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## 2011 WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

### JENNIFER ADAMS-BROOKS

#### President // Clark Consultants

Specializes in human resource consulting and executive coaching; chair of Friends of the Foundation and the Civil Society Working Group, which encourages community problem-solving skills; serves on the board of Governance, Strategic Planning and Regional Vision Initiative committees

### BECK BAMBERGER

#### Founder/CEO // BAM Communications

In charge of a full-service PR and marketing firm as well as founder of Bite San Diego, a food walking-tour company; marketing instructor at Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising; Emmy-winner for her TV show, "Next 500"

### CATHRYN BEEKS

#### Entertainment Coordinator // Listen Local SD

Radio host for 102.1 KPRI; advocate of aspiring musicians; organizes concerts in all musical genres and age groups; organizer of both Chick Camp, a girls' songwriting event at Lake Jennings, and Songwriter Sleepover, a camp for men and women; created the all-girl band, Groove Kitties

### ANN BERCHTOLD

#### Co-Founder/Executive Director // ART SAN DIEGO Contemporary Art Fair

Creates annual Contemporary Art Fair, which showcases over 50 international galleries, over 500 international and local artists, and numerous arts organizations in collaborative programming; Art Fair also hosts Urban Land Institute conference, and Mayor's Forum on cultural development strategies

### HOLLY BERKLEY

#### Owner // Holly Berkley Consulting

Author of several popular business marketing books; helps small businesses and nonprofits use the Internet and social media to meet goals; works with San Diego Rescue Mission to grow their online influence and help more homeless

### JANET BERONIO

#### Senior Vice President & General Manager // Harrah's Rincon Casino

Leads the company in charitable giving, sponsorship, and environmental sustainability, ushering in dozens of awards including two AAA Four-Diamond Awards and 189 Casino Player Magazine "Best Of" awards; chairwomen of the Caesars Foundation

### KIMBERLY BOND

#### CEO // Mental Health Systems

Advocates for clients; implemented the William R. Mead Training Academy, which trains substance-abuse therapists and counselors; participates on committees to help shape Systems of Care to meet needs of families

### JENNIFER BORBA VON STAUFFENBERG

#### President // Olive PR Solutions

Dedicated to raising the awareness of San Diego's thriving arts community through her work; represents clients who make a significant positive impact, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Alliance Healthcare Foundation, and ART SAN DIEGO Contemporary Art Fair; committed to the nonprofit Feeding the Soul Foundation

### SHELLY BOWEN

#### Founder // Pybop, LLC

After success at Intuit and RealAge, founded Pybop, a Web content strategy consultancy which helps businesses share their brand stories more effectively; volunteers for I Love a Clean San Diego and SD/PEN; founded San Diego Interactive Content Professionals to connect creative entrepreneurs

### ANGELA BRANNON

#### Executive Director/Co-founder // It's All About The Kids

Created numerous programs to motivate and improve the lives of hundreds of kids, including an art program and financial literacy program, which help kids succeed; collected more than 1,200 toys for more than 13 charities during the holidays

### VANESSA BRICE

#### Environmental Planner // HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.

Director of annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference workshop, job-shadowing and career day presentations for high school students; member of HELIX Health & Wellness and HELIX Volunteers committees, establishing

programs to promote a healthier workplace and community stewardship; active in the Association of Environmental Professionals San Diego chapter

### JANICE BROWN

#### Founder/Senior Partner // Brown Law Group

Board member of San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation; lifetime member of the NAACP, past president of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and Chair of the Training Committee; member of the National Association of Women and Minority Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF); committed to promoting diversity within the legal profession

### LINDA BYERLINE

#### Founder // Happy Helmys

Expert in the reusable cloth diaper industry; educates parents and pregnant women about the choices they have in raising their babies; expanded cloth diaper line to include Micro Mini Stages for premature babies with plans to integrate product into NICUs across the world

### LINDA CABALLERO SOTELO

#### President/Chief Operating Officer // Toltec Media

Promotes the advancement of women; former CEO of the SD Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; president of the Latina Business Women Association; co-founder of Latinas in Business Foundation; marketing, arts and Hispanic topics expert; volunteers with Casa Familiar, Girl Scouts, and AIU trustee; awarded NAWBO Advocate of the Year

