

## **Everglades Regional Report**

September 2015

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Everglades Region members:

Rob James - Esplanade Golf & Country Club, Manager of Inside & Outside Services

James Mayer - Stonebridge Country Club, Accountant

Lisa Donahue – Royal Palm Country Club, Club Manager

We are very pleased with our membership growth this year and have 26 new members which only 3 are General Managers.

We held a sensational Regional meeting at Wyndemere Country Club in July with over 100 members in attendance. Our next Regional meeting will be hosted by Mr. John Gardner CCM at Quail West Country Club on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Everglades Region has supported local needy children in in Southwest Florida for 18 years and has raised over \$1,500,000 in support of local charities. In 2011, the Everglades Region made a commitment to Barbara's Friends – Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund to contribute \$500,000 by 2015. Last year's check for \$105,000 puts us within \$50,000 of our goal.

Our goal this year is to surpass our commitment and it all begins with a Classic Gala held on October 18th at Pelican's Nest Golf Club hosted by David Gillespie CCM. The Gala will be followed by the Charity Classic Golf Tournament on October 19th at Kensington Golf & Country Club. The Chapter is very thankful to have two incredible Co-chairs for this event in Barbara Alderson at West Bay Beach and Golf Club and George Hunt CCM from Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Our theme this year is Superheroes!

Our Chapter also instituted a 2015 Regional Education Guest Policy. Due to the generosity of our Chapter Partner -John Deere Golf, we are able to invite 2 non-members/guests from each club to enjoy FLCMAA Regional Education sessions held in the Everglades Region.

We are proud of the amazing Wine Society contribution that the Chapter was able to contribute this year. I am very thankful to all those who donated bottles of wine!

In closing, I want to take a moment to thank Beth Meister, our Managing Director and her assistant Cherie Kennen for all that they do for our region and our chapter.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Jupiter!

Jimmy Lynn, CCM, CAM and Mark Neneman Regional Co-Directors