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Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service Ending Childhood Hunger Volume 145, April, 2023



President's Message Gary Draper, President

2023 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation

Roosters announces good news!!! We now have 46 members with three still telling us they are renewing their membership, and three to five

more new members in the works. It is now the end of the first quarter and here is what has happened. We started the year off with large turnouts for our lunches of about 30 people each month. We have had great speakers, and Joann Leatherby promises even more!

Our Socials this year have been excellent, with our January guided and hosted tour of Los Angeles, by Hoffy Tours. All attendees really enjoyed the Queen of Angels Cathedral, the San Antonio Winery, the Los Angeles Library, and the newly refurbished Union Train Station.

February was highlighted, as we had a great turnout to the President's Award Banquet with 48 in attendance, and I believe all were happy with the dinner, the band, and hopefully, the Presidential Awards. Please give me all the feedback you can on this event. We want to improve it next year.

In March, we had nearly 30 people at the Giracci Vineyards, with delightful wines, great fish and chips, and a super band playing all of our favorite tunes.

Financially, we are in great shape, as our current budget projects a positive cash-flow for the year with many great events in the works. If you want to know more about our financials, and learn how the Club works, please come to our Board Meeting on April 11th at Prego's at 6:00 pm in the Tustin District. All members are invited. Please RSVP to me.

For April, we will have our Social at the Benchmark Restaurant in Santa Ana, which will be a Procurement Party for the OCFWC Committee. Pat McAuley, Joann Leatherby, and Jenifer Moriarty are our hosts. The price of admission is to bring an auction item to be sold at our Food and Wine Celebration to benefit the kids.

April will also serve to honor last year's MVP, John Hinson at the oneOC's Spirit of Volunteerism Awards. Then, of course, please join us at the upcoming luncheon at 11:30 am on April 13th, located at Prego's in the Tustin District.

In May, we will hold our first Annual Prospective Membership Party at Kirk and Libby Adam's house. The exact date is to be determined. This will be a party to introduce prospective members to Roosters, spouses, and significant others, with the member who brings the most prospects who join our ranks, to receive 4 General Admission Tickets for the Wine tasting part of OCFWC on August 26th, worth \$400! All others, who bring at least one prospect who joins, will win a bottle of quality wine.

This beautiful home is located in Shady Canyon, Irvine, where many famous people reside. There will be plenty of food, drink, and fun for all as you visit a home to behold.

In June, we plan to hold our first annual hamburger and hotdog cookout for 60-80 kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County. There will also be entertainment and singing for all of us to enjoy. Greg Bates and Jon Giberson are hosting.

In July, we will have two events. First, on Saturday, July 15th, the Roosters have purchased 20 club-level seats at Angel's Stadium in Row 342, which is in an area right behind First Base that has cushions, waiter service, and a great view of the fireworks following the game with the Houston Astros. Tickets are available for \$20 on a first-come basis.

The second event in July will be a special social on July 20th at the home of Greg Bates and Joann Leatherby...The Batesby Farm. If you haven't been to their beautiful estate in Modjeska Canyon, it is something to be experienced, and it's a must attend event. There will be plenty of on-the-property parking with, food, wine, and loads of fun.

We look forward to seeing all of the Roosters at these upcoming events! Please contact me if you would like to get involved more, and help us behind the scenes as we plan for the second half of the year!

Vice President's Message Stan Smith

When I was in graduate school I hated my statistics class (one reason was that we were not allowed to use the calculators). I saw NO need for the class. But over the decades since, I found that simple numbers are fun to



play with when looking at groups of people. For example 80% of the Nail Salons in California are owned by Vietnanese and 60% of Japanese Restaurants are owned by Koreans in California.

Looking back at the Roosters when Steve Smith was President, I published in the Crow some simple numbers on our membership and the years that new members joined. Basically, it's still the same with new members out numbering older members.

