



Dr. Sarah Woerner

Assemblymember Brian Dahle (AD 1)

Dr. Sarah Woerner has been helping local families and their children for more than 30 years. As a pediatrician with Western Sierra

Medical Center and Board President of

Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, she has treated hundreds of children, regardless of their family's circumstances. I am proud to honor her as Woman of the Year for District One.

Joyce Hayes

Assemblymember Jim Wood (AD 2)

Joyce Hayes was instrumental in development and beginning the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) started in a rural county in

California. In addition to her work for the Humbolt Senior Resource Center, Joyce also serves as a Trustee for the Eureka City School

Board and is a life member of a philanthropic educational organization.





Audrey Taylor

Assemblymember James Gallagher (AD 3)

Audrey Taylor has built her success on the philosophy of collaboration coupled with expertise and experience. She has assisted businesses, communities, regions and states with strategic planning. Best described as a woman of vision, drive, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to economic development.

Denise Rushing

Assemblymember Bill Dodd (AD 4)

Assemblymembers, I am pleased to introduce the honoree from the fourth Assembly district,

Denise Rushing, a former Lake County supervisor. She is now a best-selling author with invaluable expertise in energy,

technology, ecological design, digital marketing, and business development.



Sherri Brennan



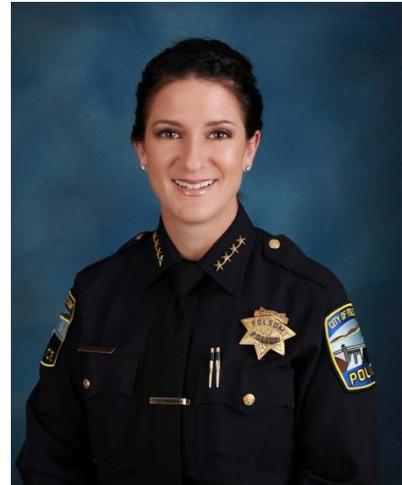
Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (AD 5)

The Fifth District's Woman of the Year is Tuolumne County Supervisor Sherri Brennan. Sherri is a champion for youth programs in our rural communities and one of California's leading ranching advocates. Prior to her work on Tuolumne County's Board of Supervisors, Sherri was a Tuolumne County School Board Trustee. Sherri is an active leader with the Tuolumne Calaveras County Cattlewomen and the California Farm Bureau. A true advocate for rural California, Sherri Brennan exemplifies all that is the "Woman of the Year" award.

Cynthia Renaud

Assemblywoman Beth Gaines (AD 6)

Cynthia Renaud was sworn in as Folsom's Police Chief in May 2011. Previously, she served with the Long Beach Police Department for 20 years, where she was hired as an officer and worked her way through the ranks in various divisions. As a Commander, she led the Communications, East Patrol and the Detective Divisions. She lives in Folsom with her husband Steve and daughter.





Faye Wilson Kennedy

Assemblymember Kevin
McCarty (AD 7)

Faye Kennedy has worked for
over 25 years in community
organizing, human services, and

group facilitation. She cofounded the Southeast Village Neighborhood Association, Congress of African Peoples, and Black Parallel School Board. Faye has also chaired the Sacramento County Child Care Planning Council; Sacramento County Children’s Commission, and Coalition of Sacramento Women’s Organizations.

Elaine Mayumi Whitefeather

Assemblymember Ken Cooley (AD 8)

Elaine Whitefeather is the Executive Director for A Community for Peace, a domestic violence provider for Sacramento County. Collaborating, persistent, and courageous, she has led the way to

empower and change individuals and communities. With Elaine’s leadership, the Domestic Violence Response Team-First Responder program with Citrus Heights Police Department is recognized by other police departments in

California.





Bobbie Singh-Allen

Assemblymember Jim Cooper (AD 9)

Ms. Singh-Allen was elected School Board President in December 2014. She has been a leader in anti-bullying initiatives, dedicated to promoting multi-cultural awareness and diversity appreciation. Her work in the community also includes her position as a Board of Director for the Sacramento Area Women's Chamber of Commerce, Elk Grove Teen Center and member of the Sacramento

Regional Coalition for Tolerance. In the past, she was a member of the Elk Grove Food Bank's Board of Directors providing emergency food and services to the community.