### STACEY CANFIELD

#### Co-owner // Visual Photography

Founder of FACE Program, which recognizes the top 30 academic scholars of the Poway Unified School District; underwrites the Bronco Ambassador Program to support students who mentor children; author of The Soul Sitter, a book and Web site to comfort those facing loss through death

### KRISTIN CARROLL

#### Vice President, Media + Marketing // The Active Network, Inc.

Helped lead the company through its IPO and listing on the NYSE; manages sales and marketing for Active.com, ranked among the Top 15 Sports Sites on the Web; passionate about the development of healthy kids; volunteers for Girls on the Run and Challenged Athletes Foundation

### DR. FIONA CHATWIN

#### Founder/Executive Director // Villa Musica

Created Villa Musica, a nonprofit community music center, where San Diegans participate in music education programs, individual lessons, community ensembles, specialized workshops, and neurologic music therapy; dedicates significant time to developing outreach programs for local schools, senior centers, libraries, and for at-risk youth to offset the absence of curriculum-based music education

### ASHLEY CONSTANS

#### Director of Operations // Redfearn & Associates

Produces inspirational events for nonprofit organizations including the American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer's Association, Kawasaki's Disease Foundation, and many others; serves on various committees including Promises2Kids, The Foundation of the Children of the Californias, the Burn Institute

### KARA DEFRIAS

#### Sr. Web Writer & Innovation Catalyst // Intuit

Produces TEDxIntuit, an out-of-the-box way to inspire employee engagement at Intuit in the spirit of TED's mission: "ideas worth spreading"; supports philanthropic causes including UCSD Moores Cancer Center and Team Rubicon, an L.A.-based nonprofit with veterans supporting humanitarian aid initiatives worldwide

### CATH DESTEFANO

#### Executive Director // San Diego Diplomacy Council

Creates opportunities for women to become engaged global citizens; champions programs to promote citizen diplomacy through the exchange of cultural ideas and values between foreign visitors and local organizations; initiated an International Breakfast for the City of San Diego as chair of the International Affairs Board

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**DANIELLE DIETZ-LIVOLSI**

**Founder/President // NuttZo brand**

Pioneer in the nut butter world; created NuttZo, an organic Omega-3 seven nut and seed butter; advocates for educating local consumers on making healthy lifestyle choices through demonstrations; creator of Project Left Behind, a nonprofit for children in orphanages that receives donations from NuttZo's profits

**AUDREY DOHERTY**

**Principal // Chemistry PR**

Expert in strategic planning, marketing, promotions, and special events; serves as the executive director of the San Diego Building Owners and Managers Association; on board of directors for the Center for Community Solutions, a foundation for domestic violence prevention; provides pro bono PR services for Chef Showdown, Tea on the Town, and Dress for Success

**KIMBERLY DOTSETH**

**Broker/Owner // Green Box Homes**

Owens Green Box Homes, a San Diego boutique brokerage representing residential properties in the county; donates 15 percent of commission to charities; driver for Meals-on-Wheels; sits on the advisory board for the local Meals-on-Wheels chapter; deeply dedicated to protecting animals

**LISA DRUXMAN**

**Founder // Stroller Strides**

Created Stroller Strides, a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies; developed the LUNA Moms Club, an outlet where moms can connect; hosts Mamafest where 100 percent of the proceeds are donated to Postpartum Health Alliance; released a book, DVD, and a stroller

**SILVIA DUBOVOY**

**General Director // Montessori Institute of San Diego**

Mentors and trains countless early-childhood education teachers, school administrators, and leaders in San Diego, Tijuana, B.C., and worldwide; started the first Montessori Graduate Program at the University of San Diego; founding board member of Town and Gown for UCSD, an organization that gives scholarships to UCSD students; supports several local museums

**LIZ EDWARDS**

**Director // San Diego Spirits Festival**

Has become the go-to liaison between the city and the spirits industry; single-handedly created the San Diego Spirits Festival; donates all proceeds from events to various charities within the culinary area, including USBG, AIWF, and Chef de Cuisine Association

