

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



Dear Roosters Community,

As we reflect on the past quarter, I'm pleased to report that we've navigated it successfully and are looking ahead with enthusiasm. Our September lunch at Antonello's was a great success, and due to the positive response, we've decided to return there for our October Vote of our Board Members. Your participation in the upcoming October luncheon is crucial as we select the most qualified candidates to lead our organization.

I'm thrilled to welcome two new members, Barbara Foster and Davi Wilson, to our Roosters family. With three potential members in the pipeline, our membership is steadily growing and will soon reach 55. However, our goal is to reach 60 members by year-end, and we need your help to achieve this. Consider inviting a friend or colleague from work to come to our events and introduce them to the vibrant Roosters community.

I must share some bittersweet news. Due to health issues, Stan Smith had to resign from the Vice Presidency and the Board of Directors. I'm delighted to announce that Greg Bates has been appointed as the new Vice President, serving through the end of the year, and will take on the role of President in 2024. Congratulations to Greg on this well-deserved appointment.

In our commitment to improving communication within our organization, the Board has approved the use of Twilio. Twilio is a versatile software package that will enable us to notify members via Evite, email, and text messages. If members do not respond to the initial contact, they will receive follow-up emails and, if necessary, text messages. This service will enhance our ability to engage with all members and ensure a 100% response rate. The expected monthly cost for this program is approximately \$25, a worthwhile investment in enhancing our communication.

Last month, we sought your input on alternating between lunches and dinners for our gatherings, and most of you expressed interest in this idea. Now, we're eager to hear your thoughts on two additional matters:

1. Home Base Location vs. Rotating Locations: Should we establish a consistent meeting location or continue moving our meetings to honor the chefs who support us, considering our Flash Mob dinners also honor our chefs? Your feedback will help us make an informed decision.

2. Meeting Venue Preferences: Would you prefer a quality café meeting which will cost around \$35 per person, or

an upscale restaurant meeting with a price range of \$50 to \$60 per person? Again, your input will guide us in tailoring our meetings to your preferences.

When you receive our surveys from Survey Monkey, please take a moment to respond. Your opinions are invaluable in our efforts to make Roosters the best it can be.

For those who missed our September luncheon, our speaker, Marty Burbank, shared valuable insights on estate planning and tax-saving strategies. We are committed to bringing you informative and engaging speakers in the future.

Lastly, we've heard your desire for more fun social activities. We're actively planning a day at the Del Mar Racetrack in November to enjoy some exciting races and try our luck at picking winners.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Roosters community. Together, we will make our organization even stronger and more enjoyable for all.

Vice President's Message Greg Bates

Hi All,

I'm happy to be able to help Stan out and take over as your Vice President for the remainder of the year.

At our October 12th lunch meeting at Antonello's South Coast Plaza Village, we will be having our official annual meeting and election of officers to the Roosters Foundation and Rooster's Inc. We need to have a quorum of the membership for the election so please please please if you cannot attend send your proxy to me or authorize another Rooster who will attend to vote for you. The proxies will be sent to you in the next week. Call me anytime if you have any questions I can answer. Greg's cell 714-342-2914.

I'm glad to have a great company of friends to serve with me on the Boards for 2024! See who's running elsewhere in the Crow. In November we will be having a dinner meeting that your significant others are invited to attend with you. We plan to have more fun dinner meetings and keep most of the business to the lunch meetings. Watch your emails for the soon to be announced location.

Our December Holiday luncheon will be held at Michael's on Naples on Saturday December 9th. They have been one of our long time Chefs helping us out at the OCFWC Chef's dinner. Please rsvp early as we can only take 60 members and guests. It's time to show them some love for all the help we've received from the restaurant. There will be entertainment, but this is an adult's only event this year. We're streamlining the day so the charities will not be asked to attend to accept their checks.



Roosters new mailing address:

17602 17th Street Suite 102-252, Tustin, CA 92780

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. *(updated 9-24-23)*

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

Socials for Rooster Members,
Significant Others, and Guests

Special Events

Thursday Oct 12th
This will be our voting meeting!
Please do not miss
Antonello Ristorante
3800 South Plaza Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92704
Lunch Meeting 11:30am

Thursday Nov 9th
Info to come!
Dinner Meeting!

