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HFTP Mid-Florida: Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

General Meeting -Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

Renaissance Orlando - Airport

5445 Forbes Place

Directions: The Hotel is located One mile north of the airport. From the airport take Semoran Blvd to Frontage Road, turn left onto Frontage turn right on Forbes.

Speaker and Program

Christina Finch, Principal - Smart Professional Resources

Topic: "Keeping your best talent and attracting new talent"

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 ~ Dinner at 6:45 pm

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

Menu:

Salad

Mixed Greens with Raspberries, Mandarin Oranges, Gorgonzola Cheese, Glazed Walnuts and a Champagne Vinaigrette Dressing.

Entrée

Stuffed Chicken Breast with Chef's Potatoe Souffle and Baby Vegetables.

Dessert

Chef Roger's Signature Bread Pudding

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

Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm Thursday October 20th.

Please, no walk ins.

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

Dinner : Members with RSVP \$40.00, Non-Members and Guests or no RSVP \$50.00,
Student Chapter Members \$25.00.

Use the express registration line at the meeting, PAYPAL is available on the web-site.

Your new HFTP Mid-Florida Board of Directors invites you to the General Meeting.

From the front left:
Patty Geer, President,
Terri Nobles, VP, Dr.
Judy Holcomb, Treasurer,
Lori Schefstad, Secretary,
Diana Youngblood,
Chairperson,



Greg Wilhelm, Kevin Drinan, Kelly Montgomery, Nasir Naseer and John Cook.

We hope you will stop by at a general meeting to say hello and get to know your HFTP Mid-Florida Board of Directors.

We are the greatest HFTP Chapter in the Universe!

President's Corner

By: Patty Geer, CHAE

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I would like to thank you for your support in electing me to serve as your President over the next year. I am excited for what lies ahead of us, and I am proud of the numerous achievements we have already accomplished as a Chapter.

The Mid-Florida Chapter has once again been chosen as Chapter of the Year in the large category, for the 7th time! Congratulations to Diana Youngblood, who was President of the Chapter when we earned this honor, and congratulations to all of you who made it happen.

In the October Board of Directors meeting, we reviewed the monthly dinner meeting cost; and I am happy to report that there will be no increase this year. The price of \$40 for members, \$25 for students and \$50 for non-members will remain the same.

Also in the October BOD meeting, the 2011-2012 Committee Chairs were named and are listed in this month's newsletter. I encourage all of you to get involved in one or more committees. Please contact the committee chairperson listed and find out how you can help. I promise you the more you get involved in your chapter's activities, the more you will get out of the HFTP experience.

Lastly, I know I will see some of you in Atlanta for the HFTP Annual Convention and Leadership Conference. I am very much looking forward to this educational and networking opportunity. If you can't make it to Atlanta this year, please make room on your calendar for our November Mini-Ed Conference right here in Orlando on November 29th; another great educational and networking opportunity!

Thank you again for all your support,

Respectfully,

Patty

Patricia Geer, CHAE
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

YOUR Chapter currently has 170 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

Keith Folsom, MIS Manager
Caribe Royale Orlando

Jill Schmitt
Doubletree by Hilton

Joshua Sumption,
Chief Technology Officer
AHLA Educational Institute

The 2012 Membership Contest has started!

New Member Contest IT'S HUGE!!!

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 a great prize at the July Chapter's general membership meeting.

HFTP Launches

Online Practice Exam for the Certified Hospitality Accountant Executive (CHAE)

AUSTIN, TEXAS. USA (July 27, 2011) — Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP®) recently launched an online practice exam for the Certified Hospitality Accountant Executive (CHAE) and is currently working on an online practice exam for the Certified Hospitality Technology Professional (CHTP). The CHAE Practice Exam is an actual sampling of questions taken from the CHAE Examination that have been rewritten for examination preparation. The practice exam includes US and Canadian versions with select questions from each section of the exam, for a total of 25 questions, and a results page showing a percentage passed in each section.

Earlier this year, HFTP completed a four-part online CHAE review course. Each part of the online review is presented with content building from the previous session and focuses on a specific topic — like "everything you want to know about inventory." This differs from the CHAE live review sessions offered at HFTP educational conferences and chapter meetings, which discusses content based off of the different chapters of the review guide.

"HFTP is working hard to make sure study resources for the CHAE and CHTP are convenient and easily accessible," said Frank Wolfe, CAE, CEO of HFTP. "Now everyone is given the same opportunities as they prepare for the certification exams, no matter where they are geographically located."

Acknowledged throughout the industry, the CHAE certification elevates the professionalism of both the recipient and the industry by helping set standards for the field. Those who earn the CHAE designation demonstrate a high level of dedication to their profession. The first CHAE exam was taken in Colorado Springs, Colo. in 1981. Since that time, more than 1,300 hospitality accountants from several countries have been certified. HFTP also administers the examination and awards the Certified Hospitality Technology Professional (CHTP). Both exams are available online.

For more information about the CHAE and CHTP, visit the online HFTP certification page or contact the HFTP Certification Department at certification@hftp.org, (800) 646-4387 or +1 (512) 249-5333 x29.

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

Learn, Connect, Succeed



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2011 Fall Micro-Ed

Date: November 29, 2011, Site TBA

Afternoon Presentation: Registration 3:30 pm-3:45 pm

Two great afternoon Seminars and the Cost is\$ FREE for 2 CPE credits

Reception:

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Dinner:

6:45 pm – 9:30 pm, standard price

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Dinner Speaker 1 CPE

There will be excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects. We will kick off the event at 3:30 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company.

Committee Assignments and Support for 2012

STAND AND BE COUNTED!



Duty calls, Patty 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 best 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 !!!!!!!

