

Roosters Crow Newsletter

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Ending Childhood Hunger
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**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Gary Draper, President

2023 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation

Guess What? The world's longest study on happiness is now in its 85th year.



Researchers at Harvard have been studying a pool of subjects and their descendants since 1938. Their objective: To unlock the age-old question of what makes a happy and successful, good life.

Originally, there were 724 participants. 268 were sophomores at Harvard and their ranks included future President, John F. Kennedy, and future Editor of the Washington Post, Ben Bradley. The study later included a parallel tracking of 456 less privileged, inner city Boston people. Thereafter, the pool was expanded to include 1300 descendants, both men and women. Astonishingly, the rate of retention was 84%. Every two years, the participants answered lengthy questions in writing, every five years, they submitted their medical records, and every 15 years, they submitted to face-to-face interviews.

So, what's the life lesson? Good relationships, which keep us happier, healthier, and help us live longer. Isn't that what Roosters is about? Of course, we cannot overlook exercise and helping the less fortunate. These relationships are what the experts call "Social Fitness". What is that? It's the finding of the researchers that people who are the best at what they do are the happiest, healthiest, and live longer by maintaining their relationships, actively seek out new ones, and keep in regular contact with friends, family, and community. Get this, it is never too late to do this. So, let's all grow with Roosters together!

Vice President's Message Stan Smith

Thank you, Roosters family members...your attendance at our luncheons is increasing every month. Please keep reading the calendar on Page 2 of the Crow to keep up on luncheons, socials and special events dates and locations.



January Luncheon we had 27 and 3 guests; February luncheon we had 25 Roosters and 5 Guests. Let's beat these two records of attendees at the March Luncheon!



President Gary and Anna Draper, with Robert and Kathryn Flippen, maintaining happy, healthy, Roosters relationships on their recent trip to Hawaii.



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The newsletter is emailed to Roosters membership, charity donors, charity groups, the Orange County news media, and website www.roosters.org.

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 or txt 949-254-6563

Check Out our Facebook Group for Roosters Updates!

(Roosters Facebook Group is for Roosters members in good standing only)



Facebook Group

2023 ROOSTERS CALENDAR

Our Luncheons are the Second Thursday of every month.

Our 2023 monthly social dates will vary but will be monthly. 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 3-4-23*)

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

Thursday Mar 9th

Prego's 11:30am

Speaker: Vladimir Cerin

Award Winning Race Horse Trainer

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

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

Friday March 17th

St Patrick's Day Social

Giracci Vineyards

16162 Jackson Ranch Road

Silverado Canyon, CA

5:30pm - Cash bar and food.

Our group will start the fun at the main hall, then move up to our private room for socializing and an opportunity to bid on wine and chocolates to raise money for The Roosters Foundation.

We will have a very special Bartender who will give us the luck of the Irish!

Don't forget to wear your Green!

April Date tbd

Roosters Flash Mob

Unofficial gathering

April 20th

OCFWC Procurement Party and Social - Save the Date

Saturday July 15th 6pm

Angels v Houston Astros

Possible Unofficial gathering

Thursday July 20th

Social at Joann and Greg

Leatherby /Bates!

Hold the date!

Special Events

March 1st

Purchase Wine Celebration tickets - Special limited presale starts!

www.ocfwc.com for tickets!

April

May

June

July

August 26th

Wine Celebration
Segerstrom

September

Sunday, October 29th

OCFWC Chefs Experience
Old Ranch CC

November

December



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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

March 9 Luncheon

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

March 14 Board of Directors

6-8 PM. All Roosters invited to attend.

Contact Gary Draper

March 17 Social

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day at Giracci Vineyards!

5:30 PM, Cash bar and food.

16162 Jackson Ranch Rd, Silverado

Wine, chocolate, private room... and special Bartender to bring us the luck of the Irish!

April Pop-Up

To be decided - keep an eye on your email!

These are unofficial gatherings at our OCFWC supporting restaurants. Bring friends, grab a drink or dinner. Let's show support for the Chefs who help us at OCFWC!

