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A Message From Our New Chief Medical Officer!

When anyone asks me why I am an abortion provider my response is always, *I have the best job in the world*, and I truly mean it. Yes, it is often a struggle, having to fight every day to provide what I know to be lifesaving and life altering health care. However, as an OB/GYN and Complex Family Planning Specialist, I know that abortion is ultimately an act of love, and that sexual and reproductive health care is personal, powerful, and a required step towards liberation. And, I have the privilege of getting to be a part that liberation.

My name is **Erin Berry**, and I am the new **Chief Medical Officer** here at Planned Parenthood California Central Coast. I am thrilled to be joining this amazing team of educators, advocates, and health care professionals working to provide and protect access to non-judgmental, trauma informed sexual and reproductive health care.

I am from the West Coast, born in Thousand Oaks, and have spent 10 years each in California, Oregon and Washington states. I attended medical school at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, and I went on to complete my residency, and a Master's in Public Health and fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Following that, I spent three years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collaborating with the World Health Organization in writing national and international contraception guidelines. At that time, I also served on the Zika Task Force developing a program to provide free

contraception to Puerto Ricans during the peak of the Zika outbreak.

After two more years as faculty and Title X director at Emory, my wife and I decided it was time to head back west. We landed in Seattle, where I served as the Washington State Medical Director and Director of Research for Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, Indian and Kentucky (PPGNHAIK) - a large six state Planned Parenthood affiliate.



While I loved my work at PPGNHAIK, the 6 years of Seattle weather was unsustainable for my family. I am grateful to continue being part of the Planned Parenthood Family and I am happy to be here with you all on the Central Coast. My wife Amy, our 7-year-old son, and I can't wait to explore the local mountains and beaches, and experience all this beautiful area has to offer.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months and am excited to be a part of the PPCCC family.

- **Erin Berry, MD, MPH, FACOG (she/they)**

Welcome New Board Members!



Quinn Brady (she/her) has extensive community organizing experience, including as co-chair of a successful \$349 million school bond effort, a founding board member of SLO County UndocuSupport, and years of work in climate action, racial justice, policy advocacy, campaign management, inclusive economic development, and non-profit development locally, and abroad. She currently serves as Director for a six-county coalition that encompasses Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties – leading a inclusive economic planning and implementation effort that centers solutions and opportunity for and with disinvested, marginalized, and historically excluded communities. Quinn is dedicated to fostering belonging in communities through collaboration, big conversations, and equitable solutions.

Vianey Lopez (she/her) Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Vianey Lopez as District 5 Ventura County Supervisor to fill the vacancy created by the unexpected passing of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez on August 12, 2022. Lopez will serve as Supervisor-designate for County District 5 through the end of 2024. She was elected to a full term in the March 2024 primary and will be sworn-in to the seat in January 2025.



Vianey served as a Councilmember for the City of Oxnard, District Six from 2018 to 2022 and District Director for California State Senator Monique Limón 2020 to 2022. She was District Director for then-Assemblymember Monique Limón from 2016 to 2020, a Trustee on the Hueneme Elementary School District Board from 2012 to 2018 and a District Scheduler for U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps from 2013 to 2016. Lopez was a Program Coordinator for the Oxnard Downtown Management District from 2012 to 2013, a Caseworker for Congresswoman Lois Capps from 2010 to 2011 and an Administrative Assistant and Concierge at the Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau from 2009 to 2010. She is a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens and former board member of Future Leaders of America. Lopez earned a Master of Public Policy degree in International Relations and State and Local Policy from Pepperdine University.



Gary Bradhering (he/him) has been involved in the origination, purchase, management, and sale of multiple operating companies.

Gary is committed to working for social-justice issues, conservation, education, reproductive and civil rights, and food security. He has been actively involved with philanthropy throughout his life.

Stacy Bratcher (she/her) is a consumer-focused health care business strategist and attorney with expertise in governance, risk management and health care regulation. She has been advising boards of multi-billion-dollar organizations for two decades. She served for 15 years at the University of Southern California, a top 20 private research institution, rising to Managing General Counsel of the university and Corporate Secretary of Keck Medicine of USC. Recruited for her health care law expertise as the university was forming its medical enterprise, she helped navigate the organization from inception to its #16 ranking on the Honor Roll of U.S. News and World Report.



