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SUMMER/FALL 2016

Community Foundation's 2016 Annual Reception

R.J. Smith and Gerald & Rosemary Skoda, outstanding business and civic leaders, will be honored at this year's Annual Reception from 5:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, November 16, at Anthony's Pier 9, in New Windsor. More than 400 community and key business leaders are expected to attend, where honorees will be presented with the 2016 David T. Cocks Award for Commitment to Community, an annual recognition bestowed upon those who make significant contributions to enrich the lives of people in Orange and Sullivan counties.

The evening will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and networking at 5:30 pm. The awards program, with plated desserts and table seating, follows. Event proceeds will support the Foundation's mission to "connect people who care with causes that matter," by helping donors establish charitable funds that award scholarships to local students and grants to support the environment, education, arts, and health and human service programs in our region and beyond.



R.J. Smith

R.J. is a dedicated and respected member of the Orange County business and civic community. A commercial realtor with 40+ years experience, he is a respected leader in Hudson Valley commercial and industrial development. In addition to his keen business acumen, R.J. excels at helping his community. He is a visionary who helped establish a community health center in his hometown of Pine Bush. He later served as a town councilman, county legislator, and on the Pine Bush School Board. He is founder, past president, and current board member for the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, where he has assisted in the establishment of countless funds that distribute annual charitable grants and scholarships, in addition to two of his own scholarship funds. R.J. also serves on the boards of both Walkkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan and the Storm King Art Center.



Gerald & Rosemary Skoda

Jerry & Rosemary Skoda's dedication stretches across Sullivan County and beyond. Though "retired," Jerry operates a

large crop farm while running an agricultural consulting and farm tax preparation firm. He serves as President of the Mid-Hudson Co-Operative Insurance Co., and serves on the boards of Catskill Regional Medical Center, Greater Hudson Valley Health Systems, Emerald Corporate Park, and the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. He is a founding member of the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development and had a distinguished career as Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County. Rosemary retired as Executive Director of the USDA Farm Services Agency and has served scouts and 4-H, as well as SUNY Sullivan, and the Hospice Auxiliary. She now dedicates her time to the United Way of Sullivan County. Together, they award an annual scholarship through their CFOS fund, and donate fresh vegetables weekly to the Boys & Girls Clubs, CACHE Community Action, St. Andrew's Church Food Pantry, the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, and the United Way of Sullivan County.

For more information call us at: 845-769-9393

Fund Spotlight

The Community Foundation is excited to announce the establishment of the **John Mazur Endowment Fund for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County Education Center and 4-H Park**. "John Mazur was a dedicated supporter of 4-H and its core values. We are extremely grateful for this very generous gift to our new 4-H Park and Education Center," said Lucy Joyce, Executive Director. This fund was created to support the construction and development of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County's new Education Center and 4-H Park in Otisville. This addition will allow them to significantly increase their educational outreach, while providing a state of the art facility for Orange County and surrounding communities. "We were thrilled when we heard that someone was setting up a Community Foundation fund specifically for the construction of our new home," said Kathi Webber, Capital Campaign Coordinator. For more information on this project, or to find out how you can help, visit: www.cceorangecounty.org



Donations to this fund can be made online or sent directly to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan.

"One person can make a difference and everyone should try." –JFK

Upcoming Events:

9/1/16-9/30/16

Turn the Towns Teal throughout the Hudson Valley

Benefiting the Corinne Feller Memorial Fund

9/9/16

Illuminate Goshen Fall Ball

Villa Venezia, Middletown
Benefiting the Illuminate Goshen Fund
www.cfosny.org

11/2/16

Mid-Hudson Valley Association of Fundraising Professionals

National Philanthropy Day
The Poughkeepsie Grand, Poughkeepsie
<http://afpmhv.afpnet.org/>

11/5/16

Peter H Cahalan Scholarship Fund

Army v. Air Force Game
www.cdtrips.com

11/16/16

CFOS Annual Reception

Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor
www.cfosny.org

12/1/16 - 12/2/16

Corinne Feller Memorial Scholarship Basketball Tournament

Valley Central High School
www.corinnefeller.org

12/3/16

2016 Mistletoe & Holly Dinner Dance

The Fountains, Middletown
Contact: Nicole Feller Lee at
34nrlee@hvc.rr.com

Visit www.cfosny.org for details on these events and more!

Welcome Josh Sommers, Chairman of the CFOS Board of Directors



Josh Sommers addresses students and guests of the 2016 Scholarship Reception earlier this summer.

Josh Sommers has been a member of the CFOS Board of Directors for nearly 10 years, serving in several leadership roles including Chair of the Marketing Committee and Vice-Chairman. Josh, President and CEO of Focus Media, began his term as Board Chairman on July 1, 2016 and brings a plethora of knowledge, a broad network, and passion to the organization.

