

Roosters Crow Newsletter

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service
Ending Childhood Hunger
Volume 111, December, 2019



**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Paul Robidoux, President



Happy Holidays, everyone!

As my tenure as President draws to a close, and with Thanksgiving fresh in my mind, I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year.

This has been a year of growth and challenges, of old traditions like our Food Drive missed, and of new traditions found. I am very thankful for all of the opportunities Roosters has created this year to support those in our communities. We have accomplished great things in 2019, and opportunities will continue to abound in 2020.

It was a pleasure and an honor to attend the November Grants Luncheon and distribute \$203,000 to 32 organizations across the county. These Roosters partners improve the lives of children and families in so many ways; through feeding and nourishment programs; educational tutoring, mentoring and college preparation; crisis intervention and support; emergency and transitional housing; and by improving the lives of children with handicaps and disabilities.

Hopefully many of you have signed up for the upcoming Brackens Adopt-a-Kitchen events on December 4th, 27th and 31st. These last events of 2019 will bring us to a total of 12 events this year, providing more than 12,000 meals for our charity partners and previous Food Drive recipient organizations. Many of these will be distributed over the holidays, providing nutritious meals to ensure that these families have a merry holiday season.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Christmas Luncheon on December 14th and our December 19th Newport Boat Parade social. May all of you have a wonderful holiday season filled with the love of family and friends.

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FOOD BANKS &
FEEDING PROGRAM

Your 2020 Roosters Board of Directors looks forward to working with you:

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Jonathan Resnick, Treasurer/Secretary
Paul Robidoux, Immediate Past President
Marty Burbank, Director
Chis Doherty, Director
Jon Giberson, Director
John Hinson, Director
Dan Ouweleen, Director

Paul Robidoux
Roosters Foundation and Roosters Inc. 2019 President

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." ~Maya Angelou

11th Annual Orange County Food & Wine Celebration

Presented by the Roosters Foundation

Wine Event: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Old Ranch Country Club
Seal Beach

www.ocfwc.com

SPECIAL TICKET PRESALE!

General Admission 2pm-5pm \$80
(regular price \$98)

VIP 1-Hour Early Entry 1pm \$100
(regular price \$125)

PreSale ends soon!

[Purchase Tickets CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Calendar

December Adopt-A-Kitchen dates

Please support our new partners in providing food to needy kids in Orange County! This is a fun, productive "hands-on" activity that directly impacts kids at risk in our community.

12/4 (full with 25 volunteers) 11:45 AM – 4:00 PM

12/27 (full with 25 volunteers) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

12/31 (full with 23 volunteers) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

***We need a Rooster member to lead as liaison on 12/31

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

Dan@MortgageFeeCoach.com

December 10 Board of Directors

6:00 open to the membership - Location: TBA

RSVP PLEASE to plan correct attendance:

Paul Robidoux 714-404-9269.

December 14 Holiday Luncheon

Old Ranch Country Club

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Christmas comes to the Roosters... Santa expects you!

Wives/special someones and children are welcome.

Please RSVP to the Evite as soon as you receive it to ensure

seating, and pay on-line early at www.roostersfoundation.org.

Contact: David Selleck 714-585-0953

December 19 Social - Boat Parade!

6 PM for our outstanding annual evening on the Bay!

Hosted by Bob McCaffrey - get to the island early to get

parking, and meet at the Village Inn for a holiday bracer!

See Evite for address, and be sure to RSVP.

Doug Wilson 949-394-8179

Future Events

Board meetings Tuesday preceding 2nd Thursday of the Month.

Luncheons 2nd Thursday of the month.

Roosters Out and About

Jon Giberson, Doug Wilson and Michael Krever went Whiskey tasting at the Orange Coast Whiskey Classic 2019 at EuroCar Showroom in Costa Mesa.



Drinking fine whiskeys among fine automobiles was pretty awesome; however, the best thing that happened was Jon won the grand prize in the raffle!

He took home 11 bottles of fine whiskey and two women! Okay, really just the whiskey...

We had a great time!
Come join us next year!



