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OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Marty Burbank, President

Fellow Roosters,

Well, here we are at the end of 2021. It has been an interesting year for the Roosters. While not without serious challenges, it was one of the most successful years ever. This year we had two dramatic milestones in the history of the Roosters. First and foremost was the induction of our first two women members. I want to congratulate both Libby and Jill for stepping into the breach and standing firm in the face of persistent challenges. These two brave Rooster members stepped up and jumped in with both their time and resources to help make Roosters a better organization.

Early in the year, Roosters partnered with the Orange County Community Foundation and established an Endowment Fund that will ensure the Rooster's mission of serving Children will perpetuate. An initial \$5000 fund in January is now \$70,000 that continues to grow and will always be there to help Orange County Children. Learn more in the attached article.

I want to take a moment to thank the co-chairs of this year's Food and Wine Celebration. John Trapani, Jeff Scheibner, Greg Bates, and Randy Fine. The event was another success. In 2022 the reins have been handed over to Joann Leatherby, Pat McAuley, and Jennifer Moriarty as Co-Chairs of the event, so be standing by your phone when they call to recruit you for your help. Or better yet, give them a call and let them know how you can help.

I want to say I am very proud of this year's Board. It was a powerhouse of smart and forward-thinking Roosters. It was a board that had an eye for the Future. The Roosters has a remarkable history, but we can rest on our laurels, and this Board was not about to. With the drama behind us, the 2022 board is now in position, with a great new set of directors that will keep the Roosters charging forward. This year's success belongs to the Board and its perseverance and courage to do the right thing.

Marty Burbank, JD, LLM
2021 President
Roosters Foundation & Roosters Inc.



2022 Board of Directors

The election results are in and the following were the counts for each candidate, including write-ins (WI):

Greg Bates	28 (Citing personal reasons Greg Bates declared himself ineligible)
John Trapani	34
Louis Gardner	37
Doug Richards	30
Asif Merchant	34
William Ross	26
Chad Hall	19
Gary Draper	24
John Hinson	43
Larry Mandell	28
Mike Wiley (WI)	7
Michael Cipolla (WI)	6
Randy Fine (WI)	5
Chad Kearns (WI)	7
Paul Greenwald (WI)	5
Bill Schilt (WI)	3

Based on the votes for each candidate the 2022 Board of Directors will be comprised of the following members:

Kirk Adams (2022 President)

John Trapani
Louis Garner
Doug Richards
Asif Merchant
William Ross
John Hinson
Larry Mandell

There are also off board positions that will need to be filled next year. My hope is that those of you who were not elected, having shown an interest in being involved, will be willing to take on those positions.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the 2022 Roosters Board of Directors and thank you to everyone that participated.

A very special thanks to Stan Smith, Jill Caron-Rauen and Bill Schilt for taking on the election committee responsibilities. Next year is going to be a great year for Roosters and for the charities our organization serves!!

Kirk M. Adams
Vice President, Roosters Inc. 2021

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

January 11 Board of Directors

For more info: Marty Burbank 714-425-9061

January 13 Monthly Luncheon

Please check email for details.

January 27 Monthly Social

Please check email and evite for details and RSVP.

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

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.

AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the **Roosters Foundation of Orange County**, in the amount of **\$36.89** as a result of qualifying purchases made by customers who have selected this charity in the last quarter of 2021

AmazonSmile's impact so far:

\$907.25 to Roosters Foundation of Orange County!

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If you haven't already signed up, make it your NY resolution!

ADVERTISE IN THE ROOSTERS CROW NEWSLETTER

The Roosters Crow Newsletter is published once a month. All copy is due by the 15th of each month.

The monthly cost is \$25 for a quarter-page, \$50 for a half-page and \$100 for a full page. Jpeg format is preferred, but we can adjust to meet most design formats. Yearly rates are available upon request, but in most cases, the saving is 25%.

The newsletter is emailed to Roosters membership, charity donors, charity groups, and the Orange County news media. It is also posted on the Roosters web site (www.roosters.org).

For details, contact John Hinson:

LJHIV@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 714-425-6407.

ROOSTER NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Stan Smith



Jon Giberson



Chad Kearns



John Trapani



Robert Flippen



Jonathan Resnick



Steve Kaller

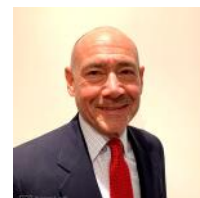


Take one of them to lunch!

