



What's New at Chi Chi's

July & August 2009



Patricia Higgins and Fran Ferraro

Donor Spotlight:

Fran Ferraro and Patricia Higgins

Fran Ferraro has been generously donating the services of his Clearwater based air conditioning company since 1986. His professional and friendly staff keep our students and staff comfortable all year long giving us a great environment to learn, work and play. Fran and his wife Patricia live in Belleair and continually provide support for our events and help whenever we call upon them. Thanks to their loyalty we are able to continue the important work of helping kids!

“The Foundation is an organization where you can actually see your donations at work in the faces of the children and the enthusiasm of the staff. The program is the first of its kind and even though it is being copied by others, it can never be duplicated.”

~ Fran Ferraro, President and Owner Colonial Mechanical, Inc.

2nd Annual Chi Chi Invitational Recap: The Invitational raised over \$170,000 for the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy programs. This event included golf at the Bayou Club in Largo hosted by Fuzzy Zoeller and a dinner that evening at Raymond James Headquarters in St. Petersburg hosted by Bucs Defensive Captain Chris Hovan and his wife Jaimi.

A big thanks goes to our event chair people: Mark Carron, Raymond James; George Kehl, KPMG; Nancy Loehr, Progress Energy; Fred Whaley, Raymond James and Mark Wimberly, Progress Energy.

To get a full recap of the event go to: www.chichi.org and click on “events”



The Winning team: Brian Kuhles (15), Bill Ines, Eric Ines (14) and Sean Fromme (13) with Fuzzy and Chi Chi's kids Kevin and Ashley

TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

- 1st Place: **Chi Chi Kids:** Sean Fromme, Brian Kuhles, Eric Ines, Bill Ines
- 2nd Place: **Progress Energy:** Vinny Dolan, John Hale, Greg Bricket, Bill Ulbricht
- 3rd Place: **Protective Life Insurance:** Scott Snyder, Dan Callahan, Howard Davis, Scott Sibley
- Putting Contest: Dean Baker, Dr. Fernando Borges, Howard Davis, James Poulter

- Longest Drive Men: Sheldon Roberts
- Longest Drive Women: Carol Whaley
- Closest to the Pin: Dean Baker



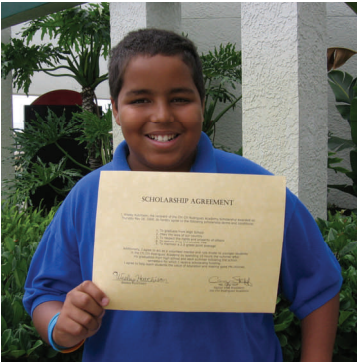
Thank you USGA: The Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy received a \$20,000 grant from the United States Golf Association. This grant helps pay for Academy golf instructors and for golf course access that is provided free of charge to Academy students. It also allows us to be able to charge a reduced fee for our summer camps and The First Tee of Clearwater participants. We are proud to be a USGA supported program!

Welcome Philip Powell to the Chi Chi Academy Board of Directors: We are pleased to announce Philip Powell as our newest member of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy Board of Directors. Philip is the CEO/President of C³ Management, Inc. and Powell Holding & Development. His diverse background in the medical field is a welcome asset to the Academy! Phillip and his wife, Melanie have two children and reside in St. Petersburg. Philip's hobbies include golf, softball, boating and skiing.



Philip Powell

The First Tee of Clearwater Summer Camp is under way and will serve close to 500 participants over the course of 11 weeks (June 8th to August 20th). Camps run Monday through Thursday 9 am to 12pm, 1pm to 4pm or 9am to 4pm depending on a participant's age and ability. For more information or to sign up for camp, contact Program Director Brandon Walker at (727) 726-8829 x 238.



2009 Fifth Grade Scholarship Winner:
Wesley Hutchison

Congratulations Wesley Hutchison: A donation from Jill Crist & the Rotary Club of Countryside made possible a \$4,000 higher education scholarship awarded to an outstanding 5th grader based on academic and personal accomplishments. Wesley plans to attend college, study math to possibly become an accountant like his two aunts. Scholarship winners are required to also remain drug free, obey our country's laws, respect the rights and property of others, graduate from high school and maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

Inaugural A Night of Heroes & Angels Recap: On May 2nd, guests traveled to the new Ferrari of Tampa Bay Dealership to enjoy delicious food, savory wines and good music. Thanks to event host Skyway Capital and to presenting sponsor, Progress Energy, over \$25,000 was raised to benefit the Academy. A Night of Heroes & Angels also benefited Big Brothers Big Sisters and Tampa's Hope Academy.

Happy Retirement Principal Burwell: John Burwell retired June 30, 2009 after 36 years of service to Pinellas County Schools. After beginning his career as a first grade teacher in St. Pete, John worked his way up to assistant principal at Tarpon Springs Middle and then principal at Melrose Elementary. John took over Curlew Creek Elementary and Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy partnership school in February, 2001 where he remained until his retirement. Thank you, John for all of your hard work and dedication to the education of our children for the past 36 years!



John Burwell and Chi Chi

Congratulations Eighth Grade Graduates: This year marks a special one at the Chi Chi Academy where the first eighth grade class is graduating to high school. Their gift was to autograph a class "Footstep of Champions" block. Four members of the class will join high school magnet programs throughout the county including Tarpon's Culinary Arts and Pinellas Park's Criminal Justice programs.



Carolyn with 4th grader Alain

Thank you Carolyn Braddock: Carolyn is an educator, Tai Ji instructor, consultant, and author of *Body Voices: Using the Power of Breath, Sound and Movement to Heal and Create New Boundaries*. Her family has supported our mission of helping children for over 20 years. She recently flew in from her home in CA to donate her time and skills to help both students and staff understand the importance of using various tools to help manage our lives. She taught us skills that will remain with us forever.

To learn more about Carolyn, visit: www.braddock-body-process.com

Upcoming Events:

Chi Chi Charity Classic 30 Year Celebration: NEW DATES
Sunday & Monday, November 15th & 16th, 2009

Join Chi Chi for this two day golf tournament loaded with entertainment and guests in celebration of Chi Chi's 30th Anniversary. Sponsorship packages start at \$3,000. For more information about the tournament, contact Mallory Hubbard (727) 726-8829 x 209 or mallory@chichi.org.



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