Years Joined and percentage of members joining:

14% (1989 - 1999)

10% (2000 - 2005)

13% (2006 - 2010)

25% (2011-2015)

38% (2016-2023)

I look forward to keeping these numbers growing...plus we want to keep Roosters involved and renewing membership. If you have any ideas on our growth and retention, reach out to me!.. I will be the one with the calculator!

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 3-22-23)

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

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

Next Board Meeting Dates

Tuesdays
April 11th and May 9th at 6pm
Prego's in Tustin
Rsvp to Gary Draper to be added to
agenda or if you would like to watch
how we make Rooster Magic happen!
Bring cash for your dinner.

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

Thurs April 6th - 5:30pm Flash Mob Populaire Modern Bistro

South Coast Plaza Next to Macy's entrance Roosters Flash Mob Unofficial gathering

April 20th - 6pm OCFWC Procurement Party and Social - Benchmark Restaurant

Bring a Silent Auction Item -Exceptional Wine, Gift Certificates to a Restaurant or Popular Store. RSVP to the EVITE

May - Annual Prospective Membership Party

Kirk and Libby Adam's Home Details TBA

Saturday July 15th 6pm

Angels v Houston Astros 20 Club level seats behind first base reserved. \$20 each!

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!

Thursday April 20th

OneOC Volunteerims Awards Luncheon...Rooster John Hinson is Nominated! (Deadline - March 27th for tickets...Please congratulate John on his nomination!)

May

June

1st Annual Roosters Cookout for The Boys and Girls Clubs of OC. 60-80 Kids! Greg Bates and John Giberson organizing this event Details TBD

July

August 26th

Wine Celebration Segerstrom

September

Sunday, October 29th

OCFWC Chefs Experience Old Ranch CC

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

April 6 Pop-Up

Next Flash Mob - Populaire Modern Bistro, South Coast Plaza JOIN US! 5:30pm for our Roosters Flash Mob!

"The 90-seat bistro is a dream collaboration between veteran chefs Nick Weber and Ross Pangilinan - long-time friends since their 2004 meeting in the kitchen of departed Pinot Provence. Fans of Pangilinan know him from Terrace by Mix Mix, his acclaimed top-floor venue in the Home Wing." - Orange Coast Magazine

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!

April 11 Board of Directors

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

April 13 Luncheon

11:30 at Prego's, 2409 Park Avenue, Tustin.
Speaker: Jim Byron, President of the Richard Nixon Library.
Elected President, CEO, and member of the Board of Directors of the Richard Nixon Foundation in 2007. From 2014 to 2017, he coordinated the Foundation's \$25 million capital campaign, and in 2016 led the year-long reopening after a \$15 million renovation. Authored "A President Comes Home" the official commemorative book & history of Nixon Presidential Library.

April 20 Social

6pm. Benchmark Restaurant 601 E. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana OCFWC Procurement Party - please bring an item for our silent auctions.

March 9th Speaker:



Vladimir Cerin is a Professional Horse Trainer with over 1239 wins, but he can make it now 1240 wins now that he has spoken at the Roosters Luncheon in March! What a great time, and we learned so much about Horse Training.

We had over 25 attendees at our March

Luncheon, and officially welcomed our new members with certificates of membership. Larry Greene, Stephanie Bauer, and J.J. Jackson were welcomed by the membership. We look forward to our April 13th Prego's luncheon. If you would like a printed Crow, we have limited editions available so come early to lunch and grab one!

ROOSTER APRIL BIRTHDAYS



John Livingston



Greg Bates



Dan Stone



Marty Golden



Steven Smith



John Hinson





Larry Greene



Welcome New Members

Larry Greene, Stephanie Bauer and JJ Jackson were presented with their new membership certificates by Lou Gardner at our March 9 Luncheon.



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Peter Smith Crow Editor



Penny Strenger **Event Coordinator**



Alison Cotton Dir. of Comm.

Congratulations to Rooster John Hinson

on your nomination for OneOC 2023 Spirit of Volunteerism Awards.



