

Roosters Crow Newsletter

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service
Ending Childhood Hunger
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**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Marty Burbank, President

July is always one of my favorite months. It is the month we get to celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence. After it was signed, it took six long years before the Treaty of Paris formally ended the war, and Britain recognized the United States as a separate sovereign entity. But it would be seventy-two more years before the 19th amendment would begin to protect women's rights.

It should not be surprising that it is taking as long as it has done, to get some Roosters to accept women into the membership. However, it is not only a legal obligation that we allow women into the Roosters, but it is also morally the right thing to do.

A major shift in the fundamental makeup of the organization such as this will inevitably bring out many differing points of view, and this has certainly been the case, with some passionate discussion both for and against the change. We recently conducted a survey to give our members the opportunity of voicing their preferences, concerns, and visions for the Roosters. The responses have been compiled, and with considerable effort by Greg Bates, who has contacted all respondents to get their approval, the results and comments are being sent to each member. This is not content that is appropriate for publication in the Crow, as our comments are relevant to Roosters members, not the public who can also read this publication.

I am saddened that the question of women membership has created friction in some personal relationships, and I ask every member to step back, take a breath and consider why we belong to this magnificent organization. Reflect on the core values, ambitions, and history of the Roosters and recognize our impact on the wellbeing of disadvantaged young people in our community over the years, and the goodwill amongst friends that enables this. Most organizations such as ours are born out of social camaraderie and professional networking, and develop, as we have done, into community support. Regardless of the



original motivation of the founding few members, however, the fact is that the main purpose of the Roosters has grown into a philanthropic group that has achieved great things, received considerable community recognition and aspires to continually increase its contribution to society's less fortunate.

A focus on philanthropy does not exclude the social aspects of our organization. Part of our strength has always been that we follow our creed to combine fellowship, charity, and good times (see back page for full text). Observe any Roosters event and you'll see the energy and enthusiasm that comes from a solid camaraderie and a common goal. Whether it's volunteers sweating away hauling heavy loads, laboring over paperwork and administration, or bouncing to their feet to out-bid their best friend for some way "overpriced" auction item, our dedication to contributing to our community is founded on, and fed by, the will to help our fellow Roosters in our common purpose.

As we move now into this new phase of our development, with women joining the male membership and the many wives and partners of members who have always played such a large part in our philanthropy and our social life, let us recognize the added strength that these women will bring to our organization. Apart from regularizing our situation with regard to current laws and social norms, these new members bring fresh ideas, energy, and I am sure, a determination to prove to the "boys" that they can be effective. This is not a threat to the "old guard", it is an invaluable contribution to the greater good.

So please, if you are hesitant about this change, if you are nostalgic for the past, if you feel threatened, take heart. The Roosters will continue to be the fine organization we have inherited, and we will not lose the fellowship we love so dearly. There is nothing to stop members continuing to socialize in their chosen groups, whether that be male-only or mixed gender, as we have always done. Small groups of members will always find commonalities that bring them together, and these groups are important; often the crucible for new inspiration, feeding the energy for a project and forming the key players in an event or an initiative. This will not be lost by having women as members.

Upcoming Calendar

Feeding OC

Please continue to support this vital program, providing food to needy kids in Orange County, during the Covid-19 crisis.

For upcoming dates please contact:

Dan Stone: call or text 714-310-4162.

Dan@DantheManforMortgages.com

August 10 Board of Directors

For more info: President Marty Burbank 714-425-9061

August 12 Monthly Luncheon

Guest speaker Rob DeCou is highly involved in ultra-endurance sports and uses this passion to raise awareness and build community around important issues.

August 21 Monthly Social

The Parrot Head Social

Doug & Chris Wilson (Wilson's Resort)

6.00-11:30 PM

Live music, cheeseburgers, drinks, and Parrot Head contest!

Please see the evite for details and RSVP.

For more info: Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179

Save the Date - Socials

September 25th The Holy Smokes Country BBQ

Keep checking your evite's!

For more info: Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179

October 17, Wine Celebration

October 24, The Chefs Experience

All Future Events - live or virtual

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Luncheons 2nd Thursday of the month.

Socials 3rd Thursday of the month.

OCFWC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Jeff Scheibner, 2021 Food and Wine Co-Chair, and advise your availability as a volunteer in October at our food and wine event. We have many needs and positions.

ROOSTER JULY BIRTHDAYS



Dan Ouweleen



Margarita Martin



Bleu Cotton



Send them Balloons!!
(filled with their favorite beverage!)



