



***The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Visionary Awards  
Class of 2008 Finalists ~ The Herbert G. Klein Visionary Award***

**Michael Bevis**

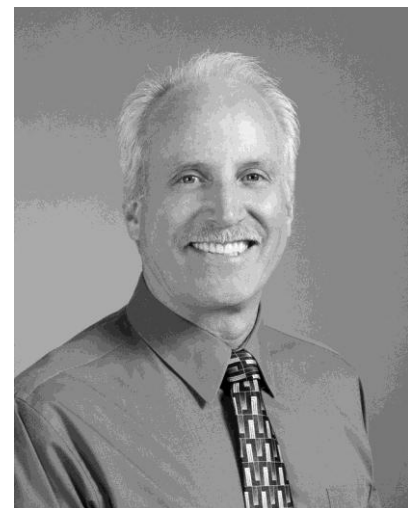


Michael Bevis spends much of his time on numerous professional and volunteer commitments. Mr. Bevis has been in the banking industry for 17 years, currently in the commercial lending department of San Diego National Bank. Prior to this he worked in various management positions and has opened four new bank branch locations. He holds a Masters Degree in finance and marketing, a Bachelors Degree in psychology and teaches at various colleges around his native San Diego. He currently sits as a board member for San Diego Coastkeepers, Moonlight Cultural Foundation and the San Diego Education Fund. He is also active in the San Diego Foundation and volunteers for Junior Achievement and

AVID, along with coaching volleyball at Point Loma High School and as a volunteer instructor for SCORE.

**Hal Dunning**

Hal Dunning has a proven track record of impacting growth and funding in both his professional and community service ventures. Mr. Dunning is the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and a Principal for Barney and Barney, a firm that has tripled in size during his 7-year tenure. Prior to his current position, Mr. Dunning was employed by several large firms, such as ADS Environmental Services and Anthony Industries (now K-2). Mr. Dunning has an MBA with an emphasis in accounting and a Bachelor of Arts in history. Mr. Dunning has been the Chair of *The CFO Roundtable*, the largest San Diego-based organization for financial executives with over 350 members, since 2001. He is also one of the founding members and the Board Chair of *Day for Change*, a grass roots non-profit organization made up of financial executives that supports abused and neglected children in San Diego, which raised over \$250,000 all of which has been granted to seven local charities. In addition,



he has been the Board Chair of *Walden Family Services*, the largest family foster care agency based in San Diego, for seven years, has been a weekly volunteer at Scripps Memorial Hospital for over 13 years and coaches his daughter's soccer team.

### **John Edson**



John Edson has been an active member of his community since his college days. Mr. Edson served as student body president at UCSD from 1990-1991, where he earned his Bachelors Degree in political science, and as vice president of the statewide UC Student Association from 1991-1992. He received his Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall at UC Berkeley and a joint Masters Degree in public policy from Harvard. Mr. Edson externed for a Justice at the California State Supreme Court, a Judge for a Federal District Court in the Northern District of California and for Congressman Norman Mineta, prior to joining Luce Forward Hamilton and Scripps, where he is now a partner. In addition to several professional affiliations, Mr. Edson provides pro

bono legal services to the Sudanese immigrant community, is an elder and home fellowship leader at Horizon Christian Fellowship, and co-founded an organization last year that raised \$17,000 and sent 3,200 holiday packages to the troops in Iraq. He has also been involved with relief missions after Hurricane Katrina, and most recently after the devastating San Diego wildfires.

### **Erica Newton Fessia**

Erica Newton Fessia knew at a young age that serving as a leader in the community was at her core. She has held positions of leadership from elementary through high school, in Girl Scouts and at UCSD, where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Ms. Fessia spent 10 years at Qualcomm as Director of Human Resources before leaving in 2007 to pursue her dream of opening a non-profit children's museum. She now serves as Executive Director of the South Bay Children's Museum, a mobile museum that serves the south bay community, including Bonita, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, National City and San Ysidro. Ms. Fessia has volunteered for the Chula Vista Recreation Department, along with performing in Community Theater productions. She currently teaches two youth programs at her church and volunteers weekly in her children's classrooms.



## **Elizabeth Neubrand**



Elizabeth Neubrand has devoted her life to public service by helping those in need. She currently works for the San Diego Habitat for Humanity as the Director of Development and Community Affairs, where she secures funding, manages volunteers and works in public and media relations. She is also actively involved with Habitat for Humanity International, achieving recognition for the local chapter and strengthening partnerships with US and international chapters. Ms. Neubrand launched the first San Diego Habitat for Humanity Women Build campaign to empower women from all walks of life with building skills while building a home for a local family in need. Additionally, she is managing the recruitment for the 2008 Home Builders Blitz, building four homes in five days. Ms. Neubrand also has been working on rebuilding efforts after the San Diego wildfires, managing the Firestorm Disaster

Rebuild Fund and volunteer interest. Prior to joining HFH, Ms. Neubrand was an elementary school teacher and a professor of child development and has a Masters in Education from USD.