Services

KEVIN GELLENBECK Backyard Produce Project

Kevin is an outstanding member of both our tree-picking team and our garden team, providing fresh produce to low-income residents of our community.

CAROL WIGENT Gently Hugged

Carol has volunteered for many years inspecting donated

and laundered baby clothes prior to them being distributed to babies in need throughout San Diego County.

MARILYN OSBORNE Palomar Health Volunteer Services

Marilyn has been a volunteer at Palomar Health for over a decade. Her current assignment is as Lead over the Gift Shop. She had done an outstanding job of organizing and scheduling volunteers and writing a monthly newsletter. We cannot brag enough about her artistic nature.

STEVE SELTZER Rancho Bernardo RSVP

Steve is a dedicated Rancho Bernardo RSVP member, patrolling weekly, volunteering for events, covering for unavailable colleagues, and using his computer expertise to benefit the team.

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KATHY FALCO Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center

Kathy regularly mentors new volunteers, steps in on short notice to help, and supports our events. Her dedication and positivity make a real difference at the ranch.



3. Seniors, Youth & Veterans

BRENDA CHOCHAN Boy Scout Troop 685

Brenda has served as Troop 685's Outdoors chair since 2011, facilitating hundreds of amazing campouts and incredible adventures for our scouts. Thank you "Mrs. C."

DENISE ELLIOTT Ed Brown Center for Active Adults

With Denise's extensive education and management experience, she quickly became an assistant to our Director. She supports the center on many levels, interacting with our members, advising on projects, and streamlining our processes.

ERIN HILLIGAS Girl Scouts of Rancho Bernardo

Erin has done a wonderful job coordinating our Fall Product program for over 600 Girl Scouts for the past three years and has recently also taken on the communications role.

DAVID YORCK Military Order of World Wars

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Colonel Dave Yorck has been a tireless leader for the BG Holland Chapter of MOWW, serving as treasurer and lead recruiter. Always ready to assist with his positive attitude and team approach, he has been a shining example for all the organization's members.

HELEN JENNEY Quilts of Valor San Diego North County

Helen is our most prolific quilter. She has completed over 55 Quilts of Valor to honor and thank our military personnel for their service to our Country.

DIANNE SALA Rancho Bernardo Senior Services

Many tasks need to be accomplished at RB Senior Services – and Dianne is willing to do any of them. That applies particularly to her computer skills. Dianne also stays active in many other community organizations.

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GINA BURKE VFW Post Post 1513, Escondido

Gina has led the effort making meals for student veterans at Palomar College and providing support to active duty Marines and Sailors aboard Camp Pendleton.



4. Community Associations

DIANA BENTLEY Casa de Las Campanas

Diana is an enthusiastic volunteer at Juniper Elementary School in Escondido where she spends 45 minutes each week helping a second grader improve reading fluency and retention. She has been tutoring students there for 5 years.

ANGELASCHMIDT Community Association of Bernardo Heights

Angela has been a member of our Social Committee for over 15 years and has worked tirelessly to ensure our events are successful. Her sharp eye for detail and talent in decorating make for festive and memorable events.

BRIAN ARMSTRONG Eastview RB Community Center

Brian has been serving on the Eastview Duplex Board for 10 years and works to maintain the quality of living in both Eastview and Rancho Bernardo.

JUDY NEAL Pacifica Senior Living of Poway

Judy has provided weekly arts and crafts class for Pacifica residents for four years. As a former Rehabilitation Counselor she strongly believes in the therapeutic benefits of arts and crafts to help residents use their brains, improve hand-eye coordination, and socialize. She is a great asset to Pacifica.

KAREN WILEY Oaks North Community Center

For 20-plus years Karen has volunteered to uphold the Architectural Guidelines for homes in our community. Leading homeowners to abide by these standards is not an easy task. Under her guidance, our neighborhoods have seen numerous successful projects that adhere to our architectural standards.

SCOTT & BARBARANELLES Seven Oaks Community Center

This dynamic duo organized and publicized a Craft Fair that attracted 60 vendors and 1500 attendees. The Community Center benefited \$2,000 from their combined efforts.

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THE MCCRAY FAMILY The Westwood Club

Dylan McCray and his parents, Dennis and Melissa McCray, have been involved in leading Troop 685 assisting with the Luminaries for the past 4 years. Dylan's Eagle Scout project provided multiple storage solutions for sporting equipment at the Westwood Club. Each was professional looking, adding great value to the community.



