

# American Indian Health Center Launches Capital Campaign



The San Diego American Indian Health Center held a ribbon cutting recently to celebrate the acquisition of the buildings that house its current location plus an additional building immediately north

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of the clinic that is designated for expansion of the organization. The ribbon cutting kicked off the capital campaign to raise an estimated \$11 million for the renovation and expansion that will double SDAIHC's capacity.

The ceremony included an introduction from **Joe Bulfer**, CEO of SDAIHC, followed by a speech from special guest speaker, Assembly Member **Todd Gloria**, of the 78th Assembly District. The ceremony also featured traditional music by the **Red Warrior** drum group and **Kumeyaay Bird Singers**.

SDAIHC is a key resource for more than 20,000 low-income community members and American Indians who receive health care services at its Bankers Hill facility. Visit [sdaihc.org](http://sdaihc.org).

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**North County Health Services** board of directors recently announced the appointment of **Barbara S. Kennedy** as its president/CEO. Kennedy has an extended background with more than 20 years of senior health care experience. She brings a working knowledge of health care management and systems to her new role at NCHS. Most recently, she served as president/



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**San Diego American Indian Health Center board members join assembly member of the 78th Assembly District, Todd Gloria, second from left, for a ribbon cutting at its new clinic in Bankers Hills.**

CEO of **Northern Arizona Healthcare Verde Valley Medical Center** in Arizona.

**Sheila Brown**, NCHS board-chair and vice president continuum care at **Palomar Health** said: "Kennedy brings with her a wealth of knowledge and extensive executive health care experience."

Kennedy replaces NCHS' current president/CEO, **Irma Cota**, who has led the organization for more than two decades. Cota led an organization that once operated out of a basement in Ramona to a thriving organization with 13 clinics, a workforce of more than 700 staff and an annual budget projected at nearly \$80 million for 2018. Visit [nchs-health.org](http://nchs-health.org).

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Local nonprofit, **Women's Empowerment International** recently celebrated International Women's Day when women from the San Diego community gathered at the **Women's**

**Museum of California** in Liberty Station for a reception. Guests enjoyed a slideshow and presentation about **Women's Empowerment's** recent site visit to Haiti where the group funds a program to empower Haitian women entrepreneurs.

"The bravery and determination of the Haitian women are truly inspiring," **Paige Bradley**, executive director of **Women's Empowerment International** said. "The strong turnout shows how San Diegans are acting locally to create positive change in our community and around the world."

The event was co-sponsored by the **United Nations Association San Diego** and was attended by more than 80 guests.

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The **Nordson Corporation Foundation**, dedicated to improving the quality of life in our communities by improving educational outcomes that enable individuals to become self-sufficient,

active participants in the community, has awarded \$5,000 to the **San Diego Center for Children Academy**. The center's academy, certified in 2005, is a WASC accredited K-12 nonpublic school.

According to **Moisés Barón**, president/CEO of the San Diego Center for Children, the academy enrollment has grown by nearly 50 percent during the last few years. It will serve nearly 200 students during the current school year and is expected to serve even more students from all over the county in the coming years. Visit [centerforchildren.org](http://centerforchildren.org).

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The **Hemlock Society of San Diego** announced its new executive director, **Charese R. Brooker**, R.N. HSSD. Now in its 31st year, the organization is a nonprofit that educates the community about achieving a peaceful death. The society holds monthly free, public meetings, including a "Right to Die" film series.

It was through Brooker's experience as a hospice nurse that she gained the firm belief in the ultimate right to life and the ultimate right to withdraw from that life peacefully and with dignity intact.

With the fairly new End of Life Option Act (EOLOA) there is a chance for terminally ill folks to prevent suffering altogether "...and HSSD gives me the platform needed to enthusiastically support and discuss the EOLOA as well as other important health care issues," Brooker said. Visit [hemlocksocietysandiego.org](http://hemlocksocietysandiego.org).

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## San Diego Air & Space Museum

**Organization**

**Mission:** To create memories worth repeating – inspiring young men and women to excel in their lives through science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation.

**Founded:** 1961, opened in 1963

**Address:** 2001 Pan American Plaza San Diego, 92101

**Employees:** 82

**Noteworthy:** The museum is a member of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership.

The San Diego Air & Space Museum is a legacy attraction and contributor to the core culture of the region. The rich history of aerospace and technology was primarily driven by our aerospace industries, and hundreds of thousands of people have been positively affected by those initiatives.

San Diego is the birthplace of Naval Aviation, Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis was built here by T. Claude Ryan, and is home to the Naval Air Station North Island and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

The San Diego region also is home to General Atomics' Predator and Northrop Grumman's unmanned programs. The museum's mission might entice a young boy or girl to take a math or science course in school, knowing they



all don't become pilots or aerospace engineers but perhaps using innovation as a stepping stone they might venture into electronics, communications, bio-tech or other advanced fields.

**Smartest move:** : Converting our special exhibition space into a home for such interactive, fun STEM-focused exhibits as *Da Vinci: The Ultimate Innovator*, *Be the Astronaut* and *Speed: Science in Motion*, coming in 2018.

**Misconception:** That we're just about airplanes. We're also about science, technology, engineering and mathematics – and innovation. If you use aviation and space as a metaphor, the growth worldwide in technology mirror images the history of air and space. From Dec. 17, 1903, to today

matches the greatest technology growth in our world. In 1903 the Wright Brothers flew for just 120 feet and 12 seconds. In 1927 Charles Lindbergh crosses the Atlantic solo, Amelia Earhart does it five years to the day later, in 1947 Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier, in 1969 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon. The Space Shuttle is now retired, and we're going to Mars. Along the way we have significant advances in all facets of aviation including our military and Boeing's 787 Dreamliner and new way to build airplanes. It's all fantastic and nurtures our exploring nature. It really is about the next great adventure or voyage, which drives us as people.

**Events:** International Air & Space Hall of Fame; commemorative events such as recently produced 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apollo 16, which was a great, high-quality event.

**Wish list:** Triple the Size of the Air & Space Museum and pursue potential mergers and partnerships with organizations that have like-minded missions and goals. It's time to create stronger businesses and extend our reach to larger markets and achieve economic benefits from consolidation.

**Executive Spotlight**

**James G. Kidrick (Jim), President & CEO**

**Education:** BA in Political Science University of Puget Sound

Naval Post Graduate School Monterey

**Personal path to this organization:** Navy Fighter/Attack Pilot (retired Navy Commander), Special Event Producer, Director of San Diego Bayfair's World Series of Powerboat Racing, founded the Greater Churchill County/NAS Fallon Air Show, produced San Diego Grand Prix for Ray Rubio

**Downtime:** I recommend you take more time for yourself. It's good advice, but I don't follow it enough.

**Favorite quote:** "The definition of courage: Being scared to death but saddling up anyway" – *John Wayne*

**Favorite quote2:** "Don't wait for orders from headquarters, mount up everybody and ride to the sound of the guns." – *George Custer in the movie "They Died With Their Boots On"*

**Residence:** El Cajon

**Family:** Wife Andie and daughter Mandy, sons, Grant, Kyle, Wade, Drew and Alex



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