

Roosters Crow Newsletter

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**ROOSTERS
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OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Kirk Adams, President

Fellow Roosters,

My year is winding down so I'm going to keep this note rather short.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed a fabulous OCFWC Chef's event evening put together by our own Joann Leatherby, Pat McAuley and Jennifer Moriarty. Thank you to these Roosters and to all those who assisted them in putting this event together. Next up will be the Board of Directors elections! Please make sure you join us at the November lunch on the 10th at the Macaroni Grill at Jamboree and 5 freeway to vote (or provide your proxy vote prior.) Gary Draper will be our President next year and my hope is that the new 2023 board will be every bit as supportive as the 2022 board has been.

Feeding OC food boxing event happens very soon, so please keep an eye out for updates from Dan Stone and the Board and hold December 17th for this important date.

That's it! Short and sweet!

Roosters, let's get to work!!

Kirk Adams

2022 President, Roosters Foundation & Roosters Inc.



Message from VP Gary Draper

We have some really big events planned for the rest of the year.

First, our November Board Meeting is scheduled for November 8th (6-8pm) at the Macaroni Grill located in the Irvine Market Place at Jamboree and the 5 Freeway. All Roosters are welcome to attend. If you have any suggestions as to how to make Roosters the best organization in Orange County, please attend. We want to hear from you. We want the Roosters to become a much better-known name here in the county. To go about this, we want to make the club the most generous charity, with the greatest speakers, and have the most fun as members.

Next, the November luncheon is scheduled for November 10th, again at the Macaroni Grill, located at Jamboree and the 5 Freeway. This will be our election meeting and it is vital for all to attend or provide your Proxy with your voting choices. We need a quorum. So, your vote or proxy is vital for the club to go forward.

Our festive holiday December luncheon is on Saturday, Dec 10th at the Pacific Club, located at Von Karmon and MacArthur, (4110 MacArthur Bl.), near the airport. (Enter from Von Karmon). We will have a very special program for you that day as we will have the Advanced Chorus of the Southern California Children's Chorus performing as well as videos of the internationally known chorus' two televised performances that earned Emmy Awards for the group. SCCC is also one of our charities and has been associated with Roosters for most of the past twenty years. All spouses, significant others, and children are welcome. So, if you have a young child who can carry a tune, SCCC would like to introduce themselves to your 3-year old's through 18-year old's, if you think they may be interested in singing.

The Board has authorized distribution of \$140,000 to all our charities at the Dec 10th luncheon. All Advocates will be asked to attend and accept checks on behalf of their charities. It is vital that all Advocates attend the luncheon at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach.

Finally, wait till you hear what we have in store for Roosters for next year! We have lined up great speakers and events that you will be proud to bring your friends to, and potentially sign them up as members.

Gary Draper
Vice President

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer/Secretary Larry Mandell

"Roosters is in good shape financially. As you all know we have two organizations within the Roosters umbrella. These are the Roosters Foundation and Roosters, the membership organization.

The Foundation has, among our bank accounts, approximately \$275,000. Some of this is held in an endowment fund, and the remainder is available for donations to our selected charities and charitable activities.

The Roosters membership organization is our membership/social arm. It is funded by our membership dues. It pays for our socials and the President's dinner each year. We will end the year with a surplus in the account that can go towards events for next year."

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

November 8 Board of Directors

6-8 PM at Macaroni Grill located in the Irvine Market Place at Jamboree and the 5 Freeway. All Roosters invited to attend.

Contact Kirk Adams, 714 313 8940

November 10 Luncheon

11:30 at Macaroni Grill, located in the Irvine Market Place at Jamboree and the 5 Freeway. IMPORTANT - Board Elections, all Roosters please attend or send your proxy vote.

Please RSVP to the invite and our Ambassador calls for an accurate count.

November 17 Social

See details on page 7

December 10 Luncheon

11:30 at the Pacific Club, located at Von Karmon and MacArthur, featuring the Advanced Chorus of the Southern California Children's Chorus.