Kim Mazzuca

Assemblymember Marc Levine (AD 10)

Kim Mazzuca is president of 10,000 Degrees, an organization in San Rafael that helps low-income students attain college degrees. Ms. Muzzuca has dedicated her life to social justice and is a passionate advocate for kids and educational equality. She is a graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business Program for Nonprofit Leaders.





Lisa Rico

Assemblymember Jim
Frazier (AD 11)

An orphan until the age of 5, Lisa Rico grew up in Alabama in the sixties. She witnessed hardship, discrimination and prejudice. She knows what it feels like not to fit in. As a result, she has spent

much of her adult life fighting for the rights of others. The causes that mean the most to her are preserving the history and culture of Vacaville, and the rights and equal opportunities of women and children around the world.

Bonner Grupe Murphy

Republican Leader Kristin Olsen (AD 12)

Bonner Murphy lives every day by the founding principal to always give back. As a member of the San Joaquin-Stanislaus Cattle Women and the California Women for Agriculture, Bonner holds true to this principle by promoting agricultural education for our youth. Her favorite quote is, “If you eat food or wear clothes, you are involved with agriculture.”





Wilhelmina Henry

Assemblywoman Susan Talamantes
Eggman (AD 13)

Wilhelmina Henry was born in 1920 in the Jim Crow South. She moved to Stockton and became Stockton's first African-American teacher in 1947, passing the district's teacher test (for non-whites only) with the highest score. In 2006, after she retired, Stockton Unified School District named a school after her.

Debbie Toth

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla
(AD 14)

Debbie Toth is CEO of Rehabilitation Services of Northern California, whose mission is to “promote dignity and independence of people with disabilities and other special needs.” Debbie earned her degree in Sociology from UC Irvine. She has three school-aged children. In her personal time, Debbie enjoys volunteering, reading, and hanging out with her family.





Ying Lee

Assemblymember Tony
Thurmond (AD 15)

Ying Lee spent her young adult life in the throes of a changing world that would catapult her into the anti-war movement around the same time that she became a wife, mother and teacher. Lee's struggle for peace and

justice led her into politics, where she would become Berkeley's first – and only – Asian city council member. Her belief in a better world would lead her to work for Congress members Ronald V. Dellums and Barbara Lee. Now a grandmother, Lee continues her fight for justice and against war.

Angie Coffee

Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker (AD 16)

Angie is Past Board Chair of Special Olympics Northern California – Nevada; East Bay Leadership Council; STAND! Against Domestic Violence; De La Salle High School; and Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. Angie currently serves as President of Diablo Regional Arts Association and on the Board of the East Bay Leadership Council.





Justice Therese Stewart

Assemblymember David Chiu (AD 17)

Justice Therese Stewart was appointed by Governor Brown to the California Court of Appeal, making her the first openly lesbian justice to serve on the Court of Appeal. Before joining the court, Justice Stewart was the Chief Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco where she successfully litigated *In re Marriage Cases* and *Perry v. Brown*, overturning California's Proposition 8.

Rose Padilla Johnson

Assemblymember Rob Bonta (AD 18)

As Executive Director of the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro, Rose Padilla Johnson has transformed Davis Street into one of the most vibrant and comprehensive non-profit providers of human services in Alameda County through her vision, leadership, and sheer determination to help those with the most need and least access.





Jeanine Cotter

Assemblymember Philip Y. Ting (AD 19)

Jeanine Cotter is co-founder and President of Luminalt, San Francisco's only certified Women Business Enterprise solar company. Luminalt was San Francisco's first GoSolarSF employer, a program created through the leadership of Phil Ting's Solar Task Force. GoSolarSF has created over 120 direct solar jobs for San Franciscans with employment barriers.

Gail Steele

Assemblymember Bill Quirk (AD 20)

Gail Steele is known as a public servant and dedicated community volunteer working with the Friends of the Animal Shelter, Hayward Libraries, and is the founder of the Eden Youth Center, and the Children's Memorial Grove. She served on the Hayward City Council, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.