ROOSTER DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Draper



Billy O'Connell



Pete Robie



Saul Strichard



David Selleck

Take one of them to lunch!

January 25 President's Awards Banquet

American Legion, Newport Harbor Post 291

215 15th Street, Newport Beach 92663

5:30 PM – 10ish

Check your Evite for details and please RSVP!

Roosters Board of Directors		Roosters Off-Board Members	
Need Help? Want to Help? Ask these guys!			
	President: Paul Robidoux		Special Events - OCFWC: Randy Fine
	Vice President: David Selleck		Food Drive Chairman: Dan Stone
	Charity Co-Chairman: David Huisinga		Charity Co-Chairman: Tim Hunter
	Recording Secretary, Special Projects: Michael Krever		Social Chairman: Doug Wilson
	Membership Director: John Hinson		Speaker Co-Chairman: Pete Haaker
	Treasurer/Secretary: Craig Boardman		Speaker Co-Chairman: Marty Golden
	Immediate Past President: Robert Scanlan		Ambassador Chairman: Scott Zimmerman
	Public Relations Director: Jon Giberson		Adopt-a-Pantry Chairman: Jason Salata
	Golf Tournament Chairman: David George		Fundraising Chairman: Tim Rogers

Charity Committee

The Grant Luncheon was on Thursday, November 14th at Morton's The Steakhouse.



Tim Hunter, David Huisinga

David Huisinga, Tim Hunter
Charity Committee, Co-Chairmen
David Huisinga -
David.huisinga@trilogyfs.com
Tim Hunter - thuntell@its.nj.com

Congratulations

to everyone who participated in this year's Food and Wine event. The money raised served as a major component for the grants awarded in November.



Now it's time to gear up for the 2020 Food and Wine Celebration which will occur on April 19th (Wine Tasting) & April 26th (Food Celebration). This will impact winery recruiting as well as ticket pricing for wine tasting attendees. Last year's attendance was 700 participants, 50 wineries and eight spirits. We hope to at least duplicate these numbers and thereby continue to build funding for the charities we support.

The Wine event has Special Pricing for General Admission and VIP tickets available till December 31st, 2019 at 11:59PM. Be sure to take advantage of this price reduction for you and your friends (see flyers). Your help is also requested for recruiting wineries. Please let John Trapani know of any wineries to which you belong that we might contact and use your name as a recruiting tool.

Furthermore, the Chef/Food event is always looking for outstanding restaurants to showcase. However, we only have 15 spots available and the popularity of the event has made the window of time for the restaurants to come on board shorter (a great problem to have). Please contact Randy Fine to discuss how you can help.

Remember, if you make purchases for your auction-item donations before the end of the calendar year you can use the receipts as tax write-offs! Be inventive, find some unique items!

Thanks in advance for everyone's support in making this 11th Anniversary of the Food and Wine Celebration the Best Ever!!!

John Trapani – Wine Chairman
Randy Fine – OCFWC Founding Chairman

Hands-on Volunteers at Bracken's Kitchen



Come Join the fun!

See next page for upcoming opportunities.

For more information contact Dan Stone: 714-310-4162

Roosters Feeding Program Update

Another great event 11/26 with JOYA Scholars! Joya Scholars is a nonprofit that received a grant from the Roosters' foundation. Their mission is to inspire and prepare students from families of low-income communities in Fullerton to succeed through higher education.

Christian Esteban, Joya's Executive Director brought 17 kids and volunteer staff and prepared 1,000 meals for the Roosters to distribute to food-challenged families in Orange County. Their Rooster liaison Allyn Lean, board member Jon Giberson and Joya Scholars supporter Carol Rundback volunteered and represented the Roosters.