**LAURIE EDWARDS TATE**

**President/CEO // At Your Home Familycare**

Advocate for proper elderly in-home care; serves as Honorary CEO against MS for the National MS Society, Pacific South Coast chapter; columnist for Communities at Washington Times; supports Parkinson's Disease Association, Meals-On-Wheels, the Aging and Independence Services Caregiver Coalition, and other organizations

**LENA EVANS**

**President & CEO // Jade Phoenix**

Philanthropist who mentors young women to become educated and empowered; supports Rady Children's Hospital, The Old Globe Theatre, San Diego Symphony, Fashion Group International, Got Your Back Network; spearheaded San Diego's Men Against Breast Cancer launch

**LAURA FARMER SHERMAN**

**AND SANDY RABOURNE**

**Executive Director/Development Director // Susan G. Komen for the Cure, San Diego**

Breast cancer survivors and activists who took their pain and shifted it into a powerful force with the Susan G. Komen foundation; raised more than \$10 million for local organizations that provide breast cancer education, screening, and treatment for those in need

**MARYE ANNE FOX**

**Chancellor // UC San Diego**

Established new research ventures and partnerships, completed successful \$1 billion fundraising campaign, achieved \$1 billion in sponsored research, initiated \$3.5 billion in capital improvement projects, expanded internationally-renowned academic programs; led Volunteer50 program to 50,000-plus hours of community service

**ALLISON GILL**

**Human Interactions Component Chair // Department of Veteran Affairs**

A veteran herself, she serves as the chair of the Human Interactions Component team to help insure patient-centered care; represents San Diego at the national Patient Centered Care conference; raised more than \$10,000 for charities such as the San Diego AIDS Walk and the Susan G. Komen foundation; on committees to help female veterans access health care

**VALLIE GILLEY**

**Owner // Jitters Coffee Pub**

Entrepreneur who founded Feeding the Soul Foundation, which promotes concerts for causes; donated more than \$30,000 to feed the hungry, empower young women through music, promote environmental responsibility, and free slaves around the world

**JENNIFER GILMORE**

**Executive Director // Feeding America**

Leads Feeding American San Diego to distribute 16 million pounds of food yearly; created the Mobile Pantry program, which delivers more than 2 million pounds of food annually to rural areas of San Diego; mentors women and children to understand the importance of health and wellness

**VIVIAN GLYCK**

**Founder // Just Like My Child Foundation, Inc.**

Founded organization after learning about the extreme number of children dying from malaria and being orphaned by the AIDS epidemic; has successfully helped hundreds of families in central Uganda take charge of their own future through better access to quality health care, education, and micro-enterprise; honored with Women of Peace award in 2008

**MELANI GORDON**

**Founder/CEO // gWave Consulting/TapHunter**

Role model as an online media correspondent, columnist, and professional speaker; youngest member of San Diego's Rotary Club 33; leader of the San Diego Beer Week planning committee; mentor through the Young Professionals of Women's Global Network

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**ANA GRAMLING**

**Realtor // Ana Gramling: Real Living Lifestyles**  
Mentors agents on how to be successful in real estate; life coach to entrepreneurial women primarily in start-up businesses; volunteers for various charities including Meals-on-Wheels and the Madres, a Padres organization that supports youth baseball/softball; also serves as president of the Homeowner's Association

**FELENA HANSON**

**CEO // Hera Hub**  
Created Hera Hub, a co-working space for entrepreneurial women who need flexible, cost-effective office space, that creates a serene environment with its spa-like atmosphere; developed the educational program Art Meets Fashion, which gets local teens involved in the arts

**CELESTE HILLING**

**President/CEO // Skin Authority**  
Founder of Carlsbad-based Skin Authority, one of the fastest growing skin care lines in North America; vice president of the board of directors for the New Children's Museum, founding board member of DOCS (Doctors Offering Charitable Services) and 2009 recipient of the Spirit of Giving Award from the Beach & Country Guild

