Roostets Crow Newslettet

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President's Message Gary Draper, President

May I introduce myself as your new President for 2023? I know many of you, but not all, as I have not been really active since I retired.

During that time in 2016, I wrote a book that no one read. I had a reviewer read it

who gave me many suggestions to improve the book, but I didn't have the energy to do it, and just relaxed until this year when I began coming to Board Meetings this year. Our Vice President had a conflict early on and couldn't continue to serve, and the position was vacant for months.

In August, I jumped in to volunteer to be Vice President and the Board approved. So, for the past three months, I have jumped in with both feet and I am now a full-time volunteer for Roosters and available to speak with you almost any time.

I want everyone to know what I hope to achieve this year: First, I hope to move our luncheons to a better place, centrally located, closer to South Coast Plaza. Vice President, Stan Smith and I have recommended two locations for our lunches, the Avenue of the Arts Hotel for six lunches, and six at Prego's. That way everyone can see and compare. So, please contact me with your comments. You can see what dates we are scheduled for and where, on page 2.

Second, I hope to have the best speakers possible to make our lunches attractive for you and any possible new member. January's speaker will be Bill Hoffman of Hoffy Tours. He will discuss our upcoming tour of downtown L.A. and the San Antonio winery in that area, which is the oldest winery in Los Angeles. The tour will be on January 28th.

Third, I promise to get our Crow Newsletter emailed to you by the first of the month to make our calendar more meaningful. Further, I met with Alison Cotton, our new communications/PR Chair, and Peter Smith, our Crow editor, and we discussed several ways to improve the Crow.

We are going to begin contacting celebrities and professional Athletes who live in Orange County for their support. I want to begin a monthly ongoing fundraising drive via email, guided by OneOC and the Professional Fundraisers Association. I also want to begin recruiting Auction items again, as we received 51 auction items from doing so in 2019.

I hope to do something that the old 20-30 club did that was so popular that the entire club came out to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for kids from either Boys and Girls clubs or kids from the nearly 30 charities we support.

Lastly, I want to have socials at some of the larger homes of our charities and at several museums around the county. Please send any suggestions you may have that can make Roosters the best that it can be.

The bottom line is that I want us to all do well for our kids and have a lot of fun doing it.

Let's all have a great year! Gary Draper 2023 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation

Vice President's Message Stan Smith

Thanks to the Roosters who voted me in as your Vice President. Being a member since May of 2009, the Roosters already know me and understand that I have the "double whammy" personality of being both goal and task oriented. My main goal this year is to get 30-40 members attending our monthly luncheons with



great speakers from Joann Leatherby, and having each Rooster know each other. As one can see, I will need the help of every Rooster to accomplish both goals and tasks.

If one looks at page two of our Roosters Crow, all of the dates will be listed as well as where the current luncheon, social, and special events will take place. Please make your personal and business plans around the Luncheons, Socials and Special Events.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of the Ambassadors and new members at each Rooster gathering.

Members – If you have emails to send to the Roosters Membership, please contact our Communications Director, Alison Cotton, to assist you with your needs. Please refrain from sending group emails from your individual accounts. Thank you in advance.

RoostersCommunicationsDirector@gmail.com

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. We are still locking in dates for OCFWC and Golfing for Kids. (updated 1-4-23)

Socials for Rooster Members,

Signifcant Others, and Guests

Sign up on Evite

January 28th

all-day tour on January 28th to

downtown L.A., San Antonio

Winery, and the nation's last Great Train Station and Craft Beer at

Homebound Brew Haus and Beer

Garden

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

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

Thurs Jan 12th

Prego's 11:30am 2409 Park Ave, Tustin Hoffy Tours - Guest Speaker

Thursday Feb 9th

Prego's 11:30am

Thursday Mar 9th

Prego's 11:30am

Thursday April 13

Prego's 11:30am

Thursday May 11th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am 3350 Ave of the Arts, Costa Mesa

