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HFTP-MID FLORIDA CHAPTER *HFTP, Learn, Connect, Succeed.*

General Meeting
Tuesday, October 27th, 2009

The Reunion Resort & Club

*1000 Reunion Way
Reunion Florida*

Directions: From Orlando International Airport
Take Toll Road 417 South to I-4. Merge onto I-4 West toward Tampa. Take exit #58. Turn left onto County Road 532. Go approximately 3/4 of a mile, past our Discovery Center, to the gatehouse on the left. You are going to the HFTP Dinner.

Speaker and Program

Fabio Silva
Bright Internet Marketing
Topic: "Web 2.0 in Your Business"

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.

Reception at 6:00 pm

You may come early if you wish to spend more time networking.

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Tray Passed Hors d'oeuvre

*Tandoori chick skewers, Lobo black bean empanadas, Pumpkin pesto pork on crostini
Grilled asparagus herb cheese rolls up.*

Salad

*Rocket salad has Arugula, frisee, pinenuts, pomegranates, spun beets and diakon served with
a fig balsamic with blue cheese crumbles*

Entrée

*Searced Beef Tenderloin & Grilled Black Tiger Shrimp with Gingered Papaya Glaze Molokai
Sweet Potato Puree, Sautéed Asparagus Vintage Port Wine Demi, Micro Greens*

Dessert

Vanilla bean ricotta cheesecake with roasted strawberries

Please RSVP on our web-site:

www.midfloridahftp.org

or

**Kristopher Shoemaker, CMA, CHAE, CHTP 407-685-8927 or
kristopher.shoemaker@occc.net**

Reservations and cancellations before 5:01 pm
Thursday October 22nd. Please, no walk ins.

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.**

2009 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

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

October 6th

Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Re-
gency Grand Cypress

October 16th Friday

HFTP Mid-Florida Annual Golf
Event, Orange County National
Golf Center & Lodge, Panther Lake
Course

October 27

Dinner Meeting 6 pm Reunion
Resort and Club.

November 5th, THURSDAY

Board Meeting, 6 pm, Rosen Col-
lege of Hospitality Management

November 17th

Mini-Ed-THE Villas of Grand Cy-
press

December 3rd

Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC

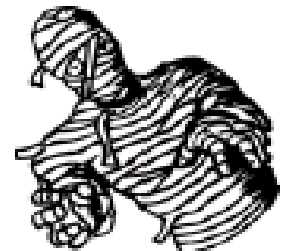
TBA, The Winter Social

**YOUR IDEAS
ON AN ACTIVITY
ARE REQUESTED!**

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Web Site at:

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President's Corner**By: Wendy B. Knippel, CPA, CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

First, I would like to thank you for the honor to serve as your president of this outstanding chapter.

Diana Youngblood and I were reminded of the many accomplishments of this great chapter as we represented the Board at the Leadership Academy in Las Vegas last month. Thank you for all those members who were present to help celebrate our own Dr. Steven LeBruto receiving the Paragon Award and our chapter accepting our 5th "Chapter of the Year" award.

To the outgoing board member Nora Cameron, thank you for your hard work in making our bi-annual mini educational seminars such wonderful events. We appreciate your willingness to continue to serve on the educational committee.

As the new officers and board members prepare for the upcoming fiscal year, we look to you, the members, for your support and participation in the Chapter activities. Member input and participation is what has gotten to this point, and it remains essential to our future success. The Board can't do it without your involvement and feedback. So get involved and contact the committee chairperson to find out what commitment is needed to serve. Sometimes it is as little as a couple hours a month!!

With these changing times, we are sad to see some of our members who are not able to retain their HFTP memberships. While we realize there are financial reasons for not renewing your membership, always keep in mind the many benefits on the local and international level which are available through HFTP. Annual membership costs as little as \$7 per week, yet the benefits far exceed the cost. There are special arrangements for "unaffiliated" and corporate memberships, so contact international if this applies. I hope to educate you on the many benefits of your membership so you will use them to their full potential in meeting your individual and professional needs

Thank you for all your support!

Respectfully,

Wendy

Wendy B. Knippel, CPA, CHAE
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

Membership News

YOUR Chapter currently has 178 members active in a wide range of activities such as; member education at the general meetings and mini-educational seminars. We provide HFTP CHAE and CHTP certification reviews and testing. We also give back to the community through participation in the Bacchus Bash, JDRF Walks and The Annual Golf event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek.

Embrace the vision, join the fun!
We all invite you to "get involved"!

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

Jack Griffith

Controller
Centerplate
Sponsor: Kris Shoemaker

RECRUIT NOW

Sean Meder

Director Major Accounts
Copy Tronics Information Systems
Sponsor: Susan Ferguson

Committee Assignments and Support for 2010**STAND AND BE COUNTED!**

I WANT YOU



Your duty calls, Wendy needs YOU!

Be all that you can be. This is a call to SERVICE!

Join your Chapter Board of Directors in the operation of the largest HFTP chapter in the Universe.

The Mid-Florida Chapter needs your time and talent serving on one of our standing committees.

There are a wide variety of jobs available to any member and we need dedicated chapter members so that we can continue our successes.

I won't lie, serving on a committee requires a contribution of your time. The upsides are the rewards you receive for a job well done and the camaraderie and experience of working on a winning team.

The word is **service**, not for compensation or recognition but for those personal rewards only you tally for yourself.

So, stand and be counted, it is time to give back to the chapter and your community .
Call a Board Member today !!!!!!!

Can't serve?

We need you to host a general meeting.

