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Newsletter of the Mid-Florida Chapter

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September 2010

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HFTP Mid-Florida

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Annual Meeting, Tuesday, September 28th, 2010

*The Villas of Grand Cypress
1 North Jacaranda Blvd, Orlando, FL*

Directions: I-4 to 535 North Lake Buena Vista. Take 535 North to 2nd light and turn left following 535 North (Winter Garden Vineland Rd) for approximately 1.6 miles.

Turn right onto N Jacaranda Blvd. to the Executive Meeting Center on your left.

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors

Master of Ceremonies:

Terry Price, CHAE, CHTP, CPA

HFTP President

Join your Association in a celebration of 37 years of accomplishments and a view of the robust future for the Mid-Florida Chapter and HFTP.

All previous HFTP Chapter Presidents are invited to this gala event as honored guests of the Chapter.

Reception at 6:00 p.m. St. Andrews Terrace

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Menu:

Creamy Lobster Bisque

House Garden Salad

Grilled Petit Filet and Salmon Medallion

Steamed Asparagus and Sauteed Baby Carrots, Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Individual Chocolate Souffles with Anglaise Sauce

Reservations and cancellations before 5:01 pm

Thursday September 23rd, please.

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

or

Diana Youngblood, CHAE 407-239-1979 or diana.youngblood@grandcypress.com

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.



The Chapter's 8th Annual Golf Event to benefit the kids at Camp Boggy Creek will be held Friday September 24th. Red, White & Blue Raffle Tickets are now available, awesome prizes. IT'S HUGE!!

For more information click on the link www.midfloridahftp.org.

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

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

We had a great turnout for the August member meeting at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress to hear Sherry Wheelock from Universal Orlando speak on Construction Auditing. Thank you, Larry, Josephine and your staff for hosting our meeting.

September 24th is coming fast, so hurry up to participate in the "Red, White and Blue" raffle and or the Golf Tournament. Both benefit the kids at Camp Boggy Creek. The committee has done an outstanding job in getting "one of a kind" prizes and you don't have to be at the tournament to participate in the raffle. So check out our website to view the prizes, purchase your raffle tickets or get the details on the tournament. Remember, it is for the kids!

Coming up also, is the HFTP Annual Convention. This year it will be held in San Diego from October 11 – 14. Keep in mind the convention starts on a different day of the week from past years. If you have never attended, Annual Convention is way to get education about current topics affecting our industry while networking with HFTP members from other chapters. It is a great way to truly get the HFTP experience and learn about our organization.

As my last President's letter, I would like to personally thank all the members of the nomination committee and the Chapter members who stepped up to put their name on the ballot for the Board of Directors. In addition, I would like to also thank the committee members and Board members who served this past fiscal year. It is members like all of you, who are willing to give a little extra of your time to make this Chapter as successful as it is. Thanks to all of you who contribute your time and talents to our Chapter this past year. I hope to see you all at the Villas of Grand Cypress on September 28th for the induction of the new Chapter Board and Officers by our HFTP International President, Terry Price.

Thank you for all your support to the Chapter!

Respectfully,

Wendy

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

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

YOUR Chapter currently has 187 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.

Welcome New Members

John Gallego
Rosen Hotels & Resorts
Sponsor: Chad Curtis

Jordan Prosceno
Corporate Benefit Advisors

Carol Rademacher
Time Management Systems, Inc.

Clayton Melson
Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando

Past President Ken Kruse sends the Yuk Yuk of the day from Colorado.

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall..The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris , you'd be in Seine .
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.



Sharpen your pencils, pack your notebooks and get ready for some FREE STUFF!

Learn, Connect, Succeed

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2010 Fall Mini-Ed

Location: Hotel Royal Plaza @ LBV

Date: November 16, 2010

Afternoon Presentations:

1:00pm – 6:00pm 4 CPE, Chapter Member
Cost isFREE

Reception:

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Dinner:

6:45pm – 9:30pm, standard price
8:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner Speaker 1 CPE

There will be excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects. We will kick off the event at 1 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company.

HFTP MID-FLORIDA SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly General meetings: Normally the last Tuesday of the month.

Location: Various hotel, club, resort and other hospitality venues.

Format: A dinner meeting setting with one 50 minute session.

Mini-Educational Conference: March and November.

Format: A half day event with four 50 minute speaking sessions starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 6:00 pm then dinner and a final 50 minute session.

Audience: Attendees are technology and financial professionals from all disciplines of the hospitality industry. The average meeting attendance is 70+ members.

Topics

All submitted information must be non-proprietary and educational in nature, not sales or product specific. Submitting information does not guarantee you an opportunity to present.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals to the Education/Programs Committee Chairperson Wendy Knippel at (321) 799-2859 x 4028 or any Board member.



Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight Jack Griffith

Originally from Canton, Ohio, home of the National Football Hall of Fame. Jack attended Timken Vocational High School where he focused on Accounting and Drafting. Upon graduation he entered the United States Air Force and was trained in Inertial Navigation electronics. During his 3 years, 11 months, and 29 days of duty he was stationed at such garden spots as Amarillo, TX, Biloxi, MS, the island of Okinawa, and finally Dover, DE and worked on F-4's, RF-4's, F-105's, C-141's and C-5A's navigational systems. Jack is proud to say that he is a Viet Nam Era Veteran.

