Bonitafest VIPs Through the Ages

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2023

Grand Marshals: Dr. John and Harriet Taylor

Historian: Sharmane Estolano

Pioneer: Ray Ymzon

Humanitarian: Roxanne Ronacher

Host and Hostess: Tony and Judith Tieber

Youth Ambassadors: Emily Ingco, Trevor Braaton, Ella Aldridge

Miss Bonita: -none-

Miss Chula Vista: -none-

2022

Grand Marshal: Ron and Reina Bolles

Historian: Barbara Main

Pioneers: Jim Woodford, Chuck Hamilton, Mike Gailband, Sam Snyder (Senior Patrol)

Humanitarian: Kerie Muller

Host and Hostess: John and Stephanie Garcia

Youth Ambassadors: Nicolette Monique Luna, Jessica Engen, Nicco Brambila

Miss Bonita: Ariana Chavez

Miss Chula Vista: Xiomara Villarreal-Gerardo

2021

Grand Marshal: Dr. Jeff Nevin

Historian: none

Pioneers: MJ and Chef Kevin from MJ’s Fusion Grill

Humanitarian: Arianna Delucchi Lorenzo

Host and Hostess: Don Dumas and Daryl Hern

Youth Ambassadors: Kieler Muller and Xiomara Villarreal-Gerardo

In Memoriam Honoree: Professor Dick Robinson

Miss Bonita: Ariana Chavez

Miss Chula Vista: Xiomara Villarreal-Gerardo

2020

Grand Marshal: Jim Trotter

Historians: Brian and Wendy Wilson

Pioneer: Elaine Lucca

Humanitarians: Roger and Norma Cazares

Host and Hostess: Tim Mahoney, Ryan Marques and Susan Spurlock

Youth Ambassadors: Nicole Hill, Sole’ McMillan Ruiz, Madison Bianes, Kevin Torres,

Katelin Jaque

Miss Bonita: O’Hara Wickham

Miss Chula Vista: vacant

2019

Grand Marshals: Jeff and Julie Phair

Historian: Carolynn Gibbs

Pioneer: Margaret Frank

Humanitarians: Dr. Michael Sevier and Mike Clowers

Host and Hostess: Rob and Amy Mudd

Youth Ambassadors: Sabrina Sanchez, Kacey Kelly, Kathleen Santacruz, Viviana Rivera

Miss Bonita: O’Hara Wickham

Miss Chula Vista: vacant

2018

Grand Marshal: Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax

Historian: Mike Seiler

Pioneers: Bud and Sandra Wilson

Humanitarian: Susan de los Santos

Host and Hostess: Harley and Ronny Perry

Jr. Host and Hostess: Grady Elbel and Shae-Lin Carr

Youth Ambassadors: Joshua Reyes, Allison Yetter and Anvita Gurung

Miss Bonita: Samantha Fakimi

Miss Chula Vista: Rebeka Ibarra

2017

Grand Marshal: Terry Sampite

Historians: Steve and Liz Stonehouse

Pioneers: Pat Greaser

Humanitarian: June Close

Host and Hostess: Scott and Marlene Hill

Jr. Host and Hostess: Kaede Muller and Shae-Lin Carr

Youth Ambassadors: Michael Lopez and Rebecka Ibarra

Miss Bonita 2016-17: Chantal Branscomb

Miss Sweetwater Valley 2016-17: Caitlin Lange

Miss Bonita 2017-18: Samantha Fakhimi

Miss Chula Vista 2017-18: Rebecka Ibarra

(Rebecka Ibarra and Samantha Fakhimi were crowned on Sept. 22 at Bonitafest.)

2016

Grand Marshal: Tom Pocklington

Historian: Liz Usbourne

Pioneer: Barbara Main, Etta Belle Rose

Humanitarian: Mark Kukuchek

Host and Hostess: Barbara Smith, Patti Huffman

Jr. Host and Hostess: Gianfranco Dongo, Andrew Wolfe, Sofia Bartolome,

Ashley Navarro

Youth Ambassadors: Arianna Chavez, Amanda Atwood.

