

PAST DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

November 2020 – **Linden Blue**, Co-owner & Vice Chairman of General Atomics, “Losing Freedom: Socialism and the Growing Threat to American Life, Liberty and Free Enterprise”.

October 2020 – **Chris Howard**, President & CEO of Sharp Healthcare, “The Impact of COVID-19 on our San Diego Area Healthcare Community”.

September 2020 – **Nick Canepa**, SD Union Sports Columnist, “Future of Sports in San Diego”.

August 2020 – **David L. Bowdich**, Deputy Director of the FBI.

July 2020 – QED Member **Dr. Mark Albrecht**, Chairman of the Board of USSpace LLC, “The New U.S. Space Force”.

June 2020 – **Mark Cafferty**, President & CEO of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, “The Future of San Diego”.

May 2020 – **Dan Shea**, Partner in Paradigm Investment Group, “Homeless Plan for San Diego”.

February 2020 – **David H. Grundies** (Capt. USN Ret.), “Transitioning Veterans”.

January 2020 – **William A. Roper, Jr.**, President of Roper Capital Company, “CCAs: Community Choice Aggregation and Why it is a Bad Idea for San Diego”.

November 2019 – **Jim "Laz" Laslavic**, former sports broadcaster for KNSD. [Dick Freeman]

October 2019 – **Dr. Stephen Kingsmore**, President and CEO, Rady Children’s Institute for Genomic Medicine.

September 2019 – **Dr. Joseph Engelberg**, Professor of Finance & Accounting at the UCSD Rady School of Management, "The way information is disseminated among market participants, especially by financial media and social networks." [Paul Petersen]

July 2019 – **Michael McKinnon**, a leader in the television industry for four decades, and the Owner and Chief Executive Officer of KUSI-TV in San Diego. [Dennis Burks]

June 2019 – **Samir A. Khalil**, Executive Director for Middle East & Africa - Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), "The Dynamics of the Middle East & North Africa - A view from the ground". [David Michael]

May 2019 – **Jack McGrory**, CEO of La Jolla MJ Management, LLC, "Development of the Qualcomm Stadium site in Mission Valley by San Diego State". [Paul Petersen]

April 2019 – **John Haggerty**, Director for Rail (SANDAG), “The Mid-coast Trolley Project”. [Paul Petersen]

March 2019 – **Prof. Gordon Hanson**, Director of the UCSD Center on Global Transformation, “World Trade and the WTO”. [David Michael]

February 2019 – **Prof. Rafael Fernandez de Castro**, Director of the UCSD US-Mexico Center, “Contemporary U.S.- Latin American Relations: Cooperation or Conflict in the 21st Century?” [David Michael]

January 2019 – **Hon. Margaret McKeown**, Judge on the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, “Judicial Independence” [Rafael Pastor]

November 2018 – QED Member, **Dr. R.G. Head (BGEN USAF Ret.)**, “Oswald Boeleke... The Romantic Hero... World War I’s first German Ace”.

October 2018 – **VADM Charles W. Martoglio (USN, Ret.)**, “America and the Great Power Rivalries”. [Bill Green]

September 2018 – **Dr. Paul Aisen**, Director, Alzheimer’s Therapeutic Research Institute at the USC Keck School of Medicine, “The ATRI and the Development of Effective Therapies for Alzheimers”. [Paul Petersen]

July 2018 – **Henry (Hank) Nordhoff**, Chairman and CEO of Banyan Biomarkers, Inc. , “A Blood Test to Objectively Diagnose Traumatic Brain Injury”. [Dan McSweeney]

June 2018 – **Don Kent**, President & CEO of Hubbs - SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI), “The Role of the Hubbs – Sea World Institute in Maintaining Healthy Oceans”. [Dennis Burks]

May 2018 – **Donald V. Budinger**, Chairman & Founding Director - The Rodell Foundations, “U.S. Position in Global Politics and How We Got Here”. [Paul Petersen]

April 2018 – QED Member **Bob Campbell**, Chairman of the Board - PEW Foundation, and former Chairman & CEO - Sunoco Inc., “The Gas and Oil Industry... It’s a Whole New Ballgame”.

