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Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service Ending Childhood Hunger Volume 156, March, 2024



President's Message Greg Bates

2023 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation

Dear Roosters and Roosters family,

Our year is off to a fun start with socials, lunches, dinners and flashmobs at our chefs' restaurants all being planned. Special thanks to Barbara, Bleu & Lou for the help with them!

Please watch your emails for dates and places as we are trying to have more events at the Chefs restaurants. It turns out that this isn't as easy as we'd thought when we decided to try it.

Coming right up on Wednesday March 6th at 6pm is the social/procurement party at Benchmark Restaurant in Santa Ana for the Wine Celebration that will be at Segerstrom Center for the Arts on June 22nd. Please see your updates for auction items we need for the events. Wine, restaurants gift cards, tickets for sporting events and performances and hotel stays are all good sellers at the auctions. There may very well be a raffle prize for those who bring items for the auction!

We also need more wine, beer and spirit vendors and a couple more food vendors. So, ask at the places where you eat to see who will bring us tastes of their food to show the guests. Get your tickets now while the early bird sale is still available. Invite ALL your friends too, they would love to come at a discounted price. If we all can ask and bring 5 couples, we'll surpass all attendance records. Let's make it a big fun wine, beer & spirits with food party!

The Board meeting is on Tuesday March 12 6pm at the Pacific Club. RSVP so they can set up enough seats.

Our March dinner meeting will be on March 14 at BarOne ristorante for a blowout pizza pasta calamari & salad buffet, we'll be one of their final dinners before they move to their new location. It'll be \$57.00 a head.

We will have some advertising pieces for the Wine Celebration, and we need your help to get more participation, so Penny will be emailing so you can take some to your favorite haunts and ask them to put them on display.

Sadly, one of our Roosters family has passed away. Please send former Rooster Bernie Dailey some love on the passing of Marian on Feb 27th. Please see the information for his contact on the next pages.

Greg Bates, President, Roosters

Vice President's Message Lou Gardner

Fellow Roosters,

I was the recipient of an initiative started by Stan Smith when he was vice president, and continued by our current Membership Chair, Rob Ward. I received a birthday greeting along with a Starbucks gift card and a list of upcoming Rooster events.

I was of course happy to receive this birthday greeting and even more happy to know our new leadership continues the Roosters tradition of recognizing a member's birthday! This is a "Class Act" organization in Orange County which I am very honored to be a part of!

Lou Gardner, Vice President, Roosters

Speaker's Corner

We had a SUPER time with Super Bowl Official, Laird Hayes, at our February Lunch Meeting!

We look forward to being inspired by our March 14th Dinner Meeting Speaker, Steve Brown.





Steve was born and raised on the south coast of England for 30 years, and now 24 years in the US. Occasional years spent wandering the planet, surfing and learning what makes the world go round.

Steve's time in England was spent in publishing mostly newspapers, but also for one of the Royal family's publishing

companies. Steve is married to another immigrant, from China, and has two all-American boys aged 14 and 16.

For the last 16 years, Steve has been a stay-at-home dad, which has been the hardest job he has ever done.

We are sure you will enjoy meeting and hearing Steve's wonderful stories and positive outlook on life.

Bleu Cotton Speakers Chair



Bleu Cotton Laird Hayes and Greg Bates at Feb Luncheon



Calendar of Events

Updated as of 3-06-24

Tuesday March 12th

Board Meeting 6pm Pacific Club

Thurs. Mar 14th Dinner Meeting

6:00 pm - Speaker Steve Brown Englishman and World Traveler BarOne - 4647 MacArthur, Newport Beach

<u>Tuesday March 19th - Charity Committee</u> Meeting - Contact Jill@jdcaron.com for info

Monday March 25th Flash Mob

6pm - Smoqued -128 N Glassell, Old Towne Orange

Thurs. April 11th Lunch Meeting
11:30am location tbd

Sat. April 13th, Ambasador Potluck Picnic

11:30am - 4pm

Evite has been sent to past Presidents and Ambassadors - Jon Giberson Jongibo@gmail.com for more info.

Friday April 26th, Give Back Event
Kendra Scott - 235 Newport Center Dr, NB
3-5pm

Thurs. May 9th Lunch Meeting

11:30am - Location TBD

Speaker - Award Winning Journalist and Author
Chris Epting

Thurs. June 13th - Dinner Meeting
6pm - Verdant, In OCMA

Thurs. July 11th Lunch Meeting
11:30am - Location TBD

Thurs. Aug 8th Lunch Meeting
11:30am - Location TBD

Thurs. Sept 12th Dinner Meeting
6pm - Location TBD

Wine Celebration

June 22nd - Saturday
The Plaza at Segerstrom Tickets ON SALE!
www.OCFWC.com

<u>Chefs' Experience</u> Sept 29th - Sunday Old Ranch Country Club

ROOSTER MARCH BIRTHDAYS







Paul Robidoux



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Penny Strenger

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Buy them a cocktail!!