We will be cheering you on, when the Awards Luncheon happens at The Grove in Anaheim on April 20th.

https://oneoc.org/get-involved/communityevents/spirit-of-volunteerism-awards-23/

Roosters Around the World



his travels with us as he vacations in Maui and visits the Pasadena Playhouse.

Where have you traveled to?!...Share your vacation photos with the Crow!



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 If you need a one-on-one lesson on how to join the informative Roosters Facebook Group or how to follow us on Instagram, please contact Ali.





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

April 11th & May 9th Please bring cash for dinner check. RSVP to Gary if you would like to be a guest.







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Charity Committee

The original Mission of the Roosters states that we will help small Orange County charities that help disadvantaged children, to grow and thrive. The Roosters will continue this year with that mission in mind. Grant applications will be sent the first part of May.

Every member is welcome to attend the charity committee meetings.

Please contact me if you would like to know when we are meeting again.

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

This Roosters Foundation Grant Presentation was made to Casa Youth Shelter. It is one of the 27 charities that The Roosters Foundation raised money for in 2022.

The attendees were (L-R) Dave Basil, Board President, Jessica Hubbard, CEO, John Trapani, Rooster Advocate, and Dr. Nasir Tejani, member of the Board of Directors.

Casa provides youths in crisis with shelter, counseling and support services 24/7 throughout the year.

Learn more about Casa Youth Shelter here! Casa Youth Shelter https:// casayouthshelter.org/





Whale of a Clam Chowder Cook-off

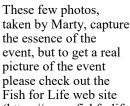
Rooster Advocate Marty Golden participated in the 10th Annual Whale of a Clam Chowder Cook-off, a fundraiser for Fish for Life. The event was held at Baby Beach, Dana Point, on Saturday, March 4th. This was an event for all, young, old, families, singles, pets...you name it!

There was live entertainment, mermaid booth, cartoon sketches, opportunity to vote for best chowder & best decorated booth, and most important, tasting of the best clam chowders from eleven local Dana Point restaurants.



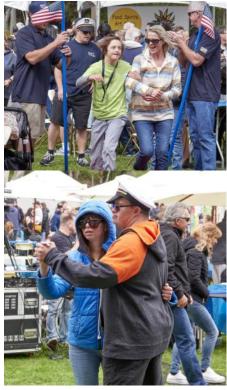
Jim Holden, Executive Director for Fish for Life said "it was the best attended event they have ever had with over 900 people attending." He noted that "what was most important to him was the happiness and love that seemed to flow from everyone, giving the event an incredible energy.' Marty pointed out that "just about all the money raised will go directly to getting more special needs kids out on the water for a day of fishing and fun."

Many special needs kids that have been on a trip or are planning to go on one were attending, and each was individually introduced to a large ovation as they walked the Red Carpet.



(https://www.fishforlife.org/) - click on "Gallery", then "Western Region, Dana Point, CA", then "Fundraisers". Marty is hoping more Roosters participate in the event next year!

Prepared by Marty Golden – Rooster Advocate



Roosters Socials

April 20

Social and OCFWC Procurement Party

6pm. Benchmark Restaurant 601 E. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana

Wine and appetizers will be served.



JJ Jackson Social Chair



Please RSVP via EVITE or by calling Joann Leatherby 714-342-2814 Bring a Silent Auction item for admission!

The person bringing the most prospective new members will receive 4 tickets for the Wine tasting part of OCFW on August 26th Dinner reservations may be available following our gathering. Please contact the restaurant directly.

JJ Jackson, Social Chair Please check your emails for the "EVITE" for details on the monthly socials



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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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



Cherri Farah Gary Eisenberger Margarita Martin Mark McDonald Dan Pederson Floyd Pickrell Peter Smith Stephanie Bauer Penny Strenger





Thank you to Past President Chad Kearns and Linda Kearns, of Giracci Vineyards, for hosting a LUCKY St Patrick's Day Social!



