

# What's New at Chi Chi's November December 2010





Volunteer of the Year

Born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dick moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1930. Married for 45 years he and late wife Sue raised four children all who are college graduates. Now his four grandchildren are in college as well. He retired from the lumber business in Michigan and it is Chi Chi's honor to have him as a volunteer for over sixteen years. Our team members say Dick is professional, dependable and always has compliments from everyone never a complaint. We are proud to recognize his dedicated work as a starter and tournament coordinator with the Academy.

" I have made some great friends over the years with Chi Chi's. The group that works here is one of the best I have known"

Volunteer of the year Dick Wagner

# Raising the Roof

On October 23rd over 70 volunteer contractors, from West Coast Roofing Contractors Association and the Pinellas County Contractors Association worked to replace the old roof on the Chi Chi Academy's 5,700 square foot Sports Complex building . The groups donated over \$17,000 in both labor & materials to the Academy and did it all in one amazing day! Warm thanks to Elliott Ross, John Kenney, Sharon Spicer and to Garry Tipton who spearheaded this project donation.



5,700 square foot roof in one day. Amazing!

# 31st Annual Chi Chi Charity Classic Co-Chairs

Two dynamic community volunteers head up the 31st annual Classic. Jessica Majeski has served for three years and Jim York is adding his expertise in special events for the first time. Both are members of the Academy Executive Committee that supports the Board of Director's efforts to fundraise and raise Community awareness of the Academy's mission. Chi Chi comes in on November 14 and 15, for two days of golf here at the club and dinner with supporters. For information visit www.chichi.org or call Nancy Agnew at 727. 726. 8828 x 209.



Charity Classic Co-Chairs Jim York , The Ross Realty Group & Jessica Majeski, Northwestern Mutual, Financial Network



Left to right front row: Tim Murray, Tom Hanson, Glenn Westfall, Brian Cushnie, back row: Richard Cervi, Steven Goodell, Jaun Palvaderu, Brian Gould, Doug La Fortune, Roberto Hildalgo

### **Tree Climbers for Kids**

A very special thank you to a group of arborists and business people who recently gathered to remove trees and manicure the grounds of the Academy's Golf Club campus. Project leader Tom Hanson said the group's mission is to help families and organizations in need. Douglas LaFortune, State of Florida's Tree Climbing Champion joined the group to help with its landscape donation to the Academy.

" Why do we do this? Because we can." Tom Hanson, Hanson Tree Services

# Alumni Spotlight Melissa Larsen

Melissa attended the Academy in 1995 for 5th and 6th grades. She went on to graduate from Clearwater Christian College in 2006 and now teaches functional academic skills (special education) at Mc Anally Intermediate School in Aledo, Texas. Married to Andrew since 2005 she is a proud mother of seven month old Landon.

"My time at Chi Chi's gave me the confidence and academic tools necessary to propel myself through high school and college. The love and support of the volunteers and staff made an impact on my life that will never be forgotten."

"When I was in fourth grade I began losing my motivation for school. Most of it was from frustration of not understanding how to complete my schoolwork and I began to give up"



Andrew and Melissa with seven month old baby boy Landon



Carolyn Braddock, Terrance Dukes, Boys & Girls Club Site Director and Chi Chi Campers

# **Summer Camp Life Skill Lessons**

A warm thank you to Carolyn Braddock who this summer flew here from her home in Ojai CA to donate valuable programming for the Boys and Girls Chi Chi summer camp. Carolyn has dedicated her life to the task of healing adults and children through her workshops. She inspires children to replace old behavior patterns that are holding them back with new behaviors that will set them on the path towards an exciting future. She shows students how to learn to establish clear goals and get to know their inner self through body language. The lessons she shared will stay with the campers for a lifetime. To find out about Carolyn's workshops, e-mail her or visit her website— braddock01@earthlink.net and www.braddock-body-process.com



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