

Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

August 2019

Message from the Executive Director

Gilroy Vets Hall Is Making Progress

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the May Plant Sale either by helping out or buying plants to benefit the Building Improvement Campaign. It was a huge success, raising \$7,000 in total.

A special thank you to **CalColor Growers** who donated all the beautiful plants. We're still hearing how these plants have made gardens all over town more beautiful.

Thank you to the **VFW** for donating all the food for the breakfast burrito sale and **Gabe Perez** for heading up the cooking team. The **VFW Auxiliary** also provided some tasty baked goods for customers. Thank you!

Thank you **John Ceballos, Patrick and Mercy Goold, Joe Gonzales, Danny Mitchell, Ermelindo Puente, Jesse Sanchez, Fernie and Cindy Valdez, Willie and Emma Maquinez**, who also helped in the kitchen and/or with the plant sale. We wouldn't have been as successful without their help. Thank you to everyone!

We are looking forward to this being an annual event!

Building Improvement Campaign

We're in the thick of our Building Improvement Campaign to raise money for the necessary renovations to this historic building.

To date we've raised \$46,554. Many of you have generously donated and we thank you. Every donation gets us a step closer to our goal of \$250,000.

The fundraising is ongoing. If

you want to help either make an individual donation and/or support events held at the Hall.

To Donate mail checks made out to South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District (SSCVMD), 74 W. 6th Street, Suite A, Gilroy, CA 95020.

Charitable contributions to SSCVMD are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID #26-2910989

Improvement Update

The next projects we're working on is replacing/fixing a front window and then starting preparations for the bathroom remodel.

Quilt Raffle

American Legion Auxiliary President **Mary Ann Collom** made a beautiful quilt using lady's handkerchiefs and donated it to the Building Improvement Campaign to raffle. With the help of **Joe Gonzales** selling tickets, nearly \$500 was raised and donated in the name of her late husband, Frederick "Bud" Collom, who was a WWII Peal Harbor Survivor. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. The winning ticket was drawn on Flag Day, June 14 and Marie Ziegel was the winner. Congratulations Marie.

Garlic City Car Show

On **Saturday, Aug 17**, the Veterans Hall will be part of the **Garlic City Car Show**. If you're planning to enter the show, be sure to request a spot by the Veterans Hall to be near your comrades. The Hall will also be open to the public

that day and we'll be selling food for the Building Improvement Campaign. The American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries will also be having a bake sale. Stop in to enjoy some food and have a drink in the bar!

Vets Resource Fair

The Vets Hall hosts Vets Resource Fairs every other month. Plan to visit our next **Veterans Resource Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 10am—1pm**. Find out about your VA benefits, talked with a VA doc, or talked with other vendors available.

Blood Drive

The **Gilroy Sunrise Rotary** hosted a successful Blood Drive here on **June 29**. Their goal was 24 units of blood and they collected 29 units!

They are hosting another one on Saturday, Nov. 16. If you're interested in donating blood visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and type in Gilroy's zip code, 95020, to sign up for available times.



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Save the Date

THE EL CAMINO CLUB

Presents

2019

Veterans Appreciation BBQ!

For American Legion Post 217 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6309
Members + 1 Guest are FREE!
(Additional Guests are \$5 each)*



November 10, 2019 3-9pm
Veterans Memorial Building



74 W. 6th Street, Gilroy

Live music in the hall from 3-6pm

Live music in the bar from 6-9pm

**217 & 6309 members must present their valid AL & VFW membership card at the door.
Active full time & reserve military personnel are FREE with proof of active service
(Guests are \$5 each).*

Thank you!

Building Improvement Campaign Contributors

VFW Post 6309	\$10,000
Habing Funeral Home	\$5,000
VFW Flag Pole Fund	\$5,000
CalColor Growers	\$3,753
Gabe Perez	\$1,300
Sandy Moretti (Sandy's Café)	\$1,200
Maple Leaf RV Park	\$1,000
SDRMA	\$1,000
In Honor of Jack Sturla	\$1,000
Tom Yamano	\$1,000
H&R Block	\$520
American Legion 217 Aux.	\$500
Marie Blankley	\$500
Heinzen Manufacturing Int'l	\$500
Chet Kirby	\$500
William Lane	\$500
Joan Marfia Lewis	\$500
Joe Loquiao	\$500
Danny Mitchell	\$500
Pinnacle Bank	\$500
James A Ward Law Offices	\$500

In Honor of Bud Collom	\$475
VFW Post 6309 Auxiliary	\$363
Jim Kroske	\$300
Richard Gomer	\$250
Joe Gonzales	\$250
John Perez, DDS	\$250
Frank Biafore	\$200
William Gilmore	\$200
Mercy Goold	\$200
Allan Hale	\$200
Jose Perez	\$200
Alfred "Ted" Viola	\$200
Carol Yamane	\$200
William Allan Jr.	\$100
Margie Ayala	\$100
Barbara Bottini	\$100
John Ceballos	\$100
Thomas & Marla Chavez	\$100
Bob Diaz	\$100
Phil Garcia	\$100
Patrick Goold	\$100

William Maquinalez	\$100
Steve McWilliams	\$100
Samuel & Terry Palmisano	\$100
Denise Phillips McElhiney	\$100
Ermelindo Puente	\$100
Tom Roach	\$100
AB Simmons	\$100
Craig & Loraine Simmons	\$100
Sons of Retirement #119	\$100
South Bay Metals	\$100
Fernie Valdez	\$100
Harold Van Winkle	\$100
David & Laurie Washer	\$100
Richard Young	\$100
Mary Basile	\$50
Richard Stewart	\$50
Robert Goldman	\$36
Joan Hill	\$25
Ruby Diaz	\$20
Wayne Wiinningham	\$20
Camille McCormack	\$5