Thursday June 8th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am

Thursday July 13th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am

Thursday Aug 10th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am

Thursday Sept 14th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am

Thursday Oct 12th

Prego's 11:30am

Thursday Nov 9th

Prego's 11:30am

Saturday Dec 16th

Avenue of the Arts Hotel 11:30am

Special Events

January 4th

Roosters Flash Mob
(unofficial event)
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

OCFWC Wine Celebration

Date TBD

August

September

Sunday, October 29th

OCFWC Chefs Experience

November

December

ROOSTERS FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

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

January 4 Pop-Up

Join us for an "unofficial" Rooster event - If you are free at 6pm, and want to grab an appetizer, drink, or dinner, stop over at Bar-One by Barone, so we can give them some business and let them know we appreciate all that they do for our Chefs Experience. This is not an official event of the Roosters. We will be hitting up all of the restaurants all year, and of course, we highly suggest Rooster Members visit these restaurants when choosing a place to eat.

January 12 Luncheon 11:30 at Prego's, 2409 Park Avenue, Tustin.

January 13 Board of Directors

6-8 PM. All Roosters invited to attend. Contact Gary Draper

January 28 Social

Hoffy tour or LA - see details on page 10. \$75 per ticket due January 14th www.roosters.org. An evite has been sent out. Contact Gary Draper

February 4 President's awards

Hold Feb 4th for the 2022 President Awards at the Avenue of the Arts Hotel. Pay your 2023 Rooster dues and your ticket is complimentary. Please go to www.roosters.org to reserve your seat and purchase one for your date.

Dues for 2023 can be paid for on www.roosters.org

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 JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Take one of them to lunch!







Kirk Adams

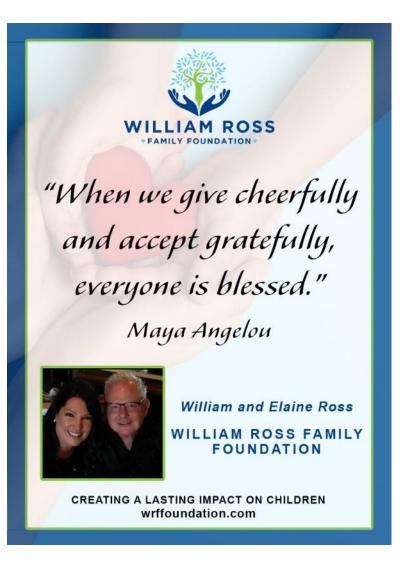
Scott Zimmerman

David Huisinga









Ambasssadors Corner

Lou Gardner, Chair

Brother and Sister Roosters:

As we embark on the new year, I ask that membership go out of your way to reach out to our Ambassadors and welcome them to this special organization we call the Roosters! As you review our latest Directory, take a moment to call and introduce yourself. Let that Ambassador know how you became a Rooster and share your memories and experiences from events and establishing lifelong friendships!

Ambassadors, as the Ambassador Chair, I will be reaching out to you and asking for your assistance in getting the word out for our luncheons, social events, and other Roosters activities.

Our current Ambassadors are: Kimberley Berman Larry Greene Angela Joe John Jackson Joann Leatherby Pat McAuley Jennifer Moriarty Walid Nasserdeen Richard Shuldiner David Norwood

2023 ROOSTERS FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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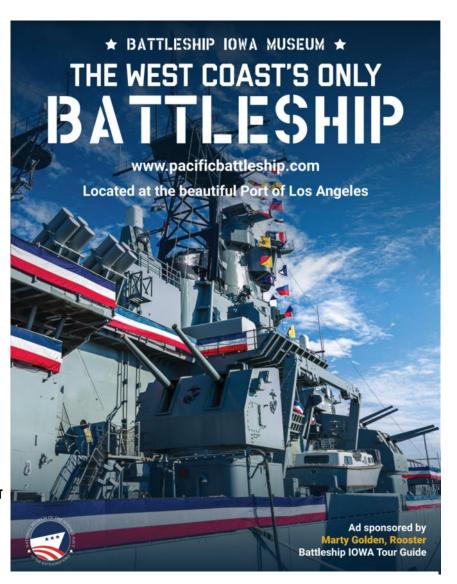
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2023 ROOSTERS FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY OFF-BOARD



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Dan Stone - Food Program
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Pat McAuley - OCFWC Co-Chair
Jen Moriarty - OCFWC Co-Chair
David Norwood – Social Chair

Peter Smith - Crow Editor Penny Strenger - Event Coordinator Alison Cotton - Director of Communications

Golf Tournament Chair - Open (LIKE Golf?..we need your name here!)

