

Roosters Crow Newsletter

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service
Ending Childhood Hunger
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**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Kirk Adams, President

Fellow Roosters,

Fellow Roosters, My heartfelt thanks to all of you that made 2022 a great year! And I need to extend some special thanks!



To Joann Leatherby, Pat McAuley and Jen Moriarty, thank you for all the hard work involved in bringing the OCFWC Chef's event to a fabulous finish. From what I understand the event did very well and Roosters will be able to do very nicely by our charities.

Also, to these same three Roosters, and to John Trapani, for making the OCFWC Wine event a big success. I know there were others who were of great help so I will simply say thank you, to all of you!

Thank you to Bill Ross for working alongside Craig Strenger to put together a fantastic Golfing for Kids event. Also, to Bill for arranging most of our socials and for being involved in several other events this year. Thank you to Dan Stone, along with Jon Giberson, for revitalizing and spearheading the upcoming Roosters Feeding OC program in conjunction with OC Food Bank!

Thank you to Penny Strenger for taking on and keeping a close eye on the Roosters website, along with all her other responsibilities. Penny, you are invaluable! Thank you to Alison Cotton for taking on the digital marketing of the Roosters and, of course, for her and Bleu's photo documentation of all we do.

Thank you to Stan Smith, Jill Rauen and, again, to Joann Leatherby for running for next year's BOD. And, of course, to Gary Draper for stepping up to take on the VP position this year! A very special thank you to each of the 2022 board members: Marty Burbank, Lou Gardner, John Hinson, Larry Mandell, Asif Merchant and John Trapani. Without you fine gentlemen I would have been lost!

Last, but not least, thank you to Olivia (Libby) Duane, Roosters member and my wife of 19 years, who patiently worked with me to edit my messages, straighten me out when needed and keep me grounded this year! Thanks Honey!!

Roosters, I thank you! It's been a good year!
Kirk Adams
2022 President, Roosters Foundation & Roosters Inc.

Message from VP Gary Draper

Roosters Foundation to donate \$140,000 to charities at December 10th Holiday Luncheon

The Roosters Foundation of Orange County is hosting its Annual Grant Check Presentation/ Holiday luncheon for Rooster families and friends, on December 10th at the luxurious Avenue of the Arts Hotel, located at 3350 Avenue of the Arts in Costa Mesa at 11:30 am.

The gathering will be a celebration of giving, as The Roosters will be donating \$140,000 to 29 Orange County, fully vetted, children's charities who support needy and disadvantaged kids. The Roosters Foundation raises this money every year through events such as "The Orange County Food and Wine Celebration", now in its 12th year, and "Golfing for Kids".

Three-time Emmy winning Southern California Children's Chorus, one of the many recipients, will be performing the musical program of the luncheon. Now in its 26th year, SCC exemplifies the results of the hard work of the charities that The Roosters Foundation believes in and supports, as it enhances children's lives through distinguished choral music education and world-class performance.

A very special Santa (who is also a member of The Roosters Foundation) will also be in attendance to hear Christmas wishes. Children of all ages and families are welcome to attend.

New Communications Director Announced!

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Communications Director! Alison Cotton has been a part of The Roosters since 2002, and now she will be promoting the Roosters Foundation through press releases and marketing. She will be helping us with organizing and coordinating the group through announcements and evites, and will continue to make a presence on our Social Media.

Alison is also here to help you keep up with technology/digital Rooster communication needs. Please copy her on group emails, whether about Committees, the Crow, or upcoming events and Rooster related chats.

Gary Draper
Vice President

2023 ROOSTERS CALENDAR

Our Luncheons are the Second Thursday of every month.

Our Socials vary dates but will be monthly in 2023. We also have many fundraising and special events...OCFWC Wine Celebration, Chefs Experience, Golf Tournament and our Feeding OC and Food Drives, Committee Meetings, Presidents Awards, Rooster Flash Mobs, and more!

We will update this calendar in each issue, so feel free to print out this page every month and block out the dates to keep involved.

Luncheons for Rooster Members
Sign up on Evite and pre-pay at
www.roosters.org
11:30am

Thurs Jan 12th
Michaels of Naples
5620 E 2nd Street
Long Beach, CA 90803

Thursday Feb 9th

Thursday Mar 9th

Thursday April 13

Thursday May 11th

Thursday June 8th

Thursday July 13th

Thursday Aug 10th

Thursday Sept 14th

Thursday Oct 12th

Thursday Nov 16th

Thursday Dec 14th

Socials for Rooster Members,
Significant Others, and Guests
Sign up on Evite

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Special Events

January 4th

Roosters Flash Mob
Bar-One by Barone
4647 Macarther blvd, NB
Informal, stop by around 6pm and
buy a drink, get a pizza. lets show
Bar-one our thanks for being an
OCFWC restaurant!

February 4th

Presidents Dinner
details on evite
Avenue of the Arts Hotel
3350 Ave of the Arts
Costa Mesa

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December



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

December 10 Luncheon

11:30 at the Pacific Club, located at Von Karman and MacArthur, featuring the Advanced Chorus of the Southern California Children's Chorus. Grant checks will be presented so **ALL Charity Advocates** need to attend!