ROOSTER DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Draper



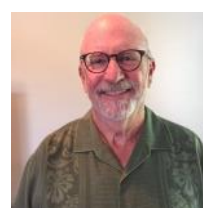
John Timmer



Billy O'Connell



Jill Caron-Rauen



Saul Strichard



David Selleck



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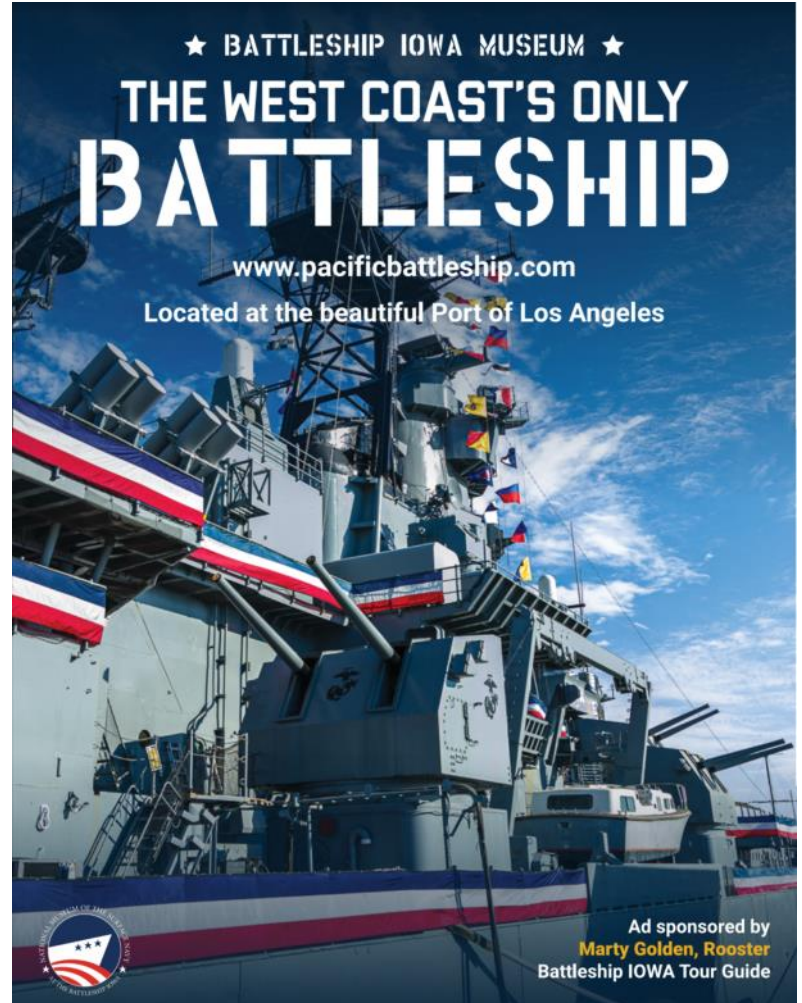
ONE TASTY MEAL AT A TIME

There are multiple Rooster volunteer opportunities with Bracken's Kitchen, so check the CROW for dates and contact Dan Stone to get more information and sign up for a shift.

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	President: Marty Burbank		Vice President: Kirk Adams
Roosters Board of Directors		Roosters Off-Board Members	
Need Help? Want to Help? Ask these guys!			
	Charity Co-Chairman: Thad Sandford		Feeding Program Co-Chairman: Dan Stone
	Recording Secretary: Greg Bates		Feeding Program Co-Chairman: Jim Gollner
	Membership Director: John Trapani		Social Chairman: Doug Wilson
	Ambassador Director: Louis Gardner		Charity Co-Chairman: Jeff Scheibner
	Treasurer/Secretary: Jonathan Resnik		Golf Tournament Chairman: Arnie Wilkins
	Immediate Past President: David Selleck		Fundraising Chairman: Kevin Fuhrmann
	Public Relations Director: Doug Richards		Speaker Co-Chairman: Pete Haaker
			Speaker Co-Chairman: Gary Draper
OCFWC Co-Chairs			
			
Randy Fine	Jeff Scheibner	Greg Bates	John Trapani



Feeding OC

Dan Stone, Chairman

Great news!