All Future Events

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Luncheons 2nd Thursday every month.

Socials 3rd Thursday every month.

March 9th Speaker: Vladimir Cerin

Vladimir Cerin is a Professional Horse Trainer with over 1239 wins. We look forward to hearing him speak at our March luncheon.



A good soccer player in his youth in Croatia, Vladimir arrived in California in 1974 where he attended UCLA, graduating with a degree in Kinesiology and working four years in that field. He worked several years training top level athletes, including star tennis players such as Tracy Austin, and basketball players including Bill Walton, Jamaal Wilkes and Kiki Vandeweghe.

Vladimir eventually turned his skills to thoroughbred horses, getting his license in 1981. Since then, his career in racehorse training boasts multi-millions in prize money, and he is regarded as one of the leading trainers in the country.

ROOSTER MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Lou Gardner



Paul Robidoux




Rick McAuley



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Memories from St. Paddy's Day 2013!

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Board Meeting



Do you want to learn more about
The Roosters Board?

All Roosters are welcome to watch the Board meet on
the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

March 14th

Please bring cash for dinner check.

RSVP to Gary if you would like to be a guest.

Charity Committee

The charity committee has started to work again on its mission to get all the applications from our charities in, vetted, and ready for the grant review committee in the fall. Please contact Jill Caron-Rauen if you are interested in working on the committee this year.

Please send me an email jill@jdcaron.com
Or give me a call at 714-536-8603 (home/office) or 714-552-4216 (cell)
Jill Caron-Rauen
Charity Committee Chair



Marty Golden, Rooster Advocate for Los Alamitos Education Foundation, attended their "Royal Gala" fund raiser (picture below) on February 3rd at the Grand Hotel in Long Beach. Some 200 people attended to raise money to help their programs. The focus of the Rooster grant is to help fund after-school enrichment programs for children that would otherwise be unable to attend.



Thank-you message from one of our charities:

Kirk,

As a member of the Board of Directors for Family Promise Orange County (FPOC), I wanted to thank you personally for your generous support.

Due to the generosity of donors like you, FPOC is able to assist homeless families in achieving housing stability. In addition to groceries, gas cards, and event classes in financial literacy, we are able to offer many more critical services to all families entering our program.

Our families will feel a sense of stability that they would not otherwise feel because of YOUR support. Thank you again! In gratitude, Mike Hickman, Board Member, FPOC

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 2023, I guarantee you won't be disappointed!



Dan Stone

dan@DanTheManForMortgages.com

(949) 484-6322


Gayle Knight, from HOPE, sent Paul Robidoux this follow up note about the December Holiday Food Program:

"The pick-up process was easy, and it was great to see the wonderful work of the Rooster's in action. The families enjoyed the food boxes, and were excited to receive them. Turkeys would be great again for next year.

Thank you, Paul for selecting H. O. P. E. for this project. Our One Stop Safety Net gives hope to women, children and associated families facing food insecurity and wondering whether to pay the rent or buy their next meal. They enjoyed the food boxes, and expressed a big Thank You."

Gayle Knight

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Roosters Foundation helps with meals for OC residents

The Roosters Foundation of Orange County continued its traditional Annual Holiday Meals Giveaway at the OC Food Bank in Garden Grove.

Forty-seven Rooster Foundation members and friends gathered to build and fill 1,000 boxes with food items. The boxes were picked up by 10 organizations, including H.O.P.E., Miracles for Kids, Boys and Girls Club of Tustin, and Summer Harvest Food for Kids.

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 and totaling \$25,000, were funded by the Roosters Foundation.

Roosters Socials

March 17

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16162 Jackson Ranch Rd, Silverado

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Wine, chocolate, private room... and a special Bartender to bring us the luck of the Irish!

We'll start in the main room, then move upstairs to our private room where we will socialize, and we can bid on wine and chocolates to raise money for the Roosters Foundation.

Share an evening of Food, Drinks and Friendship!

David Norwood, Social Chair

Please check your emails for the "EVITE" providing details on the socials scheduled for each month.