December 13 Board of Directors

6-8 PM. All Roosters invited to attend.

Contact Kirk Adams, 714 313 8940

December 15 Boat Parade Party!

Don't miss this Rooster's long time tradition. Food will be served and you will have the best view of this great Newport Beach Boat Parade! Bring a bottle (or two) of your favorite wine to share, and feel free to meet at 5 PM at The Village Inn Restaurant on Balboa Island for a pre-parade drink!

December 17 Holiday Food Drive

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

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.

FOCUS ON GOOD RELATIONSHIPS FOR A GOOD LIFE

Research shows that gratitude is a character strength that can be boosted fairly easily, so it won't take much to see and feel positive outcomes. Start small by showing appreciation to your loved ones first thing in the morning. As you move through the day, express gratitude to the people in your community.

Gratitude has a ripple effect — when you focus on the good, the good in your life grows. Look for ways other people make your life better and tell them. Then, watch how giving thanks can give you so much more.

ROOSTER DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Draper



Jennifer Moriarty



Billy O'Connell



Jill Caron-Rauen



David Selleck



Buy them Champagne!



*"Kindness is like snow.
It beautifies
everything it covers."*




Kahlil Gibran

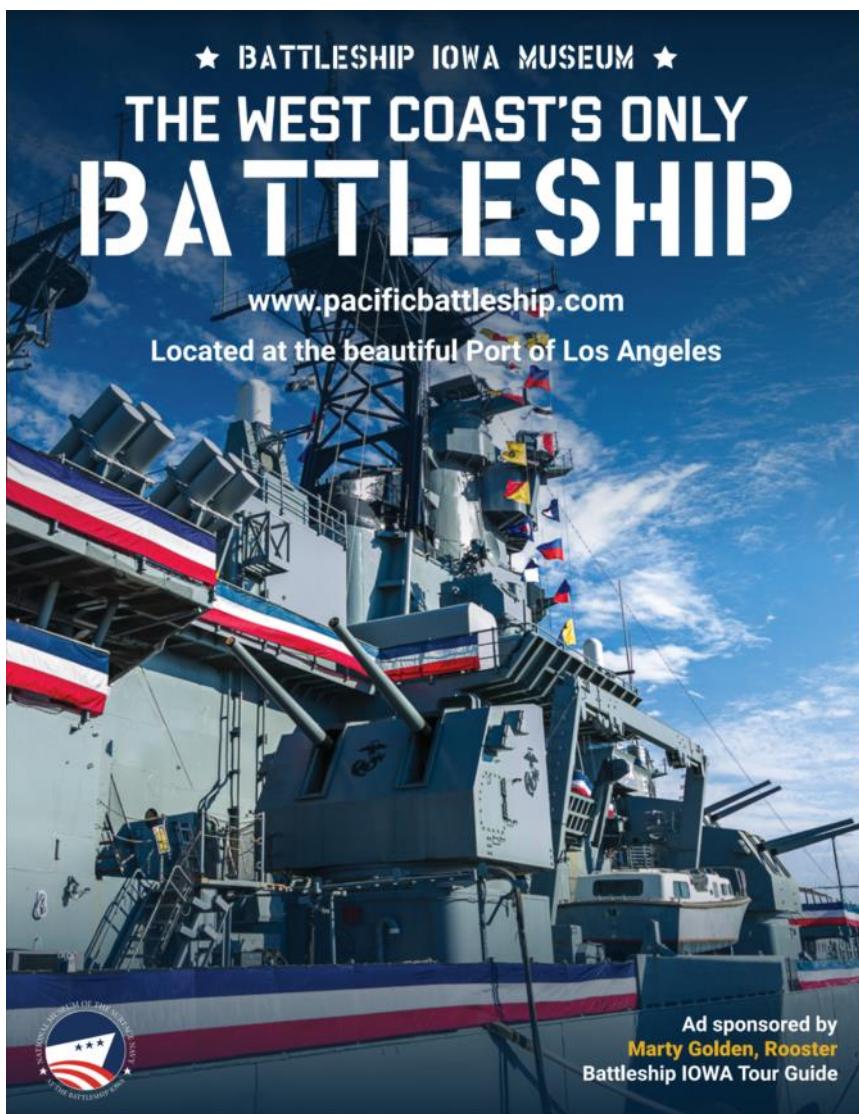


William and Elaine Ross

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	Charity Chair: John Hinson		Feeding Program Co-Chair: Dan Stone
	Recording Secretary: Asif Merchant		Feeding Program Co-Chair: Open
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	Public Relations Director: William Ross		



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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 Saturday, December 17th

The Roosters "Holiday Meals Giveaway" this year will assemble and distribute 1,000 holiday food boxes, consisting of canned hams, fruit and vegetables, and other holiday meal accompaniments to families through at least 10 charitable organizations, including:

Boys & Girls Club of Tustin
Families Forward
Family Assistance Ministries
Grandma's House of Hope
H.O.P.E.
Miracles for Kids
Society for St. Vincent de Paul at St. Justin Martyr Church
Someone Cares Soup Kitchen
Summer Harvest
Veterans Outreach OC



The boxes will include the following 12 menu items, with quantities listed below:

2 Cans of Green Beans
1 Bag of White Rice
2 Cans of Fruit Mix
2 Cans of Whole Corn
2 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
1 Box of Dry Spaghetti Pasta
2 Cans of Pasta Sauce
2 Cans of Pears
1 Can of Beef Stew
1 Can of Mac & Beef
1 Bag of Pinto Beans
2 Canned Hams

In addition, CAP OC is donating a combination of Cliff Bars and ZBars that will fit inside each food box.

