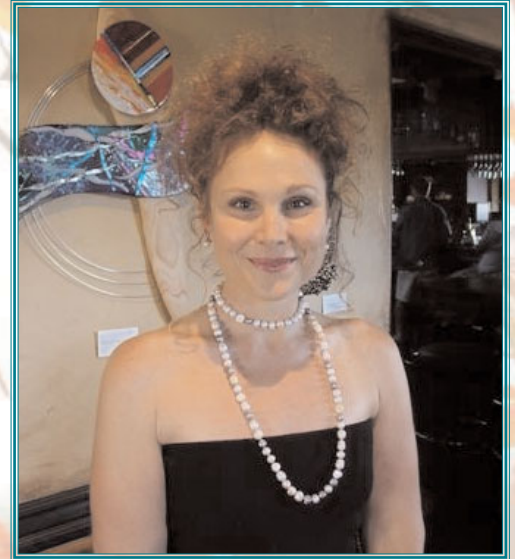


VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

By Michele Hunter and Kirsten Sedlick

When you ask people what their favorite day of the week is, they typically don't say Mondays; The Bangles even wrote a song about Manic Monday. That is not the case on Mondays at PMMC thanks to the commitment of a very special volunteer, **Erica Kremer**. The first volunteer to arrive and the last to leave, Erica brings with her a strong work ethic, a talent for multi-tasking, a motivational energy and an endearing manner that she extends to our patients, as well as her fellow volunteers. When it comes to volunteering, Erica brings true meaning to the word reliable. She is always willing to work an extra shift or help with a rescue or release when we are short-handed. However, Erica's dedication and contribution does not end with animal care.

If we handed out an award for "Most Versatile Volunteer", Erica's name would be on the top of the list. Erica is a gifted artist and brings her talent to the Center holding fundraising events like "Pearls for Pinnipeds" and "Bows for Berry". She creates art to sell in our gift shop and donates her own artwork and handcrafted pearl necklaces for auction items at our annual fundraisers. She brought her artistic eye and painting skills to our gift shop renovation, and on numerous occasions, she has brainstormed with staff on event planning. In addition to her artistic talents, Erica is also a wonderfully inventive cook. We always look forward to indulging in her delicious, yet healthy, cakes and goodies. She is so thoughtful and remembers every birthday, anniversary or special occasion, and has prepared food at many of our fundraising events. When it's time to send out the newsletter, it is Erica who insists on stuffing all 3,000 envelopes and even enlists her mother, Carol, to help with the task.



Erica Kremer

Erica's affection for our patients and PMMC is apparent in her unwavering commitment. We know we can always count on her for anything; whatever the task, Erica is always there to help and to use her creativity and her many talents to keep the center moving forward. PMMC is extremely blessed to have Erica in our life and we are eternally grateful for her commitment and dedication. Because of her extraordinary efforts, we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You!"



WISH LIST

Although we have many items on our wishlist that are always useful, the following supplies are currently in the greatest demand. Please think of PMMC on your next shopping trip!

Bleach
3 inch Chlorine Pool Tablets
Unflavored Pedialyte

PMMC GETS NEW SIGN!

After many months of planning and hard work, Pacific Marine Mammal Center was finally able to install a bigger and bolder sign! The new blue and white sign has helped many visitors locate PMMC, and has attracted a new crowd of people who happened to be driving along the 133. We are so grateful to the following people for helping making this sign project a reality: The planning commission at the **City of Laguna Beach, Jim Cunningham, Phil and Patty at Sign Creations Unlimited, Williams Construction, Gary and Nancy Beverage, The Kremer Family, and Joe and Mary Ferguson.** Thank you to all involved!



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