Scholarship Reception:

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is proud to distribute a record high number of scholarships this year, over \$325,000.00 to more than 125 students from 31 different school districts. The scholarship program of the Foundation continues to expand to aid students in achieving their academic goals and dreams. These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of charitably-minded individuals and organizations throughout the region. To learn more about our scholarship program, or how to establish a fund, contact CFOS at any time.



2016 Scholarship Recipients with Josh Sommers-Chairman, and Elizabeth Rowley- President and CEO at the annual Scholarship Reception held on July 21 at the Village of Montgomery Senior Center

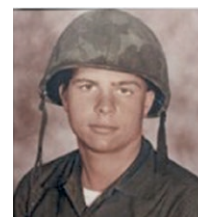


Gerald N. Jacobowitz, Esq. meets Morgan Deavor, the recipient of The Morton I. Blackman Scholarship, and her mother Melissa Deavor at this year's scholarship reception.

"How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to improve the world." –Anne Frank

Recent Funds Established:

Cornwall-on-Hudson Playground Project
The Marine P.F.C. Jerry B. Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Friends of Valley View Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Middletown Scholarship Fund
Timothy Lubitz Memorial Fund
John Mazur Endowment Fund for the Benefit of Cornell Cooperative
Extension of Orange County Education Center & 4-H Park
Eric Meier Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lucas O'Connor Memorial Fund
The Haddon C. Pantel Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Rowley Family Birthing Center Enhancement Fund
Justin Speights Scholarship Fund
Salvatore & Patricia Trocino Foundation
The Wesley-Krueger Family Foundation
We Are Just Children Fund



Marine P.F.C. Jerry B. Evans



Timothy Lubitz



Justin Speights

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

Welcome New Board Members



David Apps is currently a Vice President at Lakeland Bank and resides in Chester with his wife Susan. David has two children, Gemma and Adam, and three grandchildren, Adam, Landon and Cadence. David has served on the Finance and Investment Committee for two years and brings a wealth of financial expertise to the Board of Directors.



Barry Lewis is the Executive Editor of the Times Herald-Record and resides in Woodbourne with his wife Bonnie. Barry has three children, Sean, Daniel and Justin. He is involved with several organizations including the Time and the Valleys Museum, People for People Fund, Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, and Sullivan Renaissance.



Valerie K. Zammitti, JD, MBA, LLM is an owner at Zammitti Law, PLLC. She is admitted to the bar in both New York and New Jersey, and has practiced exclusively in the areas of estate planning, elder law, business succession and tax. In addition to Valerie's law degree, she has also earned a MBA and a Master of Laws in Taxation from NYU School of Law. After finishing her tax degree and moving to Warwick, Valerie immediately immersed herself into the community by becoming a member of the CFOS Investment & Finance Committee.

CFOS Recognitions:

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan will be recognized by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at their 2016 Annual Awards Event on October 19 for service as the lead partner in the first-ever "Hudson Valley Gives," an online day of giving held on May 18, 2016.



Linda Muller, President & CEO of Cornerstone Family Healthcare congratulates the 2016 Pillars of the Community and are joined by the Event Committee.

Partners, United Way of the Dutchess Orange Region and the Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, supported this initiative which raised over \$143,000.00 for 201 local nonprofits in the Hudson Valley.

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan will be recognized for their distinguished service at Cornerstone Family Healthcare's Seventeenth Annual Pillars of the Community Awards Gala, to be held on November 5 at Anthony's Pier 9. Alongside CFOS, Immediate Past Chairman, Derrik Wynkoop will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, along with Thomas P. Weddell, CPA



"It is today that we must build the world of the future." –Eleanor Roosevelt



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The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is a public foundation empowering hundreds of individuals and organizations to achieve their charitable dreams for good, for ever.



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If you are interested in making a donation by check, or just want to know more, please *clip and mail* this section to us:

- ☐ Send me more information about the Community Foundation and how to create a donor fund, or make a tax advantaged gift.
- ☐ Send me more information about how to create a deferred fund through a charitable remainder trust, a life insurance policy, will, bequest, or life estate.
- ☐ I want to become a Member of the President's Circle and support the general operating expenses of the Foundation. Enclosed is my annual gift of \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, \$_____. A donation of any size is appreciated.
- ☐ I'm including a donation for \$_____ to be deposited into the _____ Fund at the Community Foundation.
- ☐ I'm including a donation for \$_____ to support the Make A Difference Fund (discretionary fund that awards grants to not-for-profit organizations that provide services to families in distress).

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