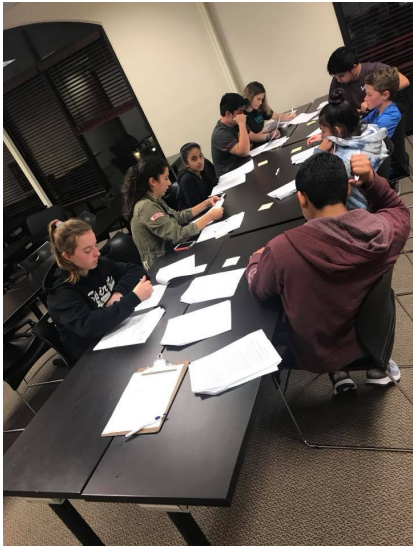


## FROM THE ROOKIES TO THE VETERANS

Our baseball enthusiasts out there know that it's "that time" of year: MLB Spring Training is going strong. And just like us, here at the Gilroy Foundation, we are lucky enough to have the younger generation active right along side our "veterans" who continue to be our inspiration and our guidance.

## YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS: THE FUTURE OF GILROY FOUNDATION



The 2017-18 Gilroy Foundation [Youth Board](#) is comprised of 33 middle school and high school students. With the guidance of six mentors (past and current members of the Board of Directors and Ambassadors), students volunteer their time and attend meetings to better understand the needs in our community and what they can do to bring about change.

Over these past few months, they organized a toy drive to benefit Rebekah Children's Services while also spending time volunteering at St. Joseph's Family Center where they distributed food baskets to families for a Thanksgiving Dinner.

After taking time to deliberate grant applications, they are preparing to present their \$1000 grant at the Annual Meeting and Charitable Grants Presentation on April 18.

Throughout this entire process, today's youth will gain a better understanding of how they can make a difference in their community.

## 2018 GILROY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAMERS NAMED

Gilroy Foundation proudly congratulates THREE of our current members of the [Board of Directors](#) on their induction into the Gilroy High School Hall of Fame 2018!

During a recent ceremony, Edwin Diaz, Board President; Sal Tomasello, Board member; and Jay Baksa, our newest Board member, received this recognition.

We Congratulate you with pride and thank you for your contributions over the years to our local community!

## STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND STEM BREAKFAST HOSTED BY TEEN FORCE

Gilroy Foundation sent Event Coordinator Yesenia Gonzalez and Grants Coordinator Lissa Gaffney to view the work of Teen Force, a past grantee of the Gilroy Foundation, at a recent Host Appreciation Breakfast.



John Hogan, VP of Career Services, stated, "The Gilroy Foundation grant has helped us prepare teenage foster youth for professional internships throughout the Gilroy community. One of our students



completed 60 hours of STEM training and 20 hours of professional development training. This enabled the student to land a paid internship with CMAP-TV, and has helped shape his interest in college and career. Funding from the Gilroy Foundation is connecting foster youth, non-profits, schools and the private sector to contribute to a stronger community."

## DO YOU MATCH?

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## HIGHLIGHTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER JAY BAKSA

*What motivated you to become involved with the Gilroy Foundation?*

JB: The Foundation is highly respected for all the wonderful philanthropic work it facilitates in our community. To be part of that organization is a great honor, and I hope I do it proud.

*A "philanthropist" donates time, talent and treasure. In what ways are you philanthropic with other organizations?*

JB: I am also Chair of the Rotary Charitable Giving Committee, Secretary of the Gilroy Rotary Endowment Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors.

*What do you enjoy doing in your free time?*

JB: I am a basketball coach for the 6th/7th Grade boys basketball team at South Valley Middle School and a Senior Advisor/Mentor for the California League of Cities for Santa Clara County. I am an American Civil War student, I like to read, exercise and travel.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Many of our nonprofit partners host events that Foundation friends might want to attend/support. We promote these weekly on our Facebook page. Look for upcoming events from:

[Luigi Aprea Read Across America Celebration](#): to donate or volunteer to read on March 2nd.

St. Joseph's Family Center Hosts ["St. Patrick's Day Dinner"](#) on March 17th.

Spring Fundraiser benefits St. Louise Regional Hospital Volunteer Scholarship and Volunteer Services Fund, March 19 and 20th in the Hospital Cafeteria. Purses, Wallets, Luggage and Bedding

Valerie Roberts Memorial Scholarship Wine Glass Paint Night at Fortino Winery on March 30th. To purchase tickets, contact Joy Deliz at [joymdeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:joymdeliz@yahoo.com) visit the [website](#).

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