Aubrey Nelson

Assemblymember Adam C. Gray (AD 21)

Ms. Aubrey Nelson is a leader in the community and a voice for students, the homeless and the community at large. She continues to make her mark in the community with her advocacy and dedication. Aubrey has over 20 years of experience dedicated to community development and advocacy.

Melissa Lukin

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD 22)

Melissa Lukin is the Executive Director of Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). CORA is the only multicultural agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of providing safety, support and healing for those who are experiencing domestic violence. This year marks CORA's 35th anniversary.





Silvia Lopez

Assemblymember Jim Patterson
(AD 23)

Silvia Lopez has been described as the “de-facto leader” of thousands of California farm workers demanding to have their voices heard. To her, it’s important that workers understand their right to choose their representation without fear of coercion. Silvia is the proud mother of four grown children and will soon be a grandmother.

Naomi Patridge

Assemblymember Richard S. Gordon
(AD 24)

Naomi Patridge recently left the Half Moon Bay City Council after a record twenty-five years of service, including seven separate terms as Mayor. Her commitment to preserving the beauty of the Coastside is best reflected in the trail system along Highway One that bears her name.





Teresa O'Neill

Assemblymember Kansen Chu (AD 25)

Teresa was born in San Jose, graduated from Stanford University, and was appointed to the Santa Clara Planning Commission. She was elected to the Santa Clara City Council in 2012. Teresa has dedicated her life to improving governance, Smart Growth principles, and protecting the more vulnerable in the community.

Chief Colleen Mestas

Assemblymember Devon J. Mathis (AD 26)

In 1988, Chief Mestas began her 20 years of service with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. In 2004, She was promoted to Captain with oversight for the entire Patrol Operations Bureau including SWAT, K9, Patrol Detectives, Ag-Task Force and Mounted Patrol. In July of 2008, Chief Mestas was hired by the City of Visalia as the Assistant Chief of Police of the Visalia Police Department and quickly became Interim Chief of Police of the Visalia Police Department. In December of 2009, Chief Mestas became the permanent Chief of Police for the City of Visalia. Chief Mestas is the first female Chief of Police in the history of the Visalia Police Department.





Rosa Campos

Assemblywoman Nora
Campos (AD 27)

Rosa Campos has a history of
four decades of community
service in San Jose. A

bilingual elementary school educator for 26 years, Mrs. Campos was a student activist who fought for Latina/Latino representation at San Jose State University. She carried her spirit of activism to her family's work with Cesar Chavez and the farm worker movement. Her commitment to education continues today by working to provide scholarships to veterans and young Latinas/Latinos.

Honorable Hung Wei

Assemblymember Evan Low (AD 28)

Hung Wei has dedicated her life to community service. She is passionate about providing the best environment for students and created a student-run newsletter devoted to honest expression and mental health. Hung is Vice President of Fremont Union High School District's Board of Trustees and President of the Cupertino Rotary.





Helen Rucker

Assemblymember Mark Stone

(AD 29)

Helen Rucker is long-serving civil rights activist, educator, and community leader from the city of Seaside. Since 1964, she has served the Monterey Bay area as a teacher, librarian, school board member, city councilmember, leader within the Monterey County

NAACP, and Seaside Voter Education Center founder.

Abby Taylor-Silva

Assemblymember Luis A. Alejo (AD 30)

Abby Taylor-Silva is the Vice-President of Policy and Communications at the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, which spans Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. Abby is an outstanding representative of the agricultural community and has inspired the diverse group of growers that make up the Central Coast.





Elizabeth Diaz

Assemblymember Henry T. Perea (AD 31)

Ms. Elizabeth Diaz has worked for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office since 1990 where she has represented clients in criminal matters. When Ms. Diaz was appointed as Public Defender of Fresno County in June 2014, she became the first Latina in California to become a county's head Public Defender.

Carol E. Hernández

Assemblymember Rudy Salas, Jr.

(AD 32)

Carol Hernández, a financial service professional for over 25 years, is the first Latina in the nation to be promoted to District Agent for New York Life Insurance Company. In 2000, she founded the Professional Latin American Association (PLAA), which focuses on enhancing the Latino Cultural Arts in the community.





