

# Roosters Crow Newsletter

*Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service  
Ending Childhood Hunger*  
Volume 135, March, 2022



**ROOSTERS  
FOUNDATION**  
OF ORANGE COUNTY

## President's Message Kirk Adams, President



Fellow Roosters,

It's March already and, except for terrible things going on in Ukraine and the pain we are feeling at the gas pump, things really aren't too bad. Covid is still with us but no longer controlling our day to day lives and, for college basketball fans, March Madness has begun. Looking outside the weather seems to be saying it's Springtime! Things could be a lot worse!

On March 10th we finally had our President's Dinner to culminate the 2020 and 2021 "Administrations" of Past Presidents David Selleck (2020) and Marty Burbank (2021). Each took the microphone to thank and give awards to a number of Roosters members who, over the last two years, made the biggest difference to the organization and, in doing so, to those we serve. David Selleck also took a moment to extend a special thanks to Penny Strenger for all of the work she puts into making our events come together.

It was a very nice evening of fellowship and entertainment. Old Ranch Country Club once again provided a fabulous venue and served up an excellent repast. Music was provided by The No Pressure Band, who's leader happens to be a close friend of Marty Burbank. The band read the crowd perfectly and played great music to which a number of members and guests felt compelled to hit the dance floor. All in all it was a very nice evening of celebration, and long overdue. For those who were able to attend, a heartfelt thank-you and for those who were not, your presence was truly missed!

Regarding the venue, special thanks once again to Bill Ross for making the arrangements with Old Ranch, and to Elaine Ross' mom, Katy Georgidas, for the beautiful floral table decorations!

Of all the presentations, one stands out for me. Bill Schilt is a longtime Rooster and a Past President and has remained involved through all his years of membership. Very soon Bill, and his wife Janice, will be moving to

Florida so Bill will not be renewing his membership. Marty Burbank suggested, and the current Board of Directors agreed, that Bill should be named an Honorary Rooster.

Bill, thank you for your years of involvement and please know you are always welcome!

Another highlight was having Joann Leatherby, who is serving as the lead Co-Chair of the OCFWC event, take the microphone to announce the dates of the OCFWC Chef's and Wine events. Joann and Co-Chairs Pat McAuley and Jen Moriarty, who all recently became Roosters members, have been working diligently to get everything organized for this year's event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27th for our Wine event, and Sunday October 23rd for our Chef's event.

Speaking of the Chef's event, more restaurant participation is still needed. Let's all get out for a nice evening at those restaurants that have partnered with Roosters in the past and enjoy a good meal to show our support of OC's best chefs. While there, please remember to mention that you are a Roosters member!

On another note Dan Stone, Jon Giberson and I recently met with the folks at OC Foodbank to see if they would be willing to be part of re-starting our "Food Drive". It looks promising and more details will be provided as that relationship develops.

As a final note I can't stress enough how important it is for those of you with a little spare time to offer to help with our events, committees and charity advocacy. If you've helped in the past that's fantastic, but think about how much your experience would help to mentor newer members who may be hesitating because they are not sure how they can help. Your involvement and support will make it a fantastic year!

Let's get to work!!

Kirk Adams  
2022 President  
Roosters Foundation & Roosters Inc.

## Upcoming Calendar

### Feeding OC

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

We are looking for a co-Chair to join Dan - contact him!

**For upcoming dates please contact:**

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

Dan@DantheManforMortgages.com

### April 12 Board of Directors

Contact Kirk Adams, 714 313 8940

### April 14 Luncheon

Prego Restaurant

2409 Park Avenue, Tustin, CA 92782

Please check email for details.

Contact Bill Ross, 626 485 0392

### May 19 Social

Micheal's on Naples.

Micheals has been a participant at our Chefs dinner and supporter of The Roosters!

Please join for a evening of Food, Drinks and Friendship!

Contact Bill Ross, 626 485 0392

### All Future Events - live or virtual

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Luncheons 2nd Thursday every OTHER month.

Socials 3rd Thursday every OTHER month.

