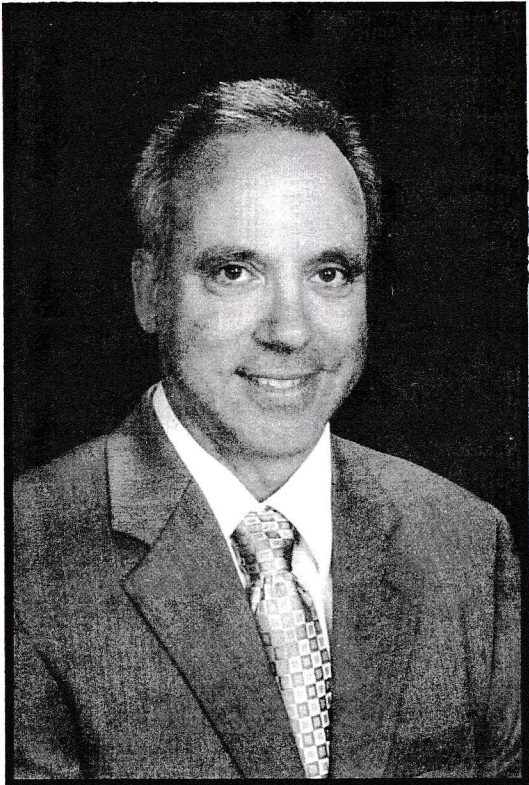


*Thirty-Ninth Annual*  
**JOHN S. LYONS  
MEMORIAL BANQUET**



Victor Torres

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
**Hyatt Regency**  
**Mission Bay Spa and Marina**

## JOHNS

The place was Lubach's, the reason was lunch, the purpose was not recorded, nor was the year. It was a meeting of tradition for these four or five friends. Only there was a noticeable difference in this particular group exchanging conversation between bites of tomato stuffed with tuna.

The difference was their sadness born from the absence of a friend – Johnny Lyons – a dedicated man, a strong leader, a gentle man, and a great man. As they sipped their rich, hot coffee and came to terms that this lunch, and future lunches, would be different for this group who were collectively called, “Labor Leaders,” they remembered their friend – his warm hello, his easy laugh and his unforgettable humor. These Labor Leaders decided that a man such as Johnny Lyons would not be permitted to simply disappear from their ranks. And so, the JOHNS were born that afternoon. And with their creation, came the commitment to meet each month to pay tribute to a well-loved friend.

Time moved forward and so did the JOHNS. Growing into an organization of over 40 members, the JOHNS are carefully selected and inducted into the elite group only after paying the stiff initiation fee of thirty-six cents – in cash.

Goals and objectives were established by the founding fathers. In memory of Johnny Lyons, the JOHNS began the tradition of the John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet, raising money for leukemia research and other local charities, and to honor an old friend by recognizing today's Labor Leader of the Year. Over the years, the JOHNS raised over \$1,700,000. In the past, the JOHNS have given generously to the UCSD Cancer Center, the San Diego Leukemia Society, the San Diego Blood Bank's Bone Marrow Donor Program, and the Salk Institute. The JOHNS are currently focusing on providing scholarships to children of union members.

In addition, the JOHNS have faithfully supported the Postal Workers Annual Food Drive, cooking and serving the hundreds of volunteers who help to make the event the success that it has been for San Diego County. Your support tonight is instrumental in allowing the JOHNS to further their commitment to Johnny Lyons.

## JOHNS

Jeremy Abrams  
Anabel Arauz  
Rick Bates  
Murtaza Baxamusa  
Brigette Browning  
Ben Bunn  
Bernadette Butkiewicz  
Jerry Butkiewicz  
Steve Chadwick  
Ted Chandler  
Beau Coleman  
Mac Colmenero  
Paul Colmenero  
Carlos Cota  
Richard Disbrow  
Nate Fairman  
Nico Ferraro  
Matt Fish  
Charley Fouquette  
Johnny Galvan  
Dave Gauthier  
Lorena Gonzalez

Mike Hartley  
Carol Kim  
Tom Lemmon  
Art Lujan  
Mike Magallanes  
Cristina Marquez  
Ken Msemaji  
Gretchen Newsom  
Armando Nuñez  
Lucas O'Connor  
Frank Peña  
Jim Pribyl  
Richard Prochazka  
Eric Robles  
Nick Segura  
Jason Shanley  
Johnny Simpson  
Johnny Swanson  
Victor Torres  
Doug Tracy  
Jennifer Wilson



