

Roosters Crow Newsletter

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service
Ending Childhood Hunger
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**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message Greg Bates, President

2023 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation

Dear Roosters and Friends,

First let us talk about Rooster's etiquette...

When you get a call from another Rooster please take it, arrange to call back if you are busy. Acknowledge those texts even if its just "I'll get back to you soon." When you get an Evite, please answer it even if it is a "maybe" while you check your schedules. We all have busy schedules and need to be able to conduct Roosters business expeditiously.

Remember to watch for our meeting locations and times each month as we are going to alternate from lunches to dinners and going to experiment with moving our meetings to support the Chefs who keep our fundraising projects doing so well. Costs will vary.

I made a mistake of the date for our February LUNCHEON meeting; it's going to be on Feb 8th at Prego's.

The big project right now is to help prepare for the OC Wine, (Spirits and Beer) Celebration at Segerstrom Center for the Arts on June 22nd. Please join the Committee as we have 5 months to make this more successful than 2023's. Until Covid we held it in the spring to better accommodate the wineries, so we've moved it to June with an eye on April or May in the future.

We have committed to 2 years more and if we cannot bring in more people to the event, we may discontinue it. It is too fun of an event to do that! Invite your friends to attend especially at the discounted early price! Ask if we can leave brochures at restaurants, bars, liquor stores you go to. Ask any winery or brewery you go to if they would like to pour.

The Chef's Experience will be held at Old Ranch Country Club on September 29th. Pat will need many volunteers to have another successful experience!

We could do another fundraiser so if you think of one let me know.

Finally, I'm hoping that we can add 10 net new members this year. And I want you all to come to something each month. We have a Board of Directors meeting, general meeting, a social and a dine out "flash mob" event at one of our chef's restaurants almost every month. Come join us! Its time for everyone to get active again.

Thank you so much for the help you give to children in Orange County and the fun we have doing it.

Greg Bates,
President, Roosters

Vice President's Message



Lou Gardner

Fellow Roosters,

We are one month into 2024, and already we are setting the foundation for the best year ever! The winning hand of experienced Rooster leadership we have in Greg Bates along with newer members with the passion and their own leadership skills, gives me great joy in knowing the Roosters will continue to make an impact in the lives of children in Orange County. And the best of all, we have fun doing it!

Lou Gardner

Vice President, Roosters



Speakers Corner

I am very excited for this year! Our speakers will be outstanding and not to be missed.

What a great start it was in January. The President of the Segerstrom Center gave us a very interesting talk, including how the Center has become one of the nation's top performing Art centers.



Our February luncheon will be just as interesting and entertaining, as our speaker will be Mario Marovic, the co-owner of Muldoon's Irish Pub, Dory Deli, Stag Bar + Kitchen, Matador Cantina, the District Lounge, The Beach Ball and more! His Family is originally from Croatia and his story is very inspiring. Do not miss this luncheon!

Looking forward as well, we will be having an amazing international couple, whose stories are incredible. They will be speaking at the March evening meeting.

In April, the owner of The Balboa Island Ferry and Island Marine Fuel Dock, David Beek will be our speaker. He and his father, H.Seymour Beek, have owned the ferry and the fuel dock for generations. We are sure they will have some interesting stories to tell about the history of this historic piece of Newport Beach.

Yes, this will be so much fun having these speakers, and many more interesting guests, at our meeting with the Roosters. See you there!

Bleu Cotton
Speakers Chair



Calendar of Events

Updated as of 2-2-24

Saturday February 3rd

President's Awards Night
Avenue of the Arts Hotel

Tuesday February 6th

Board Meeting 6pm
Pacific Club
Newport Beach

Thursday February 8th

Lunch Meeting
Pregos 11:30am

Park Avenue Tustin

Mario Marovic, the co-owner of Muldoon's Irish Pub, Dory Deli, Stag Bar + Kitchen, Matador Cantina, the District Lounge, The Beach Ball and more!

Tuesday February 13th

Roosters Flash Mob 6pm
at Old Vine Kitchen + Bar

(Permanently closing Feb 25th)

Please come to support Chef Mark & Katie)

Tuesday March 12th

Board Meeting 6pm
location tbd

Wednesday March 13th

Dinner Meeting
location tbd

Wine Celebration

June 22nd - Saturday
The Plaza and Segerstrom

Chefs Experience

Sept 29th - Sunday
Old Ranch Country Club

ROOSTER FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Happy
Birthday!



Chad Hall



Happy
Birthday!



Penny Strenger



Happy
Birthday!