March 2018 – **Dr. Susan Shirk**, research professor and chair of the 21st Century China Center at the UCSD School of Global Policy & Strategy, “U.S.-China relations and Chinese politics.”. [Michael David]

February 2018 – **Dr. Pradeep K. Khosla**, Chancellor of UCSD. [Dick Atkinson]

January 2018 – **John Cox**, Republican candidate for Governor of California. [Dennis Riley]

November 2017 – **Dr. Barbara Walter**, Professor at UCSD School of Global Policy & Strategy, “5 Ways the Internet is Changing Civil Wars”. [Rudy Rehm]

October 2017 – **Malin Burnham**, Former Chairman of John Burnham & Company Insurance and Burnham Real Estate, “San Diego - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”. [Miles Harvey]

September 2017 – **Richard H. Vortmann**, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Executive (Ret.), “The Realities of Public Pensions.” [John Warner]

July 2017 – **Dr. Mark Albrecht** (QED Member), Chairman of the Board of USSpace, LLC, “Tales from the Transition and Impact on Space Policy”.

June 2017 – **Bob Yamada**, Director of Water Resources for the San Diego County Water Authority, “State and Regional Water Issues”. [Dan McSweeney]

May 2017 – **Professor Stephan Haggard**, UCSD School of Global Policy & Strategy, “North Asia Security”. [Michael David]

April 2017 – **Mayor Kevin Faulconer**, “San Diego City Budget Situation”. [John Hawkins]

March 2017 – **Burland B. East III**, CFA, Chief Executive Officer of American Assets Capital Advisors, “The investment outlook for investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts and publically traded real estate companies in general.” [Mark Jorgensen]

February 2017 – **Michael R. Stone**, Founder and Managing Member of FS Investors, “Soccer City”. [Jim Myer]

January 2017 – **Jerry Sanders**, CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, “Activities & Actions, Important to San Diego” [John Hawkins]

November 2016 – **Jan Marshall** (CIO) and **Adam Rice** (CSO) – Cubic Corporation, “Cyber Security Threats and Actions” [John Warner]

October 2016 – **Ben Haddad**, Principal – California Strategies, LLC, “Politics & Policy in 2016 – How Did We Get Here?” [Jim Smith]

September 2016 – **RADM David H. Lewis**, Commander of Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command, “The Threat of Cyber Warfare”. [David Buss]

July 2016 – **Matt Cole**, President of Cubic Transportation Systems, “World-Wide Public Transportation Fare Collection Systems”. [John Warner]

June 2016 – **Perry Dealy**, President & CEO of Dealy Development, “Manchester Pacific Gateway Project”. [John Hawkins]

May 2016 – **Roderick John “Rocky” Long**, SDSU Aztecs Football Head Coach, “Football & Life as Coach Long Knows It”. [Cliff Bee]

April 2016 – **RADM (Ret.) John E. Jolliffe**, “What is Really Happening in the World”. [Art Rivkin]

March 2016 – **Dr. William Hughson**, Pulmonologist at UCSD, “Mesothelioma – Media Madness”. [Jim Myer]

February 2016 – **QED Member, Gary Eckert**, CEO of Telytics, “The Pros & Cons of the FCC’s Latest Net Neutrality Order”.

January 2016 – **Mark Neville**, Executive Director of the San Diego Bowls Association. [Cliff Bee]

November 2015 – **Shawn Moran**, V.P. & Spokesperson for the National Border Patrol Council. [Bill Green]

October 2015 – **Dr. Gonzalo Ballon-Landa, M.D.**, "Facts and Myths about Infectious Disease". [Jim Myer]

September 2015 – **Paul S. Mischel, M.D.**, Head of Brain Cancer Research, Ludwig Institute San Diego and Professor, UCSD School of Medicine; "Whats broken in cancer research and how we might fix it". [David Michael]

July 2015 – **QED Member, Bob Campbell**, Chairman of the Board - The Pew Charitable Trusts.

June 2015 – **Ms. Deanne Steele**, Managing Director and West Investment Executive at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; "US Economic Outlook and Investment Market Outlook". [John Warner]

May 2015 – **VADM (Ret.) James M. Zortman**, Sector Vice President, Global Logistics and Operational Support for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems; "The Drone Business" [Bill Green]

April 2015 – **Matthew S. Romney**, Senior Vice President of Capital Markets at Excel Trust, Inc.; "Lessons Learned from the Republican Presidential Race"; [Kim Fletcher]

March 2015 – **QED Member, Hudson Drake**, former President of Teledyne Aerospace & Electronics; "NASA New Horizons Mission to Pluto"

February 2015 – **David Bowdich**, FBI Special Agent in Charge of the LA Office; [Dan McSweeney]

January 2015 – **Dr. Timothy Day**, cofounder, CEO and CTO of Daylight Solutions; [Gary Eckert]

November 2014 – **CDR Jennifer L. Ellinger, USN**; "Destroyers & Pirates" [Bill Green]

October 2014 – **Congressman Darrell Issa**; "Washington D.C. Update" [John Warner]

