

Mayor Richard Bailey Swears In 2019 FOCUS Officers



Photo by Don Swanson

Pictured from left is the Honorable Mayor of Coronado, Richard Bailey, followed by Bonnie Van Vugt, Lisa Alves, Sharon Blongiewicz, Roger Clapp, Pat Robitaille, Sharon Shelton, and Carol Dobi. Not pictured are Lisa Storey and Jean Bauer.

Coronado Mayor, the Honorable Richard Bailey, swore in the newly elected 2019 Board of Directors for Friends of Children United Society (FOCUS) at a festive ceremony on Thursday evening, Dec. 20. The Bahama Village Clubhouse in the Coronado Cays was the site of the ceremony.

In keeping with the pre-Christmas tradition of members bringing newly packaged socks, and placing each packet in a large container at the entrance, over fifty guests filled the coffer. Eric Lovett, founder and executive director of Urban Street Angels was present to wholeheartedly accept the donation of feet comforters, and warmers for his organization to distribute to homeless and children of need.

Each elected member of FOCUS is a volunteer, and receives no pay. Members visit San Diego community organizations that render assistance to children of all religious denominations, ethnic background, homeless, or residing in an assistant living arrangement, and evaluate the services provided by the organization. Each member of FOCUS is then given the monthly opportunity to vote for funding to each requesting entity. Members shop, and deliver the needed products to the requesting agencies.

Roger Clapp is the 2019 president of the board of directors. Lisa Storey, is executive vice president; Pat Robitaille, first vice president, fundraising; Sharon Blongiewicz, and Lisa Alves, second vice presidents, membership. Sharon Shelton and Bonnie Van Vugt are third vice presidents, projects. Jean Bauer, is recording secretary, Carol Dobi, is treasurer and Bonnie Van Vugt is corresponding secretary.

In addition to these nine people, eleven others became 2019 committee chairs. The mailing address for FOCUS is P.O. Box 180023 Coronado, CA 92178. Those seeking additional information about FOCUS can visit their web-site at www.focus-sdkids.org.