December 15 Boat Parade Party!

Save the date!

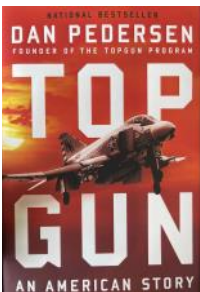
December 17 Holiday Food Drive

Save the date and be a part of the heart of Roosters activities!

October Lunch Speaker

For the Roosters October 13th Luncheon, we welcomed Speaker: Dan Pedersen - He was the senior

officer in the group of nine men who formed the Navy's legendary "Top Gun" program at Naval Air Station Miramar in March 1969.



ROOSTER NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Stan Smith



Jon Giberson



Chad Kearns



John Trapani



Robert Flippen



Jonathan Resnick



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to lunch!



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What does a Roosters Ambassador do to really “get into” the life of Roosters?

All new Ambassadors serve on the Ambassador Committee for one year

Ambassadors shall wear the red Ambassadors Badge at Roosters functions

Ambassadors shall arrive at Roosters luncheons at 11:30 am to greet the membership as they arrive

Ambassadors are to invite their sponsor to all Rooster functions, so that the sponsor can assist in introducing the new member to his or her fellow Roosters.

An Ambassador shall increase fellowship and goodwill by phone call, email, and texting to inform and invite the membership to luncheons, social and charity events when requested by the Ambassadors Chairperson

An Ambassador shall read the Roosters "Creed" when requested to do so at luncheons and other Rooster social functions

For more information contact Ambassador Chair Lou Gardner

Feeding OC

Holiday Food Drive

On December 17th, we are planning to package 1,000 boxes with fresh produce and food for a Christmas dinner.

Two charities have already requested food boxes, including: 135 boxes for Society for St. Vincent de Paul at St. Justin Martyr Church and 150 boxes for Summer Harvest Food For Kids.

We will send an email update to all within the next 2-3 weeks to save 12/17 date to volunteer and how to register. We will need approximately 100 or less volunteers at the Orange County Food Bank. We will be extending an invitation to all Rooster members to volunteer first, before offering to other individuals. The registration process is being reviewed. Two lines of 40 volunteers. Produce to be defined prior week, based on available items.

Basic schedule:

8:30 AM volunteers arrive, donuts, bagels and coffee

8:45 AM presentation of process

9 AM begin boxing

Forklifts from 10 docks, 5 per side, to bring boxes on pallets outside or cars pick-up at dock

9:30 cars & trucks arrive to line up for pick-up

10 AM begin box pick-up

10:30 AM boxing completed

11 AM pick-up completed

If you have a charity interested in receiving boxes of food, let us know.

Dan Stone, Chair

dan@DanTheManForMortgages.com (949) 484-6322



Stand Up for Kids, a Roosters Sponsored Charity by Jill Rauen, Roosters Advocate)

Stand Up for Kids (SUFK) was launched in 2003 with a single focus: to end the cycle of youth homelessness in our community. The organization works to provide basic needs including housing (rent, security deposit, furnishings and food), mentoring, support, care and love to at-risk and homeless youth ages 12 – 24 in Orange County. No one is turned away.

There are an estimated 31,000 homeless and housing insecure youth in Orange County fitting this profile. These youth are at risk of falling victim to gang violence, substance abuse, human trafficking, disease and hunger.

During the second quarter of 2022, SUFK has partnered with several businesses and organizations in Orange County. This quarter they made connections in Garden Grove that include Sentri Institute, Imperial Sprinkler Supply and Bracken's Kitchen. SUFK offers workshops on employment attainment and retention. Two youths were connected to Imperial Sprinkler Supply for ten-week internship; four youths were connected to Sentri Institute and two were introduced to Bracken's Kitchen. Last July, four additional youths started internships. Two at a hair salon, one at Sentri and interning at the Wellness Center in Garden Grove.