Miss Bonita: Chantal Branscomb

Miss Sweetwater Valley: Caitlin Lange

2015

Grand Marshal: Mehl Lawson

Historian: Dr. Steven Schoenherr

Pioneer: Jane Campbell, Vera Mathias

Humanitarian: Elaine Thompson

Host and Hostess: Julia Gay

Jr. Host and Hostess: Alexis Luna, Alex Huerta, Lacey Cappos, Dayna Hill

Miss Bonita: Chantal Branscomb

Miss Sweetwater Valley: Caitlin Lange

2014

Grand Marshal: Nicholas Aguilar, Esq.

Historian: Mary Oswell

Pioneer: Dr. George Cameron

Humanitarian: Dolores “Lolita” Farfan

Host and Hostess: Tim Evans and Susan O’Shaughnessy

Jr. Host and Hostess: Chantal Branscomb and Michael Atwood

Miss Bonita: Allayszia Mouzon

Miss Chula Vista: Lizzy Mata

Miss Salinas/Bonitafest Youth Ambassador: Keoanna Lynn Guevarra

2013

Grand Marshal: Barbara Scott

Miss Bonita: Allayszia Mouzon

Miss Chula Vista: Alyssa DeBoo

No other dignitaries in 2013

2012

Grand Marshal: Fire Chief Scott Walker

Historian: Jess Thompson

Pioneer: Professor William Virchis

Humanitarian: Darlene Montgomery

Host and Hostess: Bill Sears and Jan Gustavel

Jr. Host and Hostess: Riley Mangubat and Kelsey Ferko

Miss Bonita: Chandler Berke

2011

Grand Marshal: Dr. Max Branscomb

Historian: Janice Hughes

Pioneer: none

Humanitarian: Lois Masterson

Host and Hostess: Steve Meisen and Irene Blaylock

Jr. Host and Hostess: Joshua Chavez and Cassie Bolin

Miss Bonita: Megan Glibbery

2010

Grand Marshal: Dr. Brian Tanaka

Historian: Kevin McMahon

Pioneer: Cdr. George Kost

Humanitarian: Dr. Max Branscomb

Host and Hostess: Luis Alcala and Kathleen Rocca

Jr. Host and Hostess: Zev Bimstein and Victoria Bird

Miss Bonita: Lynette Negron

2009

Grand Marshal: John Beck

Historian: Roberta Jackson

Pioneer: Jane Campbell

Humanitarian: Roberta Jackson

Host and Hostess: Ralph Bellamy and Michelle Spurlock

Jr. Host and Hostess: Dalton Randolph and Jade Rocca

Miss Bonita: Lynette Negron

2008

Grand Marshal: Bob Chicca

Historian: Fran Cornell

Pioneer: Fred Knoll

Humanitarian: Bill Nelson

Host and Hostess: Duane and Elaine Lucca

Jr. Host and Hostess: Zachary Cohen and Michelle Cabinian

Miss Bonita: Ashley Horner

2007

Grand Marshal: Gale and Gretchen Burkey

Celebrity Grand Marshal: Monique Henderson

Historian: Ken Milburn

Pioneer: Leo Ledbetter

Humanitarian: Al Hooper and Lee Roberts

Host and Hostess: Peter Mabrey and Carri Long

Jr. Host and Hostess: Gerald Hanono and Rachel Sides

Miss Bonita: Vanessa Sandoval

2006

Grand Marshal: Nan Myers

Celebrity Grand Marshal: Adrian Gonzales

Historian: Lucy Hultquist

Pioneer: Audi Lawson

Humanitarian: Matt Pocklington

Host and Hostess: Harley & Ronny Perry

Jr. Host and Hostess: Mikaela Aziz & Valerie Roder

Miss Bonita: Jennifer Calderon

2005

Grand Marshal: Supervisor Greg Cox

Celebrity Grand Marshal: Alex Smith

Historian: Alan Insko

Pioneers: Bruce and Sharon Asakawa

Humanitarian: Darleen Anderson

Host and Hostess: Dr. Adolfo Gonzales and Vicky DeLong

Jr. Host and Hostess: Gordon Sui and Michelle Melcher

