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HFTP-MID FLORIDA CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

HFTP. Learn, Connect, Succeed.

Tuesday, February 24th, 2009

The Rosen Shingle Creek

9939 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, Florida

Driving Directions From Orlando I-4 towards Tampa.

Take the SR-528 Beachline East toward the airport
Take the Universal Blvd. exit (Exit 2) toward Orangewood Blvd.
Turn left (north) onto Universal Blvd. The Resort is on your right.
After the Security Welcome Center turn right for the entrance leading to the self parking lot.
The meeting is in the Sebastian I Ballroom of the Resort Convention Center.

Speaker and Program

Kim E. Autrey, CPA and Chuck Newman, CPA
Newman & Associates, P.A., CPAs

**Topic: "International Financial Reporting Standards:
Major Changes on the Horizon."**

This educational session falls under specialized knowledge and applications geared to basic knowledge on the topic and there are no prerequisites for attending.
One CPE credit hour may be earned for participation in each session.

Menu

Chefs Selection of Fancy Cold Canapés
Mixed Baby Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Gorgonzola Cheese
and Candied Walnuts
Wild Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Petite Filet Mignon and Grilled Shrimp
With Cabernet Reduction, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus
Chef David's Specialty
Chocolate Dome on Decorated Plate

Reception at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:45 pm

Please RSVP on our web-site: www.midfloridahftp.org

or

Patty Geer, CHAE 407-825-1308 or patty.geer@hyatt.com

Reservations and cancellations before 5:01 pm Thursday February 19th, please.
Dinner : Members with RSVP \$35.00, Non-Members or no RSVP \$50.00,
Student Chapter Members \$20.00.

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

Please Route to:

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President's Corner

By: Susan Ferguson, CHTP

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I had a great time at the Royal Plaza and I hope you did too. I want to thank Odyssey Leach and Ann Nakoneczny for hosting the dinner meeting, the meal was excellent. I also want to thank Gordon LeBlanc with Embarq for speaking. He showed us how our phones and data transmitted today are all based on the telegram and from the dots and dashes of the Morse Code. Very interesting.

And now...the great name tag debate. Thanks to all of you who gave us your input. We have decided at the board meeting to table the nametags and continue with the way we are doing things now.

Steve D'Erasmus has updated the www.midfloridahftp.org website, if you have not been there in a while please take a look. He has added link to HFTP Global. Terri Nobles and her team on the scholarship committee also have a link to the scholarship applications. They have sent notices to several collages in the area letting them know we are giving away a \$1000 scholarship to students who want to pursue hospitality accounting or technology fields. We will announce the winner at our April meeting and we will also be installing the officers of the student chapter.

Coming up in March we will be counting and walking for JDRF. Kendra from JDRF spoke to us at the January meeting and thanked everyone for their continued support. Christina Miller is coordinating our volunteers, so if you would like to be involved please contact her at cmiller@reunionresort.com The Orlando walk will be on March 7th and at Cocoa Beach on the 21st.

We have lost a few members due to the down turn in the economy but Greg Wilhelm and his fellow membership committee members are forging on, they are still recruiting new members. They will be calling on you, to see if you know anyone interested in joining and to get your name in the membership contest. They have gathered some great prizes and if you would like to donate something please contact Greg at greg-wilhelm@mindsping.com. They will also want to check your address and e-mails so you continue to get the newsletter and do not miss any of our up coming events.

April 3rd is Bacchus Bash and Larry McCloskey & Judy Holcomb have already started attending the CFHLA meetings. Again, as every year we will be doing the cash counting for them. It will be at the Premium Outlet Mall and I hear the mall renovations are completed.

Kris Shoemaker has sent out a survey monkey and got 21 responses from members who would like to attend review classes in April and to sit for their CHAE or CHTP at the Mini-ed in May. Nora Cameron and her committee are pulling things together with a great line-up of speakers. We are going to be at the Rosen Collage of Hospitality, exact dates to follow.

Patty Geer found a place for us for our March meeting. We will be having our dinner meeting at the Reunion Resort. Thanks again, Peter Muddy and Christina Miller for offering to host us. We still have dates open later in the year and if you would like to host a general meeting for 70-80 good friends please step forward and send Patty an e-mail at patty.geer@hyatt.com.