For additional information about Stand Up for Kids, check out their website at

<https://www.standupforkids.org/orangecounty>

Charity Committee

During the October Roosters Board of Directors meeting, the directors voted unanimously to designate \$140,000.00 from the Roosters Foundation to be awarded for the 2022 charity grants. There are 31 charities under consideration.

Over the summer, the Charity Sub-Committee met four times to review and vet the grant applications submitted by the charities. The committee was comprised of Libby Adams, Lou Gardner, Jill Rauen, Doug Richards, Paul Robidoux and me. The committee took this information and created a document for the Grant Review Committee to use as a tool from which they will determine how much to award to each charity.

The Grant Review Committee is comprised of the current President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Event Chairs and several members that are not on the Roosters Board of Directors. This committee will be meeting soon to make the final determination as to the recommended amount to award to each of the 31 charities. The Roosters Board must give its approval.

The charity grant checks will be distributed to Roosters Charity Advocates at our December luncheon. In turn, the Advocates are charged with providing the grant checks directly to their respective charities. You don't want to miss the December luncheon!

Contact me at:

LJHIV@sbcglobal.net or 714.425.6407.

John Hinson

Charity Chair, 2002



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Membership

At the next Board meeting on November 8, we'll be interviewing two applicants for membership. A vote will be taken that evening.

Denny Despars is a former Rooster who has been integral in the recruitment of wineries and spirits for the wine tasting. He is a former executive with Gallo where retains a tremendous reputation. As a result, he has been able to recruit at least 6 name brand wineries and several spirits to our event over the past 5 years. He recently broke his hip while preparing for a trip.

I'm trying to ascertain when he'll be released from Hoag.

His address is:

19235 Coldstream Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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, trapmix@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
Peter Smith

Roosters Ambassadors

David Norwood is the Vice President of Sales for Integrated Risk at Workiva. In his role as VP of Sales, he's responsible for building out the GRC (governance, risk, and compliance) Sales Practice for Risk and Assurance. This includes building and supporting enterprise teams in the US, Europe, Middle East, and Africa. He is passionate about mentoring new sales leaders, creating a diverse sales culture, and giving back to local charities.



David has been married for over 23 years to his wife Tricia, and has two incredible young ladies, Makayla senior in college and Marcela in middle school. His passion is spending quality time with family, traveling, and golf.

As one of our newest Ambassadors, David is charged with contacting our membership from time to time to remind you of our luncheons, socials and upcoming events. Please give him and his fellow Ambassadors the courtesy of taking the phone call, and if they leave you a voice message, please call them back. Remember all of us were once Ambassadors.

The whole idea behind the Ambassador program set forth by our founders all those years ago was to streamline the process by which our general membership gets to know our newest members making them feel welcomed.

As in the past, when you see a member wearing a red badge, introduce yourself. Welcoming our Ambassadors gives all of us the opportunity to help build this great organization as we bring forth new leadership to this great organization, The Roosters!



Ambassador Director,
Lou Gardner

Lou Gardner, Ambassador Chair

Roosters Socials

November 17 Brian's Big B BBQ



November Social will be at Brian's In Fullerton on November 17th at 6pm. Food and no host Bar.

Brian generously donated lunch at the golf tournament.

BRACKENS kitchen will be serving at the Boat Parade party at McCaffreys on December 15

Watch your emails for Evite and detail

Bill Ross, Social Chair:
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Roosters raise \$272,000 for Children's Charities in OC

The Roosters Foundation of Orange County held their 12th Annual OC Food and Wine Celebration "Chefs Experience" on Sunday, October 23rd at the Old Ranch Country Club. Chef David B. Martin and General Manager Joe Gatto, both of Newport Beach's Pacific Club, were named the Chef and General Manager of the Year.

