

VOICE Environmental Heroes: 2014

Craig Cadwallader



Chairperson, Surfrider Foundation South Bay

As Surfrider Foundation–South Bay Chapter Chair

Craig Cadwallader leads a chapter of The Surfrider Foundation, the international environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches, for all people, through Conservation, Activism, Research and Education (CARE).

The South Bay Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation has been instrumental in making our communities better places to live and enjoy the ocean. At its core, Surfrider is an environmental organization that strives to protect and, where necessary, restore coastal and ocean ecosystems and ensure free and open access to the beach and waves. Some of the South Bay Chapter's key accomplishments are a polystyrene ban and the single use plastic bag ban in the City of Manhattan Beach, plastic bag bans in the cities of Los Angeles and Culver City, the polystyrene foodware ban in Hermosa Beach,

and the recent citywide smoking ban in Hermosa Beach. Craig was most recently awarded an Environmental Leadership Award during Surfrider's 2013 Wavemaker Award Dinner.

Craig is a graduate of the Class of 2003 of Leadership Manhattan Beach (LMB) and was the Class Project Leader. Craig also served four years as a LMB Board Member. He is a graduate of Leadership Hermosa Beach (LHB), Class of 2005; and was an LHB Board Member as well.

Craig served for four years as a Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Board Member. He was the Manhattan Beach Chamber's "Business Person of the Year" in 2003. He is also a Board Member of the Kenny Nickelson Memorial Foundation.

Sona Kalapura Coffee



Environmental Programs Manager, City of Manhattan Beach

Sona Kalapura Coffee has led the City of Manhattan Beach's transformation into one of the most environmental and socially sustainable communities in California. Sona has overseen a community-based and inter-departmental team that has developed and implemented sustainability policies widely held as best practices in the environmental arena.

Sona has been able to bring the City's sustainability policies to the forefront of community discussion, including taking the lead on some very challenging policies to reduce the generation of pollution to the marine environment. She is also very proud to have engaged the local community in several climate awareness events, including one of the largest 350.org climate action event on the West Coast.

Sona was recently awarded the "Chairman's Green Leadership Award" by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The environmental programs she manages were also selected to receive a Green Leadership award in the Public Agency category. The City's environmental programs have been recognized over the years as best practices, and Sona strives to share the experiences in Manhattan Beach with other local governments.

On a personal note, Sona is an avid advocate for sustainable landscaping practices as a means of conserving water and energy in California. She and her husband have transformed their home into a beautiful CA-friendly property, and enjoy sharing plants with their neighbors and curious passersby.

Annemarie Dapoz



Grades of Green, Youth Board of Advisor

Annemarie is an eighth grader at American Martyrs School in Manhattan Beach, California. Annemarie is a returning Youth Corps member who conducted a waste audit last year at her local church to encourage people to recycle properly. Annemarie is a Girl Scout who is working toward her Silver Award, and has participated in service opportunities like Hearts for the Hungry. Annemarie is a member of Manhattan Beach Dolphins swim team, participates in Blue Zones, and is a leader of her school's Walking School Bus where she leads a group of students in walking to school almost every day. Known as the green girl at her school, she believes that our earth is wonderful and that we should save it and enjoy it.

Annemarie is also the Chair of the Grades of Green Youth Corps Outreach Committee. She is fully dedicated to creating a healthier environment, and her smile shows it! Her passion and enthusiasm at outreach events inspire and

empower kids of all ages to care for the earth. She has represented Grades of Green at numerous events, most recently at the MB Coordinating Council Luncheon and the Star Eco-Station Earth Day Fair in Culver City. Her poise and maturity go well beyond her age. Her drive and excitement for caring for the earth makes her a perfect candidate for the Eco Hero Award. We know that it is youth such as Annemarie that can make a positive environmental change for future generations.

Joe Galliani



Founder/Organizer, South Bay 350 Climate Action Group

For over 25 years, Joe Galliani made his living as a writer and creative director in corporate America. In 1994 Joe co-created Mattel's Street Sharks successful toy line. Joe has written creative projects for Universal Studios, 20th Century Fox, Honda, Sony, Toyota, Tangle Toys, Washington Mutual, Hewlett Packard, Dow Chemical, Lexus and CBS-EcoMedia, among others.

In 2010 Joe began working with EcoMedia following their acquisition by CBS. Joe was the sole writer of both the 2010 CBS Green Report and 2011 CBS Green Report. In January of 2012 Joe joined the EcoMedia team full time as the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Public Affairs. Joe resigned from his EcoMedia position on October 1, 2013 to work full time as the Organizer

of the South Bay 350 Climate Action Group. He is the co-creator of the MB2025 vision for 100% renewable energy powered Manhattan Beach by 2025, and also partnered with the City to produce the Earth Hour Light Up Your Future event at the Manhattan Beach Pier and the MB2025 Forum.

Joe is one of the founders of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and has been on their board of directors since the organization was formalized in 2010, working on community outreach, social media and communications. From 2009-2010 Joe was a founding member of the Hermosa Beach Carbon Neutral City Committee. In 2011 Joe became a founding member of the Vitality City Bike/Walk committee and helped get its Livability Plan passed in the target cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach. In September of 2011 Joe was honored with the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition's 2011 SEED Education and Outreach Award.