

Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club

Educators of the Year

Ten outstanding educators from our community were honored at the annual Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary "Educator of the Year" dinner on Wednesday, November 7 at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. Beginning with a pre-event reception for the Honorees, their guests, and their principals or heads of school, the honored teachers were joined by over 240 guests from the community for the dinner and program. Attendees included members of the PVPUSD School Board, the School Superintendent, elected officials, Rotarians, parents, fellow educators and civic leaders. Event Co-Chairs and PVP Rotary members Jim Hartman (of the College for Officer Training at Crestmont) and Joan E. Behrens (of Peninsula Heritage School) welcomed the assembled guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Cub Scouts of Pack 970 with PVP Rotarian Bruce Attig offering the invocation. Superintendent of Schools Walker Williams honored each of the ten teachers and each of the principals and heads of schools.

1. Debby Fitch, Tom Fitch (Educator of the Year from Palos Verdes Intermediate School) and Emily Fitch.

2. Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club President Greg O'Brien, RPV Councilman Anthony Missetich and PVUSD Superintendent Walker Williams.

3. Billy Martin, Tracey Martin (Educator of the Year from St. John Fisher School), Billy Martin, Jr., Robert Kennedy.

4. Greg and Liz Sparkman, Carole and David Rowe.

5. Major Ivan Wild, Major Jennifer Wild, Major Brian Saunders (Educator of the Year from College for Officer Training at Crestmont), Major Cindy Foley and Major Tim Foley..

6. Cheri Fisch, Sasha Ritcheske, Jill Verenkoff (Educator of the Year from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School), Peter Verenkoff, Ryan Ritcheske, and Debbie Loob

7. Educators of the Year 2012 left to right: Tracey Martin (seated), St. John Fisher School; Jill Verenkoff, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School; Karen Clavadetscher, Dapplegray Elementary School; Major Brian Saunders, College for Officer Training at Crestmont; Rachel Rubin (seated), Rolling Hills Preparatory School; Susan Garman, Marymount College; Tom Clauset, Chadwick School; Thomas Fitch, Palos Verdes Intermediate School; Sasha Ritcheske, Rancho Vista Elementary School, Kimarie Lynn (seated), Peninsula Heritage School. Photo by Christopher Stillians / Palos Verdes Portrait Photography.