Upcoming events:

12/4 full with 25 volunteers 11:45 – 4 PM, Randy Fine, Bob & Cindy Scanlan to lead as liaisons

12/12 Alteryx company event, full and receiving \$2,500 donation, Kirk & Libby Adams & Pete Robie to lead as liaisons

12/27 full with 25 volunteers 9:00 – 1 PM, Kirk Adams & Steve Smith to lead as liaisons

12/31 full with 23 volunteers 9:00 – 1 PM, need Rooster member to volunteer to lead as liaison

These events will fill up. So, if you want to volunteer your time, RSVP soon

Jim & Jan Gollner continue to contact all 60 charities that received food boxes in previous years.

The board approved 2 events so far in 2020, so we can begin organizing and scheduling more Adopt-A-Kitchen events in the first quarter. Once we have connected to all charities potentially receiving meals, then we will better understand the needs in OC for our decision process to budget funds for the rest of 2020. On Dec. 4th, we provided nutritious meals at the Food & Toy Giveaway for Orange County Youth organized by Congressman Lou Correa. Congratulations to Lou for a great job and Jon Giberson for coordinating. If you are aware of any businesses or individuals that would be interested in donating to our Feeding OC program, please call me 714-310-4162.

Thank you to all volunteers and helpers,
Dan Stone
Roosters Foundation Feeding OC Chairman



Membership

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon. 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.

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 Hinson, John.Hinson@RaymondJames.com, Cell # 714 425 6407, 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.



Prospective Rooster – John Timmer (Sponsors: Bill Schilt and John Hinson)

I am excited about being consider for membership in the Rooster's Foundation and look forward to making new friends who believe in helping the less fortunate. I am a relative newcomer to California. I grew up in Chicago and raised my family there over the past 50 years. I lost my first wife to cancer and have since married a widowed lady who worked with me in the banking industry 30 years ago. Mary moved her family to California in the 90's and has been a California resident ever since. We now have two homes in Chicago and Huntington Beach and spend most of the winter months here.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in finance and accounting I began my banking career in 1969 with LaSalle National Bank. After five years I joined an entrepreneurial banking group, specializing in business banking to small and middle market companies. I became President and CEO of Marina Bank (one of six banks in the group) located in downtown Chicago. In 1987 we sold our banks to NBD Bancorp headquartered in Detroit. Over the next eight years NBD Illinois acquired eight additional banking charters in the Chicago metropolitan area. My job as EVP and Chief Credit Officer was to integrate these new companies into NBD's culture and organizational structure. In 1995 NBD Bancorp merged with First Chicago Corp and I assumed the role of EVP for American National Bank, a \$20 billion middle market bank owned by First Chicago. In 1998 Banc One purchased First Chicago NBD. My new role was leading the national sales force for Business Banking, the \$20 billion small business banking organization at Banc One. Two years later I moved into commercial banking in charge of sales for all middle market electronic cash management products. I retired from Banc One in 2002 and joined Cole Taylor Bank (another Chicago based commercial bank) as Executive Vice President in the same year. I managed the customer relationship areas of the bank including retail and commercial banking, trust and private banking. I retired again in 2008. Once again retirement did not agree with me so I joined the First National Bank of Brookfield in 2009. The bank was failing and under the control of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Over the next six years I managed a committed group of employees who improved the asset quality of the bank. The institution became profitable and was sold to new investors in 2015. I retired from the bank at the end of 2017.



In addition to my business life I have always been involved in not for profit organizations including those caring for special needs kids and adults, families living with cancer and high school kids from troubled neighborhoods. I presently serve on the Advocate Aurora Healthcare Inc (AAHC) board of directors and chair the Audit Committee. AAHC is the 10th largest not for profit healthcare company in the US. I serve on the board of The Phoenix Pact, a company providing college educations to black students graduating from North Lawndale College Prep High School, Chicago. Following my first wife's death I formed a foundation that raises money for The Leukemia Research Foundation and the Oncology Group at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. In my spare time I volunteer at Bracken's Kitchen in Garden Grove, CA and the Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago.

I have three daughters and seven grandchildren who live in Park Ridge, IL. When we are in Chicago, Mary and I live downtown near Navy Pier. We are both avid sports fans and root for all of the Chicago teams and the Angels. I enjoy skiing and both Mary and I enjoy fishing and golf.

COUNTING DOWN

New Year's with an Italian Flair!