### Charity Committee

The Charity Committee is at the very heart of the Roosters Foundation. Participation on this committee is one of the most fulfilling activities in our organization. You see up close how our efforts positively impact the lives of so many disadvantaged and at-risk children in Orange County.



**John Hinson**

One of this year's goals is to ensure every charity to whom we provide a grant has a Rooster Advocate. As an Advocate, you will gain a deeper understanding about the mission of the charity and, in turn, help Roosters better understand the charity's mission as well. I have been the Roosters Advocate for Hope Harbor (formerly Laurel House) for a half dozen years and have found it very rewarding.

All members are encouraged to attend the Charity Committee meetings. They will be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning in February.

I may be contacted by email or phone.

Email LJHIV@sbcglobal.net Mobile (714) 425-6407

John Hinson  
Charity Chair, 2022

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Lou Gardner



Paul Robidoux



Rick McAuley



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	<b>Charity Chair:</b> John Hinson		<b>Feeding Program Co-Chair:</b> Dan Stone
	<b>Recording Secretary:</b> Asif Merchant		<b>Feeding Program Co-Chair:</b> Open
	<b>Membership Director:</b> John Trapani		<b>Social Chair:</b> William Ross
	<b>Ambassador Director:</b> Louis Gardner		<b>Speaker Chair:</b> Gary Draper
	<b>Treasurer/ Secretary:</b> Larry Mandell		<b>Golf Tournament Chair:</b> Open
	<b>Immediate Past President:</b> Marty Burbank		<b>Fundraising Chair:</b> Open
	<b>Public Relations Director:</b> William Ross		



Have you heard about **Amazon Smile**?

I don't know about you but I am fairly addicted to purchasing things from Amazon!

Recently I was introduced to a feature that Amazon offers which allows you to contribute to your favorite charity every time you make a purchase!

That feature is Amazon's **Amazon Smile** program.

Each time you make a purchase through the **Amazon Smile** parent company Amazon kicks back a percentage to whichever charity you have designated when you create your account! Very cool!!

It's just a suggestion but if you are buying stuff like I am buying stuff why not have a bit of that kicked back to **Roosters**!

Simply log in to "[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)" (I know, it's the reverse of the actual program name, go figure!) and click the "Get Started" button. The website will walk you through the setup.

Designate **Roosters Foundation of Orange County** as your favorite charity and then make sure you always make your purchases through the **Amazon Smile** website. A contribution will be sent to **Roosters** every time you buy!

Pretty cool, right!! Happy hunting on **Amazon Smile** and feel good about knowing that every time you buy something **Roosters** benefits and that means our charities benefit!!

Thanks!

Kirk Adams, Roosters President 2022

# Feeding OC

Dan Stone, Chair

## Want to Join In?

The Feeding OC program is going great, and we're looking for someone to step in to get involved in the organization. This is a most rewarding part of Roosters life, directly touching people in need.

Please contact me if you would like to co-chair the program with me in 2022, I guarantee you won't be disappointed!

Dan Stone

[dan@DanTheManForMortgages.com](mailto:dan@DanTheManForMortgages.com)

(949) 484-6322



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.



ONEOC annual awards "Spirit of Volunteerism" awards to outstanding individuals and organizations.

This year, Rooster president Kirk Adams has sent ONEOC the name of Dan Stone for the outstanding work he has done as chair of the Roosters Feeding Program. He has worked closely and tirelessly with Bracken's Kitchen to feed families, representing over 10,000 nutritious meals. The group we represent is in the Hunger and Homelessness category.

The announcement of the winners of the Spirit award will be on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Grove in Anaheim.

Cost to attend the onsite event is \$95.00. The Virtual Event is free.

Registration is at <https://oneoc.org/get-involved/community-events/spirit-of-volunteerism-awards-22/>

Knowing how popular our Roosters Annual Holiday Dinner Food Drive was, Dan is exploring options and feasibility of reinstating this as our signature event. Members will be receiving a survey form requesting input from all members on this. Please respond promptly to allow time for planning this event.