*John Stacy Lyons*

Known as a pillar of his community, John Lyons followed in the tradition of his family as being a person dedicated to public service and the Union Cause. Serving Teamsters Local 36 as Business Agent, President, and Secretary-Treasurer, he willingly gave 35 years of his life to Union work. John was an ardent community leader and served on countless state and local civic boards as well as participating as a trustee on the boards of many non-profit agencies. John Lyons selected the Leukemia Society as his chief interest and helped found the San Diego Chapter in 1970. He served at the national and local levels of the organization until his death. He was responsible for attracting the interest of many business leaders to the cause of finding a cure for leukemia through research as well as serving leukemia victims. John's dedication to his community, the organizations he served, and the leukemia research he supported has brought about the establishment of the John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet. Now in its thirty-seventh year, this Annual Dinner is held to honor this iconic union leader.



*John S Lyons Memorial Dinner  
Menu  
2021*

*Garden Salad  
Crisp Greens & Baby Tomatoes  
Candied Pecans, Herb Croutons  
Ranch & Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing*

*Petite Filet Mignon with Demi-Glace  
& Seared Salmon*

*Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Bread Assortment, Sweet Butter*

*Chocolate "Lyons Medallion" Chocolate Trilogy Dessert "A La Torres"*

*Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Herbal Teas*

*The meal was specially prepared  
for the JOHNS and their guests by  
Executive Chef Kevin Villalovos*

**Program**

Introductions	JOHNS President - Chrstina Marquez
Invocation	Jason Shanley
Master of Ceremonies	Carol Kim Gretchen Newsom
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Awards Presentations

Lifetime Achievement Award  
**Ken Seaton-Msemaji**

Community Leader of the Year  
**Cori Schumacher**

Johnny Award  
**Johnny Swanson**

Labor Leader of the Year  
**Victor Torres**  
Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 481

Closing Remarks

Tom Lemmon

## **John S. Lyons Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program**

The John S. Lyons Memorial Foundation is proud to offer scholarships to children of union members. The award of up to \$5500 is to help high school seniors and college students continue their education. Funding will be awarded over a four year period to students who continue to meet scholarship standards.

Applicants for the 2022 scholarship awards must apply by  
March 25, 2022

Information can be found online at  
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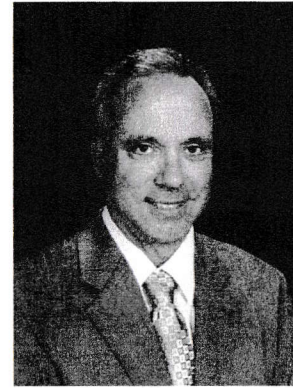
**Luis Velarde**

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**District Council 36/Job Corps Program**

**Alex Garcia**

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**Victor Torres**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Teamsters Local 481**

### **JOHNS Labor Leader of the Year 2021**

Victor Torres' connection with organized labor started at birth with his Father Alfonso Torres' employment as a Longshoreman in San Diego and member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 29. It is that lifelong connection with the ILWU starting with his Grandfather ("Tata") Diego Torres and including countless Aunts, Uncles and Cousins who toiled for generations on San Diego's docks which serve as the roots for Victor's realization of the importance, value, and privilege of being part of a union family. Many of Victor's relatives continue to work as Longshore workers and ILWU members to this day.

Victor's first recollection of participating in union activity was holding a picket sign during the historic ILWU west coast strike of 1971-1972 which effectively shut down shipping on the entire west coast. While it was a difficult time for the Torres family and all the Longshore workers and their families, the resolution of that strike produced enhanced wages and broadened medical coverage to include dental and prescription benefits for all Longshore workers and their dependents for the first time.

In ILWU contract negotiations prior to the 1971 strike, Victor's father Alfonso participated as a negotiating committee member for Local 29. Illustrating how being part of a union involves the efforts of the entire family, Victor's mother Adele would review Alfonso's notes from the day's proceedings and draft handwritten proposals to be presented at the table the next day. Some of these proposals accepted during those negotiations addressed survivor benefits for spouses and family members and those provisions still exist in the union's current agreement.

For a short time in the late 1970's, Victor became a member of ILWU Local 29 as did his older Brother Mike, but in 1980 with his employment as a Building and Grounds worker at the San Diego Zoo he became a member of Teamsters Local 481 and so began the journey that takes us to the present time.