We had a nice gathering of Roosters, family and friends. We listened to festive music, and enjoyed fabulous food and wine, and were decked out in Irish Green attire! Thank











You are invited to the April Social and the OCFWC Procurement Party

April 20, 2023

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Benchmark 601 E. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana

Please bring an item for our silent auctions.

Suggestions: bottle of exceptional wine,

3 - 4 packs of your favorite wine,

a gift card to a restaurant or popular store.

All items will be acknowledged as a donation
to the Roosters Foundation.

Wine and appetizers will be served. Please RSVP via EVITE or by calling Joann Leatherby 714-342-2814



Dinner reservations may be available following our gathering. Please contact the restaurant directly.





Ambassadors Corner

Lou Gardner, Chair

Brother and Sister Roosters, take a moment to call and introduce yourselves 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

Larry Greene John Jackson Joann Leatherby Pat McAuley Jennifer Moriarty 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 https://oldvinekitchenbar.com/ Mark McDonald

Prego Ugo Allesina www.PregoOC.com

Old Brea Chop House Masa Ose www.oldbreachophouse.com

The Pacific Club
www.pacificclub.org

David B. Martin

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

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

Michael & David Rossi

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

Benchmark Restaurant Stefano Ciociola https://benchmarkoc.com/

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

Roosters Wine Celebration

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Recruiting wineries for the Roosters Wine Tasting event is in full swing. Your help is needed in getting wineries to participate as well as to recruit attendees for this Wine Tasting Celebration. If you belong to wine clubs, go to a wine tasting or have friends that do any of these things, ask for their involvement. We need their contact information and the name of decision makers for these organizations. In addition, we need to encourage people to attend this fundraising extravaganza (Special Pricing currently available). Checkout the website www.ocfwc.com for more information and event ticketing.

John Trapani, Wine Chairperson trapsmix@gmail.com

<u>Wine Celebration</u> August 26th 2023 – <u>Segerstrom Center for the Arts</u>

We have 10 Wineries committed as of Mid-March

Wine Celebration tickets are now on a special sale to the friends, family and public!

Direct link to the payment site: https://wine.maxgiving.bid/tickets

Chefs Experience October 29th 2023 – Old Ranch Country Club

We have 6 Chefs committed as of Mid-March out of 15 planned Single tickets are \$400

Chefs Sponsorship tables are \$12,000, \$7,500 and \$6000.

Chef's Experience tickets and tables do NOT included Wine Celebrations tickets.

For more information OC Food & Wine Celebration www.ocfwc.com



- Special - Limited - PreSale -Wine Celebration Tickets!!!! Scan Code for Website! Starting March 1st



Wine Celebration

Wine Tasting, Auction and Sale of Fines Wines Saturday August 26, 2023 ~ 3pm – 6pm Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa

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



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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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Congratulations!

Gary and Anna Draper are excited to welcome Little Cali (of California) Christiana Austin, 6 pounds, 15 ounces of joy. She is the first for Jana Draper Austin and James Austin and she will have dual citizenship of both Britain and USA.

Help Roosters Help Kids Campaigns....you can make a recurring monthly contribution with a few clicks on our website!

1. 16% of kids in Orange County go to bed hungry. We need your help to help them! Please make a monthly donation of any amount to the Roosters "Feeding O.C." program. We are working on raising \$52,000 to enable us to distribute 2000 boxes this year. Please help by funding a Food Box every month with the instructions below.



Make it a Recurring Contribution!

2. The Roosters Endowment Program currently has a balance

of nearly \$80,000 and it's growing...but only with your help! Please make a monthly donation of any amount to The Roosters "Endowment Program" so that at some point in the future we will have enough funds to keep Roosters donations continuing forever, (as the principal can never be spent...only the interest on the principle can be donated by The Roosters Foundation!) It is managed by the Orange County Community Foundation. Please set up your monthly contribution with the instructions below.

Your RECURRING Monthly contribution will make a HUGE difference!