

35 years in the blink of an eye. Joe Lindenmayer said it best at the closing ceremony-This isn't normal and don't take it for granted! Amen!

Wow! So many people to be thankful for in getting this thing kicked off so many years ago. I thank Aunt Ellen and Uncle Varnum Harris for getting me started in the game of golf, giving me clubs and teaching me lessons on etiquette when playing the game. I thank those who inspired me and showed me the example of giving back-the Kuyahoora Valley Community, Mom and Dad Coffin, Jack and Norma Bowers, Uncle Ed Conte and Arnold Palmer. And I thank my brothers, sisters, outlaws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, KVF Board and our large contingent of friends for their undying support of the CFF events year after year after year! Without them nothing would have been accomplished to the magnitude of what has transpired over the last 35+ years:

- Camaraderie unlike anything seen anywhere!!
- Raising money for those individuals and organizations in need

A big shout out of thanks to my wife, Kelly, and sons, Eric and Patrick, who have come north with me every year and lived with my anxiety of knowing how much this all means to me- Giving back to a home I loved as a boy and a community I love as a man!

To Sandy and Steve-Oh my!! Thank you for taking my weekly, sometimes daily communications on CFF happenings and for getting things organized prior to my arriving in Newport!! I am forever grateful and humbled by your patience with me!

To the KVF Board-Joe, Sandy, Lorraine, Brad, Matt, Lance and Drew-No words can express my gratitude for all of your support over these many years!! It has been a blast!! How lucky I was to have you all in my corner!!

A huge dose of gratitude goes to our Platinum Sponsors. They are as follows: S&P Global-Gary and Debbie Rathbun-\$4200, Otho Boone-\$2500, Golf Club of Newport-Todd/Kim/Kalli Warmingham-\$2500 and Carter and Suz Coffin-\$2500 who, also, supported the CFF Champions Prizes. See all sponsors below-THANK YOU!

We officially kicked off the 35th Annual CFF week on Monday, July 17th when 30 of our youth met at Borden's Bay in Newport for the 25th Annual KVF Youth Clinic!! All went smoothly under the direction Clinic Director and organizer Brandon Moody with an assist from Patrick Coffin and Maya Farber and her group of volunteers. The kids went on a historical scavenger hunt throughout Newport which was a great learning experience. Thank you, Brandon and to all who volunteered!

On, Tuesday, July 18th 25 juniors gathered at Glass Hill Golf Club for the Fore-th Annual KVF Junior Golf Tourney. A big thanks to Tourney Director Matt Kochan with assistance from Lorraine Hennings Grabowski and Sandy Coffin for

organizing the event and for Sara Salvatore and the team at Glass Hill GC for hosting. And much gratitude to Gooch Coffin, Erin Louis, Anna Grabowski and Brian Noggle for helping with tourney activities.

What a fun filled two days with our youth!! A big thanks to our Gold, Diamond and Platinum Sponsors for supporting these events so that they would be free for our youth. And thank you to our clinic attendees and golfers for supporting our Food Blessing Boxes with their food donations upon entering each event! Well done on paying it forward!!

On Wednesday evening we officially kicked off the adult portion of the week by meeting at the Newport Town Tavern. A big Thanks to Chris FitzSimons and his staff for hosting a large crowd!! What a fantastic evening of camaraderie and a phenomenal Fireman's Band rendition!! The following three days saw a heartfelt return to the Golf Club of Newport for the Jeff Nicholson Kick-Off Classic, and the Santamour and CFF at Stonebridge CC. What a fantastic three days and much thanks to Todd, Kim, and Kalli Warmingham and their staff at Golf Club of Newport and Frank Carcone and his staff at Stonebridge CC for hosting our events. And to my brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends for helping with all tourney activities from sponsor sign organization, registration, scoring, par 3 contest, putting contest, etc. Please see <u>kuyahooravalley.org</u> for tourney results.

We were honored on Wednesday and Friday to have our aunts and uncles in attendance at the old homestead and at the Santamour. Thank you, Joyce Coffin Powers, Miles Santamour, Jane Santamour Espisito, Pat Santamour Rotella, Linda Santamour Hennings, Therese Santamour, Clara Santamour Hill, Ellen "PeeWee" Santamour Harris and Varnum Harris for your support to our events. And to Aunt Ellen for hitting the ceremonial tee shot. Thank you to them for showing us the importance of our relationships with family and friends!!

Thank you to Jeff Conte for organizing a Corn Hole Tourney, Wednesday, evening at 7474 Main Street!! Cam Coffin and Sam Rotella captured the title and gave \$150 back to the CFF. And again this year much gratitude to Drew Lindenmayer for hosting the Trough Contest for the 35th time at his ranch which netted \$470 for the CFF. AJ Schmidt used his immense golfing skills to end the contest by dunking a golf ball in the trough!! Thanks everyone!

The true winners of our events are the beneficiaries that we support. Thanks to the above mentioned Platinum sponsors and all our sponsors and golfers, we were able to raise \$29,333 with more money still trickling in!! We donated \$22,000 to our CFF Week Beneficiaries and will use the rest to support many other causes throughout the year!!

2022 BENEFICIARIES

Jeff Nicholson Kick-Off Classic Ride for Missing Children- \$2,000

The Santamour Sleep in Heavenly Peace- \$4,000

<u>Coffin Family and Friends</u> Herkimer County Humane Society- \$4,000 Teddi Fallis Medical Fund- \$4,000 West Canada Valley Little League-Softball and Baseball- \$4,000 MaryJo Jackson Cancer Fund- \$4,000

Please join us for our next event, the 25th Annual MAC Daddy which will be held on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 in Atlanta, GA. Please come to this great event!!

I was very humbled about the outpouring of love and accolades to me during the mid tourney ceremony which included a Proclamation from Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Proclamations from Sheriff Chris Farber who

announced that July 23rd, 2023 was Kuyahoora Valley Foundation Day in Herkimer County on behalf of Herkimer County Legislature, Vincent Bono, and a Certificate of Award from the New York Sheriff's Summer Camp on behalf of Board Chairman, Ronald Spihe and Executive Director, Christopher O'Brien. And from Steve Coffin and Marty Lindenmayer in announcing that a flag was being flown if my honor over Arlington National Cemetery on the CFF Saturday, July 22nd, 2023. My goodness! This foundation is much more than an individual it's about all of us who make it happen year after year!

Finally, we want to take this time to thank our veterans, service men and women and first responders for protecting our way of life, both here in the USA and around the world. Their dedication allows us to continue our small piece of Americana tradition!!

On behalf of the Coffin Family and the Board of Directors of the Kuyahoora Valley Foundation we THANK YOU for traveling far and wide and spending your time and money in supporting our five events!! We come from all over as you can see by our sponsors list!! We'll see you next year when we will reunite for the 36th Annual Coffin Family and Friends week from July 15th through July 20th, 2024!! Godspeed to our new Chairman and great friend, Joe Lindenmayer, and to you all!!

Ike Coffin-KVF Chairman- Love you all !! #smalltownvaluesforlife

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