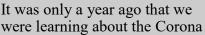
Roostets Crow Newslettet

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service Ending Childhood Hunger Volume 126, March, 2021



President's Message Marty Burbank, President

As I sit to write this, it is already March 7, 2021. So many things are different this year.



Virus. It was not something that gave us concern. It affected people who were thousands of miles away; victims were mostly only older cigarette smokers. We were lucky. We lived in California, a state where less than 10% of adults even smoke cigarettes. We lived in a country with arguably the best healthcare in the world. We will be safe here--we thought. There were all kinds of reactions. Some people believed it was all a hoax; others thought it was the end of times. Most of us were somewhere in the middle.

For a long time, no one seemed to know anyone who was touched by COVID-19. A year later, I am sure most if not all Roosters have been touched or have grieved the loss of a friend or loved one. Often without the chance to even say goodbye. In our family, we lost both of Seon's parents. We are grateful for all the love and thoughts we received from our fellow Roosters, who have offered their prayer and condolences. The economy tanked, and many of the restaurants that have supported the Roosters for years are still suffering. Many of the children that the Roosters love and support are now in greater need than ever.

But there is hope. Today there are several vaccines are making their way to the arms of Roosters and our families. Most Roosters have had at least their first shot. Gathering restrictions are still in place, but it won't be long before "all the clouds that lour'd upon our house shall in the deep bosom of the ocean [be] buried." We will meet together once again.

Our VP Kirk Adams will be securing lunch reservations for the Roosters Luncheon, and we can all be eating prime rib and cheesecake again. We will meet on Fishing Boats for the inaugural Roosters at Sea, Lowell Dickson Fishing Tournament and Fund Raiser, at the Orange County Food and Wine Celebration, and Traveling as a group to Argentina.

I will see you all at our next Luncheon on March 11 and next social on the Third (3rd) Thursday, March 18. As always, the Zoom Meeting ID is 7144259061.

Marty Burbank



Roosters Foundation has an Amazon Smile account, so next time you make a purchase on Amazon please reference the Rooster Foundation on Amazon Smile: log into www.Smile.Amazon.com, instead of Amazon.com

March Luncheon Speaker

The speaker we have lined up for March will be a real treat. It will be James Austin, a humorist, stand -up comedian, singer, and dancer. James is a 22-year veteran of the entertainment business and has opened concerts for the likes of Elaine Page, Billy Ocean, Russell Watson, The Searchers, Union Gap and many more. He will be joining us from jolly old England, where he performs nightly at the destination hotel, Sinah Warren. He will be speaking about the entertainment industry during the pandemic and how entertainers have been keeping busy during these difficult times.

Upcoming Calendar

No 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

March 9 Board of Directors

By ZOOM, due to Covid-19 restrictions. For more info: Marty Burbank 714-425-9061

March 11 Monthly Luncheon

By ZOOM, due to Covid-19 restrictions. Speaker TBD

March 18 Social

Another fun get-together, via ZOOM - 6pm. "Virtual" Wine tasting: the tasting will be real, in your home! Full details in the Roosters Evite and on the Roosters Facebook members page. Option to attend in person!! For more info: Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179

All Future Events - live or virtual

In normal Times:

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month. Luncheons 2nd Thursday of the month. Socials 3rd Thursday of the month.

A) The location of the "live" Monthly Luncheons will be Gullivers, as soon as we are allowed to resume.

ROOSTER MARCH BIRTHDAYS







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Feeding Program Co-Chairman: Jim Gollner



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Charity Focus: StandUp for Kids

StandUp for Kids is a non-profit dedicated to ending youth homelessness, and will be applying for a Roosters Grant this year. The executive director, Justine Palmore, will give a five minute presentation at the Roosters April luncheon.

Who they are:

We are a caring community for homeless and at-risk youth ages 12-24 with a 90% success rate transitioning them from crisis to self-sufficiency. We give our youth a sense of safety, hope, and belonging through street outreach, success centers, mentoring, housing support and relationships with trusted, caring adults.

Warning Signs of Human Trafficking:

Human trafficking is often hidden in plain sight: be aware of its warning signs. Some indications that a person may be a victim of human trafficking include

- Appearing malnourished
- Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
- Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement
- Seeming to adhere to scripted or rehearsed responses in social interaction
- Lacking official identification documents
- Appearing destitute/lacking personal possessions
- Working excessively long hours
- Living at place of employment
- Checking into hotels/motels with older males, and referring to those males as boyfriend or "daddy," which is often street slang for pimp
- Poor physical or mental health
- Tattoos/ branding on the neck and/or lower back
- Untreated sexually transmitted diseases
- Small children serving in a family restaurant
- Security measures that appear to keep people inside an establishment barbed wire inside of a fence, bars covering the insides of windows
- Not allowing people to go into public alone, or speak for themselves Information provided by the Polaris Project Trafficking Resource Center and Innocents at Risk.