Miss Bonita: Melinda Schuricht

2004

Grand Marshal: Macy “Corky” McMillin

Historian: Robyn Higginson

Pioneer: Edith Wyatt

Humanitarian: Norma Hernandez

Host and Hostess: Gale and Gretchen Burkey

Jr. Hostesses: Christine Bordenave and Jessi Sethi

Miss Bonita: Angelique Nicole Lizarde

2003

Grand Marshal: Dr. Emerald Randolph

Celebrity Grand Marshal: Tommy Sablan

Historian: Ernie Trimble

Humanitarian: Richard Pena

Pioneer: Muriel Watson

Host and Hostess: Robert “Scott” Scott and Barbara Scott

Jr. Host and Hostess: Andrew Cho and Sierra Neudecker

Miss Bonita: Savannah Willey

2002

Grand Marshal: Fire Chief Orville “Butch” Moody

Historian: Kathleen Gil

Pioneer: Pat Mounts

Humanitarian: Paul Pluss

Host and Hostess: Gil and Kathie Oakes

Jr. Host and Hostess: Crystal Hughes and Rachel Thompson

Miss Bonita: Emmeline Santos/Sue Ellen Pinto

2001

Grand Marshals: Jim and Peg Burley

Historian: Lillian Castagna

Humanitarian: Dave Gillespie

Pioneer: Marian Wilson

Host and Hostess: Keith Diffenderffer and Laura Hinton

Jr. Host and Hostess: Andrew Fowers and Kerry Reck

Miss Bonita: Carla Casa

2000

Grand Marshal: Pat Young, Jeff Barnard

Historian: Evaline Simmons

Humanitarian: Dr. Max Branscomb

Pioneer: Harlan Skinner

Host and Hostess: Mark Leopold and Susan Carrillo

Jr. Host and Hostess: Michael Li and Naomi Pilchen

Miss Bonita: Andria Elam

1999

Grand Marshal: Pat Dolan

Historian: Jesse Thompson

Humanitarian: Lorraine Johnson

Pioneer: Molly Gassaway

Host and Hostess: Charles Moore and Mickey Harper

Jr. Host and Hostess: Anwar Spatafore and Karen Sethi

Miss Bonita: Andria Elam

1998

Grand Marshal: Glennalie Coleman

Historian: Jim and Peg Burley

Humanitarian: Jose Lopez

Pioneer: Louis Farrington

Host and Hostess: Bob Reck and Darleen Andersen

Jr. Host and Hostess: Anthony Rios and Van Nguyen

Miss Bonita: Kristina “Krissy” Sesti

1997

Grand Marshal: Diane Cousino

Historian: Vernon Cook

Humanitarian: John Hammond

Pioneer: Fire Capt. Richard Yokley

Host and Hostess: Terry Sampite and Connie Vonnahme

Jr. Hostesses: Melody Gonzales and Erica Taylor

Miss Bonita: Meredith Cooper

1996

Grand Marshal: Chuck Hamilton

Historian: Jeff Barnard

Humanitarian: Art Mays

Pioneer: Richard Pena

Host and Hostess: Alan Cornell and Dr. Judith Bornholdt

Jr. Host and Hostess: Bobby Marchesault and Melody Gonzales

Miss Bonita: Anica Gil Hanks

1995

Grand Marshal: Carol Hammond

Historian: John and Peggy Pettit

Humanitarian: Cdr. George Kost

Pioneer: Helen Bevel

Hosts: Jeff Phair and Phil Berdeski

Jr. Host and Hostess: Tre Costello and Kim Cotton

Miss Bonita: Marnie Conception

1994

Grand Marshal: Marguerite Maniscalco

Historian: Sandy Palumbo

Humanitarian: Diane Cousino

Pioneer: Ken Weaver

Host and Hostess: Chuck Hamilton and Cheryl McConkey

Jr. Host and Hostess:

Miss Bonita: Jennifer Farnum

1993

Grand Marshal: Gail Huckell

Historian: Deedie Shields

Humanitarian: Pat Young (First year of Humanitarian award)