I hope to see at the Rosen Shingle Creek on February 24th, this is a joint meeting with the IMA. Good speaker, good food, and great fun!

Thank you for all your support!

Respectfully,

Susan Ferguson

Susan Ferguson, CHTP
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



Membership News

Please welcome the following new members to the greatest HFTP Chapter in the Universe.

Kelly Montgomery, Controller

Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando

Map to Shingle Creek



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THE MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER

I just wanted to pass along what this Chapter is all about. ps: it is about YOU.

The objectives of this Association are:

To enhance the practice of professional hospitality accounting and financial management.

To further the contributions of each member to the hospitality industry through professional development.

To provide an interchange of information and ideas between members and also other related professional and trade associations.

To emphasize each member's responsibilities for planning, as well as implementation of hospitality accounting and financial management programs.

To provide leadership in the establishment and enhancement of hospitality accounting, financial management and information processing practices and standards.

To provide leadership in education and professional development, focusing on management skills, as well as technical expertise.

To further the ethical standards of the hospitality accounting and financial management profession.

To further contribute and enhance such other functions as may properly come within the scope of this professional association.

Oh yes, and if you did not know, we also pride ourselves in having fun at all our activities.

We are HFTP Mid-Florida!



Benefiting the CFHLA Educational Trust Fund -for hospitality student scholarships and hospitality school grants.

Friday, April 3, 2009
Orlando Premium Outlets
5pm - 10pm

HFTP Volunteer Information

Shifts run: 4:00pm – 7:00pm or
7:00pm – 10:00pm

First Shift Check-in time: 3:00pm

Attire: Remember to wear comfortable shoes and arrive early as parking is always a challenge!!

Parking: Using the International Drive entrance, please park at the former Dixie Stampede or at Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine.

Check In: H.F.T.P. volunteers must check in at the Orlando Premium Outlets Mgmt. Office. From the parking lot, use the entrance between “Mikasa” and “Bass”. Turn left in front of the Food Court. The Mgmt. Office is located on the left, next to “Samsonite”.

At check in, you will be given your assignment.

Please contact Larry McCloskey by Tuesday, March 31st with your volunteers and with shift selection information larry.mccloskey@hyatt.com or (407) 239-3962

Your HFTP Mid-Florida Board of Directors thanks you for Volunteering your time and talent to this event!!

More news

If you haven't seen the latest Issue of the HFTP Bottomline February/ March pages 28-29, the chapter can add another legend to its list of Alumni. Dr. Steven LeBruto, CPA, CHAE, Ed.D. is honored in a Feature Profile. It was my pleasure to serve with Dr. Steve on the Mid-Florida Chapter Board of Directors when he served as Director and Chapter President. Take the time to read the article it is a testament to a great mentor. Use the Link below:



http://www.hftp.org/Content/Bottomline/Bottomline-2009-02_03.pdf



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Mini-Educational Program MAY 2009 UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

EARN 5 CPE's!!!

What - HFTP Mid-Florida
Mini-Educational Conference
CHAE and CHTP Testing

When - DBT Date in MAY Beginning
at 1:00 pm

Where - Rosen College of Hospitality
Management, UCF

Who – Open to all!

- HFTP members with RSVP \$35
- Non-members or members with no RSVP \$50
- All educational sessions and dinner are included in the cost!

Why - Why not! The afternoon educational program is FREE to Mid-Florida Chapter Members.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2009

We need you !!! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson *

Education – Mini Ed Conf.

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* Bacchus Bash

Larry McCloskey 239-3962

* JDRF Walks

Christina Miller 396-3088

* Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

Kris Shoemaker 685-9827

Publications /Publicity

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Chapter Calendar

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Fun Committee

*Judy Holcomb 903-8181

2009 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: fees for 2009 are \$35 Regular member, \$20 Student and \$50 guest, \$50 Non-Member and \$50 failed to RSVP.

