

SEPTEMBER DAZE!

"September Days are here with Summer's best of weather and Autumn's best of cheer."
--Author Unknown

We are "Summer Dazed" here at the Gilroy Foundation for so many wonderfully exciting reasons!

COUNTRY CLUB CHARM, Saturday, October 6

How exciting (and challenging!) it was to find that, on September 6--an entire month prior to our event--Gilroy Foundation's 29th Annual "A Day in the Country" themed [Country Club Charm](#) was SOLD OUT!

This year's event will be held at the beautiful [Rosewood CordeVale](#). There will be wine tasting from local vintners, and a silent auction in the Rose Garden followed by an exquisite dinner and an exciting live auction in the Valley View Room.

We hope we'll be seeing you there! If you are not attending, you can still take part in the Getaway Raffle! The winner will enjoy a fabulous stay at the beautiful [Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi](#) in exciting Santa Fe, NM. Santa Fe, New Mexico's capital, sits in the Sangre de Cristo foothills. It is renowned for its Pueblo-style architecture and as a creative arts hotbed. Founded as a Spanish colony in 1610, it has at its heart the traditional Plaza. The surrounding historic district's crooked streets wind past adobe landmarks including the Palace of the Governors, now home to the New Mexico History Museum. The arts, gastronomic delights, culture, and so much history await; and with Raffle Ticket sales limited to only 100, your chances to win are GREAT! Raffle tickets may be purchased with your RSVP card or at the event.



Contact rwallace@gilroyfoundation.org to purchase your chance...winner need NOT be present to win!

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Sponsorship totals for this year's "Country Club Charm" has once again been phenomenal, and we are so very grateful to our sponsor for their support. We have been highlighting them frequently on Facebook; but, in case you missed it, here they are:

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WITH STUDENTS HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE, IT'S TIME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.....

and all of the follow-up required to ensure that funds are sent off the schools of the students who received 2018 scholarships.



From 1999 through 2018, Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in scholarships to deserving high school, junior college, and college students in the Gilroy Area. In 2018, we have 29 separate scholarships and some of them will be giving multiple awards.

Wishing all of our students an exciting and rewarding year!

WELCOME BACK, GILROY FOUNDATION YOUTH BOARD!

Board member Sal Tomaseilo reported at this week's Board Meeting that 18 of the 26 members

of the 2018-19 [Youth Board](#) were present at the first meeting of the year held in the courtyard of the Gilroy Foundation office.

Working with mentors, who are Ambassadors of the Gilroy Foundation, students can anticipate a variety of activities that will help them learn how they can give back to their community and how to understand and define the needs.

Many will be working at next weekend's event, "A Day in the Country." In October, they will go to Bright Ranch for a Team Building exercise and in November, they will participate in a Civic Leadership Project when they will, with the guidance of their mentors, research candidates and participate in a discussion about the next day's elections.

Wishing the students and their mentors are productive and worthwhile year!

A WELCOME AND A PASSING

We are delighted to welcome our newest [Ambassador](#) to the Gilroy Foundation, Micki Pirozzoli. It didn't take her long to get involved--you'll find her working in Finance at our upcoming event.

And, it is with great sadness, that we acknowledge the passing of fund donor and Ambassador Kai Lai. His generosity and willingness to give back will certainly be his legacy.

MEET BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER, KAREN LACORTE

We continue to highlight the members of Gilroy Foundation's [Board of Directors](#) and thank them for their generous service. Through our monthly "shout out," we acknowledge the work they do with us in addition to the busy lives they lead.

What motivated you to become involved with the Gilroy Foundation?

What's NOT to love about the Gilroy Foundation? This blanket organization has awarded over \$13 million in grants and scholarships since 1980! When I became a grant reader years ago, I learned first-hand how important the Foundation was in giving nonprofits an opportunity to get much needed money for their programs and services that they wouldn't be able to get otherwise. I am fortunate to be on this great board that oversees this process that can make an immediate difference in people's lives. Even dogs benefit from this Foundation with a much-needed Fund to support the purchase of Dog Park supplies and services like Operation Freedom Paws! I am constantly learning what this Foundation is capable of doing. I love the "Give Where You Live" concept. I am PROUD to be involved.

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

I get great joy out of being a philanthropist. Along with being in several leadership positions through the years with many organizations in Gilroy, I have a talent for creating fun and lucrative fundraisers. My favorites have been fashion shows and auctions, but also include flower booths and golf tournaments, to name a few. I treasure the Arts, St. Mary School and Church, Leadership Gilroy, The Garlic Festival, Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph's Center and Community Solutions. But, time permitting, I continue to volunteer where I am needed and can make the most difference.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

These days, I find myself spending most of my free time with my four grandchildren, Giovanni & Francesca and Fiona & Sloane. We bake, cook, swim, craft, dance and create puppet shows. I love to listen to great music, sing, travel, walk my dog and create fabulous parties.

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