Annual Holiday Meals Giveaway a Success!

The Roosters Foundation Provides 27,000 Meals to OC Residents for the Holidays



The Roosters Foundation of Orange County continued their traditional Annual Holiday Meals Giveaway on Saturday, December 17th at the OC Food Bank in Garden Grove, CA.

47 Rooster Foundation members and friends gathered in the early morning to commence building and filling 1000 boxes with 19 food items including 2 canned hams. These boxes were picked up by ten different organizations including H.O.P.E., Miracles for Kids, Boys and Girls Club of Tustin, and Summer Harvest Food for Kids.

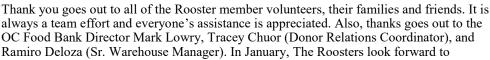
A special thanks goes to Dan Stone, Roosters member and Feed OC Chairman for his leadership and

expertise. With the assistance of Past President Paul Robidoux and previous Food Drive Chairman Jon Giberson, the hard work in restarting, planning, organizing, and executing this event made it a true success.

Troy McAlpin of the Family Assistance Ministries was thankful for the additional food this year. "We distributed the meal boxes at our Christmas food/gift distribution. Food is tighter and tighter these days, so it was much appreciated."

The boxes, valued at \$25 each, totaling \$25,000, were funded by the Roosters Foundation with money raised through donations and their three major yearly events: The Chefs Experience, The Wine

Celebration, and Golfing for Kids. These fundraisers are in early planning stages for 2023.



reconnecting with OC Food Bank to review ways to improve it for the 2023 event!

Happy Holidays to:

Helping Others Prepare For Eternity - 80 boxes Family Assistance Ministries - 200 boxes Summer Harvest Food For Kids -150 boxes Boy's & Girl's Club of Tustin - 25 boxes Families Forward - 40 boxes Grandma's House of Hope - 50 boxes Miracles For Kids - 50 boxes Society for St. Vincent de Paul at St. Justin Martyr Church - 135 boxes Someone Cares Soup Kitchen - 120 boxes Veterans Outreach OC - 150 boxes







Dan Stone, Chair dan@DanTheManForMortgages.com (949) 484-6322







JANUARY 1 - 31 st 2023

Sponsor Yves' ride today. Every dollar pledged goes directly to support the education, mentorship, and long-term employment opportunities Kherut provides marginalized women in Southern California so they can successfully integrate back into society.

SPONSOR TODAY



https://www.kherut.org/events/ yves-ride-for-hope

SUPPORT THE RIDE

- Join and cycle with Yves during a portion of his ride, or the entire ride!
- Join in peer-to-peer fundraising
- Post and share on social media
- Hold up signs of support at route waypoints and appear on video updates!

If you are an existing non-profit, participate in cooperative fundraising for the event!

January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Imagine cooking for and managing a successful non-profit the first half of every day, then hopping on a bike to complete the next segment of a grueling 1200-mile total ride-a-thon.

Well, that's exactly what our founder in chef, Yves Masquefa, will do, starting the first of January.

Not only is Yves an award-winning, world-class chef and humanitarian, but he's also willing to get sore sitting on a bike saddle for 31 days to raise money for Kherut and help those most in need. So while many of us will likely have sampled too much holiday fare, Yves will be burning the calories for a great cause—as some of us feel guilty about unused gym memberships and New Year's resolutions.

PLUS, you'll be able to witness Yves' pain every step of the way with regular social updates.

Tegular social updates.

