



What's New at Chi Chi's

January & February 2010



Tom Jewell

Donor Spotlight: Tom Jewell Raising money one birdie at a time

We salute Tom Jewell as our Transitions Championship Birdies for Charities Chairman for the past three years. His leadership resulted in over \$30,000 raised during those years. He began volunteering here in 1995 after retiring as Chairman of the JC Penney Classic for seven years. He is a golf nut and plays in the annual kids golf event where he and his partner own the nine hole tournament record of 9 under par. He also enjoyed playing Santa for many years at the Christmas parties. He and wife Lavon live in East Lake Woodlands.

"I love children and golf has been good to me, so I give whatever I can back, and what better place to give back than Chi Chi's." ~ Tom Jewell

New Chi Chi Academy Board Member: Chi Chi personally welcomed John Plimpton to the Board at a dinner hosted by current board members John Brabson & Andy Krusen. John is a major supporter of Academy events including both the Chi Chi Invitational & Chi Chi Charity Classic for the past three years. He is the Principal at Solon Capital and Executive Director at Equinox Fund Management in Princeton, NJ. Though he resides in Princeton, his work frequently brings him to the Tampa Bay area.



Chi Chi & John Plimpton



Principal Bob McFadden and teacher Ginger Francisco with her 5th grader honor roll students

Academy Congratulates Honor Roll students: Seven 5th grade students were recognized for their Honor Roll accomplishments during the first grading period. This is the largest number of students from one class earning this distinction in Academy history. During the awards ceremony, four students were awarded Chi Chi's list (one grade away from honor roll) and 18 had perfect attendance.

Charity Classic Results: Tournament Co-Chairs Debbie White and Jessica Majeski are proud to announce this 30th Anniversary Celebration netted over \$135,000 (after expenses). Thank you to all Sponsors and Volunteers who helped make this event so successful! Below are the winners of both days:

Sunday, November 15th

1st Place: Phil Powell, James McCall,
(Gross) Carson Crooms & Dr. Phillip Apple

1st Place: Tom Hanson, Bill Gallant, Aaron
(Net) Buckley & Shawn Dean

Monday, November 16th

1st Place: Al Discenza, Frank Parady, Jeff
(Gross) Liddic & John Downey

1st Place: Bret Almassy, Sgt. Lamar Williams,
(Net) Joe McKeogh & Roger Robbins



Chi Chi, Alysha, Prem & Sarah hanging out in the After School Program



Linda Damsky Middle School Reading Instructional Coach, & Jayme Pecci, Academy Director, receive a gift from Mr. Ito

Thank you to Mr. Ito, Nagano, Japan: In November, Mr. Ito visited the Academy and nine other Clearwater schools as a part of the Sister Cities Clearwater/Nagano teacher exchange program. At the Academy, he taught our middle school students the Japanese alphabet and our elementary students origami. He enjoyed playing golf with students in the after school program.

Thank you Clearwater For Youth (CFY): We received a \$5,000 grant from CFY to purchase new sports equipment for our After School and Summer Camp programs. With the start of the PALS Florida Co-ed league and increasing numbers of summer camp participants, the grant dollars purchased equipment that is much appreciated by all of our students and coaches.



Chi Chi with finalist: Ken Rush, Bernie Skutack & Andrew Nicholson

Million Dollar Hole-in-One: Through out October & November, contestants participated in the Academy's inaugural Million Dollar Hole-in-One event at the Sports Complex. Eighteen people qualified for the Semi-Finals & only three finalists made the cut to shoot for the million dollars. On November 15th, Chi Chi hosted the finals, where unfortunately no one made the Hole-in-One but one shot rolled within inches of the hole.

Congratulations Semi-Finalists: John Beehler, Jim Bodino, Bill Brenner, Chris Carden, Allen Fehr, Glenn Fish, Paul Hardy, Scott Lincoln, Robert Morgan, Jimmy Mullan, * Andrew Nicholson, Elliot Raj, * Ken Rush, Trent Spanos, * Bernie Skutack, Joe Turconi, Tom Twitty, and Maheesh Vijayan

* denotes Finalist

Students enjoy a Holiday Party: Friday, December 11th our 89 students enjoyed a full afternoon of Go Kart races, miniature golf, bumper boats, video games and much more to celebrate the upcoming Holidays. Each student also received a gift from Santa Claus and plenty of complimentary food provided by generous sponsors.

Thank you to Celebration Station, Chick-Fil-A, Honey Baked Ham, Hooters, McDonald's, Publix Super Markets, United Way of Tampa Bay and all the volunteers for making this happen!



Gabe wins a Go Kart race



Bobby, Chi Chi, Gail & Don at the Chi Chi Charity Classic 2008

Thank you Don Russell, Bobby Carollo & Gail Flynn: These three volunteers joined again to successfully apply for an IBM Corporation community grant totaling \$3,850. The grant is based on matched volunteer hours provided by Don, Bobby & Gail and we received four new Lenovo Thinkcentre computers thanks to their hard work.

Upcoming Events:

For more information on events or to make a contribution, contact Mallory Hubbard at (727) 726-8829 x 209 or mallory@chichi.org.



Tampa Bay Birdies for Charities
March 15 - 21, 2010



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
visit us at www.chichi.org