**BIANCA JAIME**

**Owner/Tour Guide // So Diego Tours**  
Self-starter who revolutionized touring in San Diego; determined to promote local business and set a new standard for tours; member of the Gaslamp Quarter Association, sponsor of Taste of Gaslamp to help preserve the rich cultural history of the area

**ALICE JEFFERSON**

**Executive Director // Diamond Literary Festival**  
Advocates for the literacy of young people after working in San Diego schools for more than 25 years; leader of her church's women's ministry; co-founded the Diamond Literary Festival of San Diego, aimed at bringing attention to the need for literacy among young people

**RACHEL JENSEN**

**Class Action Consumer Fraud and Securities Litigator // Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP**  
Powerhouse lawyer who also founded Girls Think Tank, a local nonprofit organization, which advances basic human dignity through activism and advocacy; shows remarkable leadership in spearheading GTT's efforts to help the homeless such as getting the city of San Diego to purchase 24/7 bathrooms downtown

**DONNA JONES**

**Partner // Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**  
Involved with San Diego's land use and coastal issues; treasurer and director of San Diego's Centre City Development Corporation, vice chair of the Public Policy Committee and member of the board of directors of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

**DR. DIVYA KAKAIYA**

**Founder/Clinical Director // Healthy Within**  
Founded the only eating disorder prevention program in San Diego; presents 50 to 60 prevention events each year with emphasis on creating strong

girls and leaders; launched a full-scale program called Full Of Ourselves; president of SDNari, a global women's organization with roots in the South Asian community

**MICHELE KASSA**

**Senior Marketing Manager // Intuit**  
Impactful force at Intuit; dedicated leader of Toys for Joy, an annual event held by the Rock Church during the Christmas season; interpreter to the deaf at Sunday services

**DR. SUSAN KAWESKI**

**Owner // Aesthetic Arts Institute of Plastic Surgery**  
Served as president of the San Diego County Medical Society, representing more than 3,000 physicians; sits on the board of the Right Care Initiative program to improve patient outcomes; chairman of the Women's Plastic Surgery group; introduced the Healthier Living program to help patients with chronic disease maintain healthier living habits

**CHERYL KILMER**

**CEO // TERI, Inc.**  
Champion for the special needs community whose passion is contagious; her programs are modeled globally; currently building the Charles R. Cono Campus for Life Quality, a university-like campus dedicated to individuals with developmental disabilities

**MARY E. KIRBY**

**Director // Fleet and Family Support Center**  
One of the youngest FFSC directors in history; runs an ad organization that promotes sailor and



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family resiliency; promotes and aids the USO and United Through Reading; oversees integration with charitable organizations in San Diego to support all military personnel, reservists, retirees, and their families

**DEBORAH KLOCHKO**

**Director // Museum of Photographic Arts**

Thoughtful leader dedicated to MOPA and fundraising for visitor-centric projects; joins together with other local nonprofits in San Diego, including the multi-ethnic and multi-lingual audiences; chairwoman of the Balboa Park Online Collaborative

**LINDA LATTIMORE**

**Founder/President // Women's Global Network**

Successful international corporate attorney; founded Women's Global Network, a professional women's networking organization in six cities; assists local groups such as Center for Creative Leadership, Dress for Success, USD Center for Peace and Commerce, and Women's Empowerment International

**NANCY LATURNO BOJANIC**

**Founding Executive Director // Mainly Mozart**

Role model and arts leader who introduces 30,000 children yearly, on both sides of the border, to classical music; has developed Mainly Mozart and its annual festival into a major community/tourist destination and home for the world's leading musicians

**MICHELLE LERACH**

**Owner // Cups La Jolla**

Food activist who works tirelessly through her certified organic bakery, teaching kitchen, and community work to bring awareness to organic living and sustainability; creating a systematic basic sustainable farming education program with plans to launch nationwide; working on a community garden in La Jolla where local school kids will come to learn about sustainable farming; started Cooking With Love at the Ronald McDonald House

**COURTNEY LIDDY**

**Senior Vice President-Investments/ Financial Advisor // Merrill Lynch Wealth Management**

Serves as a leader and mentor in company; speaks nationally for Merrill Lynch's Professional Development Program; participates in San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and its Next Gen committee for the development of young leaders

**DR. SUSAN LITTLE**

**Professor of Medicine/Director // Acute Infection and Early Disease Research Program (UCSD)**

Developed and helms one of the leading and most productive National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)-sponsored programs in the U.S. for identification and treatment of individuals with acute and recent HIV-1 infection; directs the Central San Diego Lead the Way Community HIV Testing Campaign

“I have been impressed with the quality and quantity of successful women in San Diego.”