""I'm going to ride every day, rain or shine because human trafficking and slavery never take a day off."

- Yves Masquefa

Charity Committee



On December 10th Roosters held its annual Holiday Brunch at the Avenue of the Arts Hotel in Costa Mesa. As part of the festivities, we delivered checks to Roosters Charity Advocates. In turn, the Advocates will give the checks to their respective charities. This is a culmination of the year's long work of the fund raising and due diligent efforts of Roosters members.

It has been rewarding to serve as the Charity Chair for 2022. Jill Caron-Rauen will take over the position as Charity Chair in 2023, and I am confident the Charity Committee will thrive with Jill's leadership.



Jill Caron-Rauen Charity Chair, 2003





"This is Justine Palmore, the executive director of Stand Up for Kids, Orange County Chapter and myself when I delivered the check. I got to meet the whole staff, and they thank the Roosters very much!" -Rooster Jill Caron-Rauen



\$7,500 Grant check given to Lizzi Lowe from Hope Harbor by 2022 Charity Chairman John Hinson



"Thank you to the The Roosters Foundation of Orange County for their generous support of Parentis Foundation's intergenerational academic intervention program. Parentis Foundation's volunteer tutors provide students with one-onone literacy tutoring and mentoring services for an entire school year, helping to foster social/emotional and academic growth



'Rooster Marty Golden presents a check to Jim Holden. Executive Director of Fish for Life. In the back ground of the photo is the fishing vessel, Dana Pride. It is used for many of the trips and is located at the Dana Point Wharf Sport Fishing & Whale Watching."



"The Rooster foundation's support has increased our capacity to serve families with canned hams, staple foods and generous grants, as we continue providing daily services vear round to the most vulnerable children in Orange County, and their families. Our families have always been very grateful, and feel loved and appreciated. Children also have access to enrichment and basic needs care.

The Rooster's Foundation makes a great impact on our service levels, and have supported H.O.P E. for 15 years, turning "despair into hope." on the faces of children and their families."

Gayle Knight CEO/President / Founder www.hopebiz.org

If I can't find you a better mortgage rate,

YOU DON'T PAY ME A DIME!

Dan connected us with a bank that refinanced our \$2,800 monthly payment down to \$2,300. Just over a 15 year period that is around \$90,000 less

in interest and \$90,000 more in our retirement fund! Awesome job, Dan! - A.R.S.

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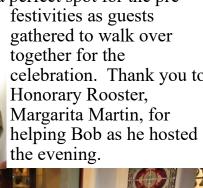
Roosters Socials

December 15 Boat Parade Party!



Thank you to Bob McCaffrey for hosting the Roosters Annual Holiday Boat Parade Party at his beautiful home in Newport Beach. 50 Roosters,

families, friends, prospective members, and past members joined together for an evening of cheer. Food was catered by our friend, Bracken's Kitchen, and the best wines (including bottles from our incredible OCFWC Wineries) were brought by the guests to enjoy. The Village inn was a perfect spot for the pre-





DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

January 28, 2023, from 9 am to 5 pm

BUNKER HILL'S FABULOUS BUILDINGS









The Broad Museum

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Mark Taper Forum

And a walking tour of the beautiful Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral and its fabulous tapestries







LUNCH and TOUR at HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO WINERY

Enjoy the great food, atmosphere, and wine-tasting at LA's oldest & largest winery.

(Note: lunch and wine tasting on your own tab)



GUIDED TOUR OF LA'S LANDMARK CENTRAL LIBRARY





Hoffy will lead a tour through this amazing 1926 Art Deco masterpiece with its Depression-era murals, statuary and exhibits. You will learn how it survived a devastating fire and was saved by an ingenious development process.

BUS TOUR OF THE HISTORIC THEATER DISTRICT ON BROADWAY

See the greatest concentration of pre-1931 theaters in the US – What a street!











CRAFT BEER AT HISTORIC UNION STATION

Our last stop will be at the nation's last great train station with its recent remodel for the Oscars.

We'll have time for a craft beer at the Homebound Brew Haus and beer garden.

