Another Successful Golf Outing

Our Third Annual Golf Outing was held on May 8th at the beautiful Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course in Woodbury, Long Island, New York. The success of this outing is very important to our fund raising needs. We want to acknowledge and thank our Golf Committee: Tom Sabellico, Frank Nocerino, Martin Silver, Lenny Mileo, Fred Cambria, Rich Acintelli, Pat O’Brien, Dom DeMola, Dan Kornfeld, James Martin, Michael Lima, and Jim Meyer for their hard work in making this years outing a big success. We want to especially thank Christine Cahill for her amazing efforts in coordinating and administrating the entire event. Raffle prizes and sponsorships help any outing be more successful. We want to acknowledge Lenny Mileo for his extraordinary efforts in obtaining a bevy of wonderful raffle prizes that greatly contributed to the event’s success.

We want to thank this years sponsors:

- Georgi Vodka
- New York Islanders
- New York Mets
- New York Yankees
- NFL Players Association
- Life Vac
- Crest Hollow Country Club
- Bjs Wholesale Club
- Greco Planning Group, Inc
- Scoot Brothers
- Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce
- First National Bank of LI
- Ted Williams Foundation

Each year the Committee meets and tries to bring new fun and exciting events to the outing. This year we featured a Hole-In-One Challenge sponsored by Wine U Design. Golfers had the opportunity to win a barrel of wine with their names on it if they pitched a ball into the barrel. Proceeds from the tickets were donated to Firefighters Charitable Foundation.

A special donation was presented to the FFCF by former New York State Senator Michael Venditto representing Life Vac, a manufacturer of a new anti-choking tool.

Pictured L-R: Former State Senator Michael Venditto presenting a donation to FFCF President Frank Tepedino.
President’s Message

I want to thank all our golfers and sponsors that supported our Third Annual Celebrity Golf Outing held in May. The outing was a tremendous success. The proceeds from the Golf Outing and our Annual Dinner Gala (to be held on 11/16/17) are an important part of our fundraising efforts. We rely on the two events and donations from the public to provide us with the funds necessary to support our mission. Included in every newsletter is our “We Get Letters” section. We hope you find time to read the real, sincere, unsolicited letters we receive from the many volunteer fire departments, hospital/burn centers and individuals and families (that have suffered from fire tragedies). Their heartfelt thanks mean everything to us. Their examples and descriptions of how and where the grants were used is the most rewarding news we can receive. It is the greatest testimonial to what we do. Another column in each newsletter is “Planned Giving” by our New York Counsel, Thomas Sabellico. His articles provide valuable information on the various ways to donate and receive deductions and potential tax benefits offered in the IRS rules. This month Tom has drawn on the wise words of famous people to share the joys of giving. I hope you find his current article as inspiring as I do. I know that everyone can't golf or attend the dinner but I hope that you can all find it in your heart and budget to assist in some way. Whether it’s an ad in our dinner journal, a tee sign at the outing, a raffle donation or a monetary donation you can be assured that it goes to someone in need that is a potential future letter writer! Have safe and enjoyable summer.

Planned Giving “104”

by Thomas M. Sabellico, Esq., New York Counsel to FFCF

Twice a year, for some time now, I have contributed a column to this newsletter extolling the benefits to both the donor and the donee, of charitable giving. But, maybe, in the words of Sen. Sam Ervin, “I'm just an old country lawyer, and I don't know the finer ways to do it.” So, I will call upon some of the great minds and share their wisdom on the benefits of giving:

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
—Saint Francis of Assisi

“The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity.”
—Leo Tolstoy

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”
—Winston Churchill

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.”
—Charles Dickens

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.”
—Dr. Ben Carson

“Give when asked, even if it be a little.”
—Buddha

“When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.”
Eleanor Roosevelt

“If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.”
—Chinese proverb

“Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation, or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.”
—Leo F. Buscaglia

I hope these words have inspired you to assist FFCF. If so, please forward your contribution, regardless of size, to FFCF, 1 West Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Thank you
Kitchen Safety Tips

All About Kitchen Fires

Did you know:
1 in 3 house fires begin in the kitchen.

Don’t leave frying, grilling or boiling unattended, even for a moment.

Have an oven mitt and lid on standby. If a small fire begins on the stove, smother the flames with the lid and turn off the burner.

In the event of an oven fire, turn off heat and close the door to prevent the flames and smoke from emerging. Have oven serviced before using.

Keep articles such as curtains, paper towels, bags, packaging and loose sleeves away from your stove top.

Make sure smoke alarms are in working order on every level of your house.

Closely monitor children in the kitchen and keep a kid-free zone of 3 feet around areas where hot foods is prepared or served.

We Get Letters

I’d like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your generous donation to our Department. We were able to buy Automatic External Defibrillators, hydraulic cutters for our Jaws of Life and we are in the process of purchasing a new Structure Engine. Our needs far exceed our income and donations such as yours help fill the gap. Thanks again.

Andres Avila
Chief
Anderson Valley Fire Department
Boonville, California

It is my pleasure to thank the Firefighters Charitable Foundation for your gift to our hospital. Your long standing investments in supporting the children we care for means a great deal to our staff, our parents and their families. In keeping with the Foundation’s mission, this gift was directed to the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) to help them provide critical care for the children who have been burned. Thank you again for your support.

Karen Watkins
Director Foundation and Grants
Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters
Norfolk, Virginia

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Burned Children Recovery Foundation. This means a lot to us and to the kids that we care so much about. Blessings.

Michel Mathis
Founder of the BCRF
Everett, Washington

On behalf of the Rosalia Volunteer Firefighters Association, Chief Bill Tensfeld and EMS Coordinator Ron Wiley, thank you for your recent grants you have provided us. We are a small rural volunteer fire department and EMS service with a roster of 34 volunteer firefighters, of which 18 members are certified. In addition our ambulance service covers 350 square miles around our town providing their services to seven additional communities. Your recent gift is a big help to us to cover our shortfall in funding. It is organizations like yours that make a huge impact to our small department. Thank you again.

Steven W Henning
Treasurer
Rosalia Volunteer Firefighters Association
Rosalia, Washington
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