—Theresa Drew

**TARYN LOMAS**

**Vice President of Strategic Accounts // Underground Elephant**

Robust team member responsible for generating more than 50 percent of the daily revenue for the company; leads the company's charitable contributions with San Diego Humane Society and American Red Cross; mentors college students in Underground Elephant's internship program

**LYNELLE LYNCH**

**President/Owner // Bellus Academy**

Revolutionized beauty education; ambassador and educational leader for the Cut It Out program that teaches beauty professionals to recognize domestic violence; chairman of the Beauty Changes Lives nonprofit that changes the perception of beauty and wellness careers

**JANE MACK-BAKER**

**Vice President, Employee Relations // Qualcomm**

Serves on the board of Promises 2 Kids, dedicated to the abused children of San Diego; created Qualcomm Summer on the Lawn, a summer series with employees providing musical performances; founded a mentorship program where senior women in the company assist future leaders

**ALLISON MASLAN**

**Founder/President // Blast Off! Business and Life Mentoring**

Helps thousands of people find fulfillment in their careers and life by teaching them to build successful businesses; works closely with Rady Children's Hospital fundraising; donates proceeds from her best-selling book to Dress For Success and Habitat for Humanity, which she and her husband build houses for in Mexico

**NICOLE MATTHEWS**

**Principal/Founder // The Henley Company**

Personal concierge specializing in event, travel and lifestyle experiences; committed to helping clients to enjoy more recess in their lives; professor of Event Management; past-president of the International Special Events Society

**VERONICA MAY**

**Music Therapist // Coast Music Therapy**

Works with special needs children through music therapy; created and directed the Clairemont High School Glee Club this year; dedicated to equal rights in the LGBT community and donates time to PRIDE, fundraisers for AIDS, and benefit concerts for Resounding Joy

**LAUREL MCFARLANE**

**Founder/CEO // McFarlane Promotions**

Drives leading San Diego event production, marketing, and public relations company that has elevated city as a premier destination; supports nonprofits including Monarch Schools, La Jolla Historical Society, Downtown San Diego Partnership, and Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation; coordinates special events such as Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp, ShamROCK, Monster Bash, La Jolla Motor Car Classic, Fifth Avenue Auto Showcase, and "Taste Of" events

**MICHELLE METTER**

**Partner // Fast Forward Event Productions**

Co-owner of award-winning national event management agency that produces world-class events such as the San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival, which has positively impacted the San Diego tourism industry and helped raise close to \$200,000 in scholarship funds for students studying the culinary and enology arts

**PATTY MOONEY**

**CEO // Crystal Pyramid Productions**

Produces award-winning videos since 1981 for television broadcast and corporations; gives substantial discounts to nonprofits such as RADD and Girls Think Tank; produced multiple-award-winning documentary The Invisible Ones: Homeless Combat Veterans pro bono with all proceeds going to Veterans Village of San Diego

**MICHAELA MORYSKOVA**

**Designer/Owner // Skova Soul**

Designer dedicated to helping women in business; leads empowerment seminars in her store; involved with a charity in Costa Rica to provide food and supplies to orphans; a portion of her Think Pink collection sales is donated to breast cancer research

**GLADYS O'MAHONY**

**Area Director of Sales and Marketing // Starwood Hotels and Resorts**

Key leader and mentor within company; strong role in all Starwood's programs including beach clean-ups, fundraisers for Rady Children's Hospital literacy drives, and dog walks; awarded Sales Leader of the Year for Starwood Hotels and Resorts this year

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**CHRISTINA ORTIZ**

**Retail Practice Leader // The Compass Network**

Manages the retail practice at her firm; selected out of thousands to sit on the national Programs Committee for the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals where she heads webinars globally; created the webinar series, "Women in Supply Chain"