December Holiday
Grant Check Luncheon
December 9th
Info to come!

Tuesday October 3rd
Smoqued
in Olde Town Orange
Roosters Flash Mob
Unofficial Roosters event
Bring friends and lets meet up at
6pm!
128 Glassell St
Orange

ON Sale NOW!
Purchase Chefs Experience Tickets
www.ocfwc.com

Sunday, October 29th
OCFWC Chefs Experience
Old Ranch CC
To volunteer contact Penny!
To buy tickets... www.ocfwc.com

Saturday December 16th
Holiday Feeding OC Program
Packing Food Boxes
Info to come!
Fund a Food Box NOW!
\$25 each
<https://roostersholidayfood.max-giving.bid/donations>

Next Board Meeting Dates
Second Tuesdays of each month.
at 6pm
Oct 10th, Nov 14th, Dec 12th
Prego Restaurant
2409 Park Avenue Tustin

Rsvp to Gary Draper to be added to
agenda or if you would like to watch
how we make
Rooster Magic happen!



Upcoming Calendar

Feeding OC

Paul Robidoux and Larry Mandell have volunteered to be the new co-chairs of the Feeding OC program. Let them know you appreciate their efforts!

For upcoming dates please contact:

Dan Stone: call or text 714-310-4162.

Dan@DantheManforMortgages.com

October 3 Flash Mob!

6 PM. All Roosters invited to attend.

Smoqued, Old Town Orange.

128 Glassel Street, Orange

Unofficial Roosters gathering to support our fabulous partners at our fundraising events. Bring your friends!

October 10 Board of Directors

6-8 PM. All Roosters invited to attend.

Prego Restaurant, 2409 Park Avenue Tustin.

Contact Gary Draper

October 12 Lunch Meeting

11:30am at Antonello's Ristorante,

3800 South Plaza Drive, Santa Ana CA

\$50 lunch

This is our annual VOTING meeting - your attendance is required!

If unable, please make sure you have sent in your proxy.

October 29 OCFWC Chefs Experience!

Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach.

4:30 PM

Volunteer? Please contact Penny Strenger.

Tickets: www.ocfwc.com

The event you and your friends have been waiting for all year!

All Future Events

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Luncheons 2nd Thursday every month.

Socials usually 3rd/4th Thursday every month.

ROOSTER OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Michael Krever



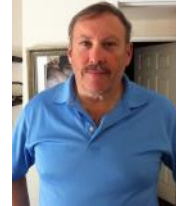
Bob McCaffrey



David Norwood



Peter Moriarty



Larry Mandell



Buy Them a Drink!!



Help promote the Chefs' Experience!

Facebook: invite your friends to the "Chefs Experience" event on facebook.

A – Search for Chefs Experience on facebook

B - You should see the Old Ranch County Club, Oct 29th event.

C – Click on that page, click that you are GOING and then you can invite your friends on facebook by following the tab. (Contact Ali if you have QQs)

NextDoor app is also easy!

A - Go to your NextDoor App

B – click on the "POST" button

C – type a message that includes you being a member of the Roosters, who the Roosters are, and that you invite people to buy tickets to www.ocfwc.com for a great cause! (Contact Ali if you want a script!)



Roosters in the Wild!

Charity Chair Jill Caron-Rauen was spotted recently at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!

We need a Roosters Hall of Fame!!!



2023 ROOSTERS FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Speakers Director



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Alison Cotton
Dir. of Comm.

Speaker's Corner

We will not be having a speaker at the October 12th lunch meeting, as we are having the Roosters 2024 Board Election. Please join us at Antonello Ristorante... the food is amazing!

11:30am at Antonello's Ristorante,
3800 South Plaza Drive, Santa Ana CA
\$50 lunch



Note to the Next Speakers Chair!

Speakers Chair in 2024 will be exciting with the change to dinner meetings alternating with lunch. I envision the new Speakers chair, more as a Program chair. Maybe evenings can feature small performances as well as speakers. We need entertaining speakers as well as those that convey knowledge. Many of our members are highly capable of making presentations and I think we should include them.

Joann Leatherby – Speaker Chair

Volunteers Needed!

Roosters members, wives, and friends...