The Feeding OC program is going great. A summary of the last quarter of the year:

- 9/21 we served 1,000 meals, hot and frozen, to individuals at Peter's Lutheran Church in Santa Ana, their after school program with families.
- 9/30 we served 194 meals at Buena Clinton Youth Center in Garden Grove.
- 10/19 we served 500 individuals/meals at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Santa Ana for their kid's after school program with families.
- 10/21 we served 60-65 families at Magnolia Park Family Resource Center in Garden Grove to their youth & teen program.
- 10/28 Jon Giberson and Stephanie (friend of Paul Robidoux) served meals at Buena Clinton Youth Center in Garden Grove.
- 11/17 Boys and Girls Club of Buena Park Holiday Turkey Meal Kit for the families to take home, cooked and frozen ready to reheat, including: roasted turkey, stuffing, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, gravy, cranberry sauce & dessert, feeding family of 4-6 (8 meals portion to a total of 200 guests seated at the Club. Also dry food boxes for each family: rice, beans, canned goods, spaghetti, etc., total 20 lb. box per family.
- 11/20 Congressman Correa Holiday Food Giveaway for families served by Santa Ana Helping Hands and the



Santa Ana Police Athletic & Activity League (PAAL) The Roosters Foundation manages the event, providing a holiday meal kit of:

cooked turkey, stuffing, vegetable, mashed potatoes, gravy & dessert, serving 75 families. In addition, 100 frozen turkeys provided by Helping Hands.



- 1/20/21 Bracken's Kitchen event, closing the street to distribute a frozen holiday meal to 375 families, including over 550+ children. The meals



include drinks, turkey or pork loin, stuffing, side dish, vegetables, pumpkin bread pudding, gravy, each feeding a family of six.



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Roosters Socials

We had a Spooky Social!



Doug Wilson, Social Chair: 949-394-8179
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Please check your emails for the "EVITE" providing details on the socials scheduled for each month.



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2021 Orange County Food and Wine Celebration

After two years of planning and multiple postponements...the 2021 Orange County Food and Wine Celebration came to life on October 17th with a Sunday Wine Celebration!



The Wine Celebration was an amazing success with over 35 wineries with 300+ varietals, eight food vendors, silent auction, and fantastic entertainment provided by the Tijuana Dogs. Along with all the great wine, food and entertainment...we were blessed with sunshine and the immaculate setting of Old Ranch Country Club.

In order to put on an event of this magnitude the Roosters needed the help of dozens of volunteers and we were



lucky to have some of the best help out during this long overdue event. The Wine Celebration alone brought in almost \$60k...which is a new record for our Wine Celebration day! Thank you to Michael Krever, who stepped up with only eight weeks' notice and managed one of the most crucial portions of the Orange County Food and Wine Celebration.



Of course, we mustn't overlook some of the more involved volunteers and leaders of the event. John Trapani, Jeff Scheibner, John Lavarius, John Eckhardt and John Jordano helped with procuring wine vendors and auction items as well.



However, someone who could probably be considered a shadow Chairman, Denny Despars, was instrumental with our spirits and a handful of wineries, and helped with our Chef Experience as



well. Also, our very own Penny Strenger kept us all in line with her tight organizing of the core aspects of the event. Furthermore, Marty Golden stepped up and took all the unattractive jobs we needed filled... thanks, Marty!



Next up was our Chef Experience which took place the following Sunday on October 24th. Even though we only had ten restaurants participate this year due to the constraints of the pandemic, it felt like twenty were in the room with all the happiness and joy that could be felt in the ballroom. The night was truly magical and if you have never attended the OCFWC, then you are missing out on one of the best culinary experiences you will ever attend.

Not only did we

honor two Executive Chefs – Michael Rossi (new restaurant opening June of 2022 in downtown Orange) and Ugo Allesina of Prego Mediterranean in Irvine – but also wanted to recognize the front of the house by honoring two deserving General Managers, Massimo Aronne of Michael's on Naples and Pedro Leon of Benchmark in Santa Ana.



In all we grossed \$314,000 over the two events and had a per capita increase and record in dollars over any previous Rooster event! This is truly remarkable considering the postponements and fewer wineries and restaurant participation.

Randy Fine, Founder and Chairman Emeritus

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.

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**, trapamix@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:

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How Does Our Endowment Work?

- The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission of the charitable causes you care about over the long run.
- The principal of your gift is kept intact and we use the annual earnings, typically income and a portion of the capital growth, to fund current critical needs.

