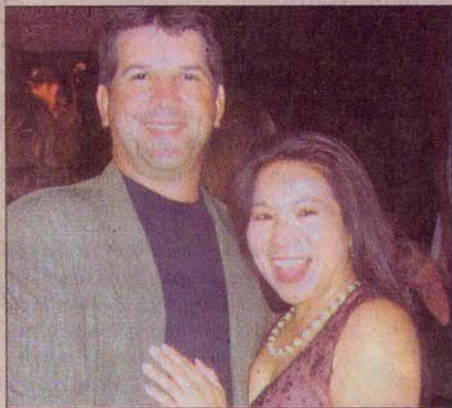


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

CELEBRITY GALA AND GOLF CLASSIC

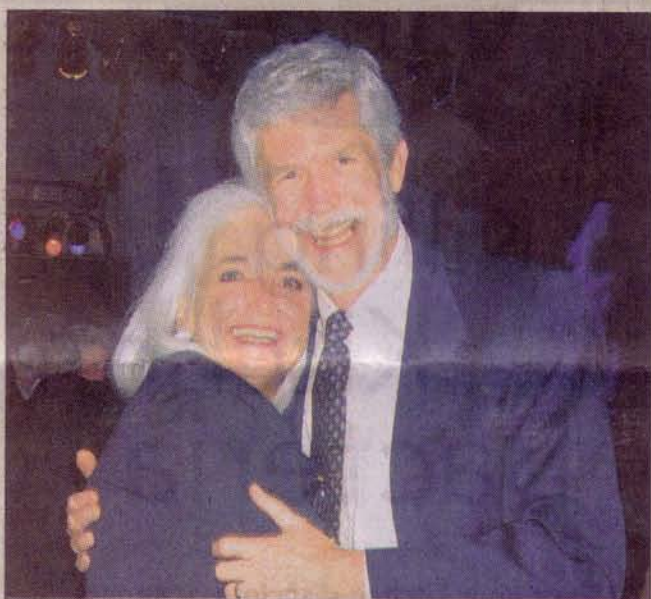
The Longboat Key Club served as backdrop for the All-Star Children's Foundation's third annual gala and golf tournament Nov. 16 and 17. Auctions, live music and dinner drew a constellation of sports and entertainment stars to the event.



Stephane
Dumas and
Lee-En Chung



David Wesley, Jim Cunningham, Carl Pavano and Tom O'Connell



Graci and Dennis McGillicuddy



Tonya and Jason Graber



Brian Johnson

Goodwill Manasota roasts its CEO at Michael's on East

Red gingham tablecloths and guests wearing blue jeans and cowboy hats are not the typical scene at Michael's on East, but the casual atmosphere suited the **Rev. Don Roberts** just fine. The president and CEO of Goodwill Industries-Manasota was the guest of honor at a good-natured roast marking his 30th anniversary at the agency and his 65th birthday.

Rick Fawley and **Steve Baseman** co-chaired the Texas-style barbecue Nov. 17. Local comedy duo **Les McCurdy** and **Ken Sons** emceed the program and kept the audience laughing. **Marjie Genter**, **Kerry Kirchner**, **Rev. Dr. Tom Pfaff**, **Larry Roberts**, **Kevin**

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Smith and local attorney **Cliff Walters**, who is also Goodwill board president, each took a turn at skewering **Roberts**.

Among the guests were **Roberts' wife, Peggy; Coni Fawley, Barbara Baseman, Steve** and **Sally Mills, Ed Chiles** and **Bob** and **Lauren Stanell**.

The proceeds from the Goodwill barbecue benefit the programs of Goodwill Industries-Manasota. For more information, call 355-2721.

Celebrity Gala

The recently renamed All-Star Children's Foundation (formerly the Sarasota Sports Foundation) drew a constellation of sports and entertainment stars for its third annual Celebrity Gala and Golf Classic Nov. 16 and 17 at the Longboat Key Club.

The highlight of the Friday night dinner was entertainment by the Greg Billings Band. AC/DC frontman **Brian Johnson** and legendary bass player **Donald "Duck" Dunn** joined the reg-

ular band members onstage for a concert that kept the crowd dancing. Pro golfer **John Daly** even took the microphone for several songs.

Before the music started, silent and live auctions were held during dinner. Golf Channel and NBC sportscaster **Jennifer Mills** was the program's emcee and board chair **Graci McGillicuddy** and president **Matt Drews** kept the action moving.

Seen in the crowd were **Jamie** and **Melissa Ebling, Jim** and **Kelly Gettel**, and the Sarasota Kennel Club's **Jack Collins** and his wife, **Shannon**. Celebrity sports guests included **Lawrence Taylor, Greg Truitt, Lou Piniella, Gavin Floyd, Jim Albus** and **Jim Thorpe**.

The All-Star Children's Foundation awards grants to local children's charities. For more information, call 312-9049.

Philanthropy Day Luncheon

Many of the people who volunteer countless hours and raise millions of dollars for local charities were honored at a luncheon held at Michael's on East on Nov. 13. The local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals celebrated National Philanthropy Day with their annual volunteer awards program.

Manatee County's **Darrell** and **Mary Ann Turner** received the Outstanding Corporate Partner award for Turner Tree and Landscape's many contributions to local

organizations such as Meals on Wheels PLUS and the Myakka City Lemur Reserve. Other honorees included **Sara Bagley, Marvin Eichenblatt** and Publix Supermarket Charities.

Actress and volunteer **Carolyn Michel** talked about her reasons for volunteering in a speech that was both humorous and thoughtful.

Gene and **Anne Beckstein, Amanda Edge** and **Trudy Moon** were among the Manatee County residents nominated for awards and United Way executive director **Jerry Koontz** served on the judges' committee.

Susan Wilcox, a Florida native, has lived in Bradenton for more than 20 years. She has been active in many local organizations as a volunteer or an employee.