

Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame Employee inductee Kay Hallmark (right) talks about the noon time sports program she offered at Ramona Junior High several years ago. Chino Police Chief Karen Comstock, holding the microphone, said she was one of the many students who participated in that program.

Local golfers raise "pot of gold" in scholarship money on St. Patrick's Day; Three inducted into Hall of Fame at tournament reception

More than 100 golfers took advantage of the recent spring-like temperatures to play golf and help fund scholarships for Chino Valley Unified School District's Class of 2017.

The eighth annual Hit the Greens for Scholarships Golf Tournament, and the Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills.

Since its inception, the Golf Tournament has provided more than \$175,000 in scholarships for CVUSD's graduating seniors. Scholarship amounts from this year's tournament, hosted by School Portraits By Adams Photography, Inc., will be announced later this spring.

After finishing their play, the golfers headed to the clubhouse for a dinner and awards ceremony. Several other guests attended CVUSD's third annual Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which was held in conjunction with the golf tournament dinner.

Named to this year's Hall of Fame is former professional baseball player and current professional baseball pitching coach and Don Lugo High graduate Chad Cordero as the Alumni recipient, former Ramona Junior High noon ground supervisor Kay Hallmark as the Employee recipient, and the late Chino High basketball coach Frank Elder as the Distinguished Service recipient.

Cordero and Hallmark were on hand to receive their awards from members of the Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame Committee. Coach Elder's son and daughter, Robert Elder and Diana Mantelli, accepted their father's award. The other honorees' family members were also in attendance.

Members of Chino Hills High's Jazz Ensemble provided music for the event, which also included raffle and silent auction baskets donated by CVUSD schools and District departments.

The golf tournament was coordinated by Amber Ingram of School Portraits by Adams Photography, Inc.



Robert Elder and his sister Diana Mantelli accept the Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame Distinguished Service award on behalf of their late father, Frank Elder, who was a longtime basketball coach at Chino High.



Norma Reese (left) and Bernice Gray, co-chairpersons of the Richard Gird Educational Hall of Fame, provide a history of the Hall of Fame that recognizes alumni, employees, and individuals, businesses, or organizations that have provided distinguished service to the school district.



Don Lugo High graduate Chad Cordero (left) and his family listen as Board of Education President Sylvia Orozco welcomes guests to the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



Members of the Chino Hills High Jazz Ensemble entertain guests at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Golf Tournament Dinner.



Tempting desserts await golfers and other guests at the eighth annual Hit the Greens for Scholarships Golf Tournament at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills.



Guests at the Golf Tournament dinner and Hall of Fame award ceremony mingle as they wait in line for the dinner buffet.



Tim Adams, owner of School Portraits by Adams Photography, announces winners of the Hit the Greens for Scholarships Golf Tournament and gift basket raffle. Keeping track of the winners is Amber Ingram of School Portraits, who coordinated the golf tournament.



A helicopter drops golf balls over a hole at Los Serranos Country Club as a fundraiser for the Hit the Greens for Scholarships Golf Tournament. The ball closest to the hole won \$1,000 for its owner, and the ball farthest from the hole won \$500.