We need 8 more amazing volunteers to help in various ways at our annual signature fundraiser, **The Chefs Experience** on **Sunday, October 29** in Seal Beach. Success of our fundraising event rests on all of us who make it all happen! **We hope you can help.**

Please **click the link below** to learn more and **sign up to volunteer**. Please scroll down to **VIEW "Open Spots"**. **Most shifts are 2 to 3 hours**. Thanks for helping!

Location: Old Ranch Country Club; 3901 Lampson Ave. Seal Beach, CA 90740

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/BJKZfus>

Set-Up, Unload & Move-in Restaurants	Sun Oct 29 11:45am-3pm	2 more
Assist Registration & Re-Pack Auction	Sun Oct 29 4pm-6:30pm	2 more
Pack up, Help Move out Chefs & Load our Truck	Sun Oct 29 8pm-10:30pm	4



****Roosters Members, Significant Others & Friends ****

Please **Help Roosters Help Kids** by procuring any of these specific items below.

There is no question, the dedication and passion of the Roosters membership is an integral part of the overall success of our fundraising events. The auctions at our **Roosters Food & Wine Celebration** will play a major role in raising funds for the children's charities that Roosters support.



Do you know an individual or company in these categories? Please ASK them to help support you & Help Roosters Help Kids! Use auction donation form, or

Pledge the auction donation ONLINE at: <https://wine.maxgiving.bid/donateItem>

LIVE auction items needed:



- **Will you HOST a "Private Dinner" or Special Experience?**
(Prepared at your home - You set the number of guests & details)
- **TRAVEL:** Luxury Resorts, Hotel stays, Winery Stay, Cruises, Airline miles
- **Romantic Getaways:** Use of Timeshare, Vacation Home, Big Bear Cabin
- **Luxury box for sporting event**, performance or concert.
Many companies will donate luxury boxes for "valued customers". Just Ask!
- **Once in a Lifetime Experience:** Ride on the Zamboni, a day on the set, Cooking lesson with a chef, Fireman for a Day

Silent auction items needed:

- **Fine WINE:** Large format bottles, Gift sets, recognized labels
- **Restaurant Gift Cards:** Dinner at the restaurants you frequent
- **Sports Tickets for Angels, Ducks, Dodgers, Lakers -**
Your season tickets will often be in better seats than any seats our guests could buy directly from the venue
- **Hard-to-Get Game Tickets, concerts, special events, VIP treatment**
- **Electronics,** iPhone, 80" Smart TV, Surround sound system, Smart Watch
- **Completed Theme Baskets** (Staycation Basket, Date Night Basket, Baseball or sports team basket, Artisan/Chef Basket, Whiskey basket, Spa Day Basket, Halloween Themed basket, Lottery Basket)
- **Behind the Scenes Tour**, something rare or exclusive
- City Bar Crawl, **Horseback riding lessons**
- Any unique item or exciting experience!



NOTE: Items we DO NOT need: Art, costume jewelry, random, single items that are not in a completed basket. Poor sellers at every auction are: haircuts, manicure/pedicure, interior design consultations, personal training and gym workout sessions, candles, nick-knacks.

The Roosters Foundation Feeding OC Program

Annual Holiday Meals Giveaway
December 16th 2023

Save the Date!



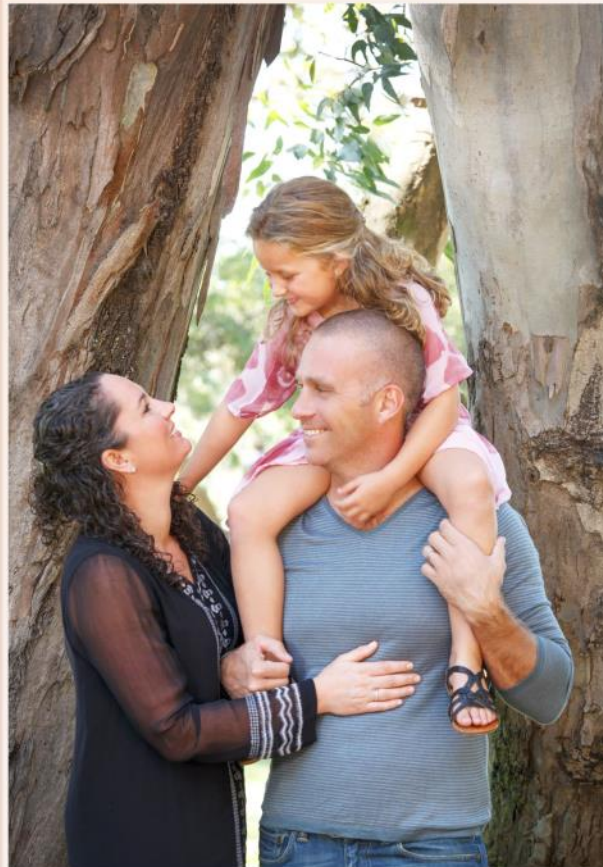
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upgrade your business!