2012 Committees:

Newsletter,
 Membership recruitment and retention,
 Website,
 Educational,
 Hospitality,
 Programs,
 Scholarship,
 Publications,
 Community Services:
 JDRF Walks & Finance Committee
 Bacchus Bash
 Boggy Creek Golf Event
 Cattle Barron's Ball
 Fun,

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

You need to get involved!

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012

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

Education – Mini Ed Conf.

*John Cook 345-4481

*Kris Shoemaker 685-9827

Susan Ferguson 876-8031

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* Terri Nobles 905-2251

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Michael Dryden 238-8049

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Chapter of the Year and Regional Conference

* The Board

Hospitality Committee

* Kelly Montgomery 503-9215

Terri Nobles 905-2251

Bob Del Mastro 828-8985

Community Services

[CFH&LA Ex-Officio Board Member](#)

Patty Geer 239-1979

[Bacchus Bash](#)

* Michael Dryden 238-8049

Judy Holcomb 619-0963

[JDRF Walks & Finance Committee](#)

* Michael Dryden 238-8049

* Kris Shoemaker 685-9827

[Charity Golf Event](#)

It's all for the kids!

* Kris Shoemaker 685-9827

Diana Youngblood 239-1979

[Cattle Barron's Ball](#)

* Chad Curtis (407) 996-9840 x3501

Publications /Publicity

* Lori Schefstad 238-8445

Patty Geer 825-1308

Chapter Calendar

Terri Nobles 905-2251

Fun Committee

Dr. Judy Holcomb 619-0963

Chapter Historian

Michael Dryden 238-8049



Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight The Chapter's Past President's Club



The Board Installation dinner brought out many of the HFTP Mid -Florida Chapter's past leaders. Past Presidents from the left: Wendy Knippel, 2010, Kris Shoemaker, 2005, Olive Brubaker-Barth, 1994, Ken Kruse, 1993, Tina Samson, HFTP International President 2004, Susan Ferguson, 2009, David Fletcher, 1992, Bill Parrish, 2002, Jim Bina, 1995 and 1996, Chad Curtis, 2007, Joe Romano, 2000 and 2004, Diana Youngblood, 2011, Ron Devault, 1991 and Michael Dryden, 2006.

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2011 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2011 are \$40 Regular member, \$25 Student, \$50 all guests, Non-Members and failed to RSVP.

Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with PayPal

- October 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- October 25th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Renaissance Orlando-Airport
- October 19-22 HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show, Atlanta, GA
- October 18-19 HFTP Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA
- November 3rd, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- November 29th, Mini Educational, 3:30 pm Registration, TBA
- December 6th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- December 8th, Chapter Social 6:30 pm, Bohemian Hotel Celebration

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

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The Installation of your Chapter Officers and Directors HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2011– 2012.



Your President, Patty Geer, CHAE



Master of Ceremonies and Past Chapter President Joe Romano, CHAE presents the immediate past president and current Board Chair Diana Youngblood, CHAE a memento of appreciation from the chapter for her years of Service.



Joe, installs your officers:
Terri Nobles, CHAE, Vice President
Dr. Judy Holcomb, Ph.D., CHAE, Treasurer
Lori Schefstad, CHTP, Secretary

And finally the installation of your Board:
Greg Wilhelm, CHTP
Kelly Montgomery
Nasir Naseer
John Cook
Kevin Drinan
Bob DelMastro, present in spirit.



Michael Dryden, CHAE

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter. What your Committees do:

Administrative/Programs/Speakers:

Plan and organize all General and Board Meetings; menus, speaker needs and contracts. Set all meeting dates and places and maintains the meeting calendar.

Plan the social events, secure door prizes for the General Meeting and communicate meeting details, contact person, and menu to the newsletter chair. Identify, secure and confirm the speakers. Assist in educational conferences, setup speakers, etc..

Introduce the speaker, send thank-you card, present gift, secure the speaker Bio. and welcome the speaker at the meeting.

Publications/Publicity:

Assure that the Chapter events and happenings are posted in the news media, Orlando Business Journal, etc. and HFTP Info-Line - monthly.

Assist in educational conferences, setup speakers, etc..

Community Services/Charitable:

Identify charities we can co-sponsor with. Complete all details for and recruit members to achieve success for each event. Current involvement:

CFHLA, Bacchus Bash

Camp Boggy Creek Golf Event

JDRF Walk Count Rooms-3

JDRF Finance Committee

Education:

Develop, organize and control the Mini Educational and Regional Conferences.

Organize CHAE & CHTP reviews & exams

Maintain the library and supply CPE forms at meetings and inform membership of educational courses available in the area.

Hospitality:

At the meetings: greets guests, welcome new members, assures pictures are taken, sells 50/50 drawing and maintains the member name tags.

Organizes and maintains the Ambassadors Program

Presents Member Spotlight at the general meeting and secure Bio. for the newsletter and web-site.

Send thank-you cards to the meeting host property.

Job Bank/Legislative/By-Laws: Chapter President

Reviews the by-laws yearly to assure they adhere with International's by-laws

Provide news on Legislation relevant to the Hospitality Industry

Provides job leads to members

Membership:

Greet and introduce all guests and new members at the general meetings and follows up with all guests after a meeting to secure memberships. Contacts all members on a regular basis.

Develop an action plan for the Membership Drive each year.

Nominations: Chair of Board

Identify persons willing and able to serve on the Board and plans and controls the election process as outlined in the Chapter By-laws.

Communication:

Website: development and maintenance of the Chapter website.

Newsletter: Create and distribute a newsletter monthly, secure sponsors.

Scholarship:

Contact schools with our requirements, setting deadlines for receiving applications. Present applications to the Board, present winners at a General Meeting.

Is it time for you to step forward and give back to HFTP and your community? Volunteer today!