Doug Richards



Buy them a cocktail!!



Update on Past President Gary Draper

2/1/2024: Gary is home now with nurse help to start in next couple days. It will still take time to get him up and back to activities but it is a step in the right direction. Calls, Texts, Emails and Visitors welcome, and Gary and Anna thank all those who have already reached out!



January Luncheon at the Segerstrom Center: a great speaker, and wonderful company. A good time was had by all!



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

February 3 President's Awards Night

6 -9 PM at Avenue of the Arts Hotel

3350 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa

Contact Greg Bates

February 6 Board of Directors

6-8 PM, Pacific Club, Newport Beach.

Open to all members to sit in and observe the workings of your BOD and stay tuned to Roosters activities.

Contact Greg Bates

February 8 Luncheon

11:30 am at Pregos, Park Avenue, Tustin

Speaker: Mario Marovic, co-owner of Muldoon's Irish Pub, Dory Deli, Stag Bar + Kitchen, Matador Cantina, the District Lounge, The Beach Ball and more!

Come and enjoy a fascinating and entertaining story!

See details and RSVP on Evite.

February 13 Flash Mob!

6 PM at Old Vine Kitchen & Bar

2937 Bristol St Costa Mesa in The Camp shopping center.

Sadly, they are permanently closing Feb 25, so please come and support Roosters supporters Mark and Katie and bid them farewell.

March 12 Board of Directors

6-8 PM, location TBA.

March 13 Dinner Meeting

Location TBA.

All Future Events

Board meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Luncheons or dinners the 2nd week each month. Stay tuned monthly for details.

Socials usually 3rd/4th Thursday every month.



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

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Charity Committee

The charity committee will have it's first meeting of the year in March. Please contact me if you are interested in attending and I will send you the details. The mission of the Roosters is to give support to disadvantaged children in Orange County, and this committee helps that happen in a big way!

Jill Caron-Rauen

Charity Committee Chairperson

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



Jill Caron-Rauen
Charity Committee Chair

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.



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Sharing our support and joy with some of our Rooster Charity Partners

Family Promise - Dan Stone and
Bryan Lake



Summer Harvest with Paul
Robidoux



Pure Game: Tony Everett
(advocate Doug Richards)



Parentis Foundation: Thad Sandford

Fish for Life: Jim Holden & advocate
Marty Golden



Stand Up for Kids: Justine
Palmore & Jill Caron Rauen



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Mission, Rooster Past President
& Advocate John Hinson, and
Tara Booher, Donor Relations



Advance on to College: Fred
Lentz - advocate Allyn Lean

SAVE THE DATE!! 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.

The Wine Celebration Steering Committee: John Trapani, Larry Green, Rob Ward, Greg Bates
We are looking for Wine Committee members.

Pat McAuley, Chair of the Chef's Committee.

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.

CHAIR of OCFWC, Joann Leatherby, needs help with:

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!!

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.olderanch.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 you 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 myself 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!!!!

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Membership

We are off to a great start for membership growth with 2 applications submitted in the first month of the year. These applicants; Jeramy Gordon and Ginny Davies will be before The Board soon to vote on their membership. Jeramy's Bio was posted in the January Crow and Ginny's is in this month's Crow.



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

Rob Ward, Membership Chair

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

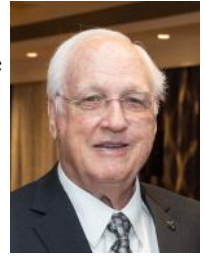
Honorary Roosters - we are happy to have the ongoing support of the following:

Cherri Farah
Gary Eisenberger
Margarita Martin
Mark McDonald
Dan Pederson

Floyd Pickrell
Peter Smith
Stephanie Bauer
Penny Strenger

Ambassadors Corner

Attention all Ambassadors.... if you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please contact me at 714-345-0714.



I want to make sure your first year as a Rooster member is successful and fulfilling for you. We will be scheduling a get together of all Ambassadors in the near future and looking forward to getting to know all of you.

Regards,
Jon Giberson, Chair

Our current Ambassadors:

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

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.



Facebook Group

Proposed New Member - Ginny Davies

Sponsor: Barbara Foster

Widowed, mother of two daughters, grandmother to four.

On Boards of Bowers Museum, Pacific Symphony, and Symphony 100. Also am a competitive ballroom dancer.

For a brief period of time, I taught English in LAUSD, then became a carousel dealer. While I was raising my children, I played tennis, raised horses, and became a loan officer for a bank. Afterwards, I was involved in sales and marketing for a bead business to help indigenous people have income.