Ambassadors' Potluck Lunch

Attention Ambassadors and Past Presidents

Ambassador's Potluck Picnic
Save The Date – Saturday, April 13 –
11:30-4:00
Marty and Seon Burbank's home.

Please confirm attendance by replying to the Evite sent to you.



This is a great chance to meet fellow Ambassadors and Past Presidents and learn more about the various ways you can enhance your Roosters' membership.

This is a Potluck lunch, so please review the things you can bring by replying to the Potluck email you received. Good food, good friends doing good things...what could be better?!

Jon Giberson, Ambassador Chair

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.



In Memorium

Marian Dailey passed away February 27th 2024. She was the wife of Rooster Bernie Dailey, who was a long time Rooster. Marian and Bernie were great friends of Michael and Donna Cipolla. Such good friends, in fact, that when Michael became President of The Roosters in 2005, Bernie said "We will need to join The Roosters so we can see more of you now!" and Michael brought Bernie in as a member, too.

Bernie and Marian were the couple who would donate the donuts and bagels for the Food Drive for many years, making sure The Roosters and volunteers had a sweet treat for breakfast before they packed hundreds of Food Boxes on the annual event.



Marian also started a gourmet group that lasted for over 20 years, which included Roosters Donna and Michael, Chad and Linda Kearns, Joe and Sandy De Ladurantey, and Paul and Isabelle Greenwald, among other friends.

Bernie and Marian moved to New York in 2018, to be closer to Marian's brother, but stayed connected with Rooster friends, including Gary and Anna Draper, who traveled back east to see them in 2019.

In honor of Marian, you may contribute a donation to The Roosters on our website. www.RoostersFoundation.com go to Pay, go to Donations, and see the option for Marian.



Condolence cards and flowers may be sent to:

Bernie Dailey 206 Sand Hills Lane Medford, New York 11763 Home: 631-448-7145

Marian's funeral will be on March 7th at Marinello Funeral Home, 493 Middle Country Rd., Coram, NY 11727



2023 Charities

Receiving Grant Checks Totaling \$95,000 From

The Roosters Foundation of Orange County

Advance! On to College CAST Christina Mauser Foundation Devil Pups **Family Promise** Fish For Life Friendly Center H.O.P.E. Fristers Huntington Harbor Philharmonic Hope Harbor Kherut Parentis Foundation Pure Game Stand Up For Kids Southern California Children's Chorus Summer Harvest Young Singers of Orange County

Helping Roosters Help Kids www.Roosters.org

Charity Committee

The charity committee will meet in March (date tbd) to start the grant process for 2024.

We do need an advocate for C.A.S.T., one of the charities that we have been giving grants to for many years. Likewise, if you are currently an advocate for one of our charities and would like to have a co-advocate, please let me know as well. Being an advocate for a charity is a very rewarding experience! Please contact me if you would like to know more!

Jill Caron-Rauen – Charity Chair

Work: 714-536-8603 Cell/text: 714-552-4216 jill@jdcaron.com



2023 Charities were: Advance on to College, CAST, Christina Mauser Foundation, Devil Pups, Family Promise, Fish for Life, Friendly Center, H.O.P.E., Fristers, Huntington Harbor Philharmonic, Hope Harbor, Kherut, Parentis Foundation, Pure Game, Stand Up For Kids, Summer Harvest, Young Singers of Orange County, Southern California Children's Chorus.

2024 ROOSTERS FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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John Trapani Wine Celebration



Greg Bates Wine Celebration



Rob Ward Wine Celebration



Larry Greene Wine Celebration Steering Committee Steering Committee Steering Committee



Peter Smith Crow Editor



Penny Strenger Alison Cotton Event Coordinator Dir. of Comm.



Barbara Foster Social Chair

Roosters **Socials**

March 6

Procurement Party!



March 6th is our Procurement Party - Please bring a Restaurant Gift Certificate as your entrance fee! 6 PM

> Benchmark Restaurant 601 E Santa And Blvd. Santa Ana

NOTE: Attendance fee will be to bring a gift card from a restaurant for our auction (\$100-\$250 value). When gc's are purchased, if you ASK Manager for Restaurant to match amount bought for CHARITY with their own donation, it usually is met with generosity! Donation receipts will be sent via email. so need restaurant contact info or business card!

