

August 17, 2016

Greetings, Friends of the Gilroy Foundation!

As summer begins to fade, here at the Foundation offices, we are gearing up for our BIG special event, "A Day In The Country." But, that's not all that's happening here; and we want to share some of the other stories, events and excitement with you as it happens. So, let's begin with....

GILROY FOUNDATION AT THE GARLIC FESTIVAL

Gilroy's biggest party of the year was another outstanding weekend, and Chair, Gina Anderson, extends a HUGE thank you to all of the 66 hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers who made our Wine Booth fun and profitable! Their passion and drive to "Give Where You Live" is why this Booth is so successful each and every year.

Gilroy Foundation is proud to have been a vendor at the Garlic Festival for over 20 years and hopes to continue this tradition for years to come.



PROUD HOSTS OF THE GILROY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER

Smoke-filled skies made way for a balmy Gilroy evening as nearly 80 Chamber members and Gilroy Foundation Staff, Directors and Ambassadors mingled in the beautiful courtyard of the 4th Street Gilroy Foundation offices. Youth Board members welcomed guests, served and helped clean up. Chef Carlos and his apprentices of Kneaded pulled out all the stops with a gorgeous....and delicious....display of appetizers. Guests were delighted with raffle prizes provided by Chamber members and the Foundation. In fact, Chef Carlos won the first of only 100 tickets sold for the Great Gatsby NYC Getaway! We love to share the stories of the Gilroy Foundation!



MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY

*Before hosting the Chamber Mixer, we notified all of the businesses and residents of the 4th Street complex, inviting them to join us that evening. During the evening, Executive Director Donna Pray was handed an envelope by one of the building's residents--with a check for \$500 after hearing Board President Judy Lazarus explain the history of the Foundation and its gifts of over \$1 million in grants and scholarships in 2016.

*Another guest at the Mixer, Larry Connell, heard that evening that the Gilroy High School Band was in need of new drums for the coming school year. That following Monday, a check for \$1,000 was hand delivered to kick off the campaign--new drums will cost \$6,500....what a way to lead the cause! Thank you!

SO LONG...AND WELCOME!

Assistant Executive Director Gina Anderson will be moving on from her position here at the Gilroy Foundation after 11+ years. It's always difficult to say "Goodbye," but we are thrilled that Gina will become a Gilroy Foundation Ambassador and will continue to lead the Youth Board--such important work. Thank you, Gina, for your devotion to the Gilroy Foundation. Wishing you happiness always.

Yesenia Gonzalez joined the Gilroy Foundation as Event Coordinator in April and has gotten her feet wet at the Annual Meeting and Charitable Giving Presentation and the recent Chamber Mixer. Anticipation is building for the night of nights, "Great Gatsby" on October 1st. Great ideas, youthful enthusiasm and a delightful presence--glad to have you on board!

COMING EVENTS

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