President's Message - cont.

As we continue to evolve and innovate, in this issue you will see a new event we are planning for next year. This will be a luncheon event where the Roosters recognize the 10 most influential people in Orange County with regards to helping children. This will be something new and will not only raise some money but will also promote the good works the Roosters do. You are invited to get involved!

And of course, get involved in our upcoming Food and Wine Celebration event also - this is our main fundraising opportunity for the year, and now we are finally seeing the light at the end of the Covid tunnel, we must make the most of this time to renew friendships, promote our public image, and above all, replenish the coffers so we can continue to support those who rely on us. Step forward and be a part of it!

These have been difficult times for the Roosters, but with goodwill, camaraderie, and the continued focus on our values and ambitions, we will not only survive, but thrive and continue to grow our positive influence in the community. Each board member loves this organization, and all are focused only on helping to steer the Roosters towards an ever brighter future.

Respectfully,

Marty Burbank, JD, LLM

2021 President

Roosters Foundation & Roosters Inc.

ROOSTER AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Cliff Wallace



Steve Gough



Mike Wiley



John Knipf



Thad Sandford




Bill Schilt



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Them a
Drink!!**



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Winston Churchill

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Charity Committee

The charity Committee has received 26 applications for grants from Roosters this year.



We will hold short oral presentations from each of the charities via zoom in September. Supporting charities that support Kids in need is the fundamental purpose of Roosters .

Thad Sandford, Jeff Scheibner

The presentations will give us all a great insight of the good we do with our support. All Rooster members will be invited. Advocates and the grant are specifically requested to attend.

Zoom link for the Rooster Charity Committee meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87866255071?pwd=cFlISzZBNk99RG92QXZnNlVRNk4wQT09>

Meeting ID: 878 6625 5071 Passcode: 447365

Thad: sandfordt7@gmail.com or 714-871-1422

Jeff: Jeff@jlsfirm.com or 949-462-4208

August 12 Guest speaker

Rob DeCou is highly involved in ultra-endurance sports and uses this passion to raise awareness and build community around important issues.

In 2017, Rob completed a 146-mile run across Death Valley to the top of Mt. Whitney known as “the World’s Toughest Foot Race”, raising \$700,000 for End Polio Now, Rotary’s global campaign to eradicate polio. The prior year, Rob completed the solo Race Across America, known as “the World’s Toughest Bicycle Race”, a 3,000-mile journey from coast to coast raising over \$20,000 to fund brain cancer research. In 2019, Rob swam the 18 mile crossing from Port Angeles, Washington to Victoria, Canada across the Strait of Juan de Fuca raising over \$10,000 through Rotary to fight human trafficking. In October 2020, Rob became the 7th-person to complete Uberman, known as the “World’s Toughest Ultra-Ironman”, raising over \$55,000 in the fight against human trafficking.

Rob is the Executive Producer and Co-Founder at Lux Virtual, a full-service marketing agency that creates Hollywood-grade video, animation, and immersive experiences to simplify and illuminate brilliant ideas. He is also a proud member of the Playa Venice Rotary Club. Rob lives in Port Angeles, WA with his wife Kristin, son Hudson, and daughter Kalea.

This upcoming weekend (August 14-15) Rob will be running the 68-mile Backbone Trail from Santa Monica to Pt. Mugu teaming up once again with Rotary.



ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Roosters Foundation Presents:



Sunday, October 17

2pm @ Old Ranch CC

Tickets start at \$120
Taste Wine, Spirits, Food bites, Music
Silent Auction Fundraiser

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED AT

WWW.OCFWC.COM

Read: WWW.OCFWC.COM

Cooking at The Chefs Experience on October 24!

Ironwood cellar craft cook

Chef Robert Barth

<https://www.ironwoodlagunahills.com/>



Returning to Wine Celebration on October 17

Gus's world famous Fried Chicken

<https://gusfriedchicken.com/>



PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY
COMMITTEES

Inaugural Philharmonic Golf Classic

September 20, 2021

Aliso Viejo Country Club

- Noon Shotgun • Scramble format
- \$225 Single Golfer • \$900 Foursome

• Register at <https://igfn.us/e/W2lVsw> or
Text GOLF4MUSIC to 41444 to Register for Golf
Text DRONE2021 to 41444 to purchase Balls for Ball drop
Contact Patty Reilly at 714-402-2405



Roosters Members, Wives, Friends and Charity Partners,... **We need your help!**

Our signature annual fundraiser in October, needs 43 volunteers to help in various ways at our upcoming OC Food & Wine Celebration at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach. We need [parking lot directors/greeters](#), [set up crew](#), [loading and unloading](#), [mobile bidding helpers](#), [event closers](#) and more.

