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The 2012 Educators of the Year, from left to right, are: Tracey Martin (seated), St. John Fisher School; Jill Verenkoff, 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; and Kimarie Lynn (seated), Peninsula Heritage School.

## Rotary honors Educators of the Year

Ten outstanding educators from the Palos Verdes area were honored at the annual Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary's Educator of the Year dinner on Nov. 7 at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Honored as the 2012 Educators of the Year were: Tracey Martin, St. John Fisher School; Jill Verenkoff, Peninsula High School; Karen Clavadetscher, Dapplegray Elementary School; Major Brian Saunders, College for Officer Training at Crestmont; Rachel Rubin, Rolling Hills Preparatory School; Susan Garman, Marymount College; Tom Clauset, Chadwick School; Thomas Fitch, Palos Verdes Intermediate

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Beginning with a pre-event reception for the honorees, their guests, and their principals or heads of school, the teachers were joined by more than 240 guests from the community for the dinner and program. Attendees included members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education and superintendent, elected officials, Rotarians, parents, fellow educators and civic leaders.

Event co-Chairs and PVP Rotary members Jim Hartman (College for Officer Train-

ing at Crestmont) and Joan E. Behrens (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. PVPUSD Superintendent Walker Williams honored each of the 10 teachers and each of the principals and heads of schools.

The 10 educators were each introduced by their principal or head of school, and then the teachers shared with the audience their reflections on the profession of teaching, interspersed with anecdotes and insights about their experiences with their specific grade or course.