Barbara Foster, Social Chair Please check your emails for the "EVITE" providing details on the socials scheduled for each month.

Member Updates:

Past President Gary Draper is still recovering from his Back Surgery – Please feel free to reach out and say hello via email, text or phone!

Janice Schilt thanks The Roosters for their generous donations in honor of Bill Schilt. – Devil Pups have received \$3900 in Bill's name. In total, The Roosters have donated \$6900 to the Devil Pups. Bill was so proud to be a Rooster. The Roosters welcome Janice as an Honoray Rooster Spouse and we know that Bill's and her help make the Roosters what it is today.

February FLASH MOB at Old Vine



We are planning a Flash Mob on March 18th at Smoqued in Old Town Orange. - Pat McAuley

SAVE THE DATES!! OCFWC 2024.

Roosters Foundation Wine Celebration, June 22, 2024 The Plaza at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Roosters Foundation Chefs Experience, September 29, 2024 Old Ranch Country Club.

CHAIR OF THE WINE CELEBRATION, John Trapani, needs help with: Wineries, craft breweries, distilleries. Food vendors, including bakeries. Sponsorships large and small.

CHAIR OF THE CHEFS COMMITTEE, Pat McAuley, needs partners to serve on the Chefs Committee. She needs help with:

Communications with our chefs, delivering and picking up paperwork from the chefs, scheduling Flash Mobs, arranging small dinners at our restaurants, soliciting gifts for the chefs.

OCFWC Chair, Joann Leatherby, needs help with the silent auctions for both events, and soliciting larger sponsorships, and acting as liaison with our charities for volunteers and speakers at the Chef's Experience.

Thank you!

Want to volunteer or have questions, call Joann Leatherby. 714-342-2814!!



Peter Haaker and Marty Golden present Old Ranch Country Club Chef Jenille Cruz with a gift from The Roosters, in appreciation of his help in raising over \$400,000 at the 2023 Chefs Experience

Taste the culinary wizardry from these talented chefs

- * Chef Stefano Ciociola *Benchmark https://benchmarkrestaurant.com
- * Chef Eric Samaniego *Michael's on Naples http://michaelsonnaples.com
- * Chef Jemille Cruz *Old Ranch Country Club www.oldranch.com
- * Chef Mark McDonald *Old Vine Kitchen & Bar www.oldvinekitchenbar.com
- * Chef Nick Weber *Populaire Modern Bistro https://www.populaireoc.com/
- * Chef Ugo Allesina *Prego Mediterranean www.PregoOC.com
- * Chef David B. Martin *The Pacific Club www.pacificclub.org
- * Chef Alfonso Ramirez *Leatherby's Café Rouge www.patinagroup.com/leatherbys-cafe-rouge
- * Chef Masa Ose *Old Brea Chophouse https://www.oldbreachophouse.com/
- * Chef Jon Barone *Bar One by Il Barone https://www.baroneoc.com/
- * Chef Dave Rossi *Catering by MixMix https://www.cateringbymixmix.com/

ROOSTERS WINE CELEBRATION JUNE 22, 2024

The recruitment of wineries and spirits for this year's Wine Celebration is in full swing. This festivity will be held on Saturday, June 22 at the artsy **Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center, Costa Mesa**.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This can come a variety of ways:

recruit wineries vou are members of.

solicit food purveyors to help feed the attendees the day of the event, volunteer to help on the 22nd,

If you're traveling to any of the wine country areas (i.e.Paso Robles, Temecula, Central Coast, etc.) let either Larry Greene or Jon Trapani know as there may be donations you can pick up in those areas,

***Invite your family and friends to the wine tasting. Attendance is critical for this to be a successful endeavor.

Bottom line is that there are opportunities to make this a successful fundraising event for the charities we support. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to complete this mission!!!!!

WINE... CALLING ALL ROOSTERS!!

Your help is needed to recruit attendees to this year's Wine Tasting Celebration. If we all pitch in and are able to get friends, family and acquaintances to buy tickets, we will have a tremendous and profitable event. Plus, and most importantly, in order to continue participation from wineries we need 400 to 500 attendees at this festivity.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY!!!