September 2014 – **Mike Murphy**, CEO of Sharp Health Care; "The Affordable Care Act and Health Care Reform: How is it Working and What the Future Holds" [Gary Eckert]

July 2014 – **Dr. Elliot Hirshman**, President of San Diego State University; "Broad Developments in College Education" [Cliff Bee]

June 2014 – **David Michael**, Senior Partner of Boston Consulting Group; "Economic Growth in China and its Impact on the Global Economy" [Hudson Drake]

May 2014 – **Thomas A. Page**, Former Chairman of SDG&E; "History & Current Status of the Energy Industry" [Jim Myer]

April 2014 – **VADM David Buss**, USN - Commander of Naval Air Forces; "Maintaining the Mission During Austere Times" [Jim Philion]

March 2014 – **Jan Goldsmith**, San Diego City Attorney; “San Diego Politics” [Cliff Bee]

February 2014 – **Thomas V. Wornham**, Chair of the San Diego County Water Authority Board; “San Diego Water Authority: Ensuring Reliability” [Hudson Drake]

January 2014 – **Tom Fetter**, President of the San Diego History Center; “SDHC Mission, Facilities, Collections, Programs, and Funding” [John Warner]

November 2013 – **Christopher Yanov**, Founder and Chairman of Reality Changers; “Ending Gang Violence, One Kid at a Time” [Dan McSweeney]

October 2013 – **Ben Clay**, co-chair of the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Host Committee; “The Concept for the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial” [Jim Philion]

September 2013 – **Bill O’Grady**, economist; “Investing in the Twilight of the Gods... Understanding the Critical Role of the Global Superpower”. [Gary Eckert]

July 2013 – **Bob Campbell** (QED Member), past CEO of Sunoco Oil; “Fracking for Oil and Gas”.

June 2013 – **Malin Burnham & Hal Saldler**; “Concept for Future of Broadway Pier”. [Jim Philion]

May 2013 – **Dick Freeman** (QED Member), past President of the San Diego Padres; “The Business Side of Pro Baseball”.

April 2013 – **RADM Sean Pybus**, Commander of Naval Special Warfare Command. [Jim Philion]

March 2013 – **Colonel Tray “Rudy” Siegfried**, Director of Operations, Oklahoma Air National Guard. [Hudson Drake]

February 2013 – **Dr. Richard Atkinson** (QED Member), President Emeritus, University of California; “Navigating the Academic Rapids – the Role of the Research University”. [Ron Hansen]

January 2013 – **Dr. Ed Holmes**, President & CEO of the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine; “Stem Cell Research”. [Hudson Drake]

November 2012 – **Dr. Scott M. Lippman**, Director of UCSD Moores Cancer Center; “Progress in Cancer Research with Emphasis on the Role of Individual Gene Sequencing”. [Jim Myer]

October 2012 – **Dr. Peter Farrell**, Founder & CEO of ResMed; “You Can’t be Healthy Unless Your Sleep is Healthy: Past, Present and Future of Sleep Disordered Breathing”. [Hudson Drake]

September 2012 – **Dale Meyers** (QED Member), Deputy Administrator of NASA; “History of the U.S. Space Program, and Reflections on the Life of Neil Armstrong”.

July 2012 – **Dr. Cedric Dempsey** (QED Member), former President of the NCAA; “NCAA, Past, Present, and Future”. [Pete Petersen]

June 2012 – **Jim Sterk**, Athletic Director of San Diego State University (SDSU); “Landscape of Intercollegiate Athletics 2012”. [Cliff Bee]

May 2012 – **Bob Hamer**, 26-year veteran of the FBI; “FBI Undercover Operations Against Illegal Drug Operations, and Pedophile Organizations”. [Cliff Bee]

April 2012 – **Linden Blue**, Vice Chairman of General Atomics; “The World at a Tipping Point?” [Hudson Drake]

March 2012 – **Hon. Congressman Brian Bilbrey**; “The Challenges of Being a Lawmaker and the Importance of the Upcoming Elections”. [Hudson Drake]

February 2012 – **John Cox**, Republican Party activist; “The “Neighborhood Legislative Reform Act”. [Dennis Riley]

January 2012 – **Dr. Mark Albrecht**, Former Executive Secretary of the National Space Council; “Changes in NASA and Impacts from the Cold War”. [Hudson Drake]

November 2011 - **Steve Fisher**, San Diego State University Basketball Coach; "Past, Present, and Future of Aztec Basketball ". [Cliff Bee]

October 2011 - **Bruce Binkowski**, Executive Director San Diego Bowl Game Association; "Realignment of the Collegiate Athletic Conferences - Those that have occurred already and what is to come, plus rumors". [Ed Martin]

