



# What's New at Chi Chi's

## July & August 2010



Chi Chi and Chuck at the 30th Annual Chi Chi Charity Classic 2009

### Donor Spotlight: Chuck Pisciotta Filling a Life Mission of Helping Children

Thirty years ago Chuck Pisciotta decided his mission in life was to help children. One of his first opportunities came along when he met Chi Chi. Chuck secured the Foundation's [www.chichi.org](http://www.chichi.org) URL and went on to create the first web site for Chi Chi's. He has continued to support our strategic efforts and in 2008 created and spearheaded the successful Chi Chi Invitational now in its third year.

**"Today, everyone can see that Chi Chi's goal in life is to make the world a better place. And, how he does that is through the children...I don't know where he gets the energy to do as much as he does...He focuses on his kids. But, so often, he plants seeds of humanity in all of us." ~ Chuck Pisciotta**

**3rd Annual Chi Chi Invitational Recap:** Chairman Mark Carron reported that a net amount of over \$90,000 was raised for the annual Academy program fund. The Bayou Club in Largo hosted the golf event and later that evening Raymond James hosted a sit down dinner for the players and guests, compliments of Frank Chivas' Baystar Restaurant Group.

Many thanks to the event committee:

Mark Carron, Raymond James	John Plimpton, Solon Capital
David Rood, KPMG	Scott Stolz, Raymond James
Mark Wimberly, Progress Energy	Fred Whaley, Raymond James
Scott Curtis, Raymond James	Jim York, Commercial Asset Managers



Board Members John Plimpton and Fred Whaley with Eric Ines (15) & Academy student Sean Fromme' (15)

### TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

1st Place Net: Sean Fromme', Eric Ines, John Plimpton, Fred Whaley	Longest Drive: Chad Faulkenberry
1st Place Gross: Ken Armstrong, Bill Ines, Ryan Stolz, Scott Stolz	Straightest Drive: Mike Woltz
2nd Place Net: Ziggy Krupa, Lonnie Malatino, Tom Malatino, Jesse Perez	Closest to the Pin: Mark Carron
3rd Place Net: Mark Carron, Tom James, Amy Loviscek, Peter Motzenbecker	Putting Contest: Mary James



8th Grade Class of 2010

**Congratulations Eighth Grade Graduates!** Following tradition set by the inaugural 8th grade graduate class in 2009, the 2010 class gift was a new stepping stone added to the "Footsteps of Champions" surrounding the flag pole. Good luck class of 2010! We know you will make us proud in the future by graduating from high school, becoming valuable members of your community and using the knowledge gained here to always reach for your highest potential.

**Top Row:** Josh, Pinellas Park H.S.; Danielle, East Lake H.S.; Jackie, Palm Harbor University H.S.; Greg, Countryside H.S.; Shaina, Tarpon Springs H.S. (Veterinary Science Academy Magnet Program); Ashley T., Tarpon Springs H.S. (Veterinary Science Academy Magnet Program); Victoria, Hudson H.S.

**Bottom Row:** Ashley R., Countryside H.S.; Sean, Palm Harbor University H.S.; Thomas, Clearwater H.S.; Kyonna, Clearwater H.S.

## Successful Graduate Story: John Knight

"The Chi Chi program was important in my life because it taught the game of golf. The game of golf requires many skills. Patience is the most important thing that I learned that I use everyday in my life. Teamwork is another important skill. Working as a team member is what I do everyday during my job at Publix. Honesty is one virtue that is taught by the program. These are just three of the many life skills learned at Chi Chi's. The teachers and staff touched my life by giving their time and their lives to this program! Thank you to all." ~ John Knight



John Knight

**Art in the Park Recap:** Chairman Phil Powell reported that over 150 guests enjoyed viewing the vast art collection of Tom & Mary James along with bidding on unique pieces from five local artists. Thanks to Baystar Restaurant Group, guests enjoyed a delightful buffet, bid on trips and other auction items to raise over \$76,000 for Academy programs. Artist Chris Jones and the Sandpearl Resort guided and sponsored over 100 students and Academy supporters in a one day effort to paint personalized tiles which were given to guests as a memento for the evening.



Board Member/Event Chairman Phil Powell with Academy 5th graders Sarah, Alysha & Ashley

### THANK YOU TO:

#### Co-Chairs:

Phil Powell, Powell Holding & Development and Fazal Fazlin

#### Artists:

T.W. Curtis  
Christopher Jones  
Kristie Kindstrom  
Duncan McClellan  
Steven Schramek  
Clayton Swartz

**\*\*all donated 50% of their sales from the silent auction to the children.**

#### Event Committee:

Ken Armstrong, Raymond James  
Scott Brown, McDonalds  
Tom Harrington, Raymond James  
Emily Kapes, Raymond James  
Emily Shrider, Raymond James  
Fred Whaley, Raymond James  
Jim York, Commercial Asset Managers

**Happy Retirement John Wright:** After 14 years of working at the Chi Chi Golf & Family Sports Complex, John Wright retired. His career as a professional golf coach and teacher started 40 years ago following his PGA tour years. John has been a valuable part of our team and will be greatly missed.



Chi Chi Golf Club and Sports Complex staff & volunteers celebrate John's successful career



Lee Behensky, Cary Stiff, Tom Bremer and David Yates

**Tom Bremer makes planned gift:** After facing an unexpected surgery last year, Clearwater Beach resident Tom Bremer decided it was time to make some important estate planning decisions. He wanted to ensure that his assets would be divided among his favorite charities, including local charities Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, and the Wellness Center at Morton Plant. Bremer says "Chi Chi's team made it easy and it felt good knowing I could continue our family tradition of philanthropy for great causes." To learn how you can make a gift through your estate planning efforts, let us help you with information and resources. Contact Cary Stiff, Senior VP at (727) 726-8829 x 202.

**Largo Rotary Club donates \$500:** On April 5, 2010, Eric Coyner, President of the Rotary Club of Largo presented Academy Senior VP Cary Stiff, with a \$500 check from the proceeds of the popular fundraiser Death by Chocolate. Ramesh Parekh, a member of both the Rotary and the Academy's Executive Committee spearheaded the donation. Thank you to Rotary members and to Ramesh for their annual gift in support of the Academy's programs.



Cary Stiff and Eric Coyner

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