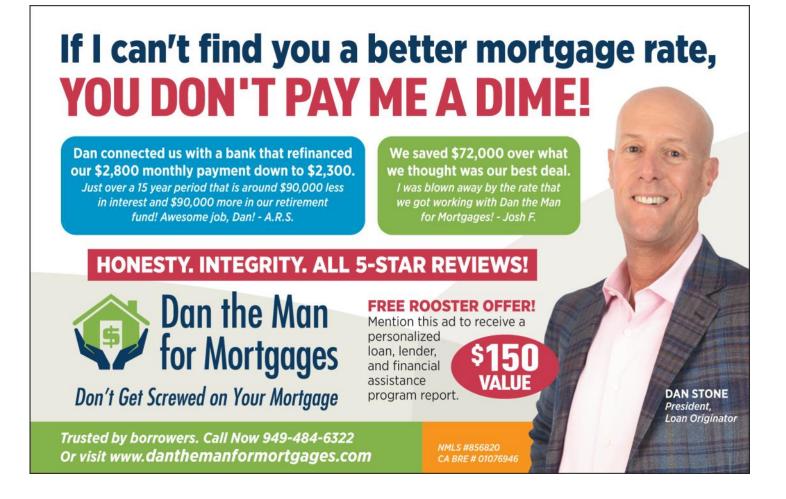
Allison Cotton, Roosters Communications Director, has created a flyer advertising our Wine Tasting Celebration which offers **Pre-Sale Ticket Pricing at a Great Discount!** (see next page) Send this announcement to a minimum of 10 people in a personalized fashion by handing it out, emailing, texting, smoke signals, etc.

LET'S ALL MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!!!

John Trapani, Wine Event Chair

Please welcome back to the Wine Celebration.... (as of 2-27-24)

Boisset Collection – JCB Goldschmidt Vineyards Le Vigne Navarro Vineyards The Vinho Wine Guy Wine Gal (Allons Ensemble) Falkner Winery SoMa Cellars Cowboy Canyon Winery
Giracci Vineyards
Vince Ferragamo Vineyards
Above All Catering
Gus's World Famous Hot & Spicy Fried
Chicken
Bracken's Kitchen
Dos Boots Mezcal





Pre-Sale Tickets ON SALE! \$89 each (& VIP \$110 each)...limited time!

The Wine Celebration

June 22nd, 2024 4-7pm (VIP at 3pm) Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center, Costa Mesa



The Roosters Foundation is calling on individuals who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children to join us as a sponsor. Our mission is to create a community of care for children in need and provide them with the support they need to thrive. By becoming a sponsor, you can help us make a positive impact on our community and help those children who need it most.

Proceeds will help support over 20 small charities that feed, protect, educate and nurture children and their families.

Don't miss out on becoming involved with The Roosters Foundation. Contact us below for more information to volunteer, become a member, receive a donation form, or to be added on our mailing list:

RoostersCommunicationsDirector@gmail.com



www.OCFWC.com www.RoostersFoundation.org













Roosters Don't Just Drink Wine, We Pour Too!

Roosters President Greg Bates and Roosters Ambassador Chair Jon Giberson, with help from Scotty Giberson and Stephanie Bauer, poured wine at the Tustin Sip and Stroll.



The Sip and Stroll is an annual ticketed event similar to our Wine Celebration, with the wine and food samples spread throughout Old Town Tustin, inside stores and restaurants to drive traffic and support for local Tustin businesses, organized by the Tustin Community Foundation.



The goal for Roosters attending was to promote Rooster Membership, Wine Celebration, Chefs Experience, and Feeding OC. The crew was able to collect 50 contact forms from people interested in Roosters and our events. Hopefully we will see many of these at our events, and maybe there is a Rooster or two hidden in there!

We were hosted inside Main Street Men's Clothing store at 148 W Main Street Tustin CA 92780. Owner Chris Nervo and his business partner Donovan were great hosts and we must have made a good impression too as they have asked that we pour in their store next year. Stop by Chris and Donovan's store next time you are in Tustin, and be sure to say you heard about the store from fellow Roosters.



Check out www.TustinCommunityFoundation.org and their calendar so that you can attend this fun event next year, as it is likely something the Roosters will support each year.

Robert F. Ward



Presidents Awards for 2023

We enjoyed a lovely evening of camaraderie and entertainment on February 3 at the Avenue of the Arts Hotel.

The event was hosted, and awards presented by incoming President Greg Bates, in lieu of 2023 President Gary Draper who was unable to attend due to illness.

Rooster of the Year - Pat McAuley

Rooster of the Year - John Trapani

Rooster of the Year - Jennifer Moriarty

Rooster of the Year - Joann Leatherby

Dan Stone - Outgoing Feeding OC Chair

Dayne Boardman - Volunteer Award "Holding President's Wife's Hand"

Jon Giberson - The Old Rooster isn't Dead Yet Award

Rob Ward - New Rooster Award

Peter Smith - Distinguished Service Award (Crow Editor)

Peter Haaker - Distinguished Service Award

Marty Golden - Distinguished Service Award

Libby & Kirk Adams - Bob Waller "Pay it Forward" Award

Jill Caron-Rauen - Board Member of the Year (Charity Chair)

Gary Draper - Special Award for making 2023 a Huge Success!

