Bye, Bye Summer!
August 2022

Summer is fun! It is a season that is all about playing. The end of August can be a sad time because we know it means that summer will soon be over.

But fall has its perks, too. Sweater weather, color-changing trees, pumpkin spice lattes (if you're into that sort of thing!), hot cocoa—all of these are happy moments that autumn offers us.

No matter where you've been in life, if things are changing, consider the thought that it may be a good thing. What goodness comes from this change? What new things will you learn and experience? If nothing comes to mind, think harder. There is always a silver lining.

2022-23 Competitive Grant Cycle opens October 1!

Visit gilroyfoundation.org/receive-grant/ for more information

AUGUST MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What are those “dog days of summer” that are upon us? Apparently, the ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer “diēs caniculārēs” or “dog days.” The name came about because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star” because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). So, here we have August 2022!

But here at the Foundation, we’re busy preparing for our annual Day in the Country — “Imagine all the people livin’ life in peace” And, this year, we will be in person! We have been working on this October 1 event since January, and summertime is when it picks up. Board President Karen La Corte, along with our Event Coordinator Deb Sanchez, have had multiple meetings with the entire committee working on procuring great auction items and designing a fabulous evening at Kirigin Cellars. And, we’re honored to have Bill Christopher as our guest auctioneer. “A Day in the Country” invitations are in the mail. We have our Day in the Country webpage and tickets are available to purchase online.

We’re also busy sending scholarship awards to colleges at this time of year and wish our best to our Gilroy graduates who will be starting a new chapter in their
lives!

We are truly blessed in this community to have so many donors who make this happen!

We have implemented a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy. At Gilroy Foundation, we are committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and to provide equal opportunity for employment and advancement in all of our activities and programs. We respect and value diverse life experiences, heritages and ensure all voices are valued and heard.

At Gilroy Foundation, a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace is one where all employees, Board members, and volunteers, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education or disability, feel valued and respected.

~Donna Pray
“Give Where You Live”

"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. For more information on the event, visit our page.

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

Latino Family Fund News

Under the 501(c)(3) umbrella of Gilroy Foundation, Latino Family Fund (LFF) received a $50,000 LatinXCEL grant from Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the Castellano Family Foundation.

Latino Family Fund has been hard at work since funding was received in October 2021. Their goals are to expand the impact, leadership and advocacy of the LatinX community, ensure LFF’s long-term sustainability, and provide broad-based knowledge to Gilroy Foundation in its effort to address community needs/equity.
Welcome to the New Officers of Latino Family with many thanks to those who have served over the past several years and who guided ED Jaclyn Muro through the transition of leadership. We know you are planning great things!

One of the first events following their very successful Tequila Tasting event was the local screening of "Campesinos: America's Unsung Heroes. The film is produced by Silicon Valley Latino and is a film by Joe Poni. This is a fundraiser to benefit ALAS, Ayudando Latinos a Soñar, and Latino Family Fund.

The Latino Family Fund, with the Edward Boss Foundation sponsored a special welcome event for Gavilan College's new Superintendent/President, Dr. Pedro Avila, inside the gorgeous “Champagne Room” at the Granada Theatre in Morgan Hill!

A huge shoutout goes to Frank Leal, especially Alfonso Castillo and his team, for donating the space, appetizers and MOHI wine for all the guests!!

SHINING STARS AT GILROY FOUNDATION!

A Gilroy Foundation grant made a difference...in the life of an avid genealogist and aspiring historian, Danielle Russell. Danielle was inspired to preserve the memories of our veterans, so none would be
forgotten.

Please take a few moments to view the video that details what Danielle has already accomplished.

Thank you for your dedication and persistence, Danielle. Wishing you another outstanding year at Gettysburg College.

FINALLY! A chance to celebrate our 2021 nominee for this well-deserved selected as one of Silicon Valley’s 40 Under 40 Award winners last July! COVID restrictions prevented any type of in person event until now; so this gives us another chance to celebrate Carlos as a teacher, mentor, collaborator, student, donor and--of course, CHEF!

Carlos, you are an outstanding example of leadership, compassion, and joie de vivre! Congratulations--we are very proud!

GILROY FOUNDATION: OUT AND ABOUT

It was an early start to the workday sponsoring “Coffee and Commerce” at Gilroy’s Hilton Garden Inn. Emcee and Foundation Board member Don DeLorenzo introduced featured speaker, Karen La Corte, Board President. Karen extended an invitation to Gilroy Foundation’s October 1st event, “Imagine” and announced the 2023 Grant Cycle that begins October 1st.

It was a GREAT start to our day!!

Silicon Valley Community Foundation Nonprofit Fund Affiliate Partners are colleagues in the community foundation field. ED Donna Pray is pictured here at their most recent meeting along with SVCF CEO Nicole Taylor, pictured second from left.

Each nonprofit fund affiliate has its own 501(c)(3) status and operates under the direction of its own board of directors. SVCF works with these community partners by encouraging cross-field sharing and networking.

Community Partners include:

Community Foundation for San Benito County
Gilroy Foundation
Los Altos-Mountain View Community Foundation
Los Gatos Community Foundation
Mavericks Community Foundation
Morgan Hill Community Foundation
Palo Alto Community Foundation
"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.