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larger roles. She guides area troop leaders in everything from group experiences to fundraising.

PAUL KONOPKA Military Order of World Wars

Retired Marine Colonel Paul Konopka is nominated for his exceptional volunteer support to the Brigadier General Holland Chapter, strengthening programs and funding youth leadership opportunities that significantly enhance the chapter's mission.

BARBARA DACY Quilts of Valor San Diego North County

Without Barb's skills as a long-arm quilter our organization would not be able to complete and award Quilts of Valor to thank veterans for their service.

MARILYN HARRISON Rancho Bernardo Senior Services

While Marilyn is the longest-serving current volunteer at Senior Services, her recognition is not based on time of service. Rather, it reflects her ongoing commitment to public service, from early deliveries of Meals on Wheels to being a reliable resource during Covid.

JANE RADATZ The Remington Club

Jane, our resident and Welcome Ambassador, goes above and beyond to welcome new residents and help make The Remington Club a warm, supportive community.

JERRY SHIRLEY John R. Simpson VFW Post 1513

As a Navy Chaplain, Jerry has dedicated his life as a pastor and a hospice, disaster relief, and veteran advocate, offering life-saving intervention, providing faith, comfort, and hope to families worldwide.

LISA FRIEDRICHS RB Veterans Memorial Association

Lisa's superb volunteer leadership helps ensure successful ceremonies at the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial for the benefit of veterans, participating youth, and the community.



4. Community Associations

PAT STEVENS Casa de Las Campanas

Pat exemplifies outstanding volunteer service through



years of leadership and involvement in Casa's Library, Resale Shop, Historical Society, Welcome Committee, Resident Council, and Community Fair. Her many contributions have enhanced Casa's community life.

CAROLE GRAZIANO Community Association of Bernardo Heights

Carole has recently implemented an art exhibit program for our clubhouse which has instilled unity and camaraderie among our members and artist participants.

ANN ROSS Eastview Community Center

Ann has served six years on the Eastview Community Center Board providing leadership for social activities and improving the quality of life in Rancho Bernardo.

LORNA UNDERWOOD Gateway Park Senior Living

Lorna is very involved with our community and outside it as well. Whatever the task, she is the go-to person to get a project done. She has helped us tremendously by putting our library back together after recent renovations. And she is always ready to help at Happy Hour, whether it is serving, arranging games, or decorating. In her spare time, she volunteers at the public library.

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SHARON WATSON Seven Oaks Community Center
Following four years on the Board of Directors, Sharon continues a leadership role on the Landscape and Facilities Committees. Her dedication includes serving as project manager on several Community Center improvements.

ANDREA HARKENRIDER The Westwood Club
Andrea regularly volunteers to take charge of our Wednesday and Friday morning fitness classes when our instructor is out of town. She does this so her fellow classmates can continue to with their routines uninterrupted, adding to the quality of life here in Westwood.



5. Civic & Business Groups

KATIE KEMPLE Rancho Bernardo Democratic Club

Katie has enriched our club in so many ways, serving as the Secretary for the past two years, and chairing various committees for fundraising events.

MATTHEW GRECO RB Community Council
Matthew has been a dedicated member, chairing a committee for a year, and assisting in improving the quality of life in our community.

DEBBIE KURTH RB Community Foundation
Debbie has served as President and Thanksgiving Chair for many years. With her leadership skills and fundraising background, she has facilitated fundraising efforts to a higher level. Debbie's tireless work ethic is a great benefit to the Foundation.

JIM NADLONEK Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
Jim is extremely dedicated, always available to step in to ensure that the best interest of our community is being served.



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SALLY GRIGORIEV RB Community Recreation Group

Sally has given more than two decades of outstanding recreational service and dedication to our community, while providing her leadership and inspiration to our youth.

CHARMAGNE TABOR RB Republican Women

Charmagne supports Life Choices, a pro-life pregnancy center serving women in need. She creates quilt kits that are then sewn together by Maranatha Chapel's Divine Quilters.

ERIC ESTREMERA Spirit of the Fourth

Since 2015, Eric has been the Parade Day VIP Driver Parking Coordinator. Eric ensures drivers are placed in the correct sequence to keep the parade running smoothly and safely.



TONI KRAFT Kiwanis Club of Poway & the Ranches

As head of Poway Unified's culinary school, known as The Kitchen Table, Toni has been a tireless advocate for the special needs community and their place in society.

GERRY LEE Rancho Bernardo Lions Club

Gerry loves volunteering. She helped deliver lunch at the San Diego Center for the Blind. She also assembled Thanksgiving bags for families with children battling cancer.

SANDY PEAVEY Love on a Leash

Sandy and her Black Lab, Magnum, have been faithful and active members of Love on a Leash since October of 2024. This engaging team brings smiles and comfort to every visit.

PATRICK CHAFFEE Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

Patrick's steadfast leadership, financial stewardship, and warm hospitality profoundly strengthen our club, expanding its generosity, transparency, and service impact throughout the community year after year.

6. Service Clubs & Organizations

LISA McDUNN 4 Paws of Love pet therapy

Lisa and her certified pet therapy dog, Emma, are one of our valued team members, bringing warmth, comfort and smiles to those they visit.

JUDY FIZZARD Bernardo Gardeners Club

Judy has been a selfless Bernardo Gardeners President for five years, club ambassador, volunteer staff manager, and served as special events planner, director of community relations, philanthropy and finance.

MARK BERDAN RB Sunrise Rotary Club

Mark, who is a past president and a 30-year veteran of our club, is integral to the success of our club's annual fundraising event. Two of his many activities are his weekly assistance at the Poway Community Food Connection and procuring dictionaries and supplies for a new school as part of Project Mercy. Mark always steps up when needed.

LONNI POST Rancho Bernardo Woman's Club

Lonni has been a member of our Club for nine years. Throughout her tenure, she has dedicated herself to vari-



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ous responsibilities, including serving on our board, contributing to our Scholarship Committee, assisting with fundraising events, and providing decorations for our luncheon meetings.

AJAR VASHISTH Rancho Bernardo Toastmasters

Ajar has performed an admirable service as a club officer and performed any roles in our weekly meetings as needed.

BRIDGET DENIHAN Soroptimist International North San Diego

When a volunteer is needed Bridget is the first to step up. She is a Delegate to the regional Soroptimist Board, where she represents our club at meetings. She is a key person on our Transitional Housing Committee that support domestic violence survivors and our career development program for at-risk high school girls called "Dream It, Be It."



The Hats Off Committee

Barbara Alberts

Scott Lawn

Fred Bercovitch

Tom Lettington

Dave Brooks

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