

# *San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association*

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December 2012 Edition

Jim Koerber, *Editor*

## *Welcome to the Class of 2012!*



### *President's Message*

By Robert Hickey

### *Greetings to Our Newest Prosecutors*

Congratulations to the DDA Class of 2012 (the 25 from 500) – Christy Bowles, Kristi Hein, Matthew Brower, Steven Schott, Dana Darnell, Ramona McCarthy (Noursamadi), Tiffany Scott, Ashley Thompson, Justine Santiago, Kyle Sutterley, Melissa Ocampo, Casey French, Chris Blaylock, Nicollette Cassidy, Jared Coleman, John Dunlap, John Dunn, Bree Garcia, Jeff Lazar, Carol Matzger, Brandon Owens, Claudia Plascencia, Vanessa Gerard, Julie Lynn, and Joseph Whang. Please extend a warm welcome to our new DDAs and assist them as they begin their new assignments in our office.

## SDCBA “Stepping Up to the Bar” – December 7, 2012



On December 7, 2012, at 5:00 p.m, **Deputy District Attorney Marcella McLaughlin** will be sworn in as the next President of the San Diego County Bar Association at their annual holiday party – “*Stepping Up to the Bar.*” Also being sworn in as a newly-elected SDCBA Director is Deputy District Attorney Danielle Hickman, and Deputy District Attorney Patrick Ojeil is currently SDCBA Secretary. Please attend this fun event and support your fellow prosecutors. To register, click [here](#).

## Office Holiday Party – December 14, 2012



**Please remember to RSVP by December 7th to [Patricia.Ramirez@sdcd.org](mailto:Patricia.Ramirez@sdcd.org) or (619)531-3639 for the *Office Holiday Party* at the San Diego Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park. If you don't RVSP, the cost is \$20 to attend. We hope to see you there!**



## Put a Smile on the Face of a Child This Holiday Season

You can help the **U.S. Marine Corps** and **County of San Diego** put smiles on the faces of less-fortunate children this holiday season. All you have to do is donate a new, unwrapped toy at County airports in Fallbrook, Ramona, Carlsbad, El Cajon and Borrego Springs during the Marines annual **Toys for Tots** campaign.

“We are honored,” **County Board of Supervisors Chairman Ron Roberts** said, “to continue working with the Marine Corps on this annual event. It is a great feeling to be involved in the spirit of giving and the toys we collect will help brighten the holidays for many deserving kids.”

Donations are being collected until Dec. 8 at Borrego Valley Airport, Carlsbad’s Palomar-McClellan Airport, El Cajon’s Gillespie Field and Ramona Airport. Collections will continue at Fallbrook Airpark through Dec. 15. As in past years, two special collection events are scheduled to take place — from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at Ramona Airport and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Fallbrook Airpark.



## DDAA / SDAC Annual Retreat – January 2013



Each year in January, the DDAA and PAC Boards meet jointly to discuss issues of mutual benefit and plan long term strategies for both the Association and the PAC. If you have any ideas or issues which you think should be discussed this year, please send them to DDAA President Robert Hickey: [Robert.Hickey@sdcd.org](mailto:Robert.Hickey@sdcd.org)

## *2012 Buddy Bowl – DA Women’s Flag Football Team*



In 1977, the Buddy Bowl was founded in San Diego as a fun way to annually reunite friends who had a common interest in playing football. In 1999, the Buddy Bowl’s focus changed from simply a reunion of friends to that of raising money for a worthy cause. Today, the Buddy Bowl is dedicated to raising money for military, law enforcement, and children’s related charities through an annual flag football tournament series. The Buddy Bowl includes both challenged and able-bodied athletes on the same field of play.