I am looking forward to helping people through Roosters.



Roosters Store is Coming!

Check out our new 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 groups each month, so put your order in soon to be a part of the Feb Batch!

https://stores.cedarstream.com/roosters_foundation/shop/home



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Roosters raise more than \$400,000 for children's charities in OC, including Newport Beach-based Young Singers of OC
The Roosters Foundation of Orange County, which has 10th annual OC Youth and Other Children's Charities Event on Sunday, Dec. 29 at the Old Beach County Club, raised for OC Youth and Other Children's Charities more than \$400,000 for 20 children's charities making a difference in Orange County such as Young Singers of Orange County (based in Newport Beach), along with 7 more, including the College Foundation and the Sun Club.



The event was led by the Orange County Food and Wine Foundation Committee (and Roosters Foundation members) L. A. Jennifer Morley, Patricia Moching and Anne Leffert.



Rooster Honorary Member Peter Smith from Newport Beach, 4th Roosters Marj and Sean Gorkaski, and Rick and Chris Adams (Marj and Rick are past presidents of the Roosters Foundation).



Newport Beach-based Young Singers of Orange County has been a charity which the Roosters have donated to. The Young Singers of OC was founded in 2010 in Newport Beach, by a high school senior, Samantha Smith. Since its inception, they have grown every year, inspiring children to participate in acts of giving. The Roosters Foundation has supported this group with the Sun Club Children's Foundation to more than \$100,000.



Chris and Trevor Berman of the Sun Club of Newport Beach returned for a second year.



Chief David B. Morley of Newport Beach's Pacific Club (standing), visits with guests at his table, Chief and Pam Roth, who are Roosters members and residents of Newport Beach. Adding to the evening's festivities were other auction donations, which included a gift certificate from Newport Beach Restaurant, Sun Club by Villaggio in Newport Beach and Roosters members for Sun from Newport Beach. Sun Club auctioned a special dinner provided by the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, helped make the night a true success.



Just one of the delicious dishes of the night, Chef's Roosters menu.



Generous bidding in both the silent and the auction brought more than \$400,000 in donations to the distributed to 20 children's charities in Orange County. The Roosters Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, consisting of many professional people from diverse backgrounds, from the greater Orange County area of Southern California. Each year, they raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for disadvantaged children. For more information, visit www.rocny.org.

Roosters in the News! And appreciated by our Charity Partners.



The Priority Center
Ending the Generational Cycle of Trauma

December 28, 2023

Steve Smith
Roosters Foundation of Orange County
2222 Michelson Dr Ste 300
Irvine, CA 92612-1332

Dear Steve,

On behalf of The Priority Center and the families we serve, thank you for your generous donation of \$9,000.00 in support of our organization.

This year, The Priority Center is celebrating 40 years of service to children, adults, and families in Orange County. In 1983, The Priority Center was founded as a single volunteer-based parent aid program. With the help of donors like you, The Priority Center has grown into one of Orange County's largest social and mental health services organizations. Because of you, we have provided services to more than 325,000 children, adults, and families in the Orange County community since 1983.

Through your tremendous support, we are able to deliver our life-changing programs in pursuit of our mission to end the generational cycle of trauma-including child abuse and neglect.

Thank You for your unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of the at-risk families we serve in Orange County.

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Fujimoto

Lisa Fujimoto
Executive Director/CFO

Ending the generational cycle of trauma

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Roosters Foundation of Orange County
17602 17th St., Suite 102-252
Tustin, CA 92780

Dear members of The Roosters Foundation of Orange County,

Thank you for awarding \$9,000.00 to Hope Harbor to support and empower at-risk, runaway, and homeless teens.

Along with providing a warm bed and nutritious meals, Hope Harbor provides a safe place where at-risk teens are loved unconditionally. **Your partnership gives these teens a chance to be a part of a healthy family!**

While living at Hope Harbor, Liam is rebuilding his relationship with his mom. Rather than turn to drugs and alcohol to cope, he is receiving the help he needs to manage his thoughts and emotions in a healthy manner. He says, "Hope Harbor is a great program. It's very loving. Everyone is trying to set you up for success so that you can thrive in life."

Thank you for giving teens like Liam the chance to restore relationships and equip them with the tools needed to live a healthy life. You are truly making a meaningful impact.

With great appreciation,

Bryan Crain

Bryan Crain
President/CEO

If you have any questions, please call (949) 706-6007 or email info@hopeharbor.org. Laurel House DBA Hope Harbor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; tax ID#33-0098433. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. This receipt may be kept for tax purposes.



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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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