Total cost per box: \$25.25
Dan Stone, Chair

USE GRATITUDE TO ALLEVIATE RELATIONSHIP STRUGGLES

According to science, **people who have good social connections have greater happiness, fewer health problems and live longer.** Since positive relationships are key to living a happy and fulfilling life, it's important to find ways to nurture and support those around you. Practicing gratitude helps to overcome adaptation/habituation and increases the meaning of good acts. It's also beneficial when things aren't going well in a relationship.

Next time you are facing a challenge with a difficult co-worker or an argument with a loved one, use gratitude to see the bigger picture. Maybe you don't agree with your spouse's decision to let the kids stay up past bedtime, but you can appreciate that they did it out of love to spend more time together. **Focusing on gratitude helps ease resentment and temper anger.**

Charity Committee

Roosters works hard throughout the year to raise money that provides grants to numerous charities supporting at-risk kids and their families throughout Orange County. Whether that manifests through personal donations, our golf tournament, or the Food & Wine Celebration, personal commitment and hard work make it happen. The culmination of that is delivering grant checks to our charities.

The Charity Sub-Committee, comprised of Jill Caron-Rauen, Lou Gardner, Doug Richards, Paul Robidoux and I met four times over the summer and fall to assess and review the grant applications submitted by 31 charities. We used a ranking system supported by the Roosters Procedures Guide and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to produce a report for the Grant Review Committee to use as a tool as they made the recommendations for the final dollar grant awards.



On November 9th the Grant Review Committee that included Kirk Adams, Jeff Austin, Jill Caron-Rauen, Gary Draper, Joann Leatherby, Bill Ross, Steve Smith and I met to review this information and make the determination of how much money to grant to each charity applicant. Every charity supports a worthy cause, but like the Charity Sub-Committee, this committee focused on the mission of the charity and how it relates to the Roosters own mission to support these various charities.

The grant checks will be given to Charity Advocates at the Roosters December Lunch on Saturday, December 10th. All Advocates should attend! Even if you're not an Advocate, you should attend as well. The December Lunch is always festive as spouses and significant others are invited and other festivities are on the docket. The icing on the cake is seeing the checks handed out, a manifestation of a year of hard work.

Contact me at:
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John Hinson
Charity Chair, 2002

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Roosters Socials

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November 17 Brian's Big B BBQ

What a great evening! Thank you Brian's BBQ for incredible food and drink, and for Social Chair, Bill Ross, for planning not only this event, but a year full of fun gatherings!

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:
626 485 0392

Membership

2022 Membership Director, John Trapani has updated the "Mini Rooster Roster" recently. (Can you say that 10x fast?!) Make sure you have received it in your email (sent out 11-12-22). It is a great resource for all Roosters, as you can print it out or save it to your desktop, and you can easily reach out to one another, whether it be to discuss your committee, car-sharing to a social, or setting up a golf date! If you update any of your contact info, please reach out to the Membership Director to update for the next publication.



We have been thankful to have John Trapani as our Membership Director for two years. This position is now open for 2023. We would love to have a Rooster step up into this important Board Position. Please reach out to 2023 President Gary Draper.

As the Membership Director, you will have the honor of representing our incredible group to prospective members, and you can be the very start of a creating new friendships within this caring group of humans...the reason why our members go back 20, 30 and even 45 years!

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

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.

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Roosters Eating in all the Best Places!

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Rooster Members Pat and Rick McAuley enjoyed a fabulous Sunday Brunch at Benchmark, yesterday! Their burgers and chicken mole enchiladas are out of this world! Here are Owner Pedro, Pat, and Chef Stefano Ciociola! Thank you, Benchmark for your support of The Roosters Foundation of Orange County!



When eating out, try one of our partner restaurants that help raise funds at the Orange County Food and Wine Experience!



Populaire is a new culinary venture from OCFCW chefs Ross Pangilinan and Nicholas Weber. This unique French bistro combines a California twist to the menu. It is a great place to meet up with friends while shopping at Southcoast during the Holidays. Joann's favorite on the menu....Croque Madame, which is an open faced sandwich with rosemary ham, comte cheese, sunny side egg, garlic aioli on fresh from the oven Potato Bread. Nick's potato bread is so popular, guests ask to buy loaves to take home! We thank Chef Ross for being a part of this years Chefs Experience, and thank Nick for his hard work running Poplaire that evening. (although we missed you!)



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Rooster of the Year
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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