

FACES OF BODEGA BAY

Meet Alicia, Patty and Paul Ginochio

Interview by Melinda Pahl



Patty is a humanitarian whose greatest role is nourishing family and community. Her love for her family is as big as her smile. Quick to show humility by sharing credit with her husband Paul and their daughter Alicia, they are proud owners of two local businesses, Sonoma Concierge and Ginochio's Kitchen. They built the businesses with a goal to keep families together. Noticing that there are so few young people in Bodega Bay, she knew that if young people need livelihoods in Bodega Bay, she could help by creating jobs and supporting families. Her family, working alongside a second local family, serve BBQ, baked goods and pasta. Daughter Alicia is the light of the family business confidently running Ginochio's Kitchen. Patty's husband Paul built the interesting, beautiful tables with a seashore theme. He holds cooking classes

at the Kitchen passing on his mother's Italian handcrafted focaccia and pasta-making skills.

Patty's love for Bodega Bay and her generous way of life was inspired by her mother and father. Her family has always been involved in caring for others by giving food, money, cleaning floors or whatever it takes to help. Paul's family is a match. He was raised similarly. Alicia is carrying their tradition as one of the youngest business owners in the County. Her nourishing way of life was inspired by her grandparents who then resided in a town called Oakley, on the Sacramento Delta. They were leaders in their community, active in the Lion's Club, with Crab Feeds and other fundraisers, just like Patty and her family today in Bodega Bay. At a young age, Patty's parents brought her to Bodega Bay to

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enjoy a close, loving friendship with a couple that became her loving “grandparents.”

When Patty sees a gap, she steps in with skills and know-how. One of her latest projects fulfills her lifelong dream of building a food pantry. She points out that we never know who needs this good food. Neighbors and friends don’t want to ask for help, but as some of us live close to or on the sharp financial edge. For example, for a few who retired here comfortably, life’s curveballs have created a pinch too tight. Keeping people healthy by supplying quality pasta and farm fresh vegetables to a good home is a warm, welcome hand. Our community is small enough that our volunteers know the neighbors walking through the door. She helped found Waves of Compassion, a Bodega Bay non-profit serving 150 families or so and many more that are homebound or wish to remain quiet about their need and gratefulness.

You can find Patty at the center of things. She and Alicia are hosting a Facebook page called Bodega Bay Area Local Info. It’s a closed group, open to people that live and work here and does us the favor of rounding up our local activities in one place. Volunteer work has her at the helm of three local, non-profits, Waves of Compassion, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the Bodega Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. You can find her at the Fisherman’s Festival as the Chairperson for the Blessing of the Fleet Lead Boat. She leads Chowder Day and the Fireworks that

were popular tradition for many, many years. Patty stepped up and was recognized as instrumental during Bodega Bay’s caring and heartfelt response to people that fled here in the October 2017 fires.

Patty’s love for Bodega Bay runs deep from her childhood and she feels gifted by God that she has the ability to speak clearly. This gift creates for her and her family a sense of duty and fulfillment to be generous and to care for those in need. --20 Mar 2019



A regular appearance in our quarterly newsletter, The Faces of Bodega Bay is a photojournalistic record of people in our town: school kids, surfers, shop owners, fishermen, restaurant workers; a whole gamut of people who live and work in Bodega Bay and help make it the wonderful community that it is. These “environmental portraits” portray the subjects in their natural environment, capturing their character and telling their story through their surroundings.

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