

# What's New at Chi Chi's



**January & February 2012** 

**Volunteer Spotlight: Jim Cawley** 

Born and raised in Boston, Jim joined the Army at 17 serving as a paratrooper in Korea. After leaving the Army he settled back in Massachusetts to attend college, became a warehouse manager, married and raised two children. He retired to Florida to enjoy golf and discovered Chi Chi kids needed mentors. He began volunteering eight years ago as a golf coach for kids. The junior golfers really enjoy the competitions he has set up for them. If a student beats Jim on the course they win a coke!





#### The Rotary Club of Largo supports education with \$1,000 gift

Club members generously doubled their gift to \$1,000 in 2011. The gift came from the proceeds of the popular Death by Chocolate event held in December. Ramesh Parekh, a Rotary Foundation Board member and also a member of the Academy Executive Committee presented the check. Rotary President Gigi Arntzen congratulated Chi Chi's for its success in helping students prepare for graduation from high school.

The Club's theme for this year is "Reach within to Embrace Humanity."



Ramesh Parekh presents the check to Cary Stiff, Chi Chi's Senior Vice President

#### Click on the newly designed website www.chichi.org

Find the information you need to support the Academy along with valuable golf discounts. Make your tee time online and save big! When you play golf here, bring an event here, purchase merchandise or lessons you are supporting educational programs that help children reach their highest potential academically and socially. Twenty five cents of each dollar spent by golfers at Chi Chi's supports the educational annual fund.





Middle school Honor Roll students celebrate with Principal Bob McFadden

#### **Academy Congratulates Honor Roll students:**

Ten middle school students were honored for their outstanding scholastic accomplishments with a breakfast prepared by the school staff. Sarah Ticktin made principal's list with straight A's. Congratulations Sarah! In 2011 for the first time there was a record number of fourth and fifth grade students making the honor roll. Our investment in their future is important and these students are stepping up to set an example for their peers.



Bobby Carollo, Chi Chi, Gail Flynn & Don Russell

## Thank you to retired IBM volunteers Don Russell, Bobby Carollo & Gail Flynn:

They joined together for the fifth year successfully applying for an IBM Corporation community grant totaling \$1,500. The grant is based on matched volunteer hours to Chi Chi's. Thanks to them we have a new laptop and one new PC this year. Over the past five years these three generous volunteers have been responsible for donating \$24,500 in computer equipment helping keep the Academy current with our technology needs.



L-R Students Christina Perry and Asaiya Shuler enjoy the Christmas party at Celebration Station.

#### **Celebration Station Hosts Student Holiday Party**

Each of our 95 students received a donated gift from their wish list and enjoyed pizza and sweets along with a variety of games and rides. Thank you to Celebration Station, Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, Publix Super Markets, Toy Makers of East Lake and all the special volunteers for helping make this a great ending to a successful year.



#### Check out our freshly designed website at www.chichi.org.

The new website design is part of our social enterprise partnership with GOLF LIFE BUSINESS (GLB). Co-Founders Andrew Rios and Matt Yost generously provide us their social media expertise and company resources as a part of this cutting edge type of business partnership. GLB is a social TV platform located at <a href="https://www.golflifebusiness.com">www.golflifebusiness.com</a> that produces and distributes video news clips built around your golf game, lifestyle and business. The new site will launch July 4, 2012.

#### **Charity Classic Results:**

Tournament Co-Chairs Jessica Majeski, Scott Tobe and Jim York proudly announced successful 2011 Charity Classic results of \$157,288 net proceeds. Thank you to the sponsors, Academy Executive Committee members and volunteers who helped make this event so successful!

### **Upcoming Events:**

Tampa Bay Birdies for Charities
March 15-18, 2012
www.transitionschampionship.com

Chi Chi Invitational Monday, March 12, 2012 www.chichi.org



Academy students welcoming Chi Chi at the Classic student breakfast hosted by Bimbo Bakeries, The First Watch Restaurant in Countryside and Eurest/Andrew Nicholson

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