Appointed by two County Supervisors, she served for 14 years as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission to oversee health care for the most populous county in the United States.

Currently, she is Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of a \$1B health system in Santa Barbara and a Trustee of an \$800M workers compensation insolvency fund supporting major employers in California, including Fortune 50 companies.

Stacy holds a juris doctorate and certificate in Health Law, from St. Louis University School of Law and a BA from Truman State University; and a certificate in information privacy from the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Pink Week Businesses!

From July 8th - 14th, over 25 businesses from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties joined in our annual Pink Week Fundraiser!

During the week, businesses commit to donating a percentage, or flat amount per sale, of an item or items to PPCCC. This event not only helps raise money, but it also highlights the wonderful local businesses that call the Central Coast their home.

*Bettina
Bliss Cafe
BooBoo Records
Brass Bear Brewing
Bread Bike
Chaucer's Books
Chocolate Maya
Considered Coffee
Crowns & Hearts
Boutique Spa*

*Frequency Wine Co.
Grassini Family Vineyards
Idyll Mercantile
La Lief Winery
Lama Dog
Lazy Eye
Nan's Books
Open Air Flowers
Potek Winery*

*Quick Pickle Kit
Red Kettle Coffee
Satellite
Shalhoob
Shopkeepers
Validation Ale
Witchy Stitching
Yellow Belly*

how can YOU help?

1

Safe, secure online donations:

Your gift to PPCCC is protected by VeriSign. Enjoy secure credit card convenience when you visit ppcentralcoast.org and click the "Donate" link at the top of the page. P.S. We also take Car donations (*more info on our website*)!

2

Pledge your monthly support:

A small amount each month makes an important difference each year. Call Zoe to start your monthly giving: 805.722.1517.

3

Remember PPCCC in your will:

Invest in PPCCC's future by including us in your estate plan. Adding a charitable bequest to your existing will takes just a quick phone call to your legal or estate planning advisor. Call Lindsay Soleimani for more information: 805.722.1522.

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Volunteer

Looking for volunteer opportunities with PPCCC? Please email volunteers@ppcentralcoast.org.



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Save the Date!

2025 SLO TOGETHER

Committed to the freedom we all deserve.

SLO TOGETHER
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
at The Rock - SLO Brew

Join us for cocktails & light dinner in celebration of Planned Parenthood's work in San Luis Obispo County. Tickets and sponsorship info: slotogether.ppcentralcoast.org or email Lindsey: lindsey.stephenson@ppcentralcoast.org

POWER OF LOVE
Sunday, March 2, 2025
from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
at the Spanish Hills Club

Join us for brunch in celebration of Planned Parenthood California Central Coast's work in Ventura County.
 Tickets and sponsorship info: vta.ppcentralcoast.org
 or email Meggan: meggan.mccarthy@ppcentralcoast.org



BIRDS & BEES BASH
Saturday, April 5, 2025
at 5:30 pm
at the Hilton Beachfront Resort

Join us for a Garden Gala themed evening filled with cocktails, dinner, and an afterhours event in celebration of Planned Parenthood California Central Coast!
 More Info: bbbash.ppcentralcoast.org or email Riley: riley.dewitt@ppcentralcoast.org



GO GREEN! If you would like to receive this newsletter via email only, please email development@ppcentralcoast.org or call 805.722.1517 to update your preferences.



Some of our Book Sale Past & Present Co-Chairs
(from left to right) Joanne Snyder, Teri Brown, Tia Blickey,
Fran Antenore, Debbie Armstrong & Eliot Jacobson.

The 50th Annual MaryJane McCord Book Sale returned to The Earl Warren Showgrounds this year and ran from September 12 - 22, 2024.

The sale was an incredible success thanks to the hundreds of supporters, friends, and community members who turned out to buy books. Special thanks to our outstanding volunteers who organized the sale. Through book sales and sponsorships, the event raised over **\$348,000!**

With the additional efforts of dedicated volunteers, who sell books year-round to dealers and on Amazon, the total book sales for this year **grossed over \$530,000.**

Congratulations and thank you!

