

AROUND RIVIERA

Riviera Residents Mary and Peter Grandich Sponsors Many Charity Events at Freehold Raceway.

Since moving to Riviera in 2009, Mary and Peter Grandich have sponsored numerous charitable events in and around Riviera, including at nearby Freehold Raceway.

Thanks to Peter's 20-plus years working with professional athletes and teams in his business, including 13 years with the New York Giants and New York Yankees, these events, including some held here at our Clubhouse, have included appearances by both current and retired athletes. Many of our fundraisers here had autographed sports memorabilia donated by the Grandichs from Peter's athlete clients and friends. Last month, the Grandich's sponsored their 10-year, the Irish Heritage Drivers race at Freehold Raceway, which included appearances by New York Jets legends, Joe Klecko and Marty Lyons. This year's recipient of the Grandich's effort was America's first-ever Irish-born and raised full-time harness driver, Irish Joe Hanney. A horse badly injured last October, Irish Joe Hanney, and his life hung in the balance. Thankfully, he was well enough to join the Grandichs, the former NFL greats, and several Riviera residents for a day at the races. Irish Joe Hanney trained and drove several of Grandich's racehorses, including one named after Mary's mother, Rose Troy (who won nine races). This wasn't the first event that some residents from Riviera were able to mingle with Joe Klecko, who was recently inducted into the NFL Hall Of Fame. The Grandich's and Klecko's have been close friends for almost 25 years and often appear at Peter's local events, including the Freehold Racetrack.

Peter likes to say other than his wife Mary and daughter Tara, he has spent more time with Joe Klecko than anyone else. For the rest of 2024, the Grandichs and Freehold Raceway expect to host several events, including their annual Italian Heritage Drivers race the Saturday before Columbus Day; Veteran's Day Race, Turkey Trot Race the day after Thanksgiving, and Toys for Tots Race in early December. All these events are expected to have a sports celebrity in attendance and a worthy charity related to the theme of the day that will receive financial support from the Grandich's and others.

Some of the many organizations that benefit from Peter and Mary's charitable events are; Freehold Open Door, Freehold Soup Kitchen, Blessing Bag Brigade, Fulfill Food Bank, Freehold Fire, and EMS, Vetwork.org, 5Help.org

You can see the many athletes who were clients and friends of Peter's, including his athlete advisory board, by visiting Trinity Financial Sports & Entertainment Management Company (2000-2020) (petergrandich.com)



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Above: Peter with Irish Joe Hanney being interviewed



Joe Klecko, Peter, Ray Lucas



Mary and Peter with friends/supporters

Left: Marty Lyons, Peter, Joe Klecko