After working his way through and graduating from local schools and university (St. Patrick's, Wilson Jr., Hoover High and SDSU) Victor was prompted by his coworkers at the Zoo (many of which are here tonight) to get more involved with his union. Over the course of the last 41+ years, Victor has served in various leadership positions for Local 481 including Steward and Chief Shop Steward, negotiating committee member, International Convention delegate, Trustee, and President. In 2007, he was entrusted by the membership to serve as Local 481's Secretary-Treasurer, in which capacity he has been honored to serve since.

As he worked to bring Local 481 to its present standing in the labor community, Victor also served as a Trustee on the San Diego County Teamsters-Employers Health and Welfare Trust Fund and now serves as its Chair.

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## **Cori Schumacher**

### **Community Leader of the Year**

Cori Schumacher entered politics in North County on the heels of a successful local movement to defeat a mall development on the south shore of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon that attempted to avoid CEQA using the citizen’s initiative process. She was elected as an at-large member of the Carlsbad City Council in 2016 and later, as a representative of Carlsbad’s District 1 in 2020. In 2017, the council majority strategically drew her into a new voting district in order to force her to run just two years after being elected to a 4-year term. Instead of running for a safe seat (her district), she ran for Mayor, supporting two other candidates in order to secure a council majority. The attempt was a success, giving Carlsbad the first progressive, pro-labor majority in the city’s history.

Some of the work Schumacher spearheaded on the Carlsbad council includes the Clean Energy Alliance; the North County Homelessness Action Planning Group and the Carlsbad Homelessness Program; Carlsbad’s first ocean lifeguard program; Carlsbad’s ethics ordinance; developing Carlsbad council’s standing committee governance structure; objective design standards for the Village & Barrio; an independent auditor position within the city (in collaboration with Unite Here); increasing Carlsbad trails and open space by nearly 6 miles and two public parks.

A competitive surfer since age 8, Schumacher won multiple North American championships and 3 world championship titles before entering politics. Schumacher used her platform as a world class athlete to speak out about and work hard for positive social change in and around persistent civil rights, gay rights, labor rights, and other important social and environmental issues in surfing and sports in general. In 2010 Schumacher became the first openly gay world surfing champion. She ceased competing altogether after boycotting the ASP World Tour in 2011 in large part to raise awareness around the exploitation and abuse of international labor and loose environmental standards by those in the surf industry manufacturing in China and elsewhere.

In 2012, Schumacher co-founded the nonprofit, The Inspire Initiative, “to enrich and empower women of all ages through participation in surfing while emphasizing education, media literacy, and building a core community of leaders that will effect positive change in the world.” In 2013, she spearheaded a successful international campaign against Roxy that made visible the growing concern and pushback against the hyper-sexualization of elite female professional surfers, an effort that informed her work supporting Assemblymember Tasha Boerner-Horvath’s successful “Equal Pay for Equal Play” legislation in 2019. In 2014, Schumacher co-founded the Institute for Women Surfers, “a grassroots educational initiative in the Public Humanities that brings together women surfers, activists, artists, business owners, scientists and educators, to create spaces of peer teaching, learning, and mutual aid.”

Schumacher now attends UC Berkeley where she is working on a degree in political science.



## **Ken Seaton-Msemaji**

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Ken Seaton-Msemaji was born in New York City on May 23rd, 1945. At a very early age Ken’s family relocated to Watts in 1950. Ken attended LA Harbor College as well as the School of Public Administration’s Leadership Training program at USC. He later moved to San Diego in 1970 to be with his beautiful wife Fahari Jeffers and attended the National University Business Administration Program.

Ken and Fahari spent untold hours joining, organizing, and creating several socially and racially diverse groups and organizations. Ken had an instrumental role in the first National Conference on Black Power in 1966, the International Congress of African Peoples in 1970, and the first National Black Political Convention since reconstruction held in 1972.

In the late 70’s Ken and Fahari were asked by Cesar Chavez to create a Union to organize and represent domestic workers. They were joined by Greg Akili and Raquel Beltran in forming the United Domestic Workers of America. A Nationally recognized Union that they built from the ground up and ran for its first 28 years.

After his work with the UDW, Ken went onto work with the San Diego Building Trades Unions. He specifically worked for the Laborers Local 89 and the Sheet metal Workers Local 206 where he was a lead Organizer and played a key role in securing more than ten billion dollars of Project Labor Agreements that have benefitted tens of thousands of building trades workers throughout Southern California.

Another big part of Ken’s legacy is the 56 years he has dedicated to political campaigns and candidates both here in California as well as across the country. Ken’s influence has been on both sides of the isle and his legislative impact has been and will continue to have an impact for generations to come.

