

# RB volunteers honored at 'Hats Off' drive-thru ceremony

**BY ELIZABETH MARIE HIMCHAK**

The 62 "Hats Off to Volunteers" honorees for 2020 were presented with several awards during a drive-thru ceremony on Saturday morning at Rancho Bernardo High School. They were nominated by various organizations that are based in or serve Rancho Bernardo.

In addition to their "Hats Off" certificate and hat, the honorees received recognition certificates from the City of San Diego (presented by City Councilman Mark Kersey), County of San Diego (presented by a representative from County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar's office) and state Assembly (presented by Assemblyman Brian Maienschein).

The annual recognition program was to be held in April, but postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation was its sponsor, but recently the foundation turned over the event to The Continuing Education Center at Rancho Bernardo. CEC hosted the drive-thru event, along with a co-host, the Rancho Bernardo Business Association. Volunteers from CEC and RBBA coordinated the parade of vehicles and awards distribution, led by ceremony co-chairmen Marty Judge and Scott Lawn.



**Norm and Patricia Gillespie were both nominated for recognition by Fired-Up Sisters Southern California.**



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**Sharon Mann of Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center with San Diego City Councilman Mark Kersey.**



**Assemblyman Brian Maienschein with honoree Sue Engelskirchen from the Rancho Bernardo Lions Club.**



**Donnie Schuler from Love on a Leash receiving an award certificate from San Diego City Councilman Mark Kersey.**



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Ceremony Co-chariman Scott Lawn presenting the honoree hat to Sue DeVicariis of Soroptimist International North San Diego.



Ceremony Co-chairman Marty Judge presenting a hat to Greg Hammond of the Oaks North Community Center.



Ceremony Co-chairman Scott Lawn presenting Spirit of the Fourth's George Cowman his hat.



Sue DeVicariis of Soroptimist International North San Diego.



Margie Goldby of Rancho Bernardo Senior Services receiving an award certificate from CEC President Arthur Pearl.

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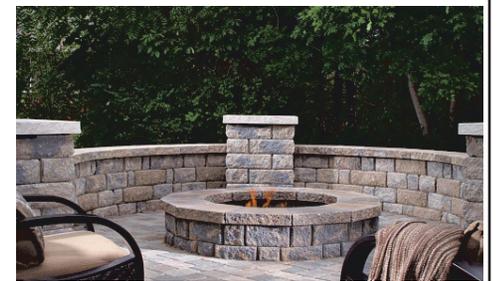


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Steve Hassett of Incarnation Lutheran Church receiving information about CEC from Dr. Carol Saunders.

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Mary Leitner of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society.



RB High School PTSA honoree Tina Schwinkendorf holding her hat.



Linda Freithaler of the Bernardo Gardeners Club.



Jim Hyldahl from the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo receiving a ceremony program from Rancho Bernardo High Principal Hans Becker.



Morris Moser drove honorees Susan Moser and their dog, Hoku, who volunteer with 4 Paws of Love Pet Therapy.



Mary Comaratta of Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated receiving her award certificate from CEC President Arthur Pearl.

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