

Endless Summer – Lakeside

Get ready for one of Ojai’s most anticipated evenings of the year—Endless Summer Lakeside 2026. Set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Casitas, this unforgettable event invites guests to enjoy a warm summer night where laid-back lakeside charm meets playful nostalgia, all in support of local healthcare.

This year’s event brings even more fun with the debut of the Lakeside Midway—a curated collection of nostalgic, adult-friendly carnival games like Squirrel Throw, Bigfoot Hunt, Dump Truck & more! Test your luck and skill for the chance to win great prizes, adding a spirited sense of competition to the night.

As the sun sets over the water, you’ll enjoy a Santa Maria-style BBQ, refreshing wine, beer, and signature cocktails, and a sweet finish of seasonal cobbler topped with McConnell’s ice cream. The atmosphere is casual, vibrant, and designed for connection—whether you’re catching



up with friends, meeting fellow supporters, or simply soaking in the beauty of a summer evening.

More than just a great night out, Endless Summer Lakeside is an opportunity to make a lasting impact. Every dollar raised supports our “Powering The Future” initiative—funding critical infrastructure upgrades that will prepare our Ojai Hospital campus for future modernization.

Don’t miss this incredible evening.



Visit mycmh.org/endlesssummer to purchase your sponsorship or tickets!

Ojai Hospital Foundation in the Community

In 2026, our Foundation is focused on educating and raising awareness amongst the next generation of hospital supporters. Through participation in local



Guild volunteers supported the Foundation booth at the Noah’s Ark Touch-A-Truck event in March.

family-friendly events, we hope to inspire young professionals, families, and community members to join the Guild and support our Hospital & Continuing Care Center through fundraising and volunteerism.

Powering The Future

Over the next year, the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation is focused on raising funds for Powering The Future, a critical \$3.5 million initiative to strengthen the infrastructure of our Ojai hospital campus. Thanks to an early leadership gift from the Otis & Bettina Chandler Foundation of \$1.5 million, we have \$2 million left to raise to bring this important project to life.

This initiative is about more than infrastructure. Planned improvements include expanding electrical capacity to support advanced medical technology, enhancing access to the campus with improved parking and traffic flow, and preparing newly acquired land for future healthcare expansion.

One of the most exciting and immediate benefits is the return of MRI services to the Ojai Valley. Currently, hundreds of local patients must travel to Ventura for MRI scans. With these infrastructure upgrades, patients will once again be able to receive this essential diagnostic service close to home!

Powering The Future is the foundation for the next era of healthcare in the Ojai Valley—and every Guild member plays an important role in helping us get there.



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President’s Letter

There are few things more rewarding than being part of a community that cares so deeply about one another. It has been a true pleasure to serve as President of the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation Guild so far this year. Each time I attend a Guild meeting, volunteer activity, or fundraising event, I am reminded of the generosity and dedication that make this group so special. Your support of our Hospital and Continuing Care Center truly strengthens healthcare for the entire Ojai Valley.

I’m excited to share an important new priority for our hospital: **Powering The Future**. From lifesaving medical equipment and advanced imaging technology to patient monitoring systems and electronic health records, modern healthcare depends on optimal power. While these systems often operate quietly behind the scenes, they are essential to the safety and quality of the care our community relies on every day.

Our **Powering The Future** initiative focuses on strengthening the electrical infrastructure that supports the Ojai hospital campus – allowing us to bring MRI services back to the Ojai Valley and positioning our campus for modernization.

Through our fundraising events, volunteer service, and steadfast commitment to our mission, the Guild has always helped our hospital meet crucial needs. Investing in our infrastructure is a foundational step that supports both today’s needs and tomorrow’s possibilities.

I invite each of you to learn more about our Powering The Future project and consider how you might help support this vital effort.

Together, we can ensure that our hospital remains strong, resilient, and ready to care for our community for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Mary Trudeau

Mary Trudeau
President, Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation Guild



Foundation Guild General Meetings

Our monthly Guild meetings are held at 4:00 pm on Mondays at the Ojai Valley Museum

130 West Ojai Avenue, Ojai (unless otherwise indicated)

May 11 – Dr. Cameron Rice

June 8 – Annual Gathering at Sarzotti Park, Ojai

July & August – Dark

September 14

October 12

November 9

December - Dark





In Loving Memory of Joan Kemper

It is with great sorrow that we honor the peaceful passing of our fellow Guild Member, Joan Kemper on February 26, 2026 at the remarkable age of 103.