A lifetime of work and dedication worth celebrating tonight!



## Johnny Swanson

## Johnny Award

Johnny Swanson began his illustrious union career when he enrolled in the Ironworkers Local 229 apprenticeship program in 2006. After years of hard work and proving his dedication and commitment, Johnny Swanson's contributions to the Ironworkers were recognized with several noteworthy promotions in the union, including: Organizer/ Political Coordinator for Local 229, District Council Organizer, and then to International Organizer, in which capacity he serves today.

Johnny's deep commitment to helping non-union workers by offering them union benefits, better wages, and educating them about employee rights expands beyond his work as a union organizer to his strong record of community volunteerism. In 2016, Johnny decided to go the extra mile in supporting Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez' annual holiday Diaper Drive, and has since then spearheaded the collection of over 1 million diapers with the help of the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council's affiliated unions and broader community and is the primary reason that the San Diego Diaper Bank program was created at the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank in 2017.

Over the past year and a half, beginning in the first anxious weeks of the pandemic when businesses and schools were shuttered as COVID ravaged our communities, Johnny stepped up to help organize weekly, multi-site food distributions throughout the county of San Diego in collaboration with the San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council's affiliated unions. A total of over 1.6 million lbs. of non-perishable food items and mixed produce were distributed to over 150,000 children, seniors, and other residents through those food distributions, helping fight food insecurity for local families throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties. Johnny was the first to arrive onsite at these distributions, with a crew of volunteers he'd recruited and trained, and usually the last to leave. Without his energy and dedication to these efforts, the suffering of families struggling during the pandemic would have been overwhelmingly worse.

Johnny's sense of responsibility to his community has also driven Johnny to recruit and turn out hundreds of volunteers over the past decade for various electoral campaigns, increasing voter awareness and civic engagement around key issues and candidates. He has served for the past five years as both an elected and appointed delegate to the California Democratic Party's State Central Committee for the 80th Assembly District, carrying the voices and concerns of working families in order to shape the party's positions on legislation, ballot measures, and candidates who can impact our communities at the state level. In 2020, Johnny became an Alternate Member to the San Diego County Democratic Party's Central Committee, participating in both the South Area Caucus and the full committee in order to represent the needs of working families at the local level in matters that will impact the governance of their communities and lives.

Johnny Swanson has served as an elected member of the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Planning Group for the past four years. He is a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Recreation Center. He also serves as a board member of the Progressive Labor Alliance. Johnny is the proud father of Joey (24), Nicholas (23), Bailey (20), and Andrew (19).



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## VICTOR TORRES cont.

In addition to participating as a Local 481 delegate to the San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council for over 27 years, he currently serves as one of its Vice Presidents.

It is Victor's deeply held belief that in order to effectively lead, you must make a commitment to always do your best. Part of that commitment to do your best is to be present. One of Victor's proudest achievements is obtaining the all-time record for perfect attendance at all Local 481 Executive Board meetings from 1994 when he first joined the Local's E-board as a Trustee to the present (an active streak of more than 325 consecutive meetings).

The diverse assembly of dedicated people ranging from the staff of Local 481, to its officers and its rank and file members are also a source of pride and strength for Victor and the entire Local 481 membership. It is that achievement of diversity which makes this evening the most rewarding and with whom Victor shares this great honor.

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Victor Torres

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Community Leader of the Year