After military service Jack attended Delaware State University, in Dover, DE.. He majored in Accounting and earned a BS in Accounting upon graduation. A few years later he finally passed the CPA exam earning his Certification at a time when the test was much harder than it is currently.

Jack's professional career has been fun and colorful, taking him from Delaware to Pennsylvania, to Missouri, to Chicago, and back to Delaware to open two frozen yogurt stores named CJ's (Chuck & Jack's) Yogurt. Although the stores were only open for four years he feels they were successful because of the tremendous knowledge he gained, experience and tons of friends. After closing the stores, he continued his professional career in Atlanta, Jacksonville, and finally Orlando, FL.

Jack resides in Errol Estate in Apopka with his lovely wife of 15 years, Amy, and have one son, Joshua David. For fun he likes to ride his 1977 Honda Goldwing and play golf.

Jack with Board Member Terri Nobles



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2010

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

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It's all for the kids!

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Chapter Calendar

- Diana Youngblood 239-1979

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January 01, 2010, Re: Chapter 2010 Sponsor Opportunities

The Mid-Florida Chapter Board of Directors have set the following rates for sponsorship of various events and the printed newsletter ads:

Newsletter Ad Fees 2010 - 2011

1/2 Page x12 = \$3,000	One time ad runs:
1/4 Page x12 = \$1,500	1/2 Page x1 = \$300
1/8 Page x 12= \$750	1/4 Page x1 = \$150
	1/8 Page x 1= \$75

The Chapter reserves the right to reject any ad copy. Ad space is very limited.
Contact: Bill Parrish at 407-876-8038 or bparrish@bayhill.com

Mini Educational – A Day Long Educational Event

Coffee Break - signage as that event sponsor \$250 per break
Contact: Judy Holcomb at 407-619-0963 or judy.holcomb@saintleo.edu

Charity Golf Event to Benefit Camp Boggy Creek

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000
Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
Company logo prominently displayed at registration 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 website.

Gold Sponsor \$1,500
Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
1/4 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and website.

Silver Sponsor \$1,000
Includes two complimentary golf entries.
Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and website.

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750 – LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Company name on beverage cart
Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and website.

Golf Hole Sponsor \$300
Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course.
Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and website.
Contact: Kris Shoemaker at 407-685-9827 or Kristopher.shoemaker@occc.net

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2010 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: fees for 2010 are \$35 Regular member, \$20 Student, \$50 all guests, Non-Members and failed to RSVP.
Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with Pay Pal

September 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Orange County National Golf Center
September 24th, Eighth ANNUAL GOLF EVENT, Orange County National
September 28th, Installation of Officers & HFTP Mid-Florida Annual Meeting, 6 pm, THE Villas of Grand Cypress.
October 5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Reunion Resort & Club
October 11-14, 2010 HFTP Annual, Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA
October 26th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Caribe Royale Orlando
November 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
November 16th, Mini Educational, Royal Plaza Hotel LBV, Begins 1:00 pm
December 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Open
December, Chapter Social Event, TBD

For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:

www.midfloridahftp.org

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**HFTP Annual
Convention
& Tradeshow**
October 11-14
San Diego, Calif.

Mid-Florida HindSight The Year was 1988

Known then as the International Association of Hospitality Accountants

In January, association sweatshirts were sold at the General Business Meeting, the cost was only \$15.00..... (does anybody still have theirs?)

The scholarship winner was announced at the January dinner meeting, held at the “Floridian of Orlando”. This year’s winner was Sharon Hornak.

The IAHA President going into 1988 was our own Frank Santos, CHAE, CHA.

The cost of mailing the newsletter was increased from \$0.22 at the beginning of the year to \$0.25 and issue by April.

The 16th Annual IAHA International Hospitality Technology Conference (know known, fortunately, as just HITEC) was held June 19 – 22, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. Full registration for member was \$275.00. There were more then 1250 attendees. If you missed any of the sessions and would like an “audio cassette” of any of the sessions, they can be purchased for \$7.00 per tape. (I still have a copy of an order form, if interested)

The 25th Annual IAHA Convention was held at the Stouffer Orlando Resort from October 19 – 22. The cost was \$295 per member, and \$195 for your spouse/guest.

The CHAE review was being offered at the UCF South Campus from June 28th thru August 5th. Classes were every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. The cost of the course was \$300.00 or \$350.00 if you needed the course book. There will be a one day “crash” review course just prior to the Annual Convention on October 17th followed by the exam on October 18th from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

May 1988 – Larry McCloskey’s application for membership into the Mid-Florida Association Hospitality Accountants was approved..... That makes him a member for how many years?

The following Officers and Directors were installed at the August meeting that was held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress:

Officers for the 1988/1989 term:

President: Curtis Dunagan
1st VP: Cindy Casper
2nd VP: Ron Devault
Treasurer: Marianne Socha
Secretary: David Fletcher

Directors:

2 year term: Tom Jamison
Kay Kruse
Ken Kruse
1 year term: Chuck Starr
Victor Dice
Cheryl Ehrenreich

The December social was held in conjunction with the Central Florida Hotel & Motel Association at the Stouffer Resort on December 15th. The cost was \$50.00 per person or \$400.00 for a table of 10.



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**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Eighth Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, September 24, 2010, 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, September 16, 2010 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 or \$400 for a foursome (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 Foursomes		X \$400 =	
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 40,000 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

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- 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, August 27, 2010, to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Sponsor Registration Form

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	\$

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