The toll-free human trafficking hot line is 888-373-7888 or 911.

Charity Committee

The Charity Committee has met to begin the planning for the year. We will be meeting via zoom on the first Wednesday of the month, at 6 pm, beginning on the 3rd of March. We will invite all Rooster members to participate in at least one meeting in the year. We encourage the Ambassador members to attend





Thad Sandford, Jeff Scheibner

most of the meetings, for that is an excellent opportunity to learn, or be reminded of, the Rooster's work with our charities.

Vetting of our charity recipients is critically important to our donors and to ensuring that we distribute our funds to the most deserving charity organizations, and this is particularly important this year due to the challenge of raising funds to support. To meet that challenge we are placing an increased emphasis on the role of the Rooster Advocate. Most charities without active Advocate support will not be awarded support from Roosters this year.

Zoom link for the Rooster Charity Committee meetings: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87866255071?pwd=cFllSzZBNG9kRG92QXZnNIVRNk4wQT09 Meeting ID: 878 6625 5071 Passcode: 447365

Thad: sandfordt7@gmail.com or 714-871-1422 Jeff: Jeff@jlsfirm.com or 949-462-4208

The Lowell Dickson Memorial Fishing Townament

Join us on Saturday June 12th for a 3/4 Day Fishing Excursion!



Private Charter Fishing Roosters Social - Limited to only 24 Anglers!
Open to Roosters, Family and Friends, and
friends of Lowell in The "So Cal Mini Maniacs" Club.
Let's raise money for The Roosters Foundation with 2 jackpots The Biggest Catch, and the Most Caught!

3/4 Day Fishing trip on the Aggressor out of Newport Landing, Newport Beach.

Boat leaves the dock at 7am sharp and returns a 5pm

Sign up w family, friends, or prospective Rooster Members!

For those who have their own license and gear and tackle: \$165 For those who need to buy a one day license and rent gear at dock : \$210 (18% gratuity is included)

Food and drink not included but you can purchase on board.

Kids 16 and under do not have to have a fishing license.

Full payment Due asap (Non-Refundable)

To Book Your SPOTs or have questions, call Bleu Cotton 949-254-6567

or Alison@bleucotton.com

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.

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.

<u>New Members</u>: 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:

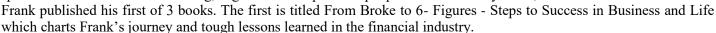
Cherri Farah Gary Eisenberger Margarita Martin Mark McDonald Dan Pederson Floyd Pickrell Jeff Smith Peter Smith

Proposed New Rooster Member – Frank Lehane (Sponsor: Dan Stone)

Francis Lehane (Frank), born at the foot of Signal Hill, Long Beach, became a resident of Westminster in 1965. Frank has lived in Anaheim (1983-1990), Fullerton (1990-2017), and now, the City of Orange. Frank went to Cook Elementary School, Westminster (grades K-6), Stacey Jr. High, Huntington Beach (grades 7-8) and Westminster High School (grades 9th to 12th).

Frank's wife of 30 years is a SurgiCenter accountant for Hoag, and their 29-year old daughter Stephanie is an actor in Los Angeles.

Frank is the founder of Safe Savings Options - Using Your Money's Power, and is one of only a handful of independent financial educators and advocates nationwide and fills a big space in his desire to make lasting, higher level impacts in peoples' lives. In July 2020,



Frank and Kathy enjoy life away from work doing car trips up and around California's Central Coast. Trips to several of the states, Canada, Israel, France and England number among other adventures they've enjoyed. Frank loves to cook. Little-known fact: If you're ever caught in a pinch for a BBQ cook, Frank might be your man. He's not a bad fisherman, either. Another little-known fact about Frank is his native fluency of French he acquired in Quebec and France.

Frank earned a bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach. He is a 8-year member of the O.C. Jail Ministry where he volunteers as a Peace Officer Standardized Trained (POST) chaplain serving the inmates of Men's Central Jail and Theo Lacy Jail Facilities.



Roosters Feeding Program Feeding OC in 2021:

Due to the pandemic safety concerns and requirements, we are limited in our opportunities to volunteer at events. We will plan events and feeding options, but also expect to adapt to current times to include more options as permissible.

We had planned for a feeding event 3/13. However, Representative Lou Correa and his staff have been working on navigating the vaccine distribution, and they have not had time to organize the 3/13 event. So, we are postponing at this time and are working on a new date.