Please take a look and sign up for a few hours if you can. **OCTOBER 17 & 24, 2021**

CLICK on the volunteer links to the SIGN UP page for both our Chef day and Wine Celebration events showing **CURRENT open spots/times.*

- [October 17, 2021 Wine Celebration](#) **23** volunteer spots are open
- [October 24, 2021 CHEFS Experience](#) **20** volunteer spots are open

Forward to friends if they can volunteer too! Thanks for your consideration and help!



Memories of past Roosters Food and Wine Celebration - be a part of it this year:
Volunteer!





The Roosters Spirit lives on this year, as we gather again to enjoy the good things in life, whilst helping those for whom those things are yet but a dream.

Show your own Roosters Spirit by taking time out of your busy life to join the fun - "it's for the kids!!!"

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October 17th & 24th, 2021
Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach



Wine Celebration

Sunday, October 17

30 wineries, Spirits, Beer and food bites from local food purveyors. Bountiful wines to taste & buy, music & silent auction with mobile bidding.

General Admission 2pm-5pm \$120

VIP 1-Hour Early Entry 1pm \$140

Designated Driver Entry \$40

The Chefs Experience

Sunday, October 24 • 4:30pm

An unforgettable dining experience of fine wine and delectable chef creations. Gourmet, five-course meal paired with fine wines, prepared tableside by one of our extraordinary chefs. Silent and Live auctions. Dancing, cocktails and cigars to end the evening. Attire: Black tie optional, but encouraged.

SOLD OUT – (Wait List at this time)

• 1 Ticket \$450

• Table for 12 = \$5,400



Purchase at www.ocfwc.com



Proceeds support over 30+ small non-profit charities that **feed, protect, educate and nurture** vulnerable and abused children; and fund the Roosters Feeding Program, which will feed families with needy and at-risk children living below the poverty line in Orange County.

The Roosters Foundation is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, non-profit organization -

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www.roosters.org

Questions: Call Penny Strenger 949.677.3404

Membership

Bring a prospective member to our monthly luncheon - the Roosters will pay for one guest lunch per year for each member! If that guest joins, the Roosters will pay for another guest of that member. Read bios of our three newest proposed members on next page!

During lockdown, invite potential members to attend the FREE Zoom luncheon.

It's easy to propose a new member!

Just get your candidate's business card, put your name on it, and forward it to

Membership Director: John Trapani,
trapsmix@gmail.com, Cell # 714 815-5385
or use the membership application at
www.RoostersFoundation.org/membership.

New Members: Proposed members are presented to the membership of the Roosters for review.
If you have objections to a proposed new member, call your Membership Director. Calls are confidential.



Honorary Roosters - we are happy to have the ongoing support of the following:

Cherri Farah
Gary Eisenberger
Margarita Martin
Mark McDonald

Dan Pederson
Floyd Pickrell
Jeff Smith
Peter Smith

Roosters Socials

August 21 Social will be on a Saturday!

THE (Jimmy Buffet) PARROT HEAD SOCIAL

Time: 6PM - 11:30PM

LIVE MUSIC (Jimmy Buffet)

CHEESEBURGERS AND MORE

MARGARITAS & LAND SHARK BEER

Also, Water, Soda & Iced Tea.

Bring a guest or a Roosters member prospect!

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER than August 18th

BE SURE TO COME IN YOUR BEST PARROT HEAD HAT AND/OR COSTUME!

Please bring \$\$\$ for Tipping the Musician, Bartenders & Food Servers.

Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179 doug@houseofsoundandvideo.com

Please check your emails for the "EVITE" providing details on the socials scheduled for each month.



A few more memories to remind us of the fun to come in October!



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Rooster of the Year
Dan Stone - 2019

Roosters Creed

An organization that stands for friendship, fellowship, charity and good times. It stands for busy, worldly people who take the time to give those less fortunate a helping hand. It stands for warmth, strength, and shared laughter.

Mission Statement

To facilitate and encourage lifelong friendships while performing charitable works on behalf of children in need.

Mission Statement for the Roosters Foundation of Orange County

To raise necessary funds for disadvantaged and at risk children in the Orange County area and to support public and private programs with necessary services for children in need.

We respectfully request that all Roosters and the friends of Roosters patronize the businesses and establishments that support and foster Roosters charity causes. We are grateful!



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