How Can you make an Endowment Gift?

It is easier than you may have imagined to make a contribution to our endowment fund.

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Bequest through your will or trust. Bequests can be a dollar amount, asset or percent of your estate. OCCF can provide you bequest language for your estate plan with direction to go to our endowment fund.

Beneficiary Designation Gift of assets, including the following:

- Checking, savings and/or mutual fund accounts
- Retirement accounts, such as an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b)
- Life insurance policy
- Commercial annuity

Charitable Gift Annuity, allows you to make a future gift to endow our work while enhancing your current financial security. OCCF can provide options if interested.

Is an Endowment Gift Right for You?

If you would like to leave a current or legacy gift that ensures we will continue in our mission long after you are gone, an endowment gift is worth considering.

Definitions

Endowment

A fund established at a charity where gifts to the fund are invested and the fund pays income to the charity each year to support the work of the charity. Gifts to an endowment benefit the charity for many years.

Beneficiary Designation

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Charitable Gift Annuity

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May We Help You?

To learn more about how you can make a significant gift to endow the future of our organization through one or more of these plans, please contact our organization or OCCF directly. We would be delighted to talk with you and answer any questions that you have.

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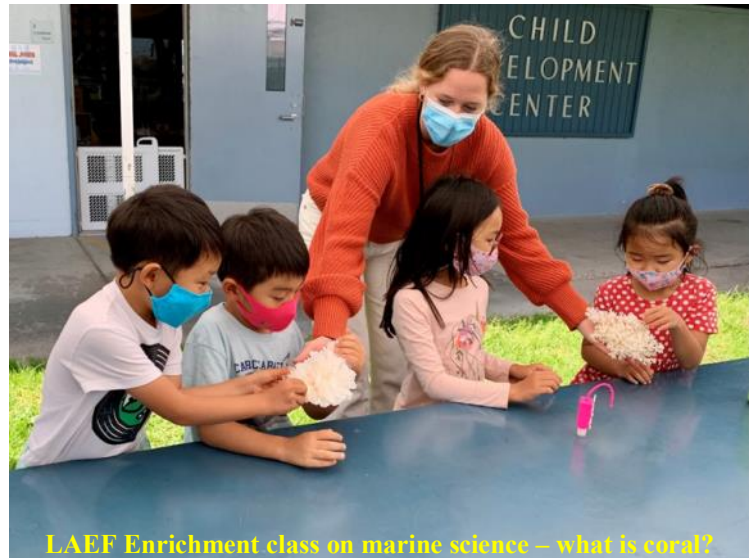
Los Alamitos Educational Foundation (LAEF) by Marty Golden (Rooster Liaison)

Do you want to build a bridge, learn about local marine life or take a driver education course? These are just a few of the many after school enrichment programs offered to disadvantaged children and children of local members of our Armed Services, with the help of another Roosters Grant to LAEF for the year 2021-2022.

Recently I got to attend several classes along with Carrie



LAEF Enrichment class on engineering – starting with Legos



LAEF Enrichment class on marine science – what is coral?

Logue, Executive Director of LAEF. Classes are conducted at many of the schools in the Los Alamitos School District and each class is lead by a certified teacher. The competency of the instructors was impressive – they are knowledgeable, effective, and friendly and have excellent rapport with their students.

Grant recipients must show a financial need and if qualified, pay a nominal fee of \$25 to register, a significant discount from what other students are charged. In addition to the Rooster Grant LAEF conducts a signature event, a Royal Gala each year to increase the resources they have to support the program.



Carrie Logue, Executive Director of LAEF receiving Rooster Grant check from Marty Golden



LAEF Enrichment class on engineering - team work

The next event is on February 11, 2022. **I am encouraging all Roosters to support this event as another way to help our charities – go to <https://laef4kids.org/fundfeb/> and scroll down for more details.**

Marty Golden (Rooster Liaison)



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On Monday, November 15, 2021, **a very fun day was had by all...** with over 38 foursomes (152 participants) including many Rooster members.

Many thanks to all the Rooster volunteers who supported the registration desk, putting contest and golf course activities. Stephanie Bauer, Ginny Trapani, Sharon Wilkins, Jane Lavarias, Joyce Kindschi and Barbara Baldassano, Stan Smith, Chuck Berman, Peter Haaker, Brooks Ybarra and Michael Krever.