Michele 'Miki' Marhoefer

Assemblymember Jay Obernolte (AD 33)

Miki has shown dedication towards her community through both her work and volunteer efforts. Miki works full time in the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office, and volunteers to educate women and children on responsible gun usage. Miki is also an animal lover and advocates for the rescue and adoption of Staffordshire Terriers, of which she currently has three.

Catherine Skow

Assemblywoman Shannon L. Grove
(AD 34)

Catherine Skow is a dedicated woman who has been working at The Mission at Kern County for four years. After overcoming alcoholism herself, Cat has dedicated her life to helping other women become sober and realize their full potential. Cat is active in AA, church and frequently speaks about The Mission with different local philanthropic organizations. She also volunteers with a non-profit dog rescue called Marley's Mutts.





NORA HOVSEPIAN

Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian

(AD 35)

Nora Hovsepien has multiple roles in life, from daughter to wife to mother to attorney, but she is being honored mainly for her activism, volunteerism and passionate leadership as Chair of the Armenian National Committee of America - Western Region, the largest and most influential grassroots advocacy organization representing issues of importance to the Armenian-American community.

Deneese Darcel Thompson

Assemblymember Tom Lackey (AD 36)

Assemblyman Tom Lackey would like to nominate a woman who has offered so much of her time and talents to the special needs community. Please welcome the director of the Special Olympics Antelope Valley team and community liaison, Mrs. Deneese Thompson.





Dr. Trudy Arriaga

Assemblymember Das Williams
(AD 37)

Dr. Trudy Arriaga is a lifelong educator who has served Ventura Unified School District since 1974 and been Superintendent since 2001. She is the first woman to hold that position in the history of the District. She recently announced her retirement to accept a position at California Lutheran University.

Jeri Seratti Goldman

Assemblymember Scott Wilk (AD 38)

Jeri Seratti Goldman has been an active member of the Santa Clarita community for over thirty five years. Her current passion is serving on the Foundation Board of Director's for Providence Holy Cross Hospital. Jeri and her husband Carl own KHTS AM-1220, Santa Clarita's "Hometown Station" which provides local news, traffic, sports and other information impacting the Valley. They have two adult children.





Julieta Garcia

Assemblywoman Patty Lopez (AD 39)

Julieta Garcia is a domestic violence, drug and alcohol counselor. She is the President of the local senior center, an active community volunteer and a Spanish teacher helping students with basic reading and writing skills. Her motivational spirit drives her to enrich the lives of others through compassion, education and encouragement.

Pamela Langford

Assemblymember Marc Steinorth (AD 40)

Pamela Langford from Redlands, California, is the daughter of an Air Force pilot. Ms. Langford has been with Cal State San Bernardino for more than 30 years, where she has worked tirelessly to open doors to many students. Ms. Langford is the CSUSB Alumni Association director and spearheaded the effort to secure a \$2.4 million grant to increase career-readiness for CSUSB students studying in the STEM field. Ms. Langford's support of students is longstanding and unmatched.





Stella R. Murga

Assemblymember Chris R. Holden (AD 41)

Stella Murga has dedicated over 20 years to positive youth development. She established the Adelante Youth Alliance, a non-profit organization focused on guiding youth to develop their full personal, academic and career potential. Under Stella's direction, Adelante Youth Alliance produces the two largest college and career conferences in California.

Deborah Harber

Assemblymember Chad Mayes (AD 42)

Deborah Harber, a resident of Yucaipa, dedicates most if not all of her time to serving her community and those in need. Debbie is an exemplary woman of charity, compassion, and humility. Through her time, efforts, and talents Debbie has made significant contributions to her community and our region.





Isolde Gatto

Assemblymember Mike Gatto

(AD 43)

Isolde Gatto is AD 43's Woman of the Year. Ms. Gatto came to America at six speaking no English. She became a citizen, started teaching, and attended law school at night while raising 3 young children. Her story, and her tireless volunteer work at churches, hospitals, and children's and veterans' charities is an inspiration to us all.

Kathy Long

Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin (AD 44)

Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long's policymaking career spans over 35 years. Her comprehensive knowledge and achievements as a public servant are widely admired. She is engaged, inspiring, and excels at creating alliances for the benefit of health, welfare and public safety of all Ventura County residents.