Remember, we always need volunteers to assist with the Feeding OC program, as soon as we are able to get active with it, so come and join us!

Roosters Socials - we're back!

And for our next hedonistic event... Virtual (or in person) Wine Tasting March 18 2021, 6 pm

We will be tasting 8 wines.

There is a cost of \$25 per person; you will receive 8 tastings 2 oz pours

To receive your wine in time for the Virtual Wine Tasting Social, you must pay your \$25 per person ASAP on the Roosters Website: https://roostersinc.ejoinme.org/MyPages/MembershipPage/tabid/75596/Default.aspx

The Wines will be delivered to your address before or on the day of wine tasting.

*You may attend the Social at Giracci Vineyards and Farms.
On-Site tasting – Social distancing and inside at 25% capacity.

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 Roosters Adventure in Wine Country!

Celebrate our eventual release from Covid lockdown with a fabulous experience in Argentina!

Dates to be finalized, just before or after our OCFWC events.

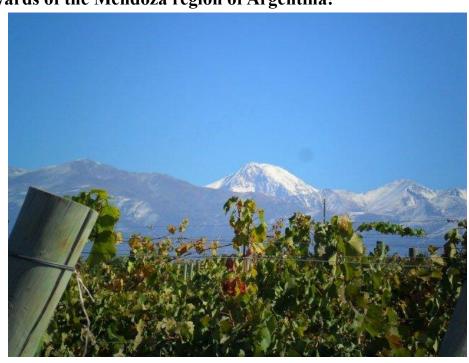
A week in the magnificent vineyards of the Mendoza region of Argentina!

We are currently putting together the program for this custom tour, so start thinking about arranging your social calendar!

Open to Roosters, partners and friends, we will enjoy six days of gourmet dining as we explore the superb wines of the regions close to Mendoza city, and further afield in the spectacular Uco Valley.

Luxury accommodation, private visits to the top estates, most meals in wineries, a cooking class, optional biking, horse-riding and golf...

Optional pre- or post-tour options for Buenos Aires.



A New Idea for Roosters to ponder...?

Abridged from: https://www.philanthropy.com/article/new-nonprofit-helps-turn-fine-wines-into-charitable-donations

By most standards, 2020 was not a "good year." But in the world of wine, an idea was bubbling up that may bear philanthropic fruit in the years to come. Garth Hodgdon has worked as a sommelier in some of the country's finest restaurants: Bouchon and the French Laundry in Napa, Per Se in New York City. As a brand ambassador for Krug Champagne, he traveled the country hosting dinners and other events that brought together great wines and connoisseurs.

In 2018, one of Hodgdon's now colleagues attended a dinner where a high-profile wine collector mentioned that he had several hundred thousand bottles in his cellar with no real plan for what to do with them at the end of his life. "This collector said, 'Wouldn't it be great if there was an opportunity to turn this collection of wine I've amassed into something much greater by donating it to charities?"

The idea stuck with Hodgdon — and he shared it with others. "Everybody was sort of blown away," he says. "It wasn't something that anyone was really doing."

He started to form the nonprofit Legacy Cellar Foundation in 2019. But the effort really got off the ground when the coronavirus hit and Hodgdon felt a strong desire to do something to help.

From Wine Cellar to a DAF

Some oenophiles have been building their collections for decades — in some cases, more bottles than they know what to do with, Hodgdon says. "I've been in many, many cellars over the years where there's 10, 20, 30 times the amount of wine that people could drink in their lifetime, even if they had help every single day."

Here's how it works: When collectors decide they want to donate, they sign a one-page contract stating their intention to give wine to the Legacy Cellar Foundation and its donor-advised fund. Hodgdon then compiles a cellar inventory and brings in a third-party appraiser to estimate the wine's value.

After that, the Legacy Cellar Foundation takes possession of the wine and finds the best way to liquidate it — either through auction or direct sales to other collectors.

Once those sales go through, the proceeds go into the foundation's DAF. The donor indicates which charity or charities should receive the gift, and the foundation transfers the funds in the donor's name. Donors can also sign a bequest agreement, committing to leave their wine to the Legacy Cellar Foundation to liquidate for their desired charity after they die. So far, Hodgdon has helped roughly a dozen collectors make significant donations of wine, and a few more conversations are in the works.

Any wine collector could take their cellar to an auction house, sell the wine, and then donate the proceeds to charity. But auction houses often take a percentage of the lot. What makes the Legacy Cellar Foundation unique is its commitment to donate all of the cellar value to charity. The foundation is supported by private donors and doesn't take a cut of the proceeds from sales of wine. It's a win-win situation, he says. Auctions and other wine lovers get access to wines that they otherwise wouldn't. And having the nonprofit handle the sale saves collectors hassle while maximizing the value of their wines.

