

## The Dog Daze of Summer June 2022



### Here in the office.....

Life seemed to slow down a bit in June, after the busy-ness of May at Gilroy Foundation.

A VERY successful "Give Where You Live" Faire was held on May 19, bringing together over 100 guests (who are now ALL Silver Members of Gilroy Foundation!); Directors went to local high schools to award scholarships to students; and sponsorship and procurement plans were laid out for the October 1st, "Imagine" *Day in the Country*.

Now, what will July bring? Hoping for good health and happy days for all of you!



### JUNE WEBSITE MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*We just completed our annual Scholarship Program. We were able to award 95 scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$50,000, for a total of \$519,550. After two years of missing Senior Award ceremonies, we were able to gather at each of our four high schools to present award certificates to our graduating seniors.*

*Here's a breakdown of each of our four high schools' awards:*

*Christopher High School students received 37 awards totaling \$197,550.00.*

*Gilroy High School students received 23 awards totaling \$134,500.00.*

*Gilroy Early College Academy students received 12 awards totaling \$105,250.00.*

*Mt. Madonna High School Students received 14 awards totaling \$69,500.00.*

*We are thankful to our generous donors who are making a difference in these students' lives by helping with the financial part of their continuing education. "I felt a huge sense of accomplishment, as well as a heavy weight being lifted off my shoulders," stated one scholarship recipient.*

*Our Gavilan College awards will be awarded in the next few weeks.*

**~Donna Pray**  
**"Give Where You Live"**



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## "IMAGINE" ALL THE PEOPLE LIVIN' LIFE IN PEACE....

Could there be a more perfect theme for our 2022 major fundraiser than this?

We hope you will make plans to attend the October 1st event, in person, at Kirigin Cellars. It will be wonderful to all be together again!

If you would like to become an Event Sponsor, contact Executive Assistant [Deb Sanchez](#) for more information.

*"I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one."*

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## 2022 Gilroy Foundation Competitive Grant Recipient Videos

We hope you've seen the Thank You photos posted to GF's Facebook and Instagram pages! They were created by some of the recipients of this year's awards.

Since we were not able to gather again in person for the Annual Meeting and Grants Presentation, this has been the best way for you to get to know about some of the organizations that work so hard to make our community great!

If you've missed the videos on Social Media, visit our [You Tube](#) page to view them.

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## ICYMI

- On June 24, Mary Cortani, the founder and Executive Director of [Operation Freedom Paws](#)--a Gilroy Foundation Nonprofit Investment Partner-- was honored as the District 17 2022 Woman of the Year for State Sen. John Laird's district.

The annual award aims "to honor the women of this state who are doing amazing work that is not always recognized at the state level. We send heartfelt Congratulations to Mary and are very proud of the work she and her Team does at OFF!

[Read more....](#)



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## Two of Gilroy Foundation's Nonprofit Investment Partners are



holding fundraisers...here is some information for you!



**OPERATION FREEDOM PAWS 11TH ANNUAL**  
**"Paws with Patriots" Wine Gala**  
**Saturday, August 6**  
**5pm - 10pm**

**OFF CANINE EDUCATION CENTER, SAN MARTIN, CA**

**Enjoy Dinner, Wine, Auctions & Live Music with  
The OFF ALLSTARS featuring Bay Area Favorite, Mikey Day!**

**Hosts: Radio Personality, Jona Denz-Hamilton &  
Gilroy Chamber of Commerce President, Mark Turner**

**Individual Tickets: \$100**  
**VIP Table: \$1,250**

<https://pawswithpats22.givesmart.com>  
(408) 683-9010  
[marketing@operationfreedompaws.org](mailto:marketing@operationfreedompaws.org)



Proceeds will go toward creating lifesaving service dog teams to empower veterans, first responders, children & other individuals with disabilities at no cost to them.  
A local 501(c)(3) nonprofit. EIN: 45-256382

**GILROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

PRESENTS

**11th Annual Bowlathon**



**Saturday, July 16, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Morgan Hill Bowl, 650 Tennant Station**



**3 GAMES, SHOES, SNACKS**

**Awards for Top Scores**

**Awards for Pledges**

**Raffle Prizes**

**Submit Entry fee by July 2nd to:**  
**Linda White, Connie Rogers, or**  
**The Gilroy Museum, 195 5th Street**  
**Or Mail to:**  
**P.O. Box 1621**  
**Gilroy, CA 95021**

**For more information**  
**Contact:**  
**Linda White @ 408-847-2861**  
**[linda104@charter.net](mailto:linda104@charter.net)**

The Society is incorporated as a 501(c)3 educational organization and may receive tax deductible donations.



**GILROY'S FINEST**  
**Christopher Ranch**

**PINNACLE BANK**



**"Give Where You Live"**

**Thank you to our Sustaining Sponsors**

*We are proud that five local businesses continue to support Gilroy's community foundation as a Sustaining Sponsor.*



*Thank you to Christopher Ranch, Pinnacle Bank, Recology South Valley, RAC Services LLC, and Blaettler Accountancy for your commitment to our community and the programs of Gilroy Foundation.*



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