

## **NPPOA Family Day – Childrens Picnic August 19, 2023**

We had a beautiful sunny day, and 103 parents and children signed in and participated in the day's event. From all accounts it was a huge success. Upon sign-in every child was given a colorful mesh bag containing a beach scavenger hunt list and pack of crayons. They also received a bracelet and a free ice cream ticket. Once the list was completed, they returned it and were invited to pick a prize from the Lucky Dip sack. Some children opted to skip the hunt to begin constructing their sandcastles for the competition to be judged later that afternoon. Some ran directly to get on the face painting line.

Ivan Michael the magician entertained the children for an hour, as he captured their attention with his clever interactive magic tricks. Many of the children volunteered to get up on stage and participated in the fun.

The children who participated in a sandcastle competition did an awesome job, making it very difficult for our judges to select the first-place winner of the \$25 gift certificate to Magic Fountain. Congratulations to Miles, Aavah and Holland, our winning team, for a job well done. Prizes were given to all participants.

Immediately following the sandcastle judging any disappointed faces were changed into happy ones at the appearance of Mr. Softee. Tickets in hands excited children lined up for their free ice cream. Parents on the other hand could opt for a delicious Lobster Roll and gelato from the onsite Treatery Food Truck.

A big thank you goes to the fabulous Events Committee consisting of Carrie Blair, Andi Parks, Jane Weiland and Noreen Fisher for their hard work over the many months of preparation that went into pulling this together. Great team!

A special thanks to Imogen Blair for her very creative signs and sandcastle judging and to Ed Weiland, Rip Fisher and Rick Mayne for giving up part of their Saturday afternoon to do some heavy lifting with the set up and take down of the event. Also, fellow NPPOA Board member Susan Brewster for offering up her expert face painting skills, and Jack DiPaola, and Keith Hughes for their assistance. And finally, a special "good sport award" goes to the Amazing Rick (aka Rick Mayne) for volunteering to become Ivan Michael's assistant magician.

Presented by Donna Mayne Events Committee Chairperson 8/19/23