Ten top OC Chefs participated and helped raise almost \$300,000 for over 30 Children's Charities making a difference in Orange County. We thank Chef Jemille Cruz (Old Ranch Country Club), Chef Stefano Ciociola (Benchmark), Chef Eric Samaniego (Michael's on Naples), Chef Ross Pangilinan (Terrace by Mix Mix), Chef Masa Ose (Old Brea Chop House), Chef Mark McDonald (Old Vine Kitchen & Bar), Chef Ugo Allesina, (Prego Mediterranean), Chef David B. Martin (The Pacific Club), Chef Michael Rossi and Chef David Rossi, and Chef Jon Barone (Bar One by Il Barone) for the countless hours and true talent they lent us during this event.

Our guests arrived, for this formal affair, to enjoy cocktails and Silent Auction tables which were packed with wine, gift baskets and priceless items. They then were escorted into the Old Ranch Country Club Ballroom where guests were served an incredible 5 course meal by the most talented Chefs in the OC. The teams who backed these chefs were also an important part of the evening, and we truly thank them!

Three of our extraordinary organizations were welcomed to the stage to share how the Roosters help them make a difference...Jim Holden from Fish for Life, Donna Giddings from Hope Harbor and Christian Estaban with Joya Scholars.

During the evening Jim Nye, Auctioneer, and his team helped raise a monumental amount of money which we will donate to our 30+ charities, including funding our Holiday Food Drive in December. Bill Ross and Craig Strenger took to the stage to introduce the commencement of a \$500 yearly contribution in honor of Past President and Food Drive Chairman, Jeff Smith, who passed away in August, and asked guests to match their gift.



Live Auction experiences provided by Roosters Members, Chefs, and companies including Alaska Airlines, Angels Baseball, B. Spoke, Taste of Tange Draw, Napa Valley Wine Tasting Adventure, and Tahoe Kitchen Company Knives, helped make the night a true success.

We could not have had this event without the hard work of our 2022 committee members, Joann Leatherby, Pat McAuley and Jennifer Moriarty, with the knowledgeable assistance by Penny Strenger. Thank you also to all of the volunteers, as we could not have done this without you. (NOTE: Did you know the Chefs' favorite service provided by Roosters volunteers? It is helping the chefs load in all their gear. No other chef's event offers this!!)

We also thank our Gold Sponsors...The William Ross Family Foundation, Gardner Brown Associates, Inc., Anne MacPherson, Greg Bates and Joann Leatherby, Alaska Airlines, Better Housing Solutions, Barbara Foster, Jon and Scotty Giberson, John and Maggie Hinson, Rick and Pat McAuley, Asif and Gloria Merchant, Peter and Jen Moriarty, and Daniel Stone. A special thank you to Libby and Kirk Adams for their incredible donation.



If you would like to be a part of the 2023 OC Food and Wine Celebration Fundraising Events you can join in on the planning. We need three volunteers to shadow the co-chairs for the 2023 events...then take over in 2024. It is important for the entire membership to actively participate in 2023! Remember, we are "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." (Roosters Creed)

Also, if you did not attend this year, you can still donate to help us help others at www.Roosters.org.

Choice moments from the Chefs Experience

Thank you to all our generous, talented Orange County Chefs and their hard-working teams!



Chef and GM of the year from the Pacific Club, David B Martin and Joe Gatto, with the 2022 Committee



Chefs and Brothers, Michael and David Rossi with one of their team members



Donatella Barone serves a course created by her talent son, Chef Jon Barone. What a talented family!

Some more great memories from a marvelous evening!
 Thanks to all our fabulous Volunteers!
 This event can't happen without you - sign up now for next year!



Chef Ross Pangilinan of Terrace by Mix Mix and Chef Stefano Ciociola of Benchmark



Tahoe Kitchen Company donated an incredible knife for the Live Auction, won by Rooster Pete Moriarty



Owner of Michael's on Naples, Michael Dene with Penny and Craig Strenger



Chef of the year David B Martin and his guests of the Pacific Club



Christian Estaban with Joya Scholars, Donna Giddings from Hope Harbor and Jim Holden from Fish for Life share how The Roosters make a difference with their fundraising



Chef Jemille Cruz and assistant N'Tasha Delgado of Old Ranch Country Club create magic together

And a few more happy moments...





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Dr. Thad Sanford - 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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