Jan Sobel

Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh

(AD 45)

Jan Sobel is the President/CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley. Serving in that capacity since November of 2006, Jan has inspired countless young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.



Sidonia Lax

Assemblymember Adrin
Nazarian (AD 46)

Sidonia Lax was born on June 8, 1927, in Przemyis, Poland. In 1939 her hometown was turned into a ghetto. She was moved around to four other labor camps. After the Russian Army liberated Berlin on May 5, 1945, she went to a displacement camp for two months. Sidonia came to the U.S. in 1947 and married in 1949 and had three children. She currently serves on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and is active with the Homeowners Association.

Lydia Salazar-Wibert

Assemblywoman Cheryl R. Brown (AD 47)

Lydia Salazar-Wibert was elected to the Fontana City Council in November 2012. Prior to joining the City Council, Mrs. Salazar-Wibert was an active member of the Fontana community and has been for 26 years. She is employed with the Fontana Unified School District Mrs. Salazar-Wibert is married with 9 children.



Victoria Fisher

Assemblymember Roger Hernández
(AD 48)

For over four decades, Victoria Fisher has led an exemplary career in education and administration. A pioneer in instructional development, bilingual education, and after-school programs, Mrs. Fisher has been nationally recognized by the Milken Family Foundation. Victoria has always advocated for underrepresented students and believes in the transformational leadership that exists in all individuals regardless of their background.

SANDRA ROSCO

Assemblymember Ed Chau (AD 49)

Sandy's professional career began as a secretary in a prominent law firm while in high school. She moved to Los Angeles, worked for a well-known law firm, then decided to become a fulltime homemaker and Mom. Her desire to pursue other non-profit work led Sandy to become the Executive Director for the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.



Lisa Vanderpump

Assemblymember Richard Bloom (AD 50)

Lisa Vanderpump is an accomplished restaurateur, TV personality, and humanitarian. Lisa is highly regarded in Assembly

District 50 as an advocate for LGBT rights and awareness and is actively involved in numerous community charities. She is also known for her roles on The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills and Vanderpump Rules.

Tammy E. Membreño

Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez
(AD 51)

As an immigrant from El Salvador, Tammy Membreño has devoted her life to the service of others because she understands the impact of limited economic resources and

education on low income families. During her college years, she began volunteering at Barrio Action Youth & Family Center and in 1991, Tammy embraced the opportunity to become their Executive Director. Barrio Action's programs and services help keep youth in school, assist drop-outs to return to school, provide job development, aid, and encourage at-risk and high-risk youth.



Debra Dorst-Porada

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez
(AD 52)

Ontario City Councilmember Debra Dorst-Porada has lived in Ontario for 32 years.

She is a fixture at community events and has been instrumental in the economic and cultural revitalization of Downtown Ontario. Debra helps with several non-profits like Kiwanis. Debra works as a registered nurse and promotes emergency preparedness.

Margarita Amador

Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
(AD 53)

Margarita Amador currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Hollenbeck Police Advisory Board, as the Secretary of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, and is also a Girl Scout Troop Leader for Pico Aliso. Her continuous dedication and unyielding effort to fight for her community is worthy of this recognition.



Catherine Unger

Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
(AD 54)



Cathy Unger has worked as a Public Affairs Consultant for 40 years. She received her B.A. from University of California at Berkeley in 1969. She is the former President of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and currently serves as Chair of the board of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles and serves on the board of the California Community Foundation and the American Jewish Committee in Los Angeles. She is married to Leonard Unger and they have two adult children and five grandchildren.

Lidia Yun

Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang

(AD 55)

Lidia Yun emigrated from Taiwan 31 years ago and has since become a leader in her profession, serving on a number of leadership posts for local, state and national Realtor Associations. Lidia also volunteers in her community, counseling veterans and other citizens on how to navigate the process toward home ownership.



Marjo L. Mello

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (AD 56)

Marjo L. Mello is the City of Brawley Public Library Director whose accomplishments include thirty years of adult literacy advocacy, regional approaches to responsive library programming and establishment of a mobile pre-literacy program. As libraries transition from traditional print, Mrs. Mello has adapted the City's approach to services by meeting changing times with innovative leadership.