Joan's life was interwoven with the heart and soul of Ojai. She touched nearly every aspect of life in the Valley, leaving an enduring mark on our community. Her dedication to service was not occasional—it was foundational to who she was.

Joan made a lasting difference through her work with the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation Guild

and her steadfast support of our Hospital. She was instrumental in bringing together a core group of Ojai residents in 2000 to purchase the hospital for the community, transforming it from a for-profit institution into the nonprofit hospital it is today.

Joan's impact reached far beyond any single cause. She had a hand in almost every nonprofit across the Ojai Valley, generously giving her time, leadership, and unwavering encouragement. If there was a need, Joan showed up.

She was a force and a presence—gracious yet determined. Joan believed deeply that it was everyone's duty to give back, to lift one another up, and to help build a stronger, kinder community. She didn't just speak about service, she lived it every day.

With gratitude, we celebrate a life well lived. Joan will be profoundly missed and forever remembered by us all.

2026 Nightingale Ball – An Unforgettable Evening

The 2026 Nightingale Ball was a remarkable evening that captured the very best of the Ojai Valley—community, generosity, and a shared commitment to exceptional local healthcare. Held at the stunning Ojai Valley Inn, guests gathered to celebrate, connect, and give back in support of Ojai Hospital and its Continuing Care Center.

The evening paid special tribute to Dr. Martin and Barbara Pops, whose visionary leadership and unwavering dedication have left a lasting impact on healthcare in the Valley. Their story of



Your Support at Work

Thanks to the ongoing commitment and generosity of the Guild and our community, contributions from the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation made a number of upgrades and investments possible at our Hospital and Continuing Care Center over the last year!

- 6 medication workstations for our acute care teams
- Wander management system for our Continuing Care Center
- 15 new Stryker ProCuity LEX patient beds for our acute care hospital
- Completion of our \$2 million commitment to purchase the property adjacent to our Hospital campus

In 2025, the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation and Guild contributed over \$600k in support of our Hospital and Continuing Care Center.

service, philanthropy, and community leadership set an inspiring tone for the night and reminded guests of what is possible when passion meets purpose.

The generosity of our community shone brightly that evening, as a record-breaking \$345,000 was raised. Event proceeds completed the Foundation's \$2 million commitment to acquire property adjacent to our Ojai Hospital, securing space for future modernization and ensuring access to high-quality care for generations to come.

It was a night to remember, and a powerful display of what we can accomplish together.



Scan the code to watch the video!



Guild Volunteers at Work

Guild members continue to make a meaningful impact at the Continuing Care Center (CCC), generously sharing their time and talents with patients and residents. Their involvement takes many forms, from brightening the dining room with monthly floral arrangements and assisting with arts and crafts, to helping host special events, holiday celebrations, and themed activities throughout the year.

Beyond our Continuing Care Center, Guild volunteers also play a vital role in planning and executing Guild events, supporting everything from menu selection and entertainment to centerpieces and sponsorship outreach.

A dedicated group of pet owners also visits regularly, bringing along their friendly, four-legged companions to offer comfort, companionship, and plenty of smiles for patients, residents, and staff alike.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Guild through volunteerism. You are the heart of our Foundation!



Science & Support

Community Memorial is proud to announce the expansion of its Cancer Center program, bringing comprehensive, coordinated cancer care closer to home. With a team of highly experienced specialists—including medical, radiation, hematology, and gynecologic oncologists—patients now have access to advanced treatment options and personalized care plans in one convenient location.

At the heart of this expansion is a **state-of-the-art Infusion Center**, designed to provide comfortable, dedicated infusion therapy for chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted treatments, and more. This enhanced space allows patients to receive essential treatments locally, reducing the need to travel outside the community.

In addition to leading-edge treatments, patients benefit from wraparound support through the Cancer Resource Center and Nurse Navigator Program. These programs offer guidance, education, and compassionate support at every stage of the cancer journey.

Together, these expanded services ensure that expert cancer care is not only advanced, but also accessible, coordinated, and centered around the needs of our community.