What's New at Chi Chi's May 2018

Buck Jones and Andy Krusen host "Make A Difference" dinner at Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club in Tampa



Top Left: Board Members Scott Curtis and Joseph Varner with Cheryl Lancaster; Middle Left: Fred Ridley with Foundation COO James Poulter; Middle Right: Co-hosts Andy Krusen and Buck Jones share a moment during the evening; Bottom: Board Chairman Tom James shares about the Foundation's programs; Right: Board Member Elliott Ross and Karin Stewart with their guests from the Centre Club of Tampa Bay Co-Hosts Andy & Jessie Krusen and Buck & Mary Jane Jones welcomed 45 guests to Palma Ceia Country Club on Wednesday, April 25th for an evening with Foundation Board members. The goal of this dinner was to educate potential supporters about how the Foundation "Makes A Difference" in the lives of so many students. Tom James captured the audience with an open conversation of how we can better serve at-risk children in our Community, and how the Foundation's programs do just that. We're grateful that Buck and Andy choose to help us prepare for the organization's future by hosting this event to gauge the interest of future board members, supporters and volunteers.



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic Sunday & Monday, November 11th & 12th Chi Chi Golf Club



Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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Top: Kiwanis Club Members pose in front of the Pavilion; Bottom: 2017 8th grade graduate Nicolas speaking during graduation in the Kiwanis Pavilion

This past year, six local Kiwanis Club's raised funds to help the Chi Chi Academy replace the roof of the Kiwanis Pavilion. With the new roof on the pavilion this April, the same Kiwanis Clubs held their Division Meeting Dinner to celebrate. The Pavilion has been used since the inception of the Academy for so many needs, from physical education classes, nice outside lunch breaks and our 8th grade graduations. This very busy space was in need of some love and we are so grateful for the Kiwanis Clubs for coming together almost 25 years after they built this Pavilion for our students to keep the legacy alive.

> Dunedin Kiwanis Club Kiwanis Club of Greater West Pasco Kiwanis Club of Largo Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor Kiwanis Club of Springtime City Kiwanis Club of Top of the Bay Kiwanis Florida Matching Grant

The First Tee Coach Training enhances expertise of Program Director Karen Wise and Coaches Lizette Soto and Mike West

This spring three members of our team continued their education with The First Tee by attending Coach Trainings around the country. It is important for Coaches to grow their knowledge of best practices within the Network of over 150 chapters across the country; this promotes the latest youth development techniques given to students and participants. The First Tee of Clearwater program teaches Life Skills and Core Values such as integrity, honesty and sportsmanship seamlessly through the game of golf to over 2,200 youngsters in North Pinellas County each year.



Program Director Karen Wise with fellow Coaches Jordan Hall and Shai Celeste

Did You Know...?

The First Tee Summer Camp takes place all summer long!

Join us for 9 one-week camps, where students learn all aspects of the game of golf including: putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, the rules of golf and even course play. All lessons surround the nine Core Values of The First Tee Life Skills Curriculum.

For more information visit: www.thefirstteeclearwater.org

Local Kiwanis Clubs come together to raise the roof!