On Saturday, November 24, 2012, the **District Attorney Women’s Flag Football Team** played at the Buddy Bowl at Camp Pendleton. Last year, the DA team came in last place, never winning a game. This year, under the guidance of Lance Taschner (DDA Judy Taschner’s husband), the DA Team came in second place. After a tied overtime period, they calculated yardage gained and the DA Team lost by 5 inches. Next year, they are determined to win. (Pictured are: Ashley, a Lt. in the U.S.M.C.; DAI Sandi Opplinger; DDA Laurie Hauf; DDA Heather Trocha; DDA Melissa Vasel; DDA Kerry Conway; DDA Brenda Daly; DDA Theresa Pham; DDA Allison Boutilier; DDA Judy Taschner; and Coach Lance Taschner.)

## *UPDATE – Wellness Campaign and YOU*



County of San Diego  
**Employee Wellness Program**

As the New Year approaches, now is the perfect time to take charge of your personal health and start a fitness program.

Join a gym; start walking; train for Baker to Vegas, Crime Stoppers Light the Night 5K, the Bay to Bay Bike Tour, or the DA’s Women’s Flag Football Team. Check out the County Wellness site for ideas: <http://insite.sdcountry.ca.gov/ewp/Pages/default.aspx>

## *Congratulations to Supervisor-Elect Dave Roberts!*



We congratulate Solano Beach Deputy Mayor Dave Roberts on his recent election as the new San Diego County Supervisor for District Three. We look forward to working with him on the issues confronting our office and the citizens of San Diego County.

Mr. Roberts has a Masters Degree in Public Administration in Financial Management, and has served as a corporate officer for a San Diego Fortune 500 company and started his own real estate management business. Mr. Roberts served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the San Diego County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency. A nationally-recognized expert in health care policy, Mr. Roberts was appointed by both the Bush and the Obama Administrations to national advisory leadership roles focused on maximizing the cost-effectiveness and delivery of Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. In addition, Mr. Roberts worked for the U.S. Air Force in the Pentagon and Europe; and helped to create the military's current healthcare system.

Mr. Roberts has adopted five children from the County, ranging in ages from three to sixteen. He has lived in San Diego County for nearly two decades.

[Click Here to WATCH CBS 8 News Story - Dave Roberts Becomes New County Supervisor](#)

<http://www.10news.com/news/roberts-poised-to-win-over-danon-in-supervisor-race>

## *Free Passes to the San Diego Natural History Museum*



We have two (2) free family passes to the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park which can be borrowed any time for use until **December 31, 2012**. Many DA employees have used the passes this year, and enjoyed one of the many great museums in Balboa Park. The passes are good for **unlimited** free general admission, but do not include separately priced events or exhibitions. Please contact DDA Jim Koerber to reserve the passes.

## *Board of Supervisors Honors Outstanding Prosecutors*



On Tuesday, December 4, 2012, the **San Diego County Board of Supervisors** honored DDA Dan Owens, DDA James Fontaine, DDA Claudine Ruiz, DDA David Bost, DDA Victor Ou, and DDA Mark Amador with proclamations recognizing their outstanding contributions to public safety over the past year. Congratulations!

## *2013 San Diego County Bar Association Service Awards*

Each year, the **San Diego County Bar Association** recognizes deserving members of the legal community in May as part of Law Week. For many years, members of the District Attorney's Office have received awards in recognition for their professional efforts and community service. We encourage you to nominate a deserving colleague. Nomination forms and supporting materials must be received by SDCBA e-mail by **January 31, 2013**. Winners will be honored at the SDCBA's Annual Celebration of Community Service & Law Week Luncheon in the spring. Click [here](#) to submit a nomination.





**DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF 12/4/12**

<b>Officers and Directors Present:</b>	Robert Hickey Steven Walter Cari Philpott Bryn Kirvin	Adam Gordon Patrick Ojeil James Koerber Chantal de Mauregne	Brenda Daly Shannon Welton
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**Members Present:** Brian Erickson; Sophia Roach; Rachel Cano; Kristie Hein; Linh Lam