September 2011 - **Carl DeMaio**, Councilman and mayoral candidate; “Roadmap to Recovery – A Five Year Financial Plan”. [Pete Petersen]

July 2011 - **Dr. Eileen Natuzzi**, M.S. M.D. F.A.C.S., Surgeon; "Current Conditions in Guadalcanal". [Dave Richardson]

June 2011 - **Chris Van Gorder**, President and CEO of Scripps Health; "The New Federal Health Plan". [John Warner]

May 2011 - **Larry Blumberg**, founder and current Executive Director of the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC); "The 2010 Economic impact study of the Military influence in San Diego County". [Jim Phillion]

April 2011 - **Patrick C. Shea**, lawyer and strategic advisor; "City/State Bankruptcy". [Dan McSweeney]

March 2011 - **The Honorable Pete Wilson**, former Mayor of San Diego, U.S. Senator, and Governor of California. [Ed Martin]

February 2011 - **William D. Gore**, Sheriff of San Diego County; "Challenges Facing the San Diego County Sheriff's Department during the Great Recession." [Ed Martin]

January 2011 - **Dr. James Hamilton**, Professor of Economics at UCSD; "What happened to the economy over the past few years, and where we're likely to go next." [Mike Collins]

November 2010 - **David McBride**, Center Director for NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center; "The Future of NASA Aeronautics, Science, and US Space Program, from the Dryden Perspective". [Pete Petersen]

October 2010 - **Paul Krikorian**, Wine Director, Sommelier and Dining Manager of The La Jolla Country Club; "The current state of the Wine Industry (economic and resource challenges, and the impact of international speculators on the global wine market driving the continuing astronomical rise of wine collectables."

September 2010 - **William Carbine Green** (QED Member), retired Captain, USN; "Unfolding events in the Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan."

July 2010 - **Dan Walters**, well-known columnist with the Sacramento Bee and an expert on California politics; ""What is going on in California today".

June 2010 - **Gary Eckert** (QED Member), President/CEO and founder of Telytics, Inc.; "The government's latest telecom initiatives regarding broadband deployment, net neutrality, universal service fund reform, and wireless spectrum allocation and the potential impacts these initiatives may have on consumers and businesses."

May 2010 - **Retired Admiral Mac McLaughlin**, President & Chief Executive Officer of the USS Midway Museum; "Update on the USS Midway museum and its evolution as a mainstay on the San Diego bay front over the past 5 years."

April 2010 - Mr. **Jeff Iverson**, retired former Special Agent for the FBI; "Strange Bedfellows – FBI Partnerships in the Soviet Union".

March 2010 - **Mike Murphy**, CEO of Sharp Healthcare; "Healthcare Reform, - Where is It and What It Might Look Like."

February 2010 - **James D. Hamilton**, Professor of Economics at UCSD; "The Federal Reserve and The Financial Crisis"

January 2010 - **Michael Cole**, SAIC Executive VP; "Global Warfare in Cyberspace".

November 2009 - **Fred J. Harris**, President of General Dynamics NASSCO; "The global shipbuilding industry."

October 2009 - **Robert L. Lumpkins**, Chairman of the Board – Mosaic Company; "Distressed asset investing, private equity, and global investing outside the U. S."

September 2009 - **Richard Elkins**, Author of "Winner Take All".

June 2009 - **Alan Jin**, Economist and Professor of Economics at USD; "Background data and report on the leading economic indicators for San Diego County."

May 2009 - **Peter MacLaggan**, SVP Poseidon Resources; "Progress on the planning and development of a reverse osmosis water plant to be located near the coast of Carlsbad, California."

April 2009 – **Dr. Mary Lyons**, President USD; “The current status and future prospects for higher education.”

March 2009 - **Herb Klein**, QED Member – Former newspaper executive; “My experiences as White House Director of Communications during the Nixon Administration.”

January 2009 - **William J. “Bill” Kellogg**, President, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club.

November. 2008 - **C. Duane Dauner**, President & CEO of the California Hospital Association; “Ongoing health care issues on a National basis and throughout California.”

June 2008 - **Ruben Barrales**, President and CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce; “Insights into the opportunities for governments and business interests in the region to function as the foundation for future growth and prosperity of the San Diego area.”

May 2008 - **Dr. Brent Eastman**, M.D., F.A.C.S., Chief Medical Officer of Scripps Health and N. Paul Whittier, Chair of Trauma; “Care and rehabilitation of wounded military service people and the American College of Surgeons' Senior Visiting Combat Trauma Care Program.”