**LISA PACHECO-BALLARD**

**Vice President // Independent Sales & Business Development Consultant**

Active in real estate and served as board chair for Star/Pal, a nonprofit that provides youth services in inner-city neighborhoods; served on the board of directors for Athletes For Education, an organization dedicated to the development of San Diego youth

**JOANNE M. PASTULA**

**CEO // Junior Achievement of San Diego and Imperial Counties**

Teaches financial literacy, work force readiness, and entrepreneurship to more than 40,000 youth yearly, completed a \$7 million capital campaign, board member of United Cerebral Palsy, San Diego Grantmakers, and United Way; founding member of the Thomas Ackerman Foundation

**SAUNDRA PELLETIER**

**CEO // WomanCare Global**

Champion for women's empowerment and dedicated to providing access to affordable, quality reproductive health care products in 110 countries; serves on the executive board at the Sandy Hill School; speaker and author of Saddle Up Your Own White Horse addressing international equality

**CLAIRE PETRETTI**

**Owner // Ocean Soul Yoga**

Breast cancer survivor who teaches yoga classes for people living with cancer; producing a yoga DVD for cancer patients and survivors; chairwoman for the inaugural Yoga For Hope event, which raised more than \$80,000 for City of Hope; teaches a yoga class at MiraCosta College

**LINDSAY POMEROY**

**Owner // The Wine Smarties**

Instructs the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, a program for people in the food and beverage industry; has donated to more than a dozen charities this past year including breast cancer, elder care, and the Women's Museum of California,

**LUCY POSTINS**

**Founder/CEO // The Honest Kitchen**

A top player in holistic pet food; implemented Pawlanthropy, where a percentage of the company's sales are donated to a charitable cause each month

**MEGAN QUINN DOWELL**

**Lead Program Manager // YWCA San Diego County**

Respected manager responsible for the operations of the YWCA of San Diego's three domestic violence and homeless social service programs with a \$4 million annual budget; leads a collaborative group of homeless service agencies including the Salvation Army and Interfaith Shelter Network

**DARLYNNE REYES MENKIN**

**Co-Owner/Founder // Where You Want To Be Tours**

Helms award-winning company that creates one-of-a-kind team building and tours for locals of and visitors to San Diego; launched successful Networking Scavenger Hunt for the unemployed; long-time advisory board member and mentor for the Asian American Journalists Association; involved with the homeless, as well as senior and women's ministries at the Rock Church

**SONIA RHODES**

**Vice President of Customer Strategy // Sharp HealthCare**

Leads the Sharp Experience, an organizational performance improvement initiative designed to transform the health care experience; conceptualized and directs The Sharp University, a corporate university focused on the education and development of more than 1,500 Sharp leaders and 15,000 associates; partnered to create the TEDxSan Diego conference

**CATHY RICHMAN**

**Founder/CEO // Angels Foster Family Network**

Served as an advocate for children in foster care; founded the Angels Foster Family Network, a nonprofit that helps transform the face of foster care for infants and toddlers who have been abused; served for 12 years as the volunteer CEO

**KATIE RITTO**

**Realtor // Ritto & Hazelton Team - ARG Abbott Realty Group**

Represents the third generation of women in her family who pioneered the concepts of service, ethics, and integrity in real estate sales resulting in a legacy of unparalleled professionalism and charitable giving to her community, to women in business, and to the world at large

**ELIZABETH ROSALES-HALL**

**President/Founder // Green Envy Promotions**

Green advocate for the city; founded full-service marketing agency specializing in eco-friendly items based in San Diego; active member of the San Diego River Park Foundation and is on the Sustainability Committee with the Downtown Partnership

**DONNA SANFILIPPO**

**Broker of Record // Weichert, Realtors - Elite**

Educates real estate professionals on the importance of smart home-ownership; works with Rebuilding Together San Diego, which targets homes in need of rehab; president-elect for the San Diego Association of Realtors, the largest trade organization in San Diego with 11,000 members; serves on the board of directors for the Ambassador Foundation