# 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](mailto:trapamix@gmail.com), Cell # 714 815-5385 or use the membership application at [www.RoostersFoundation.org/membership](http://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

## Proposed New Rooster Member – Walid Nasserdeen (Sponsor: John Trapani)

Traditionally from Lebanon, then refugeeed to Saudi Arabia due to the Lebanese Civil War my family returned to the United States when I was 6 years old. I have been in California for most of my developing life between the Orange County and Inland Empire area, though I currently reside in Long Beach and have since 2018. I am a seasoned operations executive, entrepreneur, and business advisor specializing in supply chain strategies. I have an academic background in finance and economics with Undergraduate studies in Finance and Management from Cal. State San Bernardino, and Graduate studies in Economics from Cal State Fullerton.

I believe in a life of giving and serving others and pride myself on being a community leader. I have dedicated support to multiple non-profit organizations, charities, and city initiatives and currently sit on the Economic Development and the Event Development Committee for the City of Long Beach Downtown Business Alliance.

I first heard of the Roosters club through an Autism organization I was supporting through a Charity Passion Project I founded in 2010 which over the last decade has supported over a 100 fundraising events and helped raised Millions of dollars for amazing organizations aimed at supporting Kids & Education NPOs

I was able to attend my first Rooster Luncheon in February and was very excited to meet some amazing members. The Roosters seems like an amazing group of people coming together to build relationships while serving and supporting some fantastic charity causes and I am thankful to be able to submit my application to join as a future member.



On a tour of Inland Orange County, Gary Draper greets all Roosters at the Anaheim Packing House



## 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](http://www.roosters.org)).

For details, contact John Hinson: [LJHIV@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:LJHIV@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or 714-425-6407.

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# President's Dinner - 2020 & 2021

The President's Dinner, culminating the Presidency's of David Selleck and Marty Burbank, occurred last Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> and came off quite nicely. The event occurred at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach and was an evening of fellowship and celebration. Attendance at the event was around 50 people consisting of members and their guests. The evening began with cocktails at 6:30 and then at about 7:30 current Roosters President Kirk Adams welcomed David Selleck, Past President 2020, and Marty Burbank, Past President 2021, to the podium to help with making a special Honorary Rooster presentation to Bill Schilt. Bill was honored for his many years of involvement and participation.



**2022 Board of Directors**

Then David stepped up to the microphone to speak and make his presentations. David spoke about the challenges of the 2020 year and how Roosters had still managed to accomplish the goal of serving our charities even with all the restrictions that covid imposed.

With special thanks, David honored the following members:

Dan Ouweleen – Rooster of the Year

Michael Krever - Distinguished Service

Dan Stone – Golden Tail Award (Doug Davidson Memorial)

David gave a special thanks to our own Penny Strenger for all the work she puts in to making our events run smoothly!



**2020 Rooster of the Year Dan Ouweleen**

Next up, Marty Burbank, Past President 2021, spoke about his term. Marty talked a bit about the challenges he and his board faced while making important changes to the Roosters membership. Changes he and his board felt were needed to revitalize the organization. Marty went on to make presentations to a number of members who, as with 2020 and previous years, made a significant difference to the Roosters ability to serve our charities.

Marty thanked and honored the following members:

Dr. Thad Sanford – Rooster of the Year

Jon Reznick – Board Member of the Year

Louis Gardner – Doug Davidson Award



**2021 Rooster of the Year Dr. Thad Sanford**

After the presentations everyone enjoyed a very nice dinner put together by Old Ranch and then we were all treated to the high energy entertainment of the No Pressure Band. A dance floor was included in the venue and quite a few attendees took advantage of it to work off their dinners!

All in all a very nice celebration of all those Roosters members that made the last two years memorable!

# President's Dinner - 2020 & 2021



**David giving recognition to Penny for all her efforts**



**A special award from Marty to Bill!**



**Bill Schilt, awarded Honorary Rooster status after many years of involvement and participation**



**Kirk with new members Jill, Libby and Joann**



**Past Presidents David Selleck and Marty Burbank**



**Three true Roosters smiles that say it all!**



# President's Dinner - 2020 & 2021







## Roosters Socials

**May 19**

**Micheal's on Naples**

5620 East 2nd Street  
Long Beach, CA 90803



Micheals has been a participant at our Chefs dinner and supporter of The Roosters!