The idea of donating a wine cellar has been appealing for donors without much cash flow, Hodgdon says. "The opportunity to take something that they already had in their possession and turn it into cash was a real eye opener," he says. "This gives them the opportunity to reach their giving goals without necessarily using cash."

A Story for Each Bottle

Hodgdon connected with the first Legacy Cellar Foundation donor through a friend who is a wealth planner. She made the introduction to the collector — a former wine importer and distributor — and Hodgdon went out to meet him and tour his cellar. "We talked about some of our mutual goals, what I was trying to do with the Legacy Cellar, and some of his philanthropic goals and ideas," Hodgdon said. "He was very, very excited about donating." That day they compiled a list of the bottles he wanted to donate, with the proceeds going to World Central Kitchen, the charity founded by chef and humanitarian José Andrés. The lot generated more than \$500,000 for World Central Kitchen.

Currently, the Legacy Cellar Foundation's donor-advised fund is not invested in the stock market. The goal is to get the money out the door as soon as possible after the wine has been sold, Hodgdon says.

Some people opt to contribute a portion of their cellar now and a portion later. In those cases, the collector holds onto the bottles to sell at a later date. "Wine appreciates just as well as an investment may, and sometimes more," Hodgdon says.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Roosters 2021 events
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Chefs Experience Culinary Gala: October 24!

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Thirty-four Years Of Friendship & Community Service

What Came First.....The Rooster or the Egg?

Within the species of birds known as chickens there are the two genders - Hen and Rooster. A hen is a female chicken, and a rooster is a male chicken. The egg is the chick in the early stage of development. Even ancient philosophers like Aristotle (384–322 BC) and Macrobius (395–423 AD), debated the age-old question... Which came first? There really is a simple answer you know.



Thirty four years of Roosters! Happy 34th Anniversary my brothers. It was many years ago that the 20-30 Club conceded that they needed to grow up and do something worthwhile for humanity. As they aged out of their 30's and into their 40's, history has it, they became the Roosters of today!

"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, atrongth and ahered laughter."

I think we know the creed well but also.... What is our Mission?

I can't tell a lie. Thirty four years ago I was not there nor was I a friend to any of the Rocaters. In fact, I would venture a guess, not all of the Rocaters were friends of one another. Do people get together to be friends and then decide to perform charitable works on behalf of children, or do like-minded people have an affinity for one another? What came first...I believe the latter to be true. In general, people like to apend time with others who have common interests and ideas. Wouldn't that explain the Rocaters? One hundred or so local businessmen who believe something should be done in the name of children. Protect the children, feed the children, help the children... anything and everything for the children.

Yet, at some times the club seems more a social club than a philanthropic organization. But why not spend good times with those you're compatible with while doing good things for others? Whether packing food boxes for the hungry and homeless, helping organize a children's clothing drive for the impoverished and indigent or spending time with kids who need...well... who just need. Roosters enjoy helping the kids and thus spending time with their fellow Roosters.

I have been involved in philanthropy for 25 years. I have touched or been touched by needs of many including the March of Dimes, JDRF, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and the Chikiren's Hospitals of Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties just to name a few. I have always seemed to enter in, participate fully and then fade away. Not so with the Roosters.

I have been involved and dedicated to Roosters for over a decade now. Not because their cause seemed more worthy. Not because I met others who had been affected by their cause. Not because I had a child affected by their cause. But because of the one thing Roosters presents that all of the other charities lack. Friendship and camaraderie. *That* is the Mission of the Roosters.

"To facilitate and encourage life-long friendships, while performing charitable works on behalf of children in need."

Now you knowwe are all initially the egg... that matures to become the nurturing, strong, guardian of the roost ...the Rooster.

President Chad Kearns

Roosters of Orange County 2222 Michelson, Suite 300 Irvine, CA 92612

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Rooster of the Year Dan Stone

Roosters Creed

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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!



Classifieds and Personals

Do you have a spare office?

Yves Masquefa is the former owner of Yves' Bistro, previous participant in our Chef's Event and now co-founder of Kherut, a nonprofit to hire and train girls that have been rescued from sex trafficking and a former recipient of a Rooster grant.

They are in need of office space of 300-400 sq ft.

Donation is desired but budget of a maximum of \$500/month Desired location: Anaheim area in somewhat close vicinity to HWY 39 Event Center.

Amenities: Accessible restrooms / internet

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