Join us as we welcome in the
New Year with a bit of Italian
Flair - That is to say with Chef
Franco's amazing Food and
Donatella's
old world graciousness!

Il menu

Antipasti

(Choice of)

Carpaccio di pomodori con burratine

Heirlooms tomatoes, fresh burrata cheese, virgin olive oil white truffle

or

Tartar di tonno

*Sushi grade diced Ahi tuna, lemon toasted sesame seeds, soy, olive oil, thin sliced cucumbers,
fried leeks & capers*

Primo

Zuppa di Lenticchie

New year's evening traditional lentil soup

Secondo

Choice of

Ravioli d'Aragosta allo Champagne e dragongello

Lobster filled ravioli, in a champagne tarragon cream sauce

Ossobuco alla Milanese

Veal shanks slowly braised with diced vegetables, white wine, tomato sauce

Branzino in Cartoccio

*Imported boneless striped sea bass baked in a parchment paper, cherry tomatoes, basil, pitted
Ligurian olives chopped parsley, olive oil*

Buffet di Dolci

Champagne toast at midnight

Assorted in house made biscotti, pastries, Panettone, Pandoro, caldarosto

Space is limited to reserve call 949/955-2755 email info@ilbaroneristorante.com

\$140.00 P/P

EXCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY

Roosters Social Festive Season - Newport Beach Boat Parade



December 19, at 6:00 pm
The Roosters Annual Holiday Party and Boat Parade!

McCaffrey residence - check Evite or contact Doug Wilson for location
Get to Balboa Island early (parking!) and meet for a holiday bracer at the Village Inn, then stroll over to Bob's beautiful home for an evening of Food and Friends with an incredible view of the decorated boats.

BYO - Please Bring Your Favorite Beer, Wine or Liquor.

Bring enough to share with Santa & me!!

A Lite Dinner Buffet will be Server.
Yummy Food! Please Feel Free to bring an Appetizer or Dessert.

HO-HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

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

Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179
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November 18, 2019

Roosters Foundation of Orange County
C/O John Hinson
2222 Michelson, Suite 300
Irvine, CA 92612

Dear John and Members of the Roosters Foundation,

Thank you for awarding Laurel House with an \$11,000 grant to support at-risk, runaway, or homeless teens here in Orange County. Roosters Foundation of Orange County's grant will help provide three nutritious meals a day to at-risk teen girls and boys this year. More than just meals, your gift is providing a safe space where each teen can address the deeper rooted issues behind their initial crisis.

Teens come to Laurel House facing significant barriers to education and are at risk of dropping out of high school. Last year, our teens raised their grades by an average of 1.5 GPA points while at Laurel House. We are excited to see what they will accomplish this new school year!

Thank you for playing a transformational part in their lives.

With great appreciation,

Jim Palmer
President



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Roosters grant money working all over Orange County

ART4KIDS, INC 2019 Roosters Grant Expenditure Report

We are happy to report that the 2019 Roosters award is being utilized to further our mission of bringing art materials to children in distress in Orange County. We are able to add several new recipient agencies and to support our new community outreach Art Workshops Program.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Roosters Foundation for its commitment and dedication to improving the lives of young people and for helping them regain trust in our world.

I sincerely thank the Roosters for your generous support of ARTKIDS, INC in bringing art materials to children who are traumatized. The many agencies we serve report that they have witnessed the benefits to their client population during the 18 years of our service and have now made art as therapy an integral part of their treatment protocol.

One of the many aspects of ART4KIDS is the rapport we have established with school districts, agencies and programs which serve children. These agencies know we are here for them and for the children who are in trauma. The ease with which they come to us each year is a testament to the trust which we, through our partnership with the Roosters Foundation, enjoy with these dedicated professionals. This trust and confidence colors their work and the effectiveness they enjoy in their jobs serving children.

Pam Schader, Executive Director



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Rooster of the Year
Randy Fine

Roosters Creed

An organization that stands for friendship, fellowship, charity and good times. It stands for busy, worldly men 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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