Rosa Barragan

Assemblymember Ian C. Calderon (AD 57)

Rosa Barragan is a dedicated community activist and advocate for children and families. She is a lifelong resident of the City of Norwalk, where she currently serves as the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's McKinney-Vento Program Coordinator and is the founding president of the Norwalk LULAC Council #3148.



Dr. PaoLing Guo

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (AD 58)
and Vice Chair of the CA Legislative
Women's Caucus

Dr. PaoLing Guo has been an exemplary educator for over 35 years primarily focusing on multilingual and adult education. Her commitment to education sees no borders as she travels internationally to share her knowledge. For this reason and many more Dr. PaoLing Guo is the pride of the 58th.

Charisse Bremond-Weaver

Assemblymember Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (AD 59)

Charisse Bremond-Weaver assumed the Presidency of the Brotherhood Crusade in January 2006, the community service and development organization founded by her late father, Walter Bremond, in 1968. She is the first woman to ever hold this post in an organization. Her passionate dedication is exemplified by her willingness to launch innovative initiatives, provide help to anyone in need, and advocate on behalf of those who are not in position or are unable to protect themselves.



Sharyn Link

Assemblymember Eric Linder (AD 60)

Sharyn Louise Link was instrumental in helping establish the city of Eastvale. She continues to be active with the newly formed city, serving as the Executive Director of the Eastvale Community Foundation as well as a member of several other community organizations.

Rose Mayes

Assemblymember Jose Medina (AD 61)

Rose Mayes has devoted many years to empowering individuals, reaching out to youth, eliminating racism and promoting diversity. She has over 30 years of experience in civil rights and community service, and is involved in the community as a professional and community volunteer. Her passion is promoting equal housing for all persons regardless of race, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.



Mari Morales Rodriguez

Assemblywoman Autumn R. Burke
(AD 62)

Mari Morales Rodriguez has been a long time resident of Inglewood; and is very active in the community. In addition to being a mother of three children, she is the founder of ONE FOR ALL, a community –based organization that provides scholarships to local students for school supplies and uniforms. Mari truly embodies the community spirit of the District.

Maria G. Navarro

Assemblymember Anthony Rendon
(AD 63)

Ms. Maria Navarro an original founder of Padres Unidos de South Gate, a community organization of parents that advocates for LAUSD students. She is known throughout the Southeast for her activism. Ms. Navarro

is also a cancer survivor and is also known for creating a support group for cancer victims.



Cecilia Moreno

Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson
(AD 64)

After graduating from CSU Dominguez Hills with a Master's in Public Administration, Ms. Moreno became the Manager of Community Affairs for the Los Angeles Shell Refinery. Ms. Moreno has also been an outstanding leader on the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC), Wilmington Neighborhood Council, and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Theresa Harvey

Assemblywoman Young O. Kim (AD 65)

Theresa serves as President of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, leading initiatives promoting small business and fostering a strong local economy. Theresa is an active community member having supported the Assistance League, National Charity League, and Boys and Girls Club, and also serving the CSUF Alumni Association and Philanthropic Foundation.



Rosalinda Garcia

Assemblymember David Hadley (AD 66)

Rosalinda is the Chief Programs Officer for the Pediatric Therapy Network. She is a successful businesswoman starting her own company over a decade ago. Rosalinda serves as the chairperson of the Parent Advisory Board for the Southwest SELPA. For the past two years, she served on Redondo Beach Unified School District's Strategic Planning Committee. She is also the current Financial Secretary for PTSA.



She volunteers for Redondo Sunset Little League and the Special Needs League for AYSO Region 34.

Hennie Monteleone

Assemblywoman Melissa A. Melendez
(AD 67)

Assemblywoman Melendez is proud to announce Hennie Monteleone as her 2015 Woman of the Year. Hennie is a true leader in her community and always ready to lend a hand. Her selfless acts of charity are something

to admire and strive to emulate. Hennie is well deserving of this award.



Carrie Hummel

Assemblymember Donald P. Wagner
(AD 68)

Carrie Hummel is an exceptionally active member of the Orange and Villa Park communities and embodies the spirit of service to others. A wife and mother of three, Carrie is a former Orange Citizen of the Year, and has donated her time for nearly thirty years benefiting our schools, the elderly, and helping the local business community thrive.