See photos of awardees on the following pages:

The Roosters Foundation Presidents Awards February 2024



The 2023 Board
Larry Mandell, Asif Merchant, Kirk Adams, Jill
Caron - Rauen, Joann Leatherby, Craig Boardman,
Louis Gardner, Stan Smith, Greg Bates, Gary
Draper (not present)



Jon Giberson The Old Rooster isn't Dead Yet Award



Peter Smith, Roosters Crow Editor Distinguised Service Award



Dan Stone Outgoing Feeding OC Chair



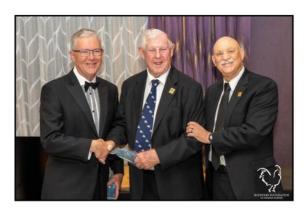
Dayna Boardman Volunteer Award "For Holding the President's Wife's Hand"



Rob Ward New Rooster Award



Presidents Awards Video



Peter Haaker and Marty Golden (not present) Distinguished Service Awards



Libby and Kirk Adams
"Bob Waller
Pay it Forward Award"



Jill Caron - Rauen, Charity Chair Board Member of the Year

Special Award to 2023 Past President Gary Draper

You Made 2023 a Huge Success, and we THANK YOU for your Leadership!



Roosters of the Year 2023 Pat McAuley, John Trapani, Jennifer Moriarty, Joann Leatherby



The 2024 Off Board - Barbara Foster, Larry Mandell, Greg Bates, Joann Leatherby, John Trapani, Pat McAuley



The 2024 Board - Bleu Cotton, Jon Giberson, Jessie Bullis, Greg Bates, Jill Caron-Rauen, Louis Gardner, Rob Ward (missing Gary Draper and Thad Sandford)

Membership

As of the end of February 2024, we have 52 members. We have collected 96% of member dues for \$18,733,00 in revenue.

We have three applicants for membership:

Jeramy Gordon, sponsored by me. Shannon Rodriguez sponsored by me. *See Shannon's Bio below.

Ginny Davies, sponsored by Barbara Foster.

Jeramy Gordon will attend the March Board meeting for a vote on his membership.

Shannon Rodriquez and Ginny Davies will attend the April board meeting for a vote on their membership.

If you have a prospective member, have them contact me at rward@eis.agency or 949-274-6274. Rob Ward, Membership Chair

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



Ambassadors Corner

We have a vital and involved group of Ambassadors including board and committee members.

Rob Ward is doing an amazing job as Membership Chair.



Joann Leatherby, Pat McAuley, and Jennifer Moriarty became Roosters of the Year for their work on the Wine and Chef's event.

Jesse Bullis is on the board of directors as our Treasurer.

Larry Green graduates from being an Ambassador in March and works with John Trapani on the Wine Event.

Barbara Foster is Social Chair and has volunteered to help with other Rooster tasks.

Regards, Jon Giberson, Chair 714-345-0714 Our current Ambassadors:

Lynn Brown Larry Greene JJ Jackson Robert Ward Howard Minkley Davi Wilson Barbara Foster Jessie Bullis

Proposed New Member - Shannon Rodriguez

Sponsor: Rob Ward

Shannon Rodriguez has a successful career spanning marketing, operations and ownership of a thriving business.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Shannon finds joy in travel, food and the great outdoors, for she loves exploring hiking trails or engaging in her yoga practice. Her commitment to the community shines through her active support of her local farmers market (Orange Home Grown) and fostering connections.

Shannon also has a passion for cooking and nutrition.

She resides happily in Orange with her spouse.



Roosters Store!

You can still order MERCH from our online Store!

Roosters' store is open to order

Under Armour shirts and Richardson 112 Twill/Mesh Snapback hat – all embroidered with Roosters' logo.

Prices are inclusive and include taxes and shipping!

Orders will be shipped in batches once a month, so get yours in for February!

Our supplier is.... Cedarstream

https://stores.cedarstream.com/roosters foundation/shop/home





We thank

The Restaurants and Chefs who made The 2023 Chefs Celebration a Success...Raising over \$400,000 for OC Children's Charities!

























The Roosters Foundation is a charity and social organization, consisting of many professional people from diverse backgrounds, from the greater Orange County area.

Since 1977, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for disadvantaged children.

ROOSTERS FOUNDATION

OF ORANGE COUNTY

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Roosters of the Year - 2023
Pat McAuley, John Trapani,
Jennifer Moriarty, Joann Leatherby

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





Crow Editor
Peter Smith

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Anniversaries?
Marriages?
Congratulations?
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