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Lifetime Achievement Award

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Johnny Award

Johnny Swanson

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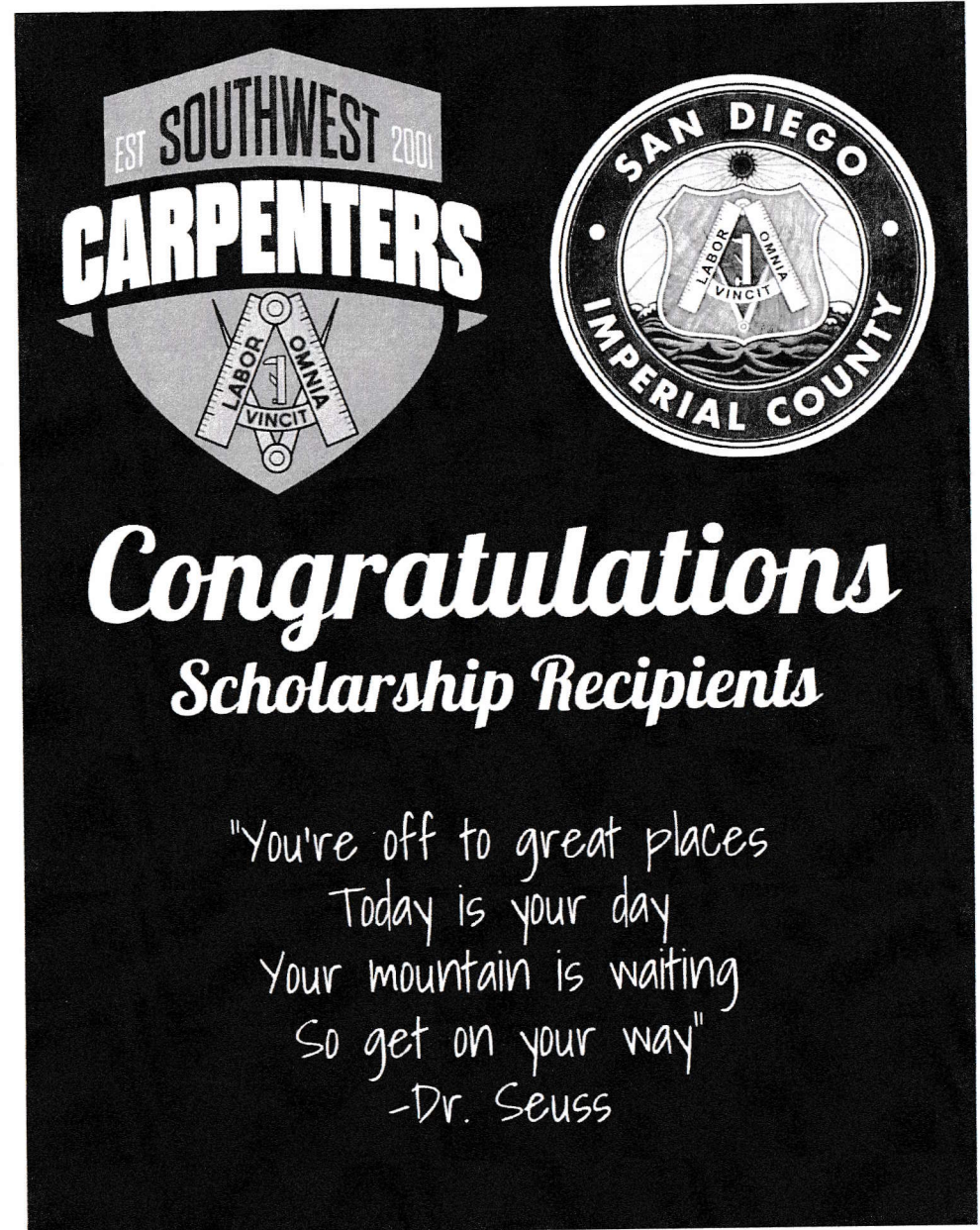
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**Congratulations to the Award Honorees**

**LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR 2021**

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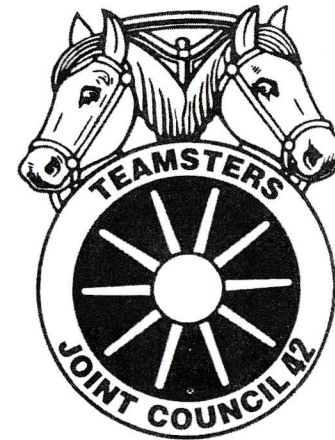
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## Victor Torres

Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 481

# Labor Leader of the Year



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**Ken Msemaji**  
**Johnny Swanson**

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Congratulations to Victor Torres, Secretary-Treasurer for Teamsters Local 481 for being named Labor Leader of the Year, to Cori Schumacher for being named Community Leader of the Year, to Johnny Swanson for the Johnny Award, and to Ken Msemaji for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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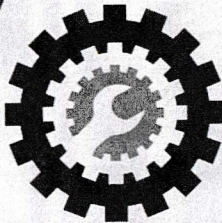
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## HONOREES

### John S. Lyons Foundation Labor Leader of the Year Banquet

**1983**

Michael J Riley,  
Teamsters Joint Council 42

*Retirees:*

Max J. Osslo  
Ralph Claire

**1984**

Gordon (Gordy) Williams,  
Painters International

*Retirees:*

Joe Wheeler  
Slim Henderson  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Jerry Butkiewicz