**JACLYN P. SCHELL**

**Founder // Money MindEd**

Certified financial planner and adjunct professor who teaches young adults financial education through her program Money MindEd; brings her program to groups such Words Alive and the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising; helps the Women's Global Network and George G. Glenner Alzheimer's Center; speaks to women's organizations such as Ladies Who Launch

**JULIE SCHRAEGER**

**Co-Founder/Managing Director // ART SAN DIEGO Contemporary Art Fair**

Co-developed and produces ART SAN DIEGO, an annual event that showcases the best of San Diego's art and design community alongside regional and international galleries, featuring more than 500 artists; involved with Arts Month, a marketing campaign to unite San Diego's broad array of art and performance entities

**BONNIE SCHWARTZ**

**Owner/Graphic Designer // Schwartz Design Group**

Organized the Robert Kinyon Memorial Scholarship fund that gave the proceeds to Art Center College of Design in Pasadena; as downtown Rotary president, created The Heilbron Awards, designed to recognize companies in San Diego that exemplify the pay-it-forward spirit; created the Career Awareness Fair at San Diego High School

**KATHLEEN A. SELICK**

**President/CEO // Rady Children's Hospital**

Manages the hospital's relationship with major health systems and educational institutions; served on the board of directors of the American Hospital Association and National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions; created FACES for the Future, a youth leadership program for Hoover High students

**REESEY SHAW**

**Director // Lux Art Institute**

Director of the only LEED-certified "green" art museum in San Diego County whose acclaimed resident artist program, arts education outreach, and public accessibility encourage the community to "see art happen" and reaches more than 13,000 individuals annually

**LAURA SHAWVER**

**Executive in Residence // 5AM Ventures**

Founded The Clarity Foundation to help women with recurrent ovarian cancer; created a new paradigm for prioritizing treatment choices; recognized in O, The Oprah Magazine



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**JAMIE LYNN SIGLER PESCATELLO**  
**Founding Partner // J Public Relations**

Award-winning public relations entrepreneur who launched a bi-coastal agency; pro bono work includes spearheading a St. Baldrick's Foundation Shave-a-thon, raising more than \$50,000 for childhood cancer; takes part in annual Dress for Success Adopt-a-Family program; speaker at local colleges encouraging women to pursue PR careers

**JULIA SIMMS**  
**President/Founder // j. simms agency**

Strong advocate for economic development in South County; mentors young women through the public relations internship program at San Diego State University; volunteers with ACCION San Diego, coaching new business owners and serving on the organization's board of directors

**GABRIEL SOLMER**  
**Legal Director // San Diego Coastkeeper**

Leads the organization's Environmental Law and Policy Clinic; helped reduce sewage spills in San Diego by 90 percent, shut down the South Bay Power Plant, reduced beach advisories by 77 percent and helped San Diego develop some of the strongest storm water regulations in the nation; volunteer for Labrador Rescuers

**DEBBIE SOLOMON**  
**Co-Founder // Kid Ventures**

Created a clean, imaginative, and fun environment for kids to stay active; developed the Charity of the Month program to give back to local organizations like the San Diego Center for Children; campaigned and fundraised for Dibujando una Sonrisa (Drawing a Smile), an across the border orphanage

**SUZI STERNER**  
**Senior Director, Alumni Programs // UCSD**

Led UCSD's alumni participation in the university's 50th anniversary celebration beginning with UCSD Day at the Padres and concluding with 50 Years 50 Leaders Celebration during Alumni Weekend; alumni contributed 10 percent to the 65,000 hours of community service UCSD donated for the anniversary

**IRENE STILLINGS**  
**Executive Director // California Center for Sustainable Energy**

Implements energy and climate policy in California; created Energy All-Star Awards, recognizing San Diego's best in energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy measures, and greenhouse gas reduction; introduced Reduce and Produce program, aimed at making San Diego energy independent

**ERIN STONE DIMRY**  
**Owner and CEO // Strategic Sports Ventures LLC**

With her husband, she opened Velocity Sports Performance facilities in Carlsbad and San Diego, which have trained thousands of athletes; sponsors 50 youth sports organizations; served as president for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's board of trustees and won national Innovation Award for developing and chairing a new board-led fundraising initiative that raised more than \$600,000

