## Whats New at Chi Chi's Fall 2007

Renovation for Phase One is complete: Many thanks to Executive Board members Frank Chivas and Fred Whaley for providing the leadership as we commenced phase I of our expansion plans. New landscaping, four portable classrooms, and additional space in the Bob James Education Center (aka James Lodge) was created. These new spaces have allowed our newly christened Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy to double the number of school students served and double the number of participants in our after-school program. We also expect to grow our First Tee program with larger summer camps and offer a variety of junior golf learning opportunities. We look forward to serving more young people who want to complete their Bright Futures Scholarship hours and other civic hour needs through our Community Service program.



We Welcome Progress Energy Practice and Learning Center: Construction has begun on the ¼ acre area behind the pro shop. The area will serve as a student training center with a target green, sand bunker and practice mats with a variety of short game shots. On Tuesday, November 6, 2007 the ribbon will be cut on the Center following a leadership breakfast hosted by Progress Energy. Fifty business and community leaders will be invited to learn about what's New at Chi Chi's. Hosts of the breakfast event will be Jeffery Corbett, Board Member and Senior Vice President of Progress Energy and Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools.

<u>We're proud</u> to have been selected as one of five beneficiaries for the 2008 **Outback Pro Am.** The event takes place April 14-20 at the TPC in Tampa. The five year old event is the most talked about on the circuit and is popular with the celebrities. The event has a new three year NBC television coverage contract which will bring wide coverage for the beneficiaries and the Tampa Bay area. We will be offering our supporters the opportunity to join the fun as volunteers during the week long event. Last year's amateur winner was Bill Murray and pro winner was Tom Watson.

## Volunteers Bobby Carollo, Don Russell and Gail Flynn banded together to successfully apply for an IBM Corporation community grant application totaling \$6,395.00. The funds were granted based on matched volunteer hours and purchased five new Think Centers to support our Program

Services.



Our annual 28<sup>th</sup> Chi Chi Charity Classic welcomes Debbie White as its new co chair for 2007. Debbie is an active member of our community serving on many non profit boards and volunteering for civic groups. She lives in Safety Harbor and looks forward to being involved as we continue to grow. Dates for the event are November 11 and 12. Chi Chi will be here to host over 250 guests as they celebrate our expansion efforts at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa and during the two days of golf here at Chi Chi's Golf Club.

<u>Special thanks to First Tee of Clearwater's Advisory Group:</u> The group raised over \$200,000 in fiscal year 2006/2007 in grants, special events and community donations for programming this year. First Tee served over 600 kids in camps this summer and provides the public with some great junior golf opportunities.

**Special Thanks go to Rotary of Countryside:** The club applied for a district grant and it was approved for \$2,400.00. This is the first district grant received by the club in its history. The funds will be used for a Rotary project that provides new carpet for the Bob James Education Center (aka James Lodge). Rotary members and students will work together planning the process of measurement, choosing the correct product for our needs and the vendor procurement process.

Welcome to Mallory Hubbard: Mallory is a graduate of University of Florida. She has a Masters in International Business and will be assisting with all of our growing Program Services needs. When asked why she came on board Mallory answered with: "kids, I love kids."



Brianna and Mallory

<u>Welcome to our new Chi Chi Academy Members:</u> When school opened on August 21, our middle school students were greeted by new staff members Patricia Workman, Kelly Mercier, Doris Dabbs, Maggie Bishara and Linda Foderaro. These special ladies bring a wealth of educational experience to our recently expanded school.

New Golf Carts and Sand in the Bunkers: Garth Boline, Golf Course Superintendent and his crew have maintained the course in excellent playing condition over the summer. By replacing the sand in the bunkers the course is ready to welcome our seasonal visitors. With seventy new club cars in the cart barn our golf team is ready for another fantastic golf season.



Arkez, Jesse and Ms. Dottie



Coach Walker and Cody



4th and 5th grade boys

## **Have a Safe and Happy Fall Season!**