February 2009

5th, THURSDAY Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
24th, Dinner Meeting with IMA, 6 pm, Rosen Shingle Creek

March 2009

5th, THURSDAY Board Meeting, 6 pm, OPEN
31st, Dinner Meeting, 6 pm, The Reunion Resort
7th, JDRF Walk at UCF
21st, JDRF Walk at Cocoa Beach

April 2009

3rd Bacchus Bash, Premium Outlet Mall
7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OPEN
28th, Dinner Meeting, 6 pm, International Plaza Resort & Spa

May 2009

5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
TBD, Mini-ed, Rosen College-UCF

June 2009

4th, THURSDAY Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Regency OIA
30th, Dinner Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Regency OIA

July 2009

7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, The Bay Hill Club
28th, Dinner Meeting, 6 pm, Orlando Metropolitan Resort OPEN

For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at: www.midfloridahftp.org

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The 2009 Membership Contest Has Started!

You only need to sponsor one new member to win. Back by popular demand, the Membership Drive Contest. For each new member sponsored you will have a chance to win one of the following great prizes at the Chapter's July general membership meeting.

Dinner for 2 in Hemingway's at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Donated by: E. Lawrence McCloskey, Jr., CHAE
Senior Controller, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Dinner for 2 at the Hyatt Regency Orland International Airport

Donated by: Patricia Geer, CHAE
Controller, Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

Dinner for two in Andiamos, at the Hilton Hotel located in the WDW Resort.

Donated by: Praduman Chauhan (Singh)
Regional Vice President - Operations Finance, Hilton Hotels Corporation

Bay Hill Club Golfers Grab Bag including Shirt, Etc.

Donated by: William Parrish, CPA, CHAE
Controller, Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

\$100 Visa Gift Card

Donated by Stephen M. Doherty, CHAE, CHTP
Senior Client Relations Manager, POST Integrations, Inc.

A Plantronics Bluetooth enable phone headset with electronic receiver filter.

Donated by James E Bina, CHTP, CHAE
President, Millennium Technology Group

Dinner for 2 at Everglades in the Rosen Centre

Donated by Frank Santos, CHAE, CHA
Chief Financial Officer, Rosen Hotels & Resorts

\$100 cash prize

Donated by Don Hay
President, Digital Alchemy, LLC

Four (4) rounds of golf at Orange County National on the Tooth, 9 hole Executive Course

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Donated by Terri Nobles
Controller, Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge

One Round of Golf for four on any of the Ginn Reunion Resort's signature golf courses.

Donated by Christina Miller, CHAE
Assistant Controller, Ginn Reunion Resort & Club

Dinner for 2 at the Caribe Royale Resorts Suite's Venetian Room Restaurant

Donated by Michael Dryden, CHAE
Assistant Controller, Caribe Royale Orlando

Dinner for 2 at the Zen's in the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate

Donated by
Darla Bole, Manager, Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate

Introducing your 2009 membership committee. Please let us know if we can be of any help

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THIS COULD BE YOU!

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

The **JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes** approaches. You can obtain your pledge form and register a walk team on the web at www.centralflorida@jdf.org. Please contact as many people as possible to obtain pledges and note HFTP Mid-Florida as the sponsor.

The Chapter supports JDRF, and will be handling the cash consolidation on Saturday the 7th of March in Orlando and also helping Saturday March 21st in Cocoa Beach. Your assistance is requested. Your association is calling you to duty! We need 15 people to work in the count room, doing whatever is needed, at each location on the day of each walk. Call Christina Miller at 407-396-3088 or Wendy (Beach Walk) Knippel at 321-799-4099 x4028 or any board member for count room details, Walk details or for a pledge card. You can also sign up for duty at the Chapter's general meetings.

This is a wonderful family oriented event! It is a 5k walk, which equates to 3.2 miles. The Orlando walk is at the University of Central Florida main campus at 8:00 am. The Cocoa Beach walk is at the Lori Wilson Park (Beach Walk) at 8:00 am. You can walk, run, bring the kids and have some fun. As a team, we think we can raise \$6,000. At 200 members, that's only \$30.00 in pledges from each member. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Please mark your calendars, fill out your pledge cards and support your association and JDRF on,

March 7th at UCF in Orlando and March 21st at the beach.