Social Media & Marketing!

Classes: how to take
better images
with your cell phone!

Charity Committee

The Charity Committee is in full swing right now. We want to thank John Hinson, Thad Sandford, Paul Robidoux, Jon Giberson, Lou Gardner, and Doug Richards for being the incredible team working with Jill Caron-Rauen. If you want to join the 2024 Charity Committee, you will be in the heart of what the Roosters Foundation is all about!

2023 Charity applicants are: 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 and Young Singers of Orange County.

Every member is welcome to attend the charity committee meetings.
Please contact me if you would like to know when we are meeting again:

jill@jdcaron.com 714-536-8603 (home/office) or 714-552-4216 (cell)



Jill Caron-Rauen
Charity Committee Chair

Feeding OC Holiday Boxes

Feeding OC program is all set for our boxing event Saturday, Dec. 16, 8:30 – 10:30.
OC Food Bank at 11870 Monarch St. Garden Grove, CA 92841.

We are set to create 2,000 boxes of food. Every person that volunteers with the OC Food Bank will be an empowering force to helping change our community. Volunteers will be working on assembly lines packing a variety of food items into boxes through our network of charity partners, serving disadvantaged kids and families in OC.

This event is high energy, fast-paced. People will lift anywhere from 1 pound up to 50 pounds. Most of the event will require people to do repetitious tasks.

We will be looking for 80 – 100 volunteers, so definitely invite current and prospective members. An email will be sent to all Rooster members next month to reserve your spot.

If you know any companies interested in donating food to our boxes, such as canned hams, power bars, grocery store gift cards, etc., please call Dan:
714-310-4162.

December 16th Save the date!
You can donate \$25 per box with the QR link on right!

Dan Stone, Paul Robidoux,
Larry Mandell
Feeding OC Co-Chairs



The Roosters Foundation Feeding OC Program

Annual Holiday Meals Giveaway
December 16th 2023

Co-Chairs

Dan Stone (center)
Paul Robidoux (left)
Larry Mandell (right)



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Make it a Recurring Contribution!

LIVE AUCTION Preview The Chefs Experience Oct 29th

Gourmet Dinner for 8 Newport Harbor Waterfront Home
Hosted by Mike & Wendy Wiley

Catered by The Winery's Executive Chef & Owner Yvon Goetz!

2 Hour Duffy Harbor Cruise Before Dinner!

Winner May Select Their Own Dinner Items
From The Winery's Menu!

Dinner Paired With Fine Wines from Mike & Wendy's Cellar!



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DAN STONE
President,
Loan Originator



LIVE AUCTION Preview The Chefs Experience Oct 29th

Kauai, Poipu Beach 1 Week Stay -October 25, 2024 to November 1, 2024

DATES ARE LOCKED, can NOT be changed. (Dates are NOT negotiable)

check in **October 25, 2024**, check out **November 1, 2024**.

Transportation not included. No refunds.

Generously Donated by Robert and Kathryn Flippen



Enjoy spectacular views from sunrise to sunset from the lanai of your oceanfront Kauai condo. Lawai Beach Resort overlooks one of the best snorkeling and surfing beaches on Kauai, making it a favorite vacation spot for everyone. There are three pools, complimentary tennis courts, an 18-hole miniature golf course, fitness center, three spas, various barbecue areas and elevator access. The famous Beach House Restaurant is just steps away. 2 miles from the famous Poipu Beach Park, 1 mile from Spouting Horn Scenic Lookout.