Pioneer: none

Host and Hostess: Fritz Fairbanks and Barbara Brickman

Jr. Host and Hostess: Vincent Zabala III and Julie Gibson

Miss Bonita: Stacy Moore

1992

Grand Marshal: Michael Quartararo

Historian: John Hammond

Pioneer: George and Barbara Wright

Hostesses: Gail Lee and Peggy Foster

Jr. Host and Hostess: Jeff Walkenhorst and Kristen Nicita

Miss Bonita: Carrie Gugger

1991

Grand Marshal: Emily Ritter

Historian: Dr. Max Branscomb

Pioneer: Edith Warner

Hostesses: Glennalie Coleman and Joan McGuiness

Jr. Host and Hostess: Charles Abbott and Sarah Foster

Miss Bonita: Adrian Van Metre

1990

Grand Marshal: Richard and Zula Pena

Historian: Zelma Klicka

Pioneer: Helen Esterbloom Rafune

Host and Hostess: Ron Ferguson and Carol Hammond

Jr. Host and Hostess: Jason Schaeffer and Julie Ferriott

Miss Bonita: Dawnee Johnston

1989

Grand Marshal: Richard and Zula Pena

Historian: Betty Parchman

Pioneer: Harold Miner

Host and Hostess: Don and Diane Cousino

Jr. Host and Hostess: Mark Scott and Wendy Swartz

Miss Bonita: Dawnee Johnston

1988

Grand Marshal: Art Mays

Historian: Richard and Zula Pena

Pioneer: Zelma Klicka

Host and Hostess: Bob Bush and Pat Baldwin

Jr. Host and Hostess: Todd Garrison and Pam Gonzales

Miss Bonita: Carolyn Glossner

1987

Grand Marshal: Mary Jane Perkins

Historian: Richard Yokley

Pioneer: Zelma Klicka

Hostess: Bev Woodward

Jr. Host and Hostess: Gary Gallagher, Tracy Gibbs and Jill Schaeffer

Miss Bonita: Lynette Berry

1986

Grand Marshals: David “Bud” Wilson, Don Wilson, Richard and Marian Wilson

Historian: John Rojas, Jr.

Pioneer: Evaline Simmons

Host and Hostess: Kirk and Pat Dolan

Jr. Host and Hostess: Matt Scott and Karen Abe

Miss Bonita: Renee Nolan (First year for Miss Bonita)

1985

Grand Marshal: Al Monahan

Historian: John Rojas, Jr. (First year for Historian)

Pioneer: Mary Allen Ward

Host and Hostess: Wayne and Gail Huckell

Jr. Host and Hostess: Michael Umansky and Michelle Todus

1984

Grand Marshal: Loraine Howell

Pioneer: none

Host and Hostess: Reg and Mary Jane Pye

Jr. Host and Hostess: Ed Gallagher and Lisa Johnson

1983

Grand Marshal: Julia Scidmore

Pioneer: none

Host and Hostess: Richard Pena and Nan Myers

Jr. Host and Hostess:

1982

Grand Marshal: Eula Brattmiller

Pioneer: none

Host and Hostess: Jeff Barnard and Pat Young

Jr. Host and Hostess: Alvin Rudolpho and Susie Cassel

1981

Grand Marshal: Helen Lee Ruth Haubert

Pioneer: none

Host and Hostess: Charles (C.B.) and Ardell Hamilton

Jr. Host and Hostess: Lincoln Hiatt and Anna Sanchez

1980

Grand Marshal: Herman and Leona Wolfe

Pioneer: Margaret Jones (first year for Pioneer)

Host and Hostess: Michael and Violet Quartararo

Jr. Host and Hostess: Rob Macaulay and Lisa Catlin

1979

Grand Marshals: Roland de Fere, Esq. and Martha Chapman

Host and Hostess: Capt. Al Monahan and Emily Ritter

Jr. Host and Hostess: Bill Umansky and Shari Myers

1978

Grand Marshal: Dr. James B. Norton

Host and Hostess: James and Mary Jane Perkins

Jr. Host and Hostess: Tony Scurto and Toni Tugenburg

1977

Grand Marshal: Mrs. William Arthur “Pat” Spies, Jr.

Host and Hostess: Les and Marion Downs

Jr. Host and Hostess: Chris Taggart and Donna Trenhaile

1976

Grand Marshals: Henry Holt, Alfred Lansley and Josephine Loomis

Hostess: Carol Oliver (First year for Host and Hostess)

Jr. Host and Hostess: Alex Myers and Nina Lacoco

1975

Grand Marshal: Fred Higgins

Jr. Host and Hostess: James DeBello and Jolene Esparza

1974

Grand Marshal: Mary Allen Ward

Jr. Host and Hostess: Michael Burford and Mari Ostendorf

1973

Grand Marshals: Cdr. and Mrs. Allan G. Olson