JJ Jackson
Social Chair



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Dan connected us with a bank that refinanced our \$2,800 monthly payment down to \$2,300.

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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.

Craig Boardman
Membership Chair 2023



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
Stephanie Bauer
Penny Strenger

Valentine's Day Luncheon

We had a sweet time at our Valentine's Day Luncheon. Thirty attendees received roses and enjoyed the most delicious meal at Prego's. Dan Stone introduced us to Rakhee Uma-Perez, Marketing & Communications Manager of Family Promise of Orange County. FPOC is one of the super charities we gave a grant to last year. They are building "The House of Ruth" and have a gift registry through IKEA that you can purchase items from to donate to their cause.



Our speaker at the February lunch was Michelle Mangano, Executive Director of the CalCopa Massage School. We all learned why massages are so important to all of us, and were treated with certificates for complimentary massages from the school!

www.calcopamassageschool.com



Rakhee Uma-Perez

At the February lunch, we also were able to meet our newest Honorary Rooster – Stephanie Bauer. Stephanie is a friend/referral of Roosters member and past President, Paul Robidoux. She came to us 5+ years ago wanting to volunteer for Roosters main fundraiser, OC Food and Wine Celebration. Initially, we only knew her by her email address, "StephLovesParis". But what we found out is that she is passionate for helping others. At that event, she donated her time "All Day", (8 to 10 hours, not very common). Stephanie has been incredibly eager to do any job and is unstoppable...barely taking a break to rest or eat.

Over the past 5+ years, she has volunteered at every Roosters fundraiser, wine event, chef event, and golf tournament. Her dedication is immeasurable, as Stephanie is always part of the set up crew, staying all day, sticking it out with a skeletal clean-up crew, lifting and moving boxes, and doing what it takes to finish the final event task. She has happily accepted and earned status of "lead volunteer" on many event assignments, and goes over and above to make The Roosters Foundation look good in any situation.

From Pre-Event Consult, Setup, friendly Registration Personnel, Auction Set-Up Manager, smiling Golf Tournament Volunteer, Bracken's Kitchen Regular Helper, to heartfelt caring Volunteer, Stephanie Bauer has given herself tirelessly to benefit The Roosters Foundation and the children's charities who we serve...a true example of The Roosters' mission...giving of herself to help those less fortunate.





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Roosters Flash Mob
Old Vine Kitchen + Bar
2-22-23

Join us for our next one...
details TBA

Thank you Chef Mark McDonald & Sommelier Kate Perry!



A **Flash Mob** is a group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place, perform for a brief time, then quickly disperse.

The Roosters Flash Mob is an unofficial gathering of Roosters at an OCFWC Restaurant where we can express our gratitude and enjoy their delicious food and drink!



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Saturday August 26, 2023 ~ 3pm – 6pm

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The Chefs Experience

Dinner Prepared by One of 15 Fabulous Orange County Chefs

Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 4:30 pm

Location: Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach



Info and Tickets!

www.ocfwc.com



Ambassadors Corner

Lou Gardner, Chair

Brother and Sister Roosters, take a moment to call and introduce yourself to our newest members. 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

OCFWC Restaurants

These chefs support us at our main fundraising event, please support them next time you are dining out - and let the chef know you're from the Roosters and we appreciate them!

Old Vine Kitchen & Bar Mark McDonald
<https://oldvinekitchenbar.com/>

Prego Ugo Allesina
www.PregoOC.com

Old Brea Chop House Masa Ose
www.oldbreachophouse.com

The Pacific Club David B. Martin
www.pacificclub.org

Old Ranch Country Club "Polo" Paul Gregory
www.olderanch.com

Michael's on Naples Eric Samaniego
<http://michaelsonnaples.com>

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Terrace by Mix Mix Ross Pangilinan
<http://www.mixmixkitchenbar.com/>

Benchmark Restaurant Stefano Ciociola
<http://benchmarkoc.com/>

Bar One by Il Barone Jon, Franco & Donatella Barone
<http://baroneoc.com>

Roosters Wine Celebration

WE NEED YOUR HELP for this annual major fundraising event to be held Saturday, August 26 at the beautiful Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center in Costa Mesa.