Welcome to **Lawai Beach Resort** - Located across the Pacific Ocean on the south shore of Kauai, the RCI resort contains 176 condominium units set on 7 acres overlooking Lawai Beach.

1 bedroom Unit, sleeps 2 comfortably, (sleeps up to 4 with Queen sleeper sofa in living room),

Full kitchen. All units are equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi Internet service.

Smoking is prohibited in all area on the grounds of Lawai Beach Resort.

LAWAI BEACH RESORT - Poipu Beach Resort on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai <https://www.lawaibeach.org/resort.html>

Area map <https://www.lawaibeach.org/faq.html#resortmap>

LIVE CAM: <https://www.lawaibeach.org/-livecam-.html>

Address: 5017 Lawai Rd, Poipu Beach, Koloa, Hawaii 96756.

Other AMMENITIES: Horseshoes, Cornhole, Mini golf, Tennis & Pickleball court and fitness center on Rooftop with TV, pool table and ping pong table, BBQ area by the pools, Rooftop deck and garden. Shopping and dining are within minutes of driving, and whale watching from the comfort of your lanai (balcony).

Kaua'i is an enchanting and beautiful island. It doesn't matter if this is your first trip or a return trip, there are still many activities to do. We can assist in coordinating your activities: helicopter tours, boating tours, ATV tours, Ziplining and much more. Popular activities are booked weeks in advance!! Book your activities online before you arrive to get your best time and days for your ohana!



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2024 Roosters Board Candidate Statements
Vote at Our October 12th Lunch for the 2024 Board!



Jill Caron-Rauen

I have been a Rooster for almost four years now, and am on the board of directors for 2023. I am also the charity committee chair for 2023. This year we have been focusing on how we can make a larger impact with the charities that receive grants from the Roosters and we are accomplishing that goal! I would like to continue as the charity committee chair for 2024, and again be on the board of directors. I believe in the mission of The Roosters and would like to see the organization thrive!

I would appreciate your vote!

Jill Caron-Rauen



Rob Ward

Hello Roosters! While I am new to the Roosters (March of 2023). I am not new to driving membership for organizations I represent and support. That is why I am running for Membership Chair 2024.

In 2002, I co-founded The Business Roundtable (BRT), a business networking group that we grew from two members, to thirty plus members in our first year. I am confident that I can bring that same level of enthusiasm and growth to the Roosters. I was a Board member of BRT and helped maintain that level of membership through the ebb and flow until we ultimately shut the group down in 2021, partially due to COVID and lingering concerns by some members to meet in person.

I joined the Roosters in part, to fill the void left when BRT disbanded. I also joined for the social aspect and of course, for the charities that the Roosters support. As a father of four and a small business owner, I know personally the challenges of trying to make it all happen. I am the youngest of seven kids of a single mother. Our family benefited from the types of organizations that the Roosters support. I am honored and privileged to be able to give back.

I am looking forward to building our membership so we can give back even more. I am not just looking for your vote. I am looking for your help! Together, we can build the membership back to previous levels. More members, more fun. More members, more donations for the charities we support. Thank you for your consideration, Rob Ward "Good Times, Good Causes" Cell:

949-274-6274



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Lou Gardner



Brother Roosters, I am asking for your consideration to serve as a 2024 Board member for the Roosters Foundation and Roosters Inc. As most of you know, I have been a member of the Roosters since 2009. I became a board member in 2010 serving as PR Chair in 2010, Charity Chair in 2011, 2012, and 2013. I Served as VP in 2014 under John Hinson and was president in 2015. After serving as past president in 2016, I was honored to serve on the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Board as Ambassador Chair.

Current leadership has re-focused our goals of helping children in need and at risk in Orange County. Our membership along with our significant others has created a close-knit family culture not common in organizations today.

I serve to help take the Roosters to the next level and to nurture future leaders within the Roosters and I therefore ask for your vote.

Sincerely
Lou Gardner



Bleu Cotton

I have been a member of the Roosters since 2002 and have photographed many events during that time....Now it is time to step up and contribute to the board. I would like to become the speaker chair. With my extensive background in meeting and photographing many interesting clients, it would be a pleasure to ask some of them to come and speak at our meetings.

I would coordinate the times and facilitate any needs in setting up for their talks to us.

