

**Councilmember Lorie Zapf**

**Council District TWO**

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**Councilmember Lorie Zapf honors Council District 2 Volunteers**

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, Councilmember Lorie Zapf honored nearly 100 non-profit, civic, education and community volunteers in San Diego City Council District 2.  Several hundred attended the breakfast sponsored by Shades Oceanfront Bistro and Wonderland Ocean Pub in Ocean Beach, The Olive Café and Bakery in Mission Beach, SDG&E, Cox Cable, Starbucks and Belmont Park.

The event was held during National Volunteer Appreciation Month and honored a wide cross- section of volunteers in Councilmember Zapf’s district.  “Honoring those who volunteer their time to make our schools, communities and city a better place to live is my privilege,” said Zapf.  “Selfless service for the good of your community is an extraordinary gift,” she added.

Each volunteer was recognized and received a City of San Diego certificate of recognition. Additionally, Councilmember Zapf presented a special award posthumously to honor Maruta Gardner as the Volunteer of the Year in Council District 2.  “We have dedicated this first award to her memory and in the following years it will be awarded to a volunteer with the same selfless passion,” said Zapf. Gardner was a very distinguished, retired educator and was also known as the “Graffiti Eradicator” of Mission Beach.  For nearly 25 years, she made her community a better place to live. Sadly, Gardner was hit by an impaired driver while she was painting out graffiti on February 11th in Mission Beach.  Gardner’s husband, Willie Gardner accepted the award to a standing ovation.

Organizations were asked to nominate outstanding volunteers from their non-profits, schools, community, faith based and youth programs who make a difference. Below is a breakdown of those volunteers who were recognized:

**Pacific and Mission Beach Honorees**

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| Sara | Berns | Discover PB |
| Ellen | Citrano | Pacific Beach Town Council |
| Brian | Curry | Pacific Beach Planning Group |
| Fred | Day | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Karl  | Jaedtke | Pacific Beach Community Foundation |
| Catherine | Jolley | Pacific Beach Town Council |
| Jill | Lester | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Dennis | Lynch | Mission Beach Precise Planning Group |
| Klaus  | Mendenhall | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Mike | Meyer | Mission Beach Precise Planning Group |
| Abby | Murrey | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Chris | Olson | PB/MB Community Collaborators |
| Micaela | Porte | Pacific Beach Town Council |
| Mary | Saska | Mission Beach Planning Group |
| Will | Schussel | Mission Beach Precise Planning Group |
| Marcella | Teran | PB/MB Community Collaborators |
| Jo | Unger | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Debbie | Watkins | Mission Beach Precise Planning Group |
| Gary | Wonacott | Mission Beach Town Council |
| Mary Lou | Benzel | Pacific Beach Women's Club |
| Sarah  | Mattinson | Mission Beach Women's Club |
| Devon | Muto | Beautiful PB |
| Gary | Reilly | Beautiful Mission Beach |
| Jody | Ross | Pacific Beach Women's Club |
| Jack | Bloom | Pacific Beach Middle School |
| Lynn | Edmunds | Pacific Beach Middle School |
| Jennifer  | Tandy | Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools |
| Jennifer  | Upton | Crown Point Junior Music |
| Keith  | Keillor | San Diego Canoe Kayak Team |
| MD | Margo | Cortez Racing Association |
| James  | Rojas | Kai Elua Outrigger Canoe Club |
| Julian | Cadena | Crown Point Junior Music |

**Ocean Beach and Point Loma Honorees**

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| John | Ambert | Ocean Beach Planning Board |
| Michele | Amsterdam | Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association |
| Blake | Herrschaft | Ocean Beach Planning Board |
| Robert Tripp  | Jackson | Point Loma Association |
| Julie | Klein | Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association |
| Melanie | Nickel | Midway Planning Group |
| Tom | Perrotti | Ocean Beach Community Development Corp. |
| Pete  | Ruscitti | Ocean Beach Planning Board |
| Ed  | Lynds | Point Loma Community Church |
| Barry  | Whitfield | Rock Church |
| Michael  | Ambagtsheer | Warren Walker School |
| Karen | Anderson-Thatcher | Warren Walker School |
| Paul | Arenson | Cabrillo Elementary School |
| Lisa  | Hill | Kids First at Sunset View Elementary |
| Tyler | McCort | Cabrillo Elementary School |
| Dominique | Mimno | Loma Portal Elementary |
| Warren  | Tam | Cabrillo National Monument |
| Will | Hage | Peninsula YMCA |

**Clairemont Honorees**

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| Rod | Pendon | Clairemont Library |
| Lynn | Titialii | Clairemont Community Planning Group |
| Scott | Wentworth | Clairemont Planning Group |
| Kyley | Christy | Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour Committee |
| Dolores | Juditz | Clairemont Woman's Club |
| Lynn | Little | Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour Committee |
| Carrie | Munson | Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour Committee |
| Eden | Yaege | Clairemont Town Council Garden Tour Committee |
| Stacey | Beckerly | Toler Elementary PTA |
| Pauline | Burt | Bay Park Elementary Foundation |
| Carma | Sanchez | Longfellow Spanish Immersion School |
| M. Eloise  | Battle | Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee |
| Ingrid | Lewin | Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee |
| Margot & Walter | Linback | Tecolote Canyon Nature Center |
| Sherlie | Miller | Friends of Tecolote Canyon |
| Shannon | Harris | Thrive Public Schools |
| David | Vavasevr | St. Charles Borromeo Academy |

**Linda Vista Honorees**

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| Margarita | Castro | Linda Vista Planning Group |
| Dorothy  | Greenan | Linda Vista Town Council |
| Dr. G. Tom | Kaye | Linda Vista Town Council |
| Dottie | Perez | Linda Vista Planning Group |
| Tisha | Rocha | Linda Vista Planning Group |
| Kimberly | Weber | Linda Vista Planning Group |
| Katie | Coutermarsh | University of San Diego |

**District Wide Honorees**

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| Dani | Ramos | The Rescued Dog |
| Bill | Whiteside | San Diego Audubon Society |
| Ken | Stipanov | NTC Foundation |
| Bilal | Edward Rivers | Muslim Community Services of San Diego |
| Steve | Mitchell | American Culture Council |
| Barbara | Calantas | Ocean Discovery Institute |
| Joel | Kalmonson | San Diego River Park Foundation |
| Gabriella | Mark | Plant with Purpose |
| Gina | Adams | Masonry Industry Training Association |
| T.J. & Warren | Cox | Just Call Us Volunteers |
| Cassie  | Edmonds | San Diego Foundation |
| Michele | Fallon | Hearts for San Diego |
| Lara | Haine | San Diego Writers Ink |
| Darren | Hamrick | Hearts for San Diego |
| Michelle | Honig | Just Call Us Volunteers |
| Syd | Marshal | Hearts for San Diego |
| Elizabeth  | Curtis | San Diego Family Justice Center |
| Kevin | Kenny | San Diego Dental Health Foundation  |
| Meribeth | Russell | Freedom Dogs |
| Gregg | Stoner | West Coast Drill Instructor Association |
| Marsha | Harris | Carly's Cause |
| Dayna | Hoff | Autism Tree Project Foundation |
| Lia | Idrus | San Diego Youth Services |
| Karen | Malin | Words Alive |
| Judy | Yates | Reading Legacies |

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Councilmember Lorie Zapf kicking-off Volunteer Appreciation Day.



Willie Gardner accepting Maruta Gardner’s award posthumously.



Community Leader Honorees



Education Honorees



Veterans Group Honorees



Pacific Beach Middle School Student, Jack Bloom, receiving award