We need you to provide prizes for events.

We need you to get CHAE & CHTP certified.

We need you to seek out new members.

We need you to suggest meeting speakers and topics.

We need you to be a sponsor or play in our charity golf event.

We need you to attend meetings.

We need you to volunteer for the Bacchus Bash and JDRF Walks



*Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight
Francis Kahle
Director of Finance
Hilton Orlando*

Fran was named the Director of Finance of the Hilton Orlando on March 20, 2009 with responsibility for overseeing all financial operations of the new 1,400 room hotel which opened on September 1, 2009.

A 26 year Hilton employee and veteran of the hotel industry Fran began his career as a night auditor at the Hilton Harmon Meadow in Secaucus New Jersey back in 1983 and worked his way up through the Finance department at the Meadowlands Hilton before being promoted to Accounting Manager at the 5 Diamond Hilton Short Hills. Fran was then promoted to Director of Finance at the Hilton Newark Airport in New Jersey. Prior to joining the Hilton Orlando Fran spent the past 10 years as the Director of Finance for the Hiltons of Westchester in New York overseeing the finance operations for the Hilton Rye Town and Tarrytown.

A native of New Jersey Fran spent 4 years in the United States Navy and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Saint Peter's College in New Jersey.

Fran and his wife Leni are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this October and have two sons Paul and John.



Past Chapter President Joe Romano presents a really appropriate gift to Susan King Ferguson the outgoing Chapter President. Susan has served this chapter for TEN years on committees and on the Board.



Jackie Boykin Event Director for Camp Boggy Creek tells us "It's all for the Kids!". Sign up now for the Annual Golf Outing.

The Mid-Florida Chapter Annual Meeting



Director Terri Nobles presents last month's Member Spotlight Kelly Montgomery Controller for Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando the coveted HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter shirt at the September Annual Meeting.



Your 2009-2010 Board of Directors: Executive Committee; Chairperson of the Board Susan Ferguson, CHTP, Secretary Kris Shoemaker, CMA, CHAE, CHTP, Treasurer Patty Geer, CHAE and Vice President Diana Youngblood, CHAE. Board members Lori Schefstad, Greg Wilhelm, CHTP, Mark Kressin, Judy Holcomb, CHAE, Terri Nobles and Christina Miller, CAM, CHAE.



And Your President Wendy Knippel CPA, CHAE



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**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
2009 Fall Mini-Ed**

Location: The Villas of Grand Cypress

Date: November 17, 2009, starting at 1 pm

We are lining up some great accounting and IT speakers so plan on attending and earning your CPE credits.

If you are interested in taking a CHAE or CHTP review, contact Kris Shoemaker at 407-685-9827 reviews are good for 4 CPE points.

The Chapter's Annual Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek will be held on Friday October 16th at the Orange County National Golf Center & Lodge, Panther Lake Course.

This year PayPal will be available on www.midfloridahftp.org for prepayment of golf fees.



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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday, October 16, 2009, 1:30 pm

To Benefit:

Camp Boggy Creek

"Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses can just be kids!"

At:

Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge Panther Lake Course

For tournament reservation, please complete this form and return it with payment made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida no later than Thursday, October 1, 2009 to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Full Name		Daytime Phone	
Address		Cell Phone	
Address		State / Zip	
City		E-Mail Address	

Please provide the names of the other players in your party. Use a separate form for five or more players.

Player #2		Player #4	
Player #3			

Each \$125 Entry Fee (inclusive of applicable taxes and fees) for the HFTP Charity Golf Tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a box lunch before, an awards ceremony BBQ dinner afterwards and 2 bottles of water and a personalized bag tag on the cart.

Number of Tournament Entrants		x \$125 =	\$
Number of Mulligan Cards **		x \$25 =	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT			\$

** Includes two Mulligans and entry in the Hole-in-One, Putting, Closest-To-The-Pin, and Accurate Drive competitions, **Per Person**. Limit one Mulligan Card per player.

Proper golf attire is required at all times and only recognized golf apparel will be permitted on the golf course. Only soft spikes are permitted on the golf course, practice green, and range.

For more information, please call: Kris Shoemaker at 407.685.9827 or visit www.midfloridahftp.org

The mission of Camp Boggy Creek is to enrich the lives of children who have chronic or life-threatening illnesses by creating camping experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound. Since opening their doors on June 23, 1996, more than 38,000 children with chronic illnesses and their moms, dads, brothers and sisters have experienced the magic of Camp Boggy Creek, all at no cost to their families. Camp Boggy Creek is a magical place where creativity is inspired, spirits are uplifted and lives are changed forever. The HFTP Mid-Florida chapter is a 501 (c) 6 organization. Contributions are tax deductible if they qualify as a business expense. Please contact your tax advisor if you need more information.

All net proceeds will directly benefit Camp Boggy Creek, a not-for-profit organization, where children coping with chronic illness can just be kids!

Golf Registration Form



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YOU CAN BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR:

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf course's GPS system and throughout the tournament literature.
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course.
- 1/2 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and listing on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Gold Sponsor \$1,500

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- 1/4 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- Includes two complimentary golf entries.
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750 – LIMITED AVAILABILITY

- Company name on beverage cart
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Golf Hole Sponsor \$300

- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course and company logo on the golf course's GPS system.
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

To secure your corporate sponsorship in the tournament, please complete this form and return it with payment made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida no later than Friday, September 11, 2009, to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Company Name	Company Contact
Daytime Phone	E-Mail Address
Level of Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Hole <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Cart
	\$

Sponsor Registration Form

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