Thank you for considering me for this position on the Rooster Board.

Sincerely,
Bleu Cotton



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Thad Sanford



Member of Roosters for 5 years and previously served as Chair of the Charity Committee. I am currently retired but active as a member of Rotary club of Fullerton, Fullerton First Methodist Church, and the St Jude Hospital Memorial Foundation Board (where I serve as), Vice Chair.

I retired from The Boeing Company as Vice President of Engineering in 2004 and from the Air Force as Colonel in 1989. My wife, Ann, and I travel often. And I enjoy the work of playing golf.



Jessie Bullis

I am a new member with the Rooters and I am interested in serving on the board next year. Thank you for your consideration. Jessie Bullis

Jon Giberson



I have been a member since 1989 and have seen many positive changes in our organization and humbly ask for your support as a candidate for the Board of Directors as Ambassador Chair.

I chaired the Annual Holiday Food Drive for 10 years, was Rooster of the Year in 2016, double recipient of the Doug Davidson Memorial Award, two-time nominee for the Rooster Spirit of Volunteerism Award and several Distinguished Achievement Awards. I am also a member of the Charity Committee.

I look forward to working with President Greg Bates in increasing the involvement of our membership by getting new members engaged in the fun social activity and serious aspect of raising funds for needy children in Orange County.

Thank you for your support. Jon Giberson

South Coast Plaza Fundraiser



Thank you to **South Coast Plaza** for including the Roosters Foundation in your program where you match stores up with local charities.



Twenty Roosters enjoyed a private function in South Coast while a percentage of sales that evening were donated to The Roosters Foundation.

Thank you, South Coast Plaza!



Membership

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.

Thank you to Joann and Greg Bates for sponsoring new member, Barbara Foster, and Bleu Cotton for sponsoring Davi Wilson...two of our newest Rooster members!

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.



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

Lou Gardner, Chair

Brother and Sister Roosters, take a moment to call and introduce yourselves to our newest members, Davi Wilson and Barbara Foster. Let those new Ambassadors 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:

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

Know anybody who wants to sell their business?

I am a Regional Associate for a consulting business that matched business owners with buyers. My goal is to find owners of business with gross sales of \$10m or more who are interested in selling their business. They have a large team of expert financial and legal analysts that work with a business owner to prepare a package to maximize the value of their company and present to their database of buyers.

There is no fee for their services until and IF they arrange the sale of your business, so there is no risk.

Options:

1. Outright sale
2. Merger
3. Recapitalize with strong partner

I will pay you a 5-digit \$ commission resulting in a completed sale from a company that you provide to me.

You don't have to do anything else.

Please call Jon Giberson at 714-345-0714 to learn more.

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.



Facebook Group

Roosters Socials

You will have already enjoyed our September Social at the McAuley's home by the time you read this, but don't forget our unofficial event, the Flash Mob at Smoqued on October 3! Photos next month!

Contact JJ Jackson, Social Chair 949-500-6931
Please check your emails for the "EVITE" for details on the monthly socials



September Lunch at Antonello



The Roosters Foundation of Orange County had their September lunch meeting at the famous Antonello Ristorante, in South Coast Plaza.



Twenty one members enjoyed a delicious meal and conversation in the private dining room.



After introductions and monthly meeting updates, our very own Rooster, Marty Burbank, spoke about estate planning, philanthropy and The Roosters Endowment Fund.



Our next luncheon meeting will also be at Antonello, next month, when we vote in next year's new board!





The Chefs Experience

Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 4:30 pm

Location: Old Ranch Country Club; Seal Beach

Purchase at www.ocfwc.com

Culinary Countdown... to Experience an Extraordinary Group of Chefs

"THE Chefs Experience" - An unforgettable dining experience of fine wine and delectable chef creations. Guests will enjoy a sumptuous gourmet five-course meal paired with fine wines, prepared tableside by one of our premier Orange County chefs. Inspired table designs, cuisine fit for royalty, exquisite wines perfectly paired for each course and five-star "white glove" table service. Begin your evening with a cocktail reception and silent auction featuring exquisite wines and dining opportunities donated by our chefs. Experience the excitement of our live auction, featuring popular travel destinations, dining extravaganzas and a few surprises. Dance the night away at our after-party and meet the Chefs. Attire is black tie optional.

