

..just where did the summer go? I KNOW you've asked yourself this question a million times as you look around to see all the signs....kids going back to school, or off to college, no one talking about their vacations any more ☹....the signs are all around us.

Well, for us at the Gilroy Foundation, the end of summer only means we are in *high gear* for our annual signature event, "**A Day in the Country.**" And what an exciting theme we have this year-"Run for the Roses," a nod to the colorful Kentucky Derby.

### RUN FOR THE ROSES



Celebrating its 28<sup>th</sup> year, this Gilroy Foundation signature event will be held on **Saturday, October 7** at the Event Pavilion of Gilroy Gardens. Silent auction, wine tasting, a Southern-themed dinner and live auction are highlights of the evening, along with complimentary mint juleps served during the silent auction.

This year's Getaway Raffle is to Lexington, Kentucky, the Thoroughbred Capital of the World, featuring a stay at Gratz Park Inn, a tour of Taylor Made Farms, the home of California Chrome and a VIP Tour of Woodford Reserve Distillery. Derby hats are encouraged!

[Tickets](#) are on sale now! For additional information, contact the Gilroy Foundation Office at 408.842.3727.

### ANNUAL REPORT

*"What would Gilroy look like without the Gilroy Foundation?"*

As we sat down to begin production of this important 2016 review piece, that was the question we posed to ourselves. ED Donna Pray's message shared many of our successes; graphs and charts told more about the distribution of grant and scholarship money. Click [here](#) to read the report in its entirety.

To find out more about starting your own fund at the Gilroy Foundation, click [here](#).



IT'S "THAT" TIME....

It's time for school!

Gilroy Foundation sends good wishes for a successful year to all, and especially to our 2017 scholarship winners. Gilroy Foundation proudly awarded 76 scholarships totaling over \$625,000 to local students in 2017 and more than \$3.8million since 1999!

If you would like to find out more about being a scholarship donor, contact [dpray@gilroyfoundation.org](mailto:dpray@gilroyfoundation.org).

### **GUSD EMPLOYEES HELP BUILD THE GUSD EDUCATION FUND AT THE GILROY FOUNDATION**

In early August, Gilroy Unified School District staff, employees, and school principals heard Gilroy Foundation Board VP Edwin Diaz and Fund Development Chair Ted Becker make a presentation on how a monthly GUSD Payroll Deduction can increase their fund, that is restricted to awarding grants to ONLY GUSD programs, thus increasing the annual grant giving opportunities through Gilroy Foundation to our local schools.

Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$1,077,000 in grants to GUSD programs since 1980. Since the payroll deduction program began in 2015, \$5,590 has already been added to the fund with only a handful of employees participating.

Over the years, grants have been awarded to GUSD programs to purchase a color printer and laminator, guided reading books, PE equipment, mounted projectors, Chrome Books, supplies for a garden/outdoor classroom, computers in a Special Ed classroom, upgrades to the FFA farm, data collection device in the physics classroom, band instruments....and much, much MORE!

If you are a [GUSD employee](#) (or know one!), share how a monthly donation in ANY amount can make a BIG difference to our schools....we can all do our small part!

### **WE LOVE TO SHOW OFF**

For the past three years, Gilroy Foundation has proudly hosted an After-Hours Chamber Mixer in our lovely courtyard in the building on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Egleberry Streets, right across from the Post Office.

The night of August 10<sup>th</sup> was a lovely one and our more than 60 guests enjoyed delicious appetizers, prepared by [Kneaded](#), the social enterprise of Rebekah's Culinary Academy which is owned and operated by Rebekah Children's Services, a non-profit mental health agency for children and families based in Gilroy. Our famous Garlic Festival Sangria was also on tap for our guests, in addition to some fine local wines.

Thank you to all who attended, representing Gilroy businesses.



Board Chair Judy Lazarus & ED Donna Pray



Kneaded students

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*If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together-- African proverb*

*"Give Where You Live"*

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