



# What's New at Chi Chi's

## March & April 2009



L to R, Jim Stevens, Jaime Dean and Hal Stevens surrounded by Academy After School students

### Donor Spotlight: Jim Stevens

#### Three Generations Shining on Our Kids

Jim Stevens, president of Stevens Insurance Brokerage Services, has truly been a 20 year superstar for us here at the Chi Chi Academy. He chairs the annual Tampa Bay Association of Health Underwriters golf event that has raised over \$22,000 dollars for the children and programs. "You can always see the products of your efforts here at Chi Chi's" says Jim. Along with his dad Hal and his daughter Jaime, the Stevens family can boast three generations of superstars who always shine bright over our kids.



The world famous **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** donated **\$25,000 dollars** in honor of Honorary Chairman, Robin Zander of Cheap Trick. The generous donation put Rockin' The First Tee net income over the \$140,000 goal. Thank you Trans-Siberian Orchestra for supporting the needs of children in your community.



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**Academy Students Go Green with newly designed Garden space:** Our master gardeners Joyce Smith, Joan Robinson and Sally Duggan teamed up with 4th & 5th grade students excited to get their hands into the dirt. First up is a re-design of the spaces in front of the classrooms and plans for a variety of vegetables. On the garden list are onions, carrots, lantana, summer squash, radishes, green beans and corn.

**Welcome Laurie!** Middle School's newest staff edition is substitute Laurie Walters. Ms. Walters will work with Mr. Meurer in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School Math and Science Classes.



Libra (5th grade) & Jacob (4th grade) plant onions



Cary Stiff, Chi Chi Academy Senior VP with Ladies League Members: Brandy Wackerman, President, Candy Sell, Secretary and Louise Choate, VP



**Loyal Chi Chi's Ladies League contributes:** In January, the Ladies League again donated \$1,225 to Academy Programs. The League was established in 1989 and has provided annual contributions since its inception to the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation. To join the Monday ladies league, contact Betty Ciancio at (727) 787-3244 or inquire in the Pro Shop.



Wendy Hoffman, Volunteer; JC Chelena, Executive Committee; Scott Brown, Executive Committee; and Rich Grandish at the 2008 Celebration & Kickoff of 2009 plans

**Thank you Pete and Cindy Morell:** Academy Executive Committee members plus many of our teachers, staff members and volunteers were invited to a party given by Executive Committee member Pete Morell and his lovely wife Cindy. They opened their home to over 60 people to thank them for their hard work and support during the year. Framed appreciation plaques were presented to each member along with a bottle of wine.



Special Olympics Golf Team

**Congratulations Special Olympics Golf Team:** The Special Olympics Golf Team sent six out of their eight athletes to the State Competition this year. All six members placed in the top 3 of their division! Between June and September you can find these amazing athletes practicing once a week on Chi Chi's Golf Course. Congrats team for a great showing at State Competition!

**505 Club donates for School Uniforms:** During December, the 1,000 member 505 Club came together for the annual giving party at Island way Grill on Island estates in Clearwater. Members raised \$3,600 during the event to pay for 2009 Academy school uniforms. The sharp golf attire promotes a sense of community and pride among our students. Thank you 505 Club members!



Owen Stewart, Rotary President; Jill Crist, Dixie Walker, Rotary Scholarship Director; Frank Chivas, Development Chair for the Board of Directors & 5th grade Academy students

**Countryside Rotary donates \$7,000:** \$3,200 of the funds will be contributed to our higher education scholarship in the name of noted Rotarian and humanitarian, John Crist. The John Crist Scholarship Fund is awarded to a deserving 5<sup>th</sup> grader each year at the Chi Chi Academy. The remainder of the funds will go towards Academy programming.



## Upcoming Events:

**Chi Chi Invitational at Tampa's Old Memorial :** This 2nd annual event is coming up on Sunday, June 14th & Monday, June 15th. Join Chi Chi and his longtime friends Fuzzy Zoeller & Andy Bean for dinner at Raymond James and golf at Old Memorial. Dinner is \$2,500 and Golf Sponsorships start at \$10,000 per foursome. Contact Mallory Hubbard @ mallory@chichi.org or (727) 726-8829 x 209 for more information.



A 2008 Winning team: KPMG (Todd George, George Kehl, Joe Trepani & Todd Webster) with Bobby Grace & Chi Chi



**Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities** is a fundraising program designed to give participating charities the opportunity to generate contributions based on the number of "birdies" made by contestants during the Transitions Championship PGA Tour Event. 100% of all the money goes directly back to the charity. For more information on how you can get involved with Birdies for Charities, contact Mallory Hubbard @ mallory@chichi.org or (727) 726-8829 x 209.



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