The Chefs Experience is a great chance to taste the culinary wizardry from these talented chefs. Several cook at private clubs and each produce amazing food. Over 600 people attend our 2 charity events each year to taste fine wine and enjoy gourmet food but more importantly to raise the funds for all the children's charities that we support.



Purchase at www.ocfwc.com

Tickets \$400 pp

Table for 12 \$5,000

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- * Chef Jon Barone *Bar One by Il Barone - <https://www.baroneoc.com/>
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Please welcome the 2023 OC Food and Wine Celebration

“Chefs Experience” Chefs!

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2 Years

cooking alongside
Chef Ross Pangilinan

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“The Chefs Experience” Sunday, October 29, 2023

At the Chefs Experience event, we are excited to offer our sponsors the opportunity to have priority in selecting their menu. The menu selection hierarchy will determine the order in which sponsors can choose their preferred dishes for the event. The sooner you purchase your sponsorship, the higher you will be in the menu picking order. So don't wait too long, as time is ticking!

MENU Selection Format & Hierarchy

Format

In order of hierarchy*, each “Table Captain” will be *emailed 1 week prior to the event*, to choose the menu for their table. Table Captain will have a 2-hour time limit to make a menu selection. The chef preparing the menu chosen will not be known to the guests until they enter the ballroom which adds to the excitement of the evening!



*Levels of Hierarchy -

Platinum, Gold, Silver, then other tables.

NOTE: Within each level, menu selection priority status is established on the date when the table is paid-in-full.

*Hierarchy

- 1) **Platinum Sponsors** receive first choice for menu selection, and are seated closest to the stage area.
- 2) **Gold Sponsors** receive 2nd choice for menu selection, by order of date sponsorship was paid in full.
- 3) **Silver Sponsors** will begin menu selection after the Gold Sponsors have chosen, in paid in full order.
- 4) After the Table Sponsors have chosen their menus, other tables will have opportunity for menu selection.

NOTE: **Entry into the Menu Picking Order is established when a table of 12 is “Paid in Full” and thus will move above in picking order, any partially paid tables (at the same level).**



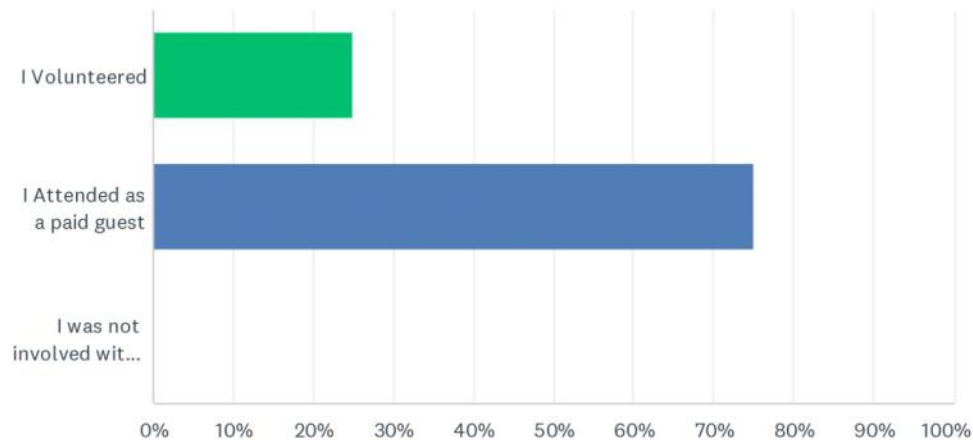
Q1 Are you planning on volunteering at the December 16th Rooster Holiday Meals Give-A-Way? Will you be inviting Friends, Family and/or Prospective Members? This will give us an idea of a head count! We would love to see many involved! Please comment with number of people, and any other input you would like to share.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes. Betsy and Peter Haaker would like to help	9/22/2023 11:09 PM
2	Yes, there will be 2 of us.	9/22/2023 5:06 PM
3	Yes! I'll be there and will likely Bring one person with me.	9/22/2023 4:45 PM
4	Yes, Pete and I plan to be there	9/22/2023 3:36 PM
5	yes	9/22/2023 2:45 PM
6	4	9/22/2023 10:38 AM
7	What would the volunteers be doing?	9/22/2023 10:33 AM
8	I will volunteer for 12/16	9/22/2023 9:47 AM
9	Yes, I plan on volunteering.	9/22/2023 8:41 AM
10	Yes. I haven't invited others yet. Will do so.	9/22/2023 7:30 AM
11	Sorry No	9/22/2023 4:53 AM
12	Yes: I can invite 2-4 people	9/22/2023 2:26 AM
13	probably not	9/21/2023 6:58 PM
14	No. I will be out of town.	9/21/2023 6:26 PM
15	Probably not attending this year.	9/21/2023 6:09 PM
16	Scotty, myself and possibly my Grandson Spencer Bailey	9/21/2023 5:54 PM
17	2 - 4 volunteers	9/21/2023 5:37 PM
18	yes, volunteering. Yes, I will invite a friend, depending on capacity.	9/21/2023 5:20 PM