April 2008 - **Robert Campbell**, former CEO and Chairman, Sun Oil Company (Sunoco); “The complex relationships of crude oil supplies, production, refining, distribution and effects of global demand and speculation on pricing, and the long range implications of oil prices and realities of moving to alternate sources of energy.”

March 2008 - **David B. Wescoe**, Retirement Administrator of the San Diego City Employees' System; “Management of the system as well as challenges being addressed and problems solved in the interest of the city and its employees”.

February 2008 - **Susan L. Shirk**, Professor of Political Science in the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, UCSD; “Political, social and economic conditions and issues in China and among their neighbors including Taiwan, Japan and Korea”.

January 2008 - **Admiral Leon (Bud) Edney**; “Observations from a recent trip to Eastern Europe for the Department of Defense's Capstone Course, and insights into our needs to remain vigilant about continuing an international security and protection strategy”.

November 2007 - **Mike Carey**, NFL Official and San Diego Businessman; “The training, on-field experience and disciplines required of NFL officials”.

October 2007 - **Chris Jennewein**, V.P. - Internet Operations, SignOnSanDiego.com, and **Herbert Klein**, QED Member and Retired Managing Editor of the San Diego Union Tribune; “The increasing influence of Internet communications on the U.S. election process”.

September 2007 - **Judge Lawrence Irving** - Former U.S. District Judge, Southern District of CA; “The scope and implications of the ENRON case”.

July 2007 - **Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser**, native of Iraq and a graduate of Baghdad University; “Overview of the people, culture, economy and politics of Iraq, and thoughts about U.S. military action in Iraq”.

June 2007 - **Dick Freeman**, Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Padres Organization; "The trials and tribulations of construction and startup operations for Petco Park, and the complexities of managing a major league baseball franchise".

May 2007 - **Malin Burnham**, retired prominent San Diego business and civic leader; "San Diego's history and its unique challenges as a border city with a diverse commercial, government and international foundation".

April 2007 - **Jerry Sanders**, Mayor of the city of San Diego; "The challenges ahead in managing the city".

March 2007 - **General William A. Anders**, graduate of the Naval Academy, and lunar pilot on Apollo 8, the first mission out of our solar system; "President Kennedy's determination for the U.S. to reach the moon, as well as the determination of everyone involved to overcome numerous technical and operational setbacks to finally succeed and fulfill the nation's goals in manned space".

February 2007 - **Marye Anne Fox**, Chancellor, University of California San Diego, and world renowned physical organic chemist; "The history of UCSD beginning in 1903 as a marine science laboratory through its founding as a university in 1960 until now as one of the nation's leading scientific and technical schools with 24,000 undergraduate students and 4,000 graduate students".

January 2007 - **Vice Admiral Edward H. Martin**, a 1954 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; "Experiences as a prisoner of war nearly six years in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" and five personal disciplines he imposed upon himself to get through the six year ordeal. They were: 1) faith in God, 2) faith in the U.S., 3) faith in family, 4) faith in fellow POW's, 5) live to prove these faiths".

November 2006 - **Sergeant Major Wayne R. Bell**, U. S. Marine Corps, who has served as a Sgt. Major for ten years and has completed 30 years in the Corps; " The U.S. involvement in Iraq and the difficulty of military leadership in Iraq, including the timing and cost of deployment, troop replacement, cooperation or lack of it from Iraqis, politics, culture and other facts of the engagement making victory there difficult to achieve;.

October 2006 - **San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre**; "The problems in San Diego of compliance with federal law concerning water supplies as well as the city's pension management issues".

September 2006 - **Rear Admiral John P. McLaughlin**, C.E.O. of the USS Midway Museum; "The organization, and execution of the plan to convert the Midway into a museum - the most successful ship museum in the world".

August 2006 - **James C. Clark**, Director General of the Mexico Business Center; "Current immigration policies and how they affect business relationships between our countries".

June 2006 - **Dr. Richard Atkinson**, President Emeritus of the University of California; "The origin and history of the formation and growth of the nation's research universities and their contributions to the US economy".

May 2006 - **Dr. Brent Eastman**, MD, FACS, chief medical officer of the Scripps health complex comprising more than 10,000 employees; "Disaster preparedness - personal thoughts and web sites to assist in understanding, anticipating and responding to possible disasters".

April 2006 - **Captain John C. "Jack" Enschede**, USN (Ret.), Vice President of Military Affairs for the San Diego Padres baseball club; "Padres' commitment to acknowledging the importance of the Navy's presence in San Diego, and initiatives taken to attract baseball fans from within Navy personnel".