There are two areas where you can participate. First, in recruiting wineries & spirits to pour. There is no charge for participation and wineries are encouraged to sell wine as well as enroll wine club members. We only ask for a wine donation valued at \$200 to be used as part of our auction items. We also need your help to recruit **food** providers. Please ask restaurants, caterers, specialty foods, etc. that you frequent to join us to promote themselves to our attendees.

Secondly, we need you to recruit attendees. Early Bird pricing is available for a limited number of VIP and General Admission Tickets. VIP tickets will be offered for a limited time presale price of \$125 (regular price \$140) while General Admission tickets presale price \$95 (regular price \$125). Presale begins on March 1, quantities are limited, so get yours!

The option for buying tickets will be available on our event website at www.ocwfc.com. Penny will also create a flyer that will address the registration information for wineries you are able to recruit. Please let me know if you'd like to join the wine committee as help is needed in contacting and solidifying winery involvement.

John Trapani
Wine Chairperson
trapsmix@gmail.com

What a President's Awards Banquet!

We had almost 50 guests in attendance at the beautiful Avenue of the Arts Hotel in Costa Mesa. The evening began with a fabulous cocktail hour, followed by a three course dinner. **Wine**, from the personal collection of Greg Bates and Joann Leatherby, was served with the meal. (Thank you!)

The presentation of awards began with our 2022 President, Kirk Adams, who celebrated all who helped make his year a success!

Penny Strenger, who has been the Events Director for over 14 years, was given the title of Honorary Rooster.



More awards were given out, including to Past President Marty Burbank, Member Chair John Hinson, Treasurer Secretary Larry Mandell, Recording Secretary Asif Merchant, John Trapani, 2022 Vice President Gary Draper, Social Chair Bill Ross, and Ambassador Director Lou Gardner (not present).

The OC Food and Wine Celebration Committee received awards for their hard work. Joann Leatherby accepted the awards for her, Jennifer Moriarty and Pat McAuley. (Jen and Pat were not present.)



Dan Stone received the 2022 Doug Davidson Award, followed by The Rooster of the Year Award, given to John Hinson. Both recipients also received a unique, hand carved Rooster as a gift from President Adams.



After a short break of enjoying the amazing main course, Kirk Adams invited 2023 President Gary Draper up, gave him a special carved Rooster statue, and invited him to continue the presentation.



Gary commenced his speech by sharing his goals for 2023. He then welcomed up Marty Burbank and Olivia Adams, to present them with awards for their dedication and generosity in creating the Roosters Foundation Endowment fund. This fund is being raised to ensure the Roosters' mission of serving children in perpetuity.



Bill Ross was welcomed up again, to receive an award for his hard work with the 2022 Golfing for Kids Tournament. Marty Golden was given an award for his help with the Wine Celebration. (The Ice Man!).



More President's Awards!



Roosters' Communications Director, Alison Cotton, and 2023 Vice President, Stan Smith, were presented appreciation awards for their upcoming work this year.



Kirk Adams was asked back up to the stage, and awarded a gavel plaque. Kirk also received a very rare set of coins from Gary, as a token of friendship from one President to another.



There was a significant photo opportunity with Joann Leatherby and Jill Caron Rauhen, who were the first women elected to the Roosters Board of Directors.



The 2023 Board was asked up on stage for an official group photograph.



Before closing, Gary presented The Roosters with a custom-designed flag which he donated to the Foundation as a thank you for his 32 years he has been a member of the group.



Dancing closed out the spectacular night, with music provided by The Ron Kobayashi Trio. Ron Kobayashi, who is well in the music industry, was quoted as saying "It is just wonderful that there's some compassionate people that are banding together to really do something positive, and create positive change in society. So, thank you Roosters."



Ron Kobayashi



Presidents Awards



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Rooster of the Year
John Hinson - 2022



Crow Editor
Peter Smith

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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