Q2 Did you attend the Wine Celebration, or did you Volunteer? What did you LOVE about it, and what would make it better in 2024?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 2



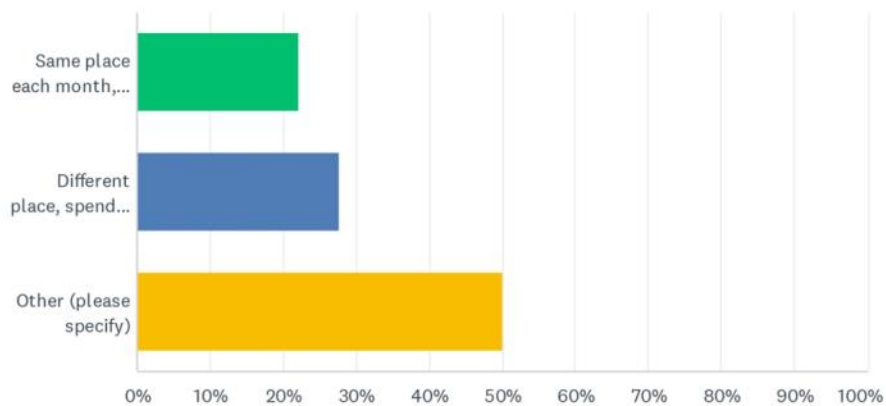
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I Volunteered	25.00%	4
I Attended as a paid guest	75.00%	12
I was not involved with this event	0.00%	0
TOTAL		16

Comments

- 1 - I loved the ease of signing up for duties. It would be nice to have an 'official' volunteer coordinator who is dedicated to the volunteers.
- 2 - I was co- chair so volunteered for months before & enjoyed day of.
- 3 - it was great! Maybe a longer VIP - 90 minutes instead of 60
- 4 - Condense the area by a fourth
- 5 - I loved the variety of stations. I didn't care for the food
- 6 - All was good, food, space, wine selection
- 7 - I loved the whole celebration
- 8 - Possibly having the silent auction items closer to the entry point so people see it when they first walk in might be helpful
- 9 - The venue was great. Perhaps end the dessert fantasia, and add craft beers.
- 10 - Needs to be condensed. Not enough excitement. Need more wineries.
- 11 - I loved the DJ and thought he brought the energy that I feel like was missing in some past wine events at Old Ranch
- 12 - Loved the good time had by all, connecting to current and new friends.

Q3 Would you rather attend a monthly lunch or dinner meeting at the same location each month, for consistency? Perhaps at a quality cafe with a private banquet room for \$35 a person? Or would you rather change locations each month at a higher-end restaurant with a private room for \$50-\$60 per person?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Same place each month, consistency is important to me	22.22%	4
Different place, spend a bit more per meal, variety is important to me	27.78%	5
Other (please specify)	50.00%	9
TOTAL		18

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- 12 - Either, as long as we support our chefs.
- 13 - I like the idea of consistency but I also like the idea of supporting to places that support the chef experience
- 14 - We have so many chefs supporting us that we should go to those restaurants
- 15 - Alternating afternoon meetings with evenings

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Rooster of the Year
John Hinson - 2022



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Mission Statement

To facilitate and encourage lifelong friendships while performing charitable works on behalf of children in need.

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