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Bill Ross , Social Chair: 626 485 0392

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# ROOSTERS OCFWC RESTAURANTS List – “Let’s Make Reservations!”

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Restaurants that participated in 2021	Phone	Website	Address; City	Reservations
OLD BREA CHOP HOUSE	714-592-3122	<a href="http://oldbreachophouse.com">oldbreachophouse.com</a>	180 S. Brea Blvd; Brea	website
IRONWOOD	949-446-8772	<a href="http://ironwoodlagunahills.com">ironwoodlagunahills.com</a>	25250 La Paz Road; Laguna Hills	Open Table
MICHAEL'S ON NAPLES	522-439-7080	<a href="http://michaelsonnaples.com">michaelsonnaples.com</a>	5620 2nd Street; Long Beach	resy.com
BENCHMARK	714-480-0225	<a href="http://benchmarkoc.com">benchmarkoc.com</a>	601 E. Santa Ana Blvd; Santa Ana	Yelp
PREGO'S	949-553-1333	<a href="http://pregooc.com">pregooc.com</a>	The District 21409 Park Ave.; Tustin	Open Table
CIPRÉS ( <i>coming soon</i> )	Brothers Michael and David Rossi will be collaborating with Ed and Gabbi Patrick to create a wine country restaurant with a Baja theme		Opening: Spring or summer in Old Towne Orange	

## Restaurants who have participated in the past!

Old Vine Café in The Camp	714-545-1411	<a href="http://oldvinekitchenbar.com">oldvinekitchenbar.com</a>	2937 Bristol St.; Costa Mesa	Open Table
Terrace by MixMix* in South Coast Plaza	657-231-6447	<a href="http://terracebymixmix.com">terracebymixmix.com</a>	Macy's Home Store wing; Costa Mesa	Yelp
AnQi in South Coast Plaza	714-557-5679	<a href="http://anqibistro.com">anqibistro.com</a>	Next to Bloomingdales; Costa Mesa	Open Table
ReMix Kitchen*	562-421-0200	<a href="http://remixlb.com">remixlb.com</a>	3860 Worsham Ave; Long Beach	Yelp
The Cannery	949-566-0060	<a href="http://cannerynewport.com">cannerynewport.com</a>	3010 LaFayette; Newport Beach	Open Table
Il Barone Ristorante	949-955-2755	<a href="http://ilbaroneristorante.com">ilbaroneristorante.com</a>	900 Bristol St North; Newport Beach	Open Table
Mix-Mix*	714-836-5158	<a href="http://mixmixkitchenbar.com">mixmixkitchenbar.com</a>	300 n. Main St; Santa Ana	Yelp

*\*all owned by Chef Ross Pangilinan*

## Restaurants new to us – we would like them to participate in OCFWC

The Farmhouse at Rogers Gardens	949-640-1415	<a href="http://farmhouse.rogersgardens.com">farmhouse.rogersgardens.com</a>	2301 San Joaquin Hills Road; Corona del Mar	Open Table
Larsen @Hotel Laguna	949-494-1151	<a href="http://hotellaguna.com">hotellaguna.com</a>	425 So Coast Highway; Laguna Beach	Open Table
The Drake	949-376-1000	<a href="http://thedrakelaguna.com">thedrakelaguna.com</a>	2894 S Coast highway; Laguna Beach	Open Table
Dublin 4 Gastropub	949-582-0026	<a href="http://dublin4gastropub.com">dublin4gastropub.com</a>	26342 Oso Parkway; Mission Viejo	resy.com
Louie's by the Bay <i>same owners as the Cannery</i>	949-720-1800	<a href="http://louiesnewport.com">louiesnewport.com</a>	2801 W. Coast Hwy; Newport Beach	Open Table



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Rooster of the Year  
Dan Ouweleen - 2020



Rooster of the Year  
Dr. Thad Sandford - 2021

### 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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