5. Civic & Business Groups

HENRY MANAYAN Rancho Bernardo Democratic Club

Henry has served as Treasurer and Vice President of our club, CEO of non-profits and his community as the former Mayor of Milpitas. He has recently gone back to school and is completing a lifelong goal by earning his MBA.

TRISH LEE Rancho Bernardo Community Council

Trish volunteered at a number of our events for several years prior to becoming a member. Since then, she has actively participated in committees and various ad hocs.

DAVE BROOKS Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

Dave has served on our Board for many years and has been Pathway of Pride Chairman for over five. He does an outstanding job for the Foundation.

SUJATA YELLAEPEDDI RB Planning Board

Sujata serves tirelessly as our secretary, volunteers on several committees and volunteers for various events. Her enthusiasm and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

ANDREW KUTZNER RB Community Recreation Group

Andrew has successfully contributed to our Board representing various leagues as well as taking the lead on the Glassman Brown Recreation Leadership Award for several years.

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JAN STEWART Rancho Bernardo Republican Women
As VP of Political Activism for Rancho Bernardo Republican Women, Jan is active in Voter Registration, Election Integrity, Candidate campaigns, Voter Issues and Community Events.

STEPHANIE WIESENFARTH Spirit of the Fourth
Stephanie is our longest-serving volunteer at Spirit of the Fourth. She helps recruit many volunteers and organizes the Wheels on Parade entry for kids on bikes and scooters.



6. Service Clubs & Organizations

LAURIE MADSEN 4 Paws of Love pet therapy organization
Laurie has dedicated countless volunteer hours as a super-



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visor for our teams in training as well as visiting people of all ages with Logan her standard poodle.

JO CORNELL Rancho Bernardo Gardeners Club

Jo is an enthusiast club participant, a welcome greeter, membership recruitment, and garden tour organizer. She collaborated with others to refresh the clubs garden display at the RB library.

JUDY BLACKFORD Kiwanis Club of Los Rancheros in RB

Founded in 2012, Judy's has over 115 volunteers who clothed 905 babies for their first year in 2024. Gently Hugged now has locations in Rancho Bernardo and Carlsbad.

CAROLYN BURCHELL Rancho Belles Ladies Club

Carolyn has been on our Board as Corresponding Secretary/ Coffee chairman for several years and coordinates the monthly coffee meetings. She truly deserves this recognition.

JAIMIN R. SHAH Rancho Bernardo Lions Club

Jaimin is an outstanding volunteer. He provides presentations about cancer research and is currently a member of San Diego Police Department Crisis Intervention Team.

CARL KRUSE Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Outstanding leadership in RB including RB Sunrise Rotary Club, as President, establishing a program for Abraxis at-risk students; RB Chamber of Commerce Chairman; RBBA; Po-way Center of Performing Arts; and more.

HARVEY LEVINE Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Outstanding leadership in RB including Friends of the RB Library – Chamber Concert Series, as Director for 14 years, at no

cost to the Library or Patrons; and Master Association - Community Association of Bernardo Heights.

ALAN TURNER Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Outstanding leadership in RB including RB Rotary Club, as President; RB Grad Nite, first as regular volunteer and then Chair; Bridge Club of North County President; and more.

CHRISTINE FISHER Love on a Leash

Christine is an outstanding volunteer with her two therapy dogs. Every week they bring joy and comfort to the residents of The Remington Club.

JOEL DOSS Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

We honor Joel's collaborative spirit and dedication to 'Service Above Self,' appreciating his commitment to local youth, community projects, and role as Sergeant-at-Arms.

DALE LONG Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Club

Dale has been a selfless volunteer in our community for many years. He is the epitome of a selfless servant. As a long-time member of Rotary International, Dale has consistently provided help to others without expecting anything in return.

SHERRILL HORN Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club

Sherrill has been dedicated to helping our members with monthly luncheon reservations. Her enthusiasm and devotion is a real asset to our club and the community.

BETSY KOSTAS Soroptimist International North San Diego

Betsy joined the Board this year, enthusiastically co-chaired Programs and is our Newsletter editor. She epitomizes what is Best for Women in numerous areas and we are so grateful.



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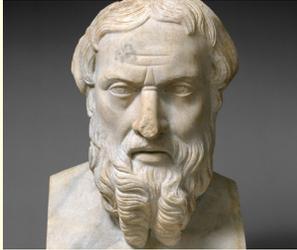
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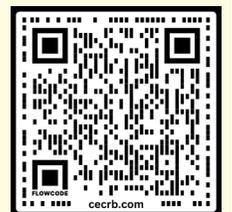
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