**1985**

Jim Clark,  
Carpenters District Council

*Retirees:*

R.R. Richardson  
Bob Moeller

**1986**

Joseph Francis,  
San Diego-Imperial Council Labor  
Council

*Retiree:*

Les Parker

**1987**

C.E (Arkie) Spoon,  
Teamsters Local 36

*Retiree:*

C.E. (Doc) Koons

**1988**

Paul Aleman,  
Laborers Local 89

*Retiree:*

Frank Underhill

**1989**

Doug Woodbury,  
Communication Workers of America  
Local 9509

*Retiree:*

Tom Rodgers

**1990**

Art Lujan,  
San Diego Building & Construction  
Trades Council

*Retiree:*

Paul Blackwood

**1991**

Wes Young,  
Iron workers Local 229

*Retiree:*

Ken Paulson  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Woody Bailey

**1992**

Richard Silva,  
Teamsters Local 683

*Retiree:*

Soloman Johnson  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Doug Scott

**1993**

Tom Pridemore,  
IBEW Local 569

*Retiree:*

Loretta Proctor  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Lou Cash

**1994**

Steven Chadwick,  
Sheet Metal Workers Local 206

*Retiree:*

Kenneth H. (Red) Gilliland  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Matt Packard

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**1995**

Jef L. Eatchel,  
H.E.R.E. Local 30  
*Retiree:*

William (Bill) Martin  
IBEW Local 465

**1996**

Dave Moore,  
IBEW Local 465  
*Retiree:*

Gordon (Gordy) Williams

**1997**

Jack Ward,  
Teamsters Local 36  
*Distinguished Service Award:*  
Gary Karnopp,  
Carpenters  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Canadian Senator Ed Lawson

**1998**

Bill Tweet,  
Ironworkers Local 229  
*Retiree:*

Don Brooks,  
Teamsters Local 36  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
John Fee

**1999**

Jerry Butkiewicz,  
San Diego-Imperial Counties  
Labor Council  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Stanley Gabara  
*Distinguished Service Award:*  
Tim Galloway

**2000**

Nico Ferraro,  
Business Manager, UA Local 230  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Larry Lucchino

**2001**

Phil Saal,  
Teamsters Local 542  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Hal Jensen

**2002**

Al Shur,  
IBEW Local 569  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Michael D' Antuono

**2003**

Xema Jacobson,  
San Diego Building &  
Construction Trades Council  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Charley Fouquette

**2004**

Rich McClees,  
Sheet Metal Workers  
International Association  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Regi Phelps

**2005**

Art Cantu,  
Teamsters Local 36  
*Retiree:*  
Beatrice Avina  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Mac Colmenero

**2006**

Jim Santangelo,  
Teamsters Joint Council 42  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Jim Westfall

**2007**

Jaime Barton,  
Cement Masons Local 500/Area 744  
*JOHNS Founding Fathers:*  
Paul Blackwood  
C.E. (Arkie) Spoon  
Gordon (Gordy) Williams

**2008**

Joe Powell,  
Sheet Metal Workers Local 206  
*Retiree:* Ed Smith

**2009**

Shannon Silva,  
Teamsters Local 683  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
David Sickler

**2010**

Lorena Gonzalez,  
San Diego and Imperial Counties  
Labor Council  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Hugh Hazlewood

**2011**

Randy Cammack,  
Teamsters Joint Council 42  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Marti Emerald

**2012**

Tom Lemmon  
San Diego County Building & Construction  
Trades Council  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa

**2013**

Johnny Simpson  
IBEW Local 569  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Carol Wallace

**2014**

Jaime Vasaquez,  
Teamsters Local 542  
*JOHNS Community Service & Commitment  
to Labor:*  
Benjamin C. Bunn

**2015**

Richard Barrera,  
San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor  
Council

**JOHNS Fellowship:**

Toni Atkins  
Speaker of the Assembly

**2016**

Doug Tracy,  
SMART Local 206  
*Retiree Activist:* Michelle Krug  
*Community Partner:* San Diego Chargers

**2017**

Paul Colmenero,  
Roofers, Waterproofers Local Union #45  
*JOHNS Fellowship:*  
Richard Prochazka

**2018**

Nicholas Segura,  
IBEW Local 569  
*JOHNS Lifetime Fellowship:*  
Michael Magallanes

**2019**

Brigette Browning, Unite Here Local 30  
*Retiree Activist:* Nephi Hancock  
*JOHNS Community Service & Commitment  
to Labor:* Carlos & Linda LeGerrette  
*Johnny Award:* Tom Lemmon

**2020**

All Essential Workers  
*JOHNS Community Service & Commitment  
to Labor:* Supervisor Nathan Fletcher  
*Johnny Award:* Lucas O'Connor



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