**Also Present:** DDAA / SDAC Consultant John Waino;  
Human Resources Chief Cheryl Ruffier

- 1. Call to Order:** President Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- 2. Association Comment:** None.
- 3. Presentation to the DDAA Board:** DDA Brian Erickson personally thanked the DDAA Board for our support of the **2012 DA Bay to Bay Bike Tour Team**. With our support, and other generous contributions from both inside and outside the office, the DA Team raised over \$6,000 for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. DDA Erickson presented the Board an autographed photograph of the 2012 DA Team. The Board will find a prominent place for it to be displayed in HOJ.
- 4. DA Bonnie Dumanis Addressed the DDAA Board:** The DA told the Board that she is running again for District Attorney in 2014, and Jesse Rodriguez will remain as the Assistant DA. The DA informed the Board that Judge Luis Vargas will be retiring from the Superior Court and joining our office as a temporary expert professional in January 2013. Judge Vargas will be stationed on HOJ13, and will be assigned to assist on civil economic crime issues, civil environmental issues, and border issues. Despite old rumors, the DA assured the Board that Judge Vargas was not being brought into the office to be the next District Attorney, Assistant DA, or Chief Deputy DA, and that Judge Vargas has no personal expectation that he will be the next District Attorney. The DA pledged to work with the DDAA Board to identify and prepare DDA's from within the office to be the next District Attorney. The DA plans to meet soon with DDA IVs and Vs to discuss options for career development. The DA's Office is in the process of hiring a new IT Director, as well as a new Chief of the Bureau of Investigations. The DA said the DDA Class of 2011 is on track for promotion on their regularly scheduled date – no delay is anticipated. The DA was advised that

the recent DDA Transfer meeting resulted in generally favorable reviews, especially the efforts of Chief Deputy District Attorney David Greenberg. The DA commended DDAA President Hickey and Vice President Walter for urging her Administration to adopt the revised transfer meeting format.

5. **Office Holiday Party Update:** A concern was expressed about the decreasing financial contribution of the District Attorney Investigators Association to the costs of the party, which will be addressed during planning for next year's party. Secretary de Mauregne updated the Board on plans for the 2012 Office Holiday Party. Over 360 people have RSVP'd to date. To attend free, RSVP's must be received by **Friday, December 7, 2012**. A reminder to have a **Designated Driver** will be sent to the DDAs prior to the party.
6. **PAC Update:** None.
7. **President's Report:** Done in Executive Session, regarding Salary Negotiations.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** The Board will discuss at the Retreat in January how to allocate certain funds now held in a CD. Treasurer Philpott requested assistance in finding an available personal laptop for DDAA financial recordkeeping. Director Kirvin volunteered to assist.  
  
Primary Savings: \$\*\*\*\*\*  
Money Market: \$\*\*\*\*\*  
Certificate: \$\*\*\*\*\*  
Checking: \$\*\*\*\*\*  
As always, if any member desires to see an itemized list of our spending and savings, it is available by contacting DDAA Treasurer Cari Philpott.
9. **New Business: A Happy Hour for the Class of 2012 and Election Celebration** will be held on **January 24, 2013** at the U. S. Grant. The invitation will go out soon. The Board voted by e-mail in November to support the 2013 DA Baker to Vegas Team. In memory of the late Judge George "Woody" Clarke, who served as a San Diego County Deputy District Attorney for 18 years before taking the bench, the Board voted by e-mail in November to make both a charitable contribution and to financially support Judge Clarke's family for the Celebration of Life held on December 1, 2012. The Board voted by e-mail in November to support the 2013 DA Baker to Vegas Team.
10. **Old Business:** None.
11. **Executive Session:** The Board met in Executive Session. Not reported.
12. **Adjournment:** 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Koerber, Director

The Deputy District Attorneys and District Attorney Investigators  
invite you to a

# HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 14, 2012; 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

San Diego Air and Space Museum  
2001 Pan American Plaza - Balboa Park  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 234-8291

**\*FREE\***

**EVERYONE** –

**RSVP** by **December 7th**

to **Patty Ramirez** at

**(619) 531- 3639** or by e-mail

Attorneys and DAIs

**FREE** until 12-7-12;

**\$20** thereafter or at

the door





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Legend:  County Holiday     Payday     Pay Period Divider

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