Pearl Raya

Assemblymember Tom Daly (AD 69)

Born and raised in Santa Ana, Pearl Raya has devoted her life to the betterment of youth and families in her community. Pearl took her over 30-year experience and passion as a city employee in the Parks department to create youth initiatives in Santa Ana, including a neighborhood little league and a non-profit foundation offering access to affordable youth sport leagues. Assemblymember Tom Daly is proud to honor Pearl as she is a tireless

advocate for families and their children and helping youth attend college and achieve success in life.



Neena Strichart

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
(AD 70)

Neena R. Strichart is the publisher of The Signal Tribune newspaper, a weekly newspaper started in February 2000. Serving the City of Signal Hill and Long Beach neighborhoods of Bixby Knolls,

California Heights, Los Cerritos, and Wrigley Heights, the Signal Tribune has a door-to-door distribution of 25,000 per week, and is dedicated to local news and events.

Connie Conard

Assemblymember Brian W. Jones (AD 71)

Connie Conard, an East San Diego County resident, dedicates endless hours volunteering with the Grossmont Hospital Foundation, Friends of Vista Hill Foundation, East County Family YMCA, Salvation Army, Rady Children's Hospital and the USS Midway Museum. Connie's devotion to public service for the betterment of her community is an inspiration to all.



Cynthia Perazzo

Assemblymember Travis Allen (AD 72)

Assemblyman Travis Allen is honored to introduce Ms. Cynthia Harris Perazzo as the 72nd District's Woman of the Year. Ms. Cynthia Harris Perazzo currently serves as Senior Vice President of Strategy and Business Development at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian. Ms. Perazzo is from Huntington Beach, California.

Tilly Levine

Assemblymember William P.
Brough (AD 73)

Tilly Levine co-founded Tilly's, a national specialty retailer in the action sports industry. In addition to her professional success, Tilly is a

trailblazer in the community, touching countless lives with love and empowerment for children and teens. Her charitable organization includes programs in the public schools, children's hospitals and non-profit organizations.



Patty Mouton

Assemblymember Matthew Harper
(AD 74)

Patty Mouton has over 30 years of experience in healthcare in Orange County. In her current role, Patty serves as the Vice President of Outreach & Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County.

She manages clinical outreach and education for physicians, nurses, social workers and other health care providers.

Marie Joyce

Assemblywoman Marie Waldron
(AD 75)

Marie Joyce is a long-standing resident of Southern California, she is an accomplished public and community relations specialist with extensive contributions in both the private and public sector.



Santhi Castle

Assemblymember Rocky J. Chàvez
(AD 76)

Master Santhi Castle has been active in martial arts for 32 years. She is a fourth-degree Black Belt, runs her own studio and gives back to her community through various fundraising efforts.

Gloria Deeb Tran

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein
(AD 77)

Gloria Deeb Tran is the 2014 Scripps Ranch Citizen of the Year. Her volunteer work is extensive, focusing on children and helping rebuild Scripps Ranch after the 2003 Cedar Fire. She is currently the editor of the Scripps Ranch Civic Association Newsletter. Gloria's passion is giving back to the community, and her husband and two sons are her greatest inspiration.



Mrs. Betty Peabody

Speaker of the Assembly Toni G. Atkins
(AD 78)

Mrs. Betty Peabody is a distinguished San Diego civic leader. For nearly 45 years, she has played an active role in the success of Balboa Park. As a founding member of the Balboa Park Millennium Society, she continues to be a central figure in the 2015 Centennial celebration.

Vickie E. Turner

Assemblywoman Shirley N. Weber (AD 79)

Vickie E. Turner is a partner in the law firm of Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP, the largest female-owned law firm in San Diego. She is a trial attorney who has defended class actions, complex litigation, and product liability cases for 33 years. In addition to practicing law, Ms. Turner has a passion for working with students to encourage them to pursue a college education.



Christine R. Moore

Assemblywoman Lorena S. Gonzalez (AD 80)

The proud daughter of an immigrant maid and a gardener, neither of whom graduated high school, Christine Moore is a business leader, wonderful parent, and community service champion in the San Diego region. Christine serves as Director of External Affairs for AT&T and resides in Chula Vista.