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Fairways and STAIR ways: Golf/Star Classic, young readers, Hannan alums

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Links, levity and literacy! And all got limelighted.

A pack of Tiger Woods-wannabes headed for the tee box at the Tournament Players Club of Louisiana with Cox Charities as the presenting sponsor for Volunteers of America's 17th annual Golf/Star Classic. Joining with CC and VOA for a successful day of golf was Fore!Kids Foundation

Money raised at the tournament goes to the VOA Adoption Program.

In a show of support, a slew of eateries purveyed, Rouses contributed soft drinks and water, and H2O Salon made sure the dutiful duffers wouldn't get wet. The gift? Big golf umbrellas.

Headlining the event were VOA president/CEO Jim LeBlanc and spouse Sheryl, VOA director of marketing; board chairman Lenny Simmons; board members (among others) Matt French and Mike Latino; Stever Sawyer and Brad Grundmeyer from major sponsor Cox Communications; Mickey Moore; adoptive mom Diane Hernandez; and with their adopted children, Jim and Cathy Barrouquere with Anna, Paul and Ann Graff with Joshua and Jordan, and Jim and Chandra Bouchie with Hunter and Hannah. Also, Scott Mouldous Sr. and Jr., Tommy Fonseca of the Fore!Kids Foundation, Mike Browning, Fred Young and Patrick Gibbs of the Methodist Health System Foundation, Fred Meyers, Dow Oliver, Al Kohorst, Michelle Neal, and Kelly Gibson, a Professional Golf Association tour professional and Cox Community ambassador. For links largesse, he provided a free golf clinic to the participating golfers.

For the tournament's longest drive, the name to know was Vikki Colucci. The first place was claimed by Steve Sawyer, Vince Latino, Mike Latino and David Livaudais, while the second-place laurels went to Al Sassone, Craig Eyster, Greg Loushine and Zack Rosenberg, and the third to foursome Tim Wolfe, Darlowe Torkelson, Thomas Gauthreaux and Craig Taylor. Congrats all!

Auction action was the rally when Archbishop Hannan High School assembled its own. The school, which was originally located in Meraux in St. Bernard Parish, was closed in that location after Katrina. Now situated in Covington, the 1,000-seat gymnasium housed the happening, appropriately themed "Humble Beginning, Bright Future."

Teamed as auction coordinators were Rita Dauterive and Joel Randazzo Forjet, owner with husband/Hannan alumnus Felix of Nonna Randazzo's Bakery, which fed the festive flock along with Cafe Lynn. Others adding the fun to fundraising were Hannan director of development Jill Hogan, Tonya Bookish, Sherry Breeden, Alison Carlin, Marybeth Castay, Anna Chauppette, Christie deAlminana, Margaret Delgado, Susan Eleew, Cherie Froeba, Laurie Guinot, Paul Lacour, Tish Lacour, Stephanie LeBouef, Linda Manguno, Leslie Montz, Bonnie Nelson, and Tammy Savoye. From the school came ad hoc bartenders Rouse Helmer,



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William Prieur and Frieda McGregor at STAIR's Sunday Soiree.



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Roy Lacoste and Chaundrella Brouillette, as well as her husband Jacob. Darrell Hebert provided the musical menu.

All admired the decorations of topiaries with fresh flowers and green drapery at the entrance; the sophistication of black and silver in the gym; and centerpieces of square glass blocks filled with flowers. Another kind of greenery came from First Bank and Trust, which donated a \$1,000 savings bond for a special drawing.

Notables included Hannan principal John Cavell Jr., the Rev. Raymond Guillot, Monsignor Frank Giroir, the Rev. Hoang Minh Tuong, Randy and Gwen Gross, Michael and Nicki Donnelly, Frank and Sherry Breeden, and alums Kayla Canepa Forjet, Michael Dauterive, Alyssa Chaupetta, and Stephen Savoye Jr. Quite a few reached into their pockets for such choice -- billed "hot! -- auction items as a beach vacation in Destin, Fla., donated by Billy and Vicki Ohlsen, and "Tchefuncte River Cruise," given by emcee/auctioneer Paul and Rhonda Perez. It was so popular that, at the last minute, the donors made two cruises available.

"STAIR Sunday Soiree in the Courtyard" titled the to-do given by Start the Adventure in Reading, a 24-year-old New Orleans children's literacy program, to acknowledge its nearest and dearest. The much-thanked Garden District Book Shop in The Rink was the vital venue; the Spotted Cat, the caterer; Carrollton Flower Market, the provider of the door-prize flower baskets (won by Dorinda Glaeser, Troy Banks, and Christina Lochbrunner: and Mike Darby and the House of Cards made the music. They came courtesy of the New Orleans Musicians' Assistance Fund.

Climbing the STAIR socializing were volunteer committee board chairman Jim Howell and Diamon, board president Bridget Carter, executive director Sara Woodard, volunteer director Elizabeth Artigues, Claire Pelleteri, Estelle Gregory, Krystle Deal, Cheryllyn Branche, Dipo Mosadomi, Sidney Thornton, and Lee Adler. Many answer to tutor. [

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