Stephanie Bauer and Penny

The day started out with a hot breakfast including Coffee, Pastries and Breakfast burritos hosted by Old Ranch CC. Bloody Mary's (ORCC hosted) flowed near the putting green and a putting contest.

Onto the carts with each participant receiving a complete Automobile Safety Kit provided by the Roosters. And **Bill Ross** generously supplied all 152 participants with his delicious "**KIND**" bars.

From there we stroked that elusive small white sphere on a manicured golf course along with an equally beautiful day in a "Scramble" style golf event. **Friendly Center** sponsored two contests on the course: Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin.

All par 3 holes (4 of them) offered Master or British Open Tournament signed player flags as prizes that were placed on those greens for the "closest to the pin" winners. Many other vendors were out there with an assortment of golf style activities.



Lunch was served by **Katella Deli** which comprised of a nice turkey sandwich, potato salad, pickle and condiments. Plus, ice cold beer, whiskey tasting, cocktails, wine and champagne tastings flowing throughout the course compliments of many supporters.

Michael Krever was rolling around the golf course in his beer laden golf cart making sure all were well oiled with **Stan Smith** serving up ice cold draft Pacifico beer under a very cool tent.

Dinner was served from many hot and cold stations comprising of delicious selections topped off with ice cream and peach cobbler. The auction was somewhat of a downer being it had some hiccups due to a faulty auction phone App. Sadly, being the overall financial success would have been much better.

Awards went well and we were able to address the large audience with our thanks as well as pitching our fine Rooster organization.

This event was a first-time partnership with Old Ranch CC, Club Corp and the Rooster Foundation which incurred zero event expense to the Roosters. Frank Herrera the GM of Old Ranch CC informed us that Roosters share from this event will be in the \$10K to \$11K area. Nice. On to next year!

Questions: Contact Chairman, Arnie Wilkins at 562-787-3251 arniewilkins@roadrunner.com

2021 Winners



1st Place

Ron Taylor, Lionel Esquivel, Nate Park and Danny (51 strokes)



2nd Place: Bill Ross / Craig Strenger / Rothman / Marvin Lieblien
(56 strokes)



Good Morning, GOLFERS!

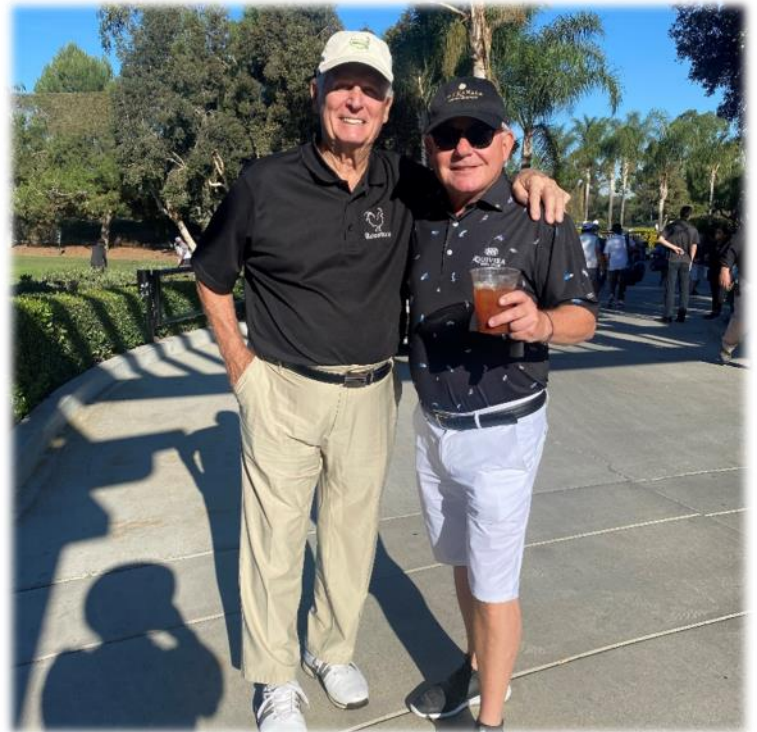


The guys...Matt Wilkins, Steve Baker, Brad Wilkins and Arnie Wilkins



The gals...Ginny Trapani, Sharon Wilkins, Joyce Kindschi and Barbara Baldesano

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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.

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