(Warning: they really support the Dodgers here)



Deadline for sign-ups is January 15, 2023

\$75 per person

Sign up and pay on the Roosters Foundation Website at <u>www.roostersfoundation.org</u> Hoffy Tours is unique because its founder, Bill 'Hoffy' Hoffman, entertains and teaches as he gives a personalized view of the places visited. This tour features

- Comfortable bus with recliner seats, snacks, water and prizes
- Hoffy's activity packet with maps, LA fun facts and trivia!

Membership



Craig Boardman Membership Chair 2023

It has been my privilege and honor to have served as Membership Director for the past two years. During that challenging period we have experienced a major change in our membership ranks and culture as an organization. These changes include twelve new members, seven of whom are women. Several of these women immediately stepped into leadership roles. This new membership composition is addressing an urgent need of filling essential positions and contributing to our funding needs as an organization. I look forward to the future with Craig Boardman assuming the Membership reins. Thank you for the support given to me over the past two years.

John Trapani



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** 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 Peter Smith



Attention All Vietnam Vets

By Gary Draper

If you or anyone you know has served in the armed services and served in Vietnam, you may be eligible for extremely attractive monetary benefits, (up to \$3,000 per month). Agent Orange (dioxin) was used in Vietnam to kill plants and remove leaves from trees, which hid the enemy. Agent Orange has been found to cause some illnesses.

These include:

- AL Amyloidosis A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissue or organs.
- Chloracne (or similar Acneform Disease) A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers.
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias A type of cancer which affects white blood cells.
- Type 2 Diabetes Elevated blood sugars.
- Hodgkin's Disease A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by increasing swelling of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen and by increasing anemia.
- Ischemic Heart Disease Reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain.
- Multiple myeloma A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow.
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.
- Parkinson's Disease A disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement. It gets worse with time.
- Peripheral Neuropathy; Early Onset A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness.
- Porphyra Cutanea Tarda Liver not functioning well, with thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas.
- Prostate Cancer Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.
- Respiratory Cancers Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma (not Osterosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.
- VA Presumes Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS Lou Gehrig's Disease Diagnosed in all Veterans with 90 days or more continuous active military service and is related to their service).

If you were exposed to Agent Orange, you may sign up with the Agent Orange Registry and have a free health exam. It includes a history and physical exam, blood and urine tests and may include a chest x-ray. Service-connection disability may be given based on the link with Agent Orange (or other herbicides used in Vietnam). Surviving spouses, dependent children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died as the result of diseases related to Agent Orange Orange exposure may be eligible for survivors' benefits.

You may sign up at www.va.gov.agentorange or call the Agent Orange Registrar at the VA in Long Beach, 562-826-8000 ext. 2862. In addition, you may contact County Operations Center, Veterans Service Office, located at 1300 S. Grand Ave. Bldg "B" Room 247, Santa Ana, 714-480-6555.

Charitable Donations - By Gary Draper

You can deduct donations you make to qualified charities. This can reduce your taxable income, but to claim the donations, you have to itemize your deductions. Claim your charitable donations on Form 1040, Schedule A. You May also deduct mileage while performing volunteer work at \$0.17 per mile and you must document each trip. There are no deductions for your volunteer work. Your donations must go to an organization that's one of these:

Nonprofit charitable group, often referred to as 501(c)(3) organizations. Donations you give directly to needy individuals don't count.

Money donations that you make directly to a nonprofit organization. You'll use one of these payment methods:

- Cash
- Check
- Credit card, both one-time or monthly donations
- Debit card
- Automatic withdrawals from your bank account

If you accept something in return for your gift, you can't write off the full amount. Example: A local public television station offers a CD player for a \$1,000 donation to its annual fund drive. If the CD player's value is \$200, your deduction is limited to \$800 — the difference between what you gave and what you got. You can claim the full charitable deduction only if you refuse the CD player.

There are more rules for large donations. Contact your accountant or CPA.

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www.roostersfoundation.org







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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