**SEEMA SUEKO**  
**Co-Founder/Executive Artistic Director // Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company**

Sets the artistic vision of the company, acts as chief fundraiser, and oversees all marketing and community efforts; created Mo'olelo's Green Theater Choices Toolkit, a guide to environmentally friendlier theater productions, used by Broadway professionals around the world; provides free tickets to a number of charitable organizations

**LUCIA TOVAR-MATTHEWS**  
**Executive Director/Founder // DIÁLOGO Public Relations**

Founded award-winning public relations firm; revered as a thought leader who builds brands within Hispanic communities; columnist for Poder magazine; active leader in youth improvement organizations such as the Junior League; PR Counselor of the Year by the National Latina Business Women Association

**JOICE TRUBAN CURRY**  
**President/CEO // c3 Communications**

Award-winning PR specialist; volunteers as public information officer for San Diego Red Cross; serves on the marketing committee for the Salvation Army; served on the executive board of the Starlight Theatre for two years to ensure preservation for local community theater

**JAN TUTTLEMAN**  
**President // Women Give San Diego**

Visionary leader of organization that provides grant funding to excellent nonprofits committed to improving the self-sufficiency and economic security of women and girls in San Diego; advocates for and raises awareness of women's economic issues at local and state levels

**RHONDA VALENCIA**  
**Director of Operations // Media Arts Center San Diego**

Has a 30-year career in nonprofits; develops strong operations and programs at Media Arts Center San Diego as well as orchestrates the redevelopment and renovation of their new historic location on El Cajon Blvd. in North Park

**DEBBIE WAGNER**  
**President/Market Manager // Clear Channel Communications-San Diego**

Oversees a group of seven San Diego radio stations; serves on the boards of the YMCA of San Diego County, Junior Achievement, San Diego Radio Broadcaster Association, and the San Diego Ad Club

**YOLANDA S. WALTHER-MEADE**  
**Vice President, Business Development // The Gomez Law Firm**

Participates in cultural, political, and cross-border campaigns such as the San Diego Latino Film Festival; co-chaired the San Diego Natural History Museum's Binational Dos Aquilas Gala; chairing the inaugural Signature Chef's Gala for the March of Dimes San Diego/Imperial Counties

**DR. ANITA WALTON**  
**Medical Director/Lead Physician // San Diego Family Care-Linda Vista Health Care Center**

Dedicated doctor working in a community clinic for many years who serves as a role model to staff and other clinicians; helps take care of the needs of underserved patients and their families in San Diego

**MICHELLE WEINSTEIN**  
**Founder // FITzee Foods/Optimal Nutrition Inc.**

Advocate of healthy living who founded Optimal Nutrition, a meal delivery and lifestyle system; works to help San Diegans find healthy food solutions; offers free weekly workouts and nutrition classes; created The Live Well Project, an annual event dedicated to helping underprivileged adolescent girls with health and self-confidence

**TINA WEST**  
**President // The West Group**

Works diligently to help people make buying or selling their home a reality; involved with the ReStart program in the Institute of Real Estate Management, which offers mentoring, training and job placement; gives to local and international charities

**JULIE WHITLAM**  
**San Diego Site Manager // Naval Audit Service**

Saves taxpayers millions of dollars each year by leading a team of auditors to give expertise to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and conducting the annual Department of the Navy risk assessment and audit follow-up program; involved with the Girl Scouts of America; donates time to feeding homeless and spending time with wounded warriors at Balboa Naval Hospital

**KARLA WINTER-SCHULZ**  
**Vice President of Development // Operation Homefront Southern California**

Devoted herself to raising funds and providing service to the airmen, soldiers, sailors, and Marines of Southern California; responsible for a 45 percent increase in fundraising efforts that went directly to the troops and their families; wrote a funding plan that garnered more than \$1 million in direct support grants for the troops

**JULIE WRIGHT**  
**President/Founder // (W)right On Communications**

Leads one of the best regarded full-service communication firms in the region; founded the Leadership North County alumni group, an organization of mayors, CEOs, and other public officials and community leaders across North County to affect positive change