Thank you to our event sponsors!

GUTENBURG

Anonymous
Les Carroll
Chriss Cutter
Isabel Downs
Elizabeth & Alan Kasehagen
Beatrice Oshika

NOBEL PRIZE

In Memory of Jack Stapelmann

BOOKER

*Thank you, Fran, for your years
of wonderful leadership*

PULITZER PRIZE

Don & Tricia Green
Donald Polk & Paul Longanbach

PULITZER PRIZE *cont.*

Kelly Scott
Arlene Stepputat &
Eliot Jacobson

EDGAR

Jim & Fran Antenore
Margi & Roger Drue
Mary Howe-Grant &
Peter C. Ford

CALDECOTT

Antenore & Associates
Pat Lambert
Pam McLean
Elizabeth Newman-Smith
Joanne Snyder

MCCORD

Rick Casaly
Mary Fox
Imagine Artful Things
*In honor of the Book Sale's inspiring
& dedicated volunteers!*
Pamela Sue Lombardo
Alex & Stacey Matson
Cynthia Riggs
Lucia Snowhill

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Earl Warren Showgrounds
The Santa Barbara Independent
Mammoth Movers
Marborg Industries
Noozhawk

Thank you to our book category sponsors!

American History

Are you registered to vote?

Black history IS American history!

Margaret Crocco

Eric & Julie Friedman

Lelde Gilman

Bart Mendel & Suzan Garner

Lucia Snowhill

Indigenous rights are human rights

Thank you to my wonderful parents, Anne and Robert, for all the love and support!

The proud parents of Christina Schowe

Animals & Pets

Ms. Alton + Mayor Sasquatch

By the Tosh Family in Memory of Abbey

Judy & Terry Miller

Architecture

Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County

Lelde Gilman

Elise & Stephen McMillan

Art & Photography

Ryan Dolinar Law PC

Marshall Harmon

Laurie & Thad MacMillan

Shirley Waxman

Geof & Laura Wyatt

Banned Books

Ms. Cynthia Klacking

East West Natural Medicine Center

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA)

Biography

Elly & Jim Langer

Josie Levy Martin

Pam McLean

Don O'Dowd

CDs/DVDs

Renée deJong

Thanks to Lori and Vince for all those days of shipping

Children's

Weston Alexiades

Antenore & Associates

Jeanette & Dave Bauer

Wills & Elowen Beausoleil

California Learning Center, Wendi Ostroff

In Honor of Mary Gillard

Goleta Mayor Pro Tem Luz Reyes-Martin

In Memory of Peggy Nicholson

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Jennifer Smith & Carl Neufeld

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Coffee Table

Heidi Turcot

Computers

Yvonne DeGraw

Cooking

Gary Coon & Devon Scheef

Ryan Dolinar Law PC

Sue Ehrlich for Aurora

Nancy Even & Joel Ohlgren

The Borah Family

Don & Kathleen Scott

Geof & Laura Wyatt

Design & Material Culture

E. F. Marton

Elise & Stephen McMillan

Heidi & Keith Turcot

Renaissance Fine Consignment

Drama

Michael Bernard & Anne Torsiglieri

Jinny Webber

Education

In honor of Cindy Engelhart Wawrin

In memory of Mary Jane - Teacher, best friend, and

advocate. So proud of your legacy, Mom! Love, Holly

Erotica

Christina & David Bennett

Karen Leah Krulevitch, m.a., licensed marriage family therapist

Feminism

Christina & David Bennett

Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County

Maria Novatt & John Elder, in honor of Sookie and Titan

"In honor of the young, fierce women in my life: Emy, Jess, Krishna & Tara. May we continue to fight the good fight together!"

Fiction (Hardcover)

Madhu Bajaj In Honor of the Incredible Book Sale

Volunteers, thank you!!

Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County

Stuart & Marilyn Gillard

Morgan Leafe, MD Writing & Consulting

Fiction (Hardcover Firsts)

Penny Fauskee & Megan Borie

The Morreale Family

Fiction (Massmarket)

Judy Stapelmann

Fiction (Trade & Paperback)

W. Royce Adams & Jane Brody

Pam Gartner. We're so proud of you. Love, Jonathan, Eleanor and Simon.

Bernice James & Glen Mowrer

Gardening

Mac's Solar

Frances Shannon Marsh

Graphic Novels

Alan Irwin

Melissa Sorongon & Juliet Sorongon

The Yonemura Family

Health & Fitness

Fitness with Rachel

Dr. Kathy Gruver

How-to (Arts and Crafts)

Yvonne DeGraw

Mavis Hansen

In honor of Alan Kasehagen

In memory of Evelyn Foxen Beraldo

Humor

BL Borovay & George Relles - *"A day without laughter is a day wasted."* - Charlie Chaplin

Renée deJong

Pat Lambert & Rick Dahlquist

Deborah Longstaff Lynch & Martin Lynch

Santa Barbara Improv

Ayesha Shaikh

LGBTQ+

Rey & Yolie

F. N. Tina Panteleakos, Ph.D.

In honor of Donald Polk

Literature

Alex & Stacey Matson

Pam McLean

In Honor of Debbie and Greg

Jinny Webber

Mystery (Hardback and Trade)

In memory of Andy Anderson

John & Sue Burk

In loving memory of John Bowman

In memory of Richard and Carlos Hunt

Thank you Temmy and Toni, the Mavens of Mystery

The DeLucia Family

The Moore Family

Mystery (Mass Market)

Pat Lambert & Rick Dahlquist

Jon & Raylene Crawford

Sara Schmidhauser

Congratulations on 50 Years of Suspense!

Thank you Book Sale Volunteers!

The Moore Family

Natural History & Ecology

Elizabeth & Alan Kasehagen

Mac's Solar

Ann & Paul Ricchiazzi

New Age

Fran - (M.O.M.) Thank you for aligning all the stars.

Offbeat & Oddities

Law Office of Herb Fox

Elise & Stephen McMillan

Performing Arts

Michael Bernard & Anne Torsiglieri

Philip Leven

Bob & Carole Shapiro

Poetry

Mary Brown & Tove Matas

Pam McLean

Psychology & Self-Help

F. N. Tina Panteleakos, Ph.D.

Parkford Counseling Associates

Puzzles & Games

Antenore & Associates

In honor of Pam Hasler

Geof & Laura Wyatt

Recent & Best

Renée deJong

Law Office of Herb Fox

Pat Lambert & Rick Dahlquist

Elizabeth Norton Manger

Thank you, Maureen and Teri, for your Amazon efforts

Mary Rose & Frank Artusio

Geof & Laura Wyatt

Religion & Philosophy

In honor of Dennis Quinn

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara

Romance

Mariah Cotnoir, Reader of Banned Books

Peggy Polos

Santa Barbara & California

Darlene Craviotto

Cheryl Everett

McRae & Sandoval Family

Santa Barbara Adventure Company

The Moore Family

Science

In Honor of Jeanette and Bob

Elizabeth & Alan Kasehagen

Ann & Paul Ricchiazzi

The DeLucia Family

Science Fiction & Fantasy

In honor of my son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Jessica Brown from Mariolu Fenton Rivera

In Memory of Daniel O. Robles

In Memory of Professor Frank McConnell

William E. Lenz III

Short Stories

Nick and Sara Woolf - *Thank You Book Sale Volunteers!*

Sports and Games

Container Canopies

In memory of Julian Nott

Geof & Laura Wyatt

Travel

Jim & Susan Deacon

John Elder & Maria Novatt in honor of Hagen and Vivi

Santa Barbara Adventure Company

Kathleen Werner EXPLORE!

Vinyl Records

In honor of music, our universal language

War & Military

Robin & Bruce Tiffney

World History & Culture

John & Sue Burk

In honour and loving memory of Katrina Kujan from a most grateful Saturday Mo(u)ning Club participant

In Honor of Sandy and Helissa

Rey & Yolie

World